

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

505 West Broadway
Plainview, MN 55964

Sunday, January 4th, 2026

Second Sunday of Christmas





Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

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Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Donna Christison

Before the foundation of the world,

God destined us for Love.

Through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,

God adopted us into her own family.

From the farthest edges of the earth,

God shepherds their family home.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Donna Christison

Let us pray together:

Eternal Word, you loved us into being, and your Love sustains us still. Shepherd us toward your abundant life; teach us to tend to the earth until it blooms. And, when time has reach its fullness, gather us into yourself so that, with you, we may nestle close to the heart of Parent God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Donna Christison

Holy God, your incarnation delivers all creation into abundant life.

Forgive us when we fail to bear witness to your abundance.

Even when we are eager to share our faith,

We do not recognize what our neighbor's faith could teach us about you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Christison

Let us pray together:

A voice is heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation: Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be consoled, because they are no more. God calls us to mourn with those who mourn; God suffers with all persons made in their image. Therefore, let us lament together and confess our sins, trusting in our merciful Loving God.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

Emmanuel did not come into this world to condemn, but to save:

God does not come to imprison us, but to set us free.

Through this abundant Love, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

GLORY TO GOD #113 "Gloria in excelsis Deo" refrain 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

Donna Christison

Let us pray together:

Inspire us to proclaim your astonishing news wherever we go, not only with words, but with actions of justice and Love. Push us to prophesy against hoarding and exploitation. Empower us to rise up with oppressed peoples everywhere. Illuminate our path as we tend to your poisoned planet, so that all creation may feel your embrace through us---your hands, your feet, your body here on earth. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Donna Christison

Jeremiah 31: 1-17

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Donna Christison

John 1: 1-14

SERMON "In the Beginning Was the Word" Pastor Amy Kosari

Responding

HYMN #151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"
(Verses 1, 3, & 5)

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 #147 "The First Nowell" (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

January Mission of the Month: The Heifer Project

DOXOLOGY: #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #145 "What Child Is This"

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Ron Manzow & Jason Laske

Mission of the Month for January: The Heifer Project

With **Heifer International** - Your donation provides hope, security, and a future for families. Give now to multiply your gift 5x your impact. **Heifer International** is on a mission to end hunger and poverty for good. Join the fight!

Heifer International provides milk producing cows, goats, pigs, bees, and chickens to impoverished families across the world. These livestock provide food for the families, and offspring of the farm animals continue to provide future food security.

The **Heifer Project** is a global nonprofit organization founded in 1944 by Dan West. Its mission is to end hunger and poverty through sustainable, community-based agricultural development.

The organization provides livestock, agricultural training and business and community development support. The idea is to help families build long-term self-sufficiency, not just receive short-term aid. A core principle is "Passing on the Gift," where each participating family passes on the first female offspring of their animal to another family---creating a multiplying effect of support.

The **Heifer Project** works globally, partnering with rural communities to improve food security, increase income, strengthen local economies, and promote sustainable farming practices.

Financial Information

Mission of the Month for December: Supportive Living Solutions

Mission of the Month for January: The Heifer Project

| | <u>General</u> | <u>Mission</u> |
|------------|----------------|----------------|
| 12-07-2025 | 3,165.00 | 25.00 |
| 12-14-2025 | 1,355.00 | 270.00 |
| 12-21-2025 | 781.00 | 56.00 |
| 12-28-2025 | 463.00 | 68.00 |
| TOTAL | 5,854.00 | 419.00 |

Thank you for your continued support of our church and its ministry!



PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for Joe Flanagan, for good health. Prayers for Julie, for strength.
- Prayers for Farhad Kosari, who had knee replacement surgery.
- 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 Voni Distad, Janice's friend who is going through cancer treatment.
- Prayers for peace in our own country.

This week in the life of Community Presbyterian Church:

Sunday, January 4

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Monday, January 5

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Tuesday, January 6

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Wednesday, January 7

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thursday, January 8

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Friday, January 9

Office Closed

Saturday, January 10

Office Closed

Sunday, January 11

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| <i>Donna Christison</i> | <i>Jan. 7</i> |
| <i>Shawn Jensen</i> | <i>Jan. 14</i> |
| <i>Tom Ellringer</i> | <i>Jan. 23</i> |
| <i>Andrew Jensen</i> | <i>Jan. 26</i> |



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