

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

505 West Broadway

Plainview, MN 55964

Sunday, March 1st, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent



2ND SUNDAY
IN LENT



Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

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Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Rich

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Then shall the lame leap like a heart, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For the waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand will become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become rushes and reeds.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

We are in need of grace, and we are not alone. Thanks be to God, the grace of Jesus Christ is poured out for all. With honesty we name our fears and our hopes, knowing that we are loved, redeemed, and set free from the power of sin.

OPENING HYMN: #37 "Let All Things Now Living"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mark Rich

Dear Lord Jesus, you say to us, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sit with him and he with me."

And we answer thee, "O Jesus, thy father's son, come in, blessed of the Lord!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

While we are yet enemies you reconciled us to yourself; you raise us on high and give us all things in your love for us. The battle is over and Jesus has won. Father, forgive us when we hold down this truth in unrighteousness. We fall pray to greed, despair and fear. How clearly we see the speck in our brother's eye but forget about the log in our own! Free us from deceptions. Heal the blind O Lord. Lead us into all truth through our friend, the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, and heals all your diseases who redeems your life from the pit.

Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, and satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Hear the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

GLORY TO GOD #577 "Glory Be to the Father" "Gloria Patri" found in the old blue Presbyterian Hymnal.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Pastor Amy

A CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR CPC

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

All-powerful and eternal God, we thank you for light, for golden sunlight, silver moonlight, the stars that map our skies, a crackling fire on which to cook, and the shining faces of those around us. Help us to meet you in the darkness, that, without the need for sight, we may learn you are as close to us as our own breath, skin, and bones, knit in our very being, in this moment and forever. Amen,

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark Rich

Genesis 12: 1-9

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 3: 1-19

Mark Rich

SERMON

“Nicodemus”

Pastor Amy Kosari

Responding

HYMN #215 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

(Verses 1, 2, & 3)

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 #435 “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy” (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

March Mission of the Month: Camp Clearwater Forest Scholarships

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #442 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #384 "Soon and Very Soon" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Jason Laske & Ron Manzow

Mission of the Month for March: Camp Clearwater Forest Scholarships

The Mission of the Month for March are Camp Clearwater Forest Scholarships. Every summer we can send youth to summer camp, where they can learn about God through nature and experience powerful worship with other youth from across the state. What a great time to learn about God, his faithfulness, and his Love.

Financial Information

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	<u>General</u>	<u>Mission</u>
02-01-2026	2,995.00	90.00
02-08-2026	1,563.00	68.00
02-15-2026	192.00	17.00
02-22-2026	761.00	66.00
TOTAL	5,511.00	241.00

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

2025 Giving Statements

Your 2025 giving statements are now available in the office. Just call Mark at 507-534-2298 or email at cpcplainview@hbc.com to request your giving statement. Giving statements are also available after church services in the office. Just find Mark and he can print it off for you right there. Thank you again for your continued support of our wonderful church!



PRAYER LIST

- 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.

Annual Meeting Report

A corrected copy of page 17 Annual Meeting Report is available in the office.

This week in the life of Community Presbyterian Church:

Sunday, March 1

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Monday, March 2

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Tuesday, March 3

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Wednesday, March 4

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

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

Thursday, March 5

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Friday, March 6

Office Closed

Saturday, March 7

Office Closed

Sunday, March 8

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

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

11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

<i>Sharon Firzlaff</i>	<i>Mar. 11</i>
<i>Sue Ihrke</i>	<i>Mar. 11</i>
<i>Vivian Cranston</i>	<i>Mar. 12</i>
<i>Mattison Jensen</i>	<i>Mar. 22</i>
<i>Janice Jurgenson</i>	<i>Mar. 25</i>

Per Capita 2026

Per Capita this year will be \$43.75 per person. **What does “Per Capita” Mean 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.

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.



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