

Community  
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Church



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Thursday, April 2, 2026

Newsletter

## WORSHIP UPDATE

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***Sunday morning April 5th – Join us in person at church or online!***

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

***Easter Sunday***

*Psalm 136: 1-9*

*Matthew 28: 1-10*

**Pastor Amy Kosari**

**“Now After the Sabbath”**

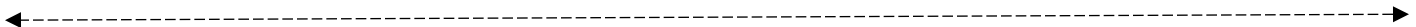
**[Community Presbyterian Church - Home \(cpcplainview.com\)](http://cpcplainview.com)**

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**Coffee Fellowship served after church.**

**Server: No Coffee Fellowship this week**



# Mission of the Month for April: MN Adult and Teen Challenge

Adult & Teen Challenge of Minnesota (MnTC) is a faith-based recovery organization offering residential and outpatient programs for teens and adults struggling with substance abuse and life-controlling issues.

## Overview

MnTC's mission is to help men, women, and teens gain freedom from chemical addictions and other life-controlling problems by addressing physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. The organization operates multiple campuses across Minnesota, including Minneapolis, Brainerd, Duluth, Mankato, Alexandria, Rochester, and Buffalo. Programs are designed to serve individuals at various stages of recovery, from first-time treatment seekers to those with long-term addiction struggles.

## Faith-Based Approach

MnTC integrates Christian principles into its programs, including biblical studies, work projects, and recreation, fostering a supportive environment of love, trust, and respect. The faith-based model is central to helping participants develop new life patterns and overcome addiction.

## Community and Advocacy

MnTC engages in prevention programs, community forums, and legal advocacy, working with schools, law enforcement, and local nonprofits to raise awareness about substance abuse and support recovery efforts. The organization serves over 3,400 individuals annually across Minnesota.

## 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.



# HOLY WEEK

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## Holy Week at Community Presbyterian Church

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).

## 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 take April 8<sup>th</sup> off from practice. We will resume practice on April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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)?**

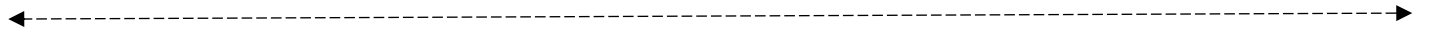
“Per Capita” is an annual *per-member apportionment* that every Presbyterian congregation pays to support the work of the denomination at all three governing levels:

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 Pries and family, with the loss of his brother Scott.
- 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, April 5th, 2026  
Easter Sunday

### Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 42)

Harmonie Hollister

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none and their tongue is parched with thirst. I the Lord will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

**I will open rivers on the bare heights, and the fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the desolate country a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.**

I will put in the barren places the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle and the olive.

**I will set in the desolate country the cypress, the plane tree, and the pine together, that men may see and know, may consider the understanding together, that the hand of the Lord has done this, the Holy One of Israel created it.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Harmonie Hollister

Let us pray together:

**Risen Lord, we turn from the night's vigil toward the first rays of your new dawn warming all creation. We praise you that you are alive here with us and that no power can stop your Love. Teach us what it means for Death to relinquish its hold on us, that with renewed hearts we might know resurrection hope in our bodies and cry, Alleluia! Amen.**

OPENING HYMN #232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"  
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Harmonie Hollister

God shows us the path of life,

**Offering companionship along the way.**

Therefore, we trust in God, knowing that we can admit

**The ways we struggle to stay on that path.**

With confidence in the power of resurrection,

**Let us confess our sins together.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Harmonie Hollister

Let us pray together:

**"Blessed be the Lord from Zion, he who dwells in Jerusalem." Father, forgive us, the sins in our society and the sins in our hearts push away the truth. We forget the story of your love and faith. We forget that now we are part of that story, more than conquerors through him who loved us. Almighty God give us eyes to see your only begotten son, Jesus. Our many fears, our cruel words and deeds, our busyness, our laziness, our lack of love, our lack of faith, these things show that things are not right. But heal us O Lord and we shall be healed. With you nothing is impossible. Have mercy on us that we might no longer be slaves but sons who are free. 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; that 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 (Isaiah 55:1).

**Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. 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

Harmonie Hollister

Let us pray together:

**We are God's people. Let God's word ring through your being and God's Spirit breathe new life into your lungs. What does it mean to be disciples of Christ? To be moved by gratitude for all we have been given, to live as neighbors amid difference, to speak truth with compassion, to act in gentleness and mercy, and to rebuke what is harmful and inhumane, in God's name. With one voice, in many tongues, may we speak of the Good News of the resurrection everywhere we go: Christ is risen, and a new life has begun. Amen.**

THE PSALM

Harmonie Hollister

Psalm 136: 1-9

A MUSICAL OFFERING "Song of Praise"

CPC Choir

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Harmonie Hollister

Matthew 28: 1-10

SERMON "Now After the Sabbath"

Pastor Amy Kosari

**Responding**

HYMN #233 "The Day of Resurrection!"

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 #238 "Thine Is the Glory" (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

April Mission of the Month: MN Adult & Teen Challenge

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Sending**

DEPARTING HYMN #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"  
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #246 "Christ Is Alive!" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Tim & Diana Pries