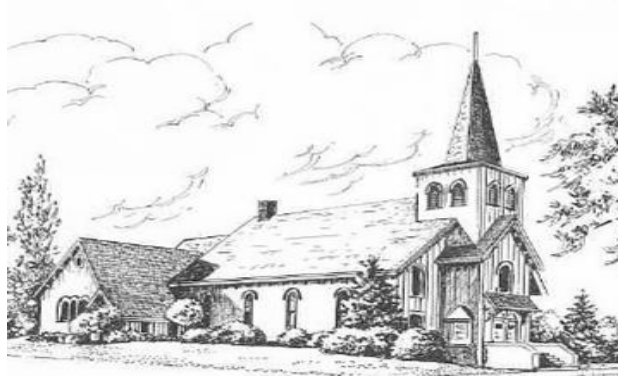


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Thursday, December 25, 2025

Newsletter

## WORSHIP UPDATE

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***Sunday morning December 28th – Join us in person at church or online!***

***10:00 a.m.***

***First Sunday in Christmas***

*Psalm 248*

*Matthew 2*

**Pastor Amy Kosari**

**“Magi from the East”**

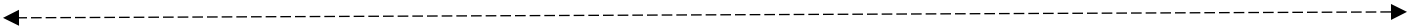
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**Coffee Fellowship served after church.**

**Server: Ralph & Betty Van Houten**



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

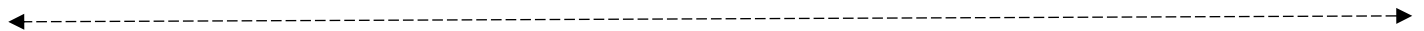


**CHOIR SCHEDULE:** *Choir has resumed! We will rehearse on December 17 and sing in church on December 21 and December 24. We rehearse at 6:00 p.m. and our rehearsals run for about an hour.*



## 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@hbcj.com](mailto:cpcoffice@hbcj.com).



## Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, December 28th, 2025  
First Sunday in Christmas

### Gathering

PRELUDE

Mark Rich, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Pries

We gather to worship the Word made flesh, who fled from the wrath of human powers into Egypt.

**The God we worship was a refugee.**

We remember the children, from the time of Christ to today, caught in the cross-fires of fear and greed.

**The God we worship was a refugee.**

We gather to dream and build a better world where all children grow up, all exiles return home.

**The God we worship was a refugee.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Tim Pries

Let us pray together:

**Loving Parent God, Jesus shared our flesh and blood, and we share closeness with you. We thank you for making us your children a divine chosen family.**

**Make visible to us the ties that bind us to each other, to all creatures, and to you. Move us to guard each other's well-being and to treat each other's struggles as our own, that we may live into the perfect kinship already ours through Jesus our brother, woven together by his Spirit. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: #113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Tim Pries

Come, let us turn to God;

**Who is gracious, merciful, and slow to anger.**

Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tim Pries

Let us pray together:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. God freely gives us mercy and sends us out to seek God's face in every face, to tend to the divine spark wherever there is life, and to love the world as God first loved us. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

How beautiful on the mountaintops are the feet of those who declare peace!

**How beautiful the one who brings Good News, who proclaims God's liberation.**

Listen! Those who have watched and waited so long are shouting for joy as God enters the land.

**The Word has become flesh! God lives among us, now and forevermore.**

GLORY TO GOD #581 "Glory Be to the Father" "Gloria Patri" 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

Tim Pries

Let us pray together:

**Siblings, in the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Freed by the saving Love of Jesus and accompanied by God's Spirit, we are defiant in our hope of the coming world that Jesus dreamed, where violence and weeping are no more. Amen.**

THE PSALM

Tim Pries

Psalms 148

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Tim Pries

Matthew 2

SERMON "Magi from the East"

Pastor Amy Kosari

### **Responding**

HYMN #110 "Love Has Come"

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 #114 "Away in a Manger" (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: #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Sending**

DEPARTING HYMN #112 "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"  
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Mark Rich, Organ

GREETERS: Ralph & Betty Van Houten