

Community  
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Church



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Thursday, March 26, 2026

Newsletter

## WORSHIP UPDATE

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

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

***Palm Sunday***

*Psalm 113: 1-9*

*Matthew 21: 1-11*

**Pastor Amy Kosari**

**“And When They Drew Near to Jerusalem”**

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

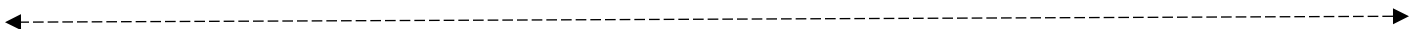
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**Coffee Fellowship served after church.**

**Server: Bruce & Sharon Firzlaff**

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## Janice Jurgenson's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

Janice's birthday celebration will be held here at church on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. We hope you can come and celebrate Janice's special day with her!

## 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.



# HOLY WEEK

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## Holy Week at Community Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.	March 29
Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m. at church	April 2
Good Friday 6:00 p.m. at church	April 3
Easter Resurrection Sunday Breakfast 8:00 a.m.	April 5
Easter Resurrection Sunday Church 10:00 a.m.	April 5

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue).

## The Gideons Membership Drive

The Gideons of Rochester are looking for more members to join their ranks. They are looking for professional businessmen in the area who are interested in becoming members of the Gideons. There is a

free informative Banquet and meeting on May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Salem Road Covenant Church, 3401 Salem Road SW in Rochester. RSVP to 507-272-7272 by May 10<sup>th</sup> to reserve your place at the meeting.

## 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 April 1 at 6:00 p.m. We will take April 8<sup>th</sup> off from practice. 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” Mean in the Presbyterian Church (USA)?**

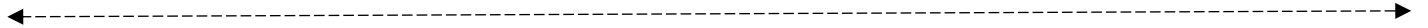
“Per Capita” is an annual *per-member apportionment* that every Presbyterian congregation pays to support the work of the denomination at all three governing levels:

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.



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

## **Noisy Offering**

There are coin offering buckets at each door of the sanctuary. Remember to bring your spare change to church for the noisy offering. We are using this offering to go toward our Per Capita costs.



## Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, March 29th, 2026  
Palm Sunday

### Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 42)

Donna Christison

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen in whom my soul delights.

**I have put my spirit upon him, he will bring forth justice to the nations.**

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street.

**A bruised reed he shall not break and a dimly burning wick he shall not quench.**

He will faithfully bring forth justice.

**He will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his law.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Donna Christison

Let us pray together:

**Blessed Jesus, all Glory, Laud, and Honor are yours! However, Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but**

**we fail to do even that. Forgive us. You have given us the greatest clearest example of Love. Heal us, and help us to follow. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN #196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"  
(Verses 1, 3, & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Donna Christison

Dear Lord Jesus, you say to us, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock!"

**We answer thee, "O Jesus, thy Father's son, come in, blessed of the Lord!" Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Christison

Let us pray together:

**Eternal God in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses; deliver us from arrogant thoughts and vain desires. With humility and openness let us draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

Jesus said, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink, and whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst."

**The water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters. Come, buy, without money and without price. As John said, "Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." Hear the Good News. In Jesus Anointed 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

Donna Christison

Let us pray together:

**God of all the ages, make us real or make us nothing. We sing “Hosanna!” Bring us to the foot of the cross. As we wave palms, show us your tomb. On this day of praise and passion, help us to hold the tension between life and death and to learn the mystery that you are in both. Teach us to turn our faces toward you and help us to bear witness, that we might testify always to your faithfulness. Amen.**

THE PSALM

Donna Christison

Psalm 113: 1-9

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Donna Christison

Matthew 21: 1-11

SERMON “And When They Drew Near to Jerusalem” Pastor Amy Kosari

### **Responding**

HYMN #197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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 #187 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” (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: #593 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" found in the old blue Presbyterian hymnal.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Sending**

DEPARTING HYMN #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #198 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Steve & Stephanie Kreofsky