

Community
Presbyterian
Church



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Thursday, February 19, 2026

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning February 22nd – Join us in person at church or online!

10:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2: 1-15

Matthew 4: 1-11

Pastor Amy Kosari

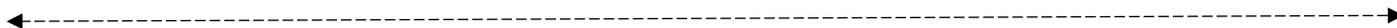
“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit”

[Community Presbyterian Church - Home \(cpcplainview.com\)](http://cpcplainview.com)

[Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube](#)

Coffee Fellowship served after church.

Server: Ralph & Betty Van Houten



Mission of the Month for February: The PEM Food Shelf

The Plainview Elgin Food Shelf is a community service organization that provides needs for others. The food shelf is a vital community organization, providing meals for those who cannot afford groceries. The food shelf is located at 25 East Main Street, in Elgin MN. The food shelf welcomes anyone with need. What a wonderful way to follow the teachings of Jesus!

What is Lent?

Lent is a 40-day season in the Christian tradition devoted to prayer, fasting, reflection, and almsgiving as believers prepare for the celebration of Easter, which commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday, marking the start of the Easter Triduum.

The season echoes the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness, facing temptation before beginning public ministry—a story found in the Gospels. Christians observe Lent as a time of spiritual discipline, often giving up comforts, adding intentional practices, or deepening habits of prayer and service.

The word “Lent” comes from the Old English *lencten*, meaning spring, pointing to themes of renewal and preparation, and lengthening of daylight. While traditions differ among denominations, Lent is widely marked by simplicity, self-examination, and a turn toward growing closer to God.

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 February 25 and March 4 at 6:00 p.m. and our rehearsals run for about an hour. All are welcome to attend! We would love to have you with us!*

Per Capita 2026

Per Capita this year will be \$43.75 per person. **What does “Per Capita” Means in the Presbyterian Church (USA)?**

“Per Capita” is an annual *per-member apportionment* that every Presbyterian congregation pays to support the work of the denomination at all three governing levels:

1. **Presbytery** – \$26.99-- regional support for congregations, teaching elders, programs, and mission.
2. **Synod** – \$5.50--a larger regional body offering education programs (such as Synod School) and support services, including low-cost loans for churches.
3. **General Assembly** \$11.26-- the national body providing leadership, disaster relief, peacemaking initiatives, youth programs (like Triennium), and work that serves the whole church.



PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for Gary Lee, Joan's husband, who is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.
- Prayers for Joe Flanagan, for good health. Prayers for Julie, for strength.
- Prayers for John Zabel for better health.
- Prayers for the family of Zac Zabel.
- 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 peace in our own country.



February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Keith & Sandy Todd

Feb. 1

Savanah Jensen

Feb. 2

Brie Flanagan

Feb. 10

Jay Holst

Feb. 16

Julie & Jesus Cranston-Fuentes

Feb. 19

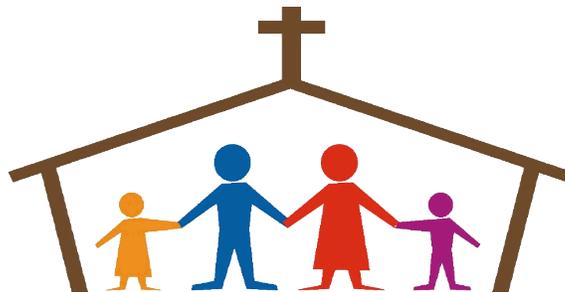
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Volunteers needed to serve in March and April!

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@hbc.com.





Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, February 22nd, 2026
First Sunday in Lent

Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Donna Christison

Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord, hear my voice; let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, O Lord should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my would waits, and in his word do I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than the watchmen for the morning's light, more than the watchmen for the morning's light.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Donna Christison

Let us pray together:

God of holiness and truth, many voices claim to know what is right and good and clamor for our attention. We pray that you will silence in us any voice but yours until we are compelled to act with justice, to speak with clarity, kindness, and honesty, and to walk humbly in the way of Jesus Christ. Keep his example always before us and stir us out of complacency, making us like children again as we worship with astonished joy. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #213 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Donna Christison

We come burdened by regrets, trembling in our mourning.

We know that the Lord is gracious and merciful, and we trust that God will lift our burdens.

As one people, with all our differences, we give ourselves to God, seeking healing and redemption.

In honesty and repentance, we worship the Lord and bless God's holy name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Christison

Let us pray together:

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high? He raises up the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap. Father, forgive us for all the ways that we have grieved you. You give so much, each day watching over us tenderly. You see us in all our ways and you love us. You are our tower and strong defense and yet, we reject you, we turn our backs to you. Help us to see your face. Free us from the chains that we ourselves have forged. We are trapped and we cannot get out. We pray with the thief on the cross, Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

The saying is sure and worthy of acceptance, that the Anointed Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! And hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

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

Donna Christison

Let us pray together:

God of wisdom and mercy, we turn to you aware of our need for you. In a season of wandering, we pray that you will guide us along tight paths: paths of curiosity when we are disillusioned, paths of hope when we despair, paths of open doors when we are stuck, and

paths of transformation when we are corrupted. Wipe the stain of shame from our brows and mark us instead with the sign of your holy presence, so that we may travel with you in renewed joy and courage, living as your people and acting with your wisdom and mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
Genesis 2: 1-15

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THE GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 4: 1-11

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SERMON "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit" Pastor Amy Kosari

Responding

HYMN #649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"
(Verses 1, 3, & 5)
found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

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 #775 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERINGS OF LOVE AND THANKSGIVING

February Mission of the Month: PEM Food shelf

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #166 "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

(Verses 1, 2, 3, & 4)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Ralph and Betty Van Houten