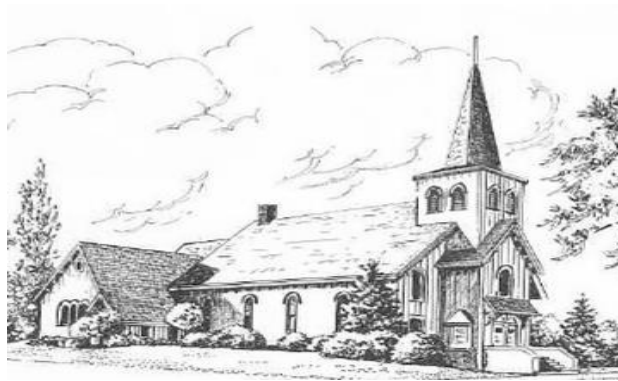


Community
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Thursday, December 18, 2025

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning December 21st – Join us in person at church or online!

10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 7: 1-17

Romans 1: 1-17

Pastor Amy Kosari

“The Gospel of God”

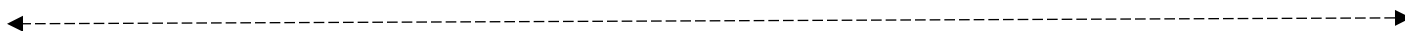
Community Presbyterian Church - Home (cpcplainview.com)

Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube

Coffee Fellowship served after church.

Server: Mark Rich & Jason Laske

We will be serving homemade chili with cornbread for a nice lunch after church. We hope you can stay for a bite to eat!



Christmas Eve Service

We will have a Christmas Eve service, of Christmas carols and the reading of the Christmas story from the Bible. Pastor Amy will be giving a Christmas Eve message for us. The service starts at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday December 24 and is here in the Sanctuary of Community Presbyterian Church.

Mission of the Month for December: Supportive Living Solutions

Supportive Living Solutions has multiple tiers of support for those experiencing homelessness, mental illness, or other disabilities.

The Housing First Solution provides supportive, apartment-based housing for adults experiencing long term homelessness, mental illness, chemical dependency or other disability. Services include housing, job search and resume building, appointments and medical information management, education budgeting and life skills development, resources for chemical dependence recovery, and monthly tenant meeting events.

The Recovery Advantage provides housing for men living with chemical dependency or substance use disorder, who are seeking a life of sobriety. This program is designed to ease the transition from in-patient treatment and allows more time to focus on recovery.

They also offer In-Home-Solution programs for individuals with a focus on increasing independence, achieving personal goals, securing and maintaining housing, and reducing the need for crisis intervention.

Lastly, they provide a 24-hour community based Customized Living housing and services for adults living with a serious and persistent mental illness, or other disability. Individuals maintain independence while also being a part of the larger community.

AL-ANON IS:

A fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who believe their lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. Al-Anon is: a mutual support recovery program based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Al-Anon is: a nonprofessional fellowship is where members share their experience, strength, and hope to solve their common problems. Al-Anon meets weekly at the Plainview Church of Christ on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. 205 First Street NE (enter door #3 on 2nd Avenue).

PRAY FOR COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are trying to make this church a PRAYING church, where we rely on the power of prayer in complex decisions. A group of members have committed themselves to praying for the church at either 9am or 9pm, or both. Please feel free to join with the Lord in prayer at either or both of these times. There is great power in prayer, and praying together brings unity.

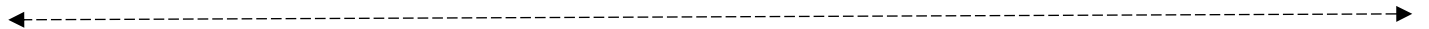


CHOIR SCHEDULE: *Choir has resumed! We will rehearse on December 17 and sing in church on December 21 and December 24. We rehearse at 6:00 p.m. and our rehearsals run for about an hour.*



PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for Joe Flanagan, for good health. Prayers for Julie, for strength.
- Prayers for the family of Carol Eidenschink, who passed away October 12.
- Prayers for Zac and John Zabel as they adjust to living in the nursing home
- Prayers for Ron Byler with his recent diagnosis.
- Prayers for Alyssa Kreofsky, who is in a lot of pain and has kidney disease.
- Prayers for Bonnie's niece Debra, with breast and bone cancer.
- Prayers for Tim's brother, Scott, with health problems.
- Prayers for Ali, Pastor Amy and Farhad's friend who has cancer.
- Prayers for Vonni Distad, Janice's friend who is going through cancer treatment.
- Prayers for peace in our own country.



December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Joe & Julie Flanagan	Dec. 2
Howard & Rosemary Gray	Dec. 7
Denise Dunbar-Perkins	Dec. 7
Alex Bartley	Dec. 11
Kennedy Jensen	Dec. 18
Bruce Firzlaff	Dec. 20
John & Zac Zabel	Dec. 29
Betsy Dewey	Dec. 30

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Volunteers needed to serve in December & January!

Is there a Sunday you would be interested in helping serve during worship?

We need greeters, coffee fellowship, and liturgist. Sign up on the deacon's sign up clipboard or email cpcoffice@hbcu.com.



Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, December 21st, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Advent

Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bonnie Bosma

Behold! A teenage girl is pregnant with the God who knit her in her own mother's womb,

Strange signs from a strange God who upturns expectations.

She said yes to divine revolution even though it meant social condemnation,

Strange signs from a strange God who upturns expectations.

God's Spirit strokes subversive dreams in us to help us defy the status quo,

Strange signs from a strange God who upturns expectations. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mary Jewison & Family

Let us prepare for Christ's coming by singing our Advent song:

Candle, Candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;

Candle, Candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Please join me:

Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen,

To a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.

Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth,

To a girl called Mary, with a light of joy.

Mary went to a place called Bethlehem,

To a stable called a nursery, with a light of love.

As we light our fourth Advent candle,

We rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.

Come now, O Child of Mary

Come now, O Prince of Love.

(The fourth candle, the Candle of Love – is lit)

Let us sing together:

Verse 4: ***Light the Advent candle, four:***

Think of joy forever more;

Christ Child in a stable born,

Gift of love that Christmas morn.

Refrain: ***Candle, Candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;***

Candle, Candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:

Immanuel, God with us, you folded your infinity into an infant's body just to share in human life. Hold us as close as Mary, your mother, held you, safe and warm within herself.

Whenever our bodies are used against us and we struggle to love our embodied selves, help us to feel your presence in your our every cell making us sacred, exactly as we are. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bonnie Bosma

A new neighbor has arrived, but we are too insulated to greet them.

A new neighbor has come to our door, but we are too sequestered to receive them.

God became flesh to live among us, but we are too arrogant to recognize it.

We segregate ourselves as if we have the power to withhold God's grace, but our members-only politics have failed us time and time again.

When will we learn that we are interdependent?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:

Forgive us, God our neighbor. Forgive us, God our savior. Forgive us, we pray . . remind us who you really are and who we really are, so that, with Simeon, we might rejoice when we recognize you at last. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

How can we receive this Good News, this new birth?

By accepting God's grace in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

How can we receive this Good News, this new birth?

By answering the invitation to follow, to work alongside Christ to transform the world.

GLORY TO GOD #113 "Gloria" Refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Pastor Amy

A CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR CPC

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:

Great God, we join our voices with David, singing of your steadfast Love and faithfulness. We join our voices with Mary, saying, "You have done great things." We offer our prayers of thanksgiving to you, God of wisdom. Strengthen us with the Good News that in Jesus Christ you have been with us from the beginning and will be with us until the end, that we may give you glory and honor forever and forever. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 7: 1-17

Bonnie Bosma

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 1: 1-17

SERMON "The Gospel of God"

Pastor Amy Kosari

Responding

HYMN #128 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER #118 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (Verse 1)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF LOVE AND THANKSGIVING

December Mission of the Month: Supportive Living Solutions

DOXOLOGY: #593 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" found in the old blue Presbyterian hymnal.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
(Verses 1, 3, & 5)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Tim & Diana Pries