

Community
Presbyterian
Church



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Thursday, March 19, 2026

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

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

10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

John 11: 1-45

Pastor Amy Kosari

“Now a Certain Man was Ill”

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

[Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube](#)

Coffee Fellowship served after church.

Server: Rosemary & Howard Gray



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.

Annual Meeting Report

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

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 March 25 and April 1 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.



2025 Giving Statements

Your 2025 giving statements are now available in the office. Just call Mark at 507-534-2298 or email at cpcoffice@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!

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sharon Firzlaff

Mar. 11

Sue Ihrke

Mar. 11

Vivian Cranston

Mar. 12

Mattison Jensen

Mar. 22

Janice Jurgenson

Mar. 25

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Volunteers needed to serve in April and May!

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, March 22nd, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Harmonie Hollister

I will lift up mine eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keeps thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keeps Israel shall neither slumber, nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord preserve thee from all evil. He will preserve your soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even for evermore.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Harmonie Hollister

Let us pray together:

Gracious God, we know that you are with us even in our sufferings, for suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and

hope does not disappoint us, because Your Love has been poured into our hearts. We thank you, O God!

OPENING HYMN #728 "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Harmonie Hollister

Hear our prayer:

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of thy Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Harmonie Hollister

Let us pray together:

Almighty God, heavenly Father, take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore thee, a heart to delight in thee, to follow thee, obedient to thy calling to thy good pleasure. In the name of the Lord Jesus we pray. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly.

And may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus the Christ.

He who calls you is faithful and he will do it. Hear the Good News. In Jesus Anointed 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

Harmonie Hollister

Let us pray together:

Living God, we come to you today in humility and need. We pray for life for our wounded souls, for our ailing communities, for our troubled nation, and for our hurting world. Call us out of discouragement and despair to rise up in courage and love. Let your light shine upon our faces, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may live again as your people, holy and whole, singing praises and serving with joy through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Harmonie Hollister

A MUSICAL OFFERING "Built on the Rock"

CPC Choir

THE GOSPEL LESSON
John 11: 1-45

Harmonie Hollister

SERMON "Now a Certain Man was Ill"

Pastor Amy Kosari

Responding

HYMN #250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"
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 #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King" (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

March Mission of the Month: Camp Clearwater Forest Scholarships

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray together:

We praise you, precious Jesus, for these offerings, the gifts of our hands and hearts. We pray that they may be used in finding companionship for the lonely, hope for the disillusioned, and justice for those seeking the truth. Grant us calm and tenderness, falling on us like a blanket of fog, so we may minister the truth to those in this hurting world. Amen.

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #169 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

(Verses 1 & 5)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Bruce Firzlaff & Mark Rich