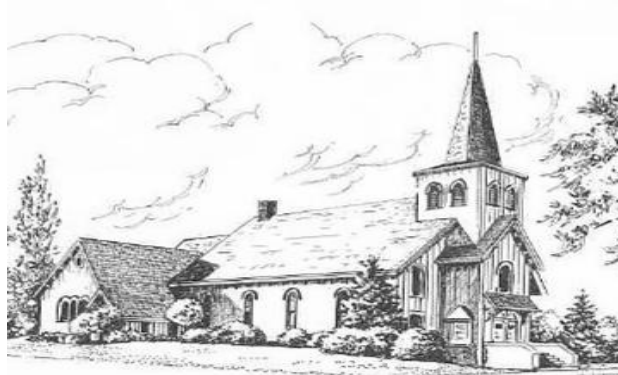


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Thursday, April 16, 2026

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning April 19th – Join us in person at church or online!

10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday in Easter

Acts 2: 43-47

Pastor Ponchai Banchasawan

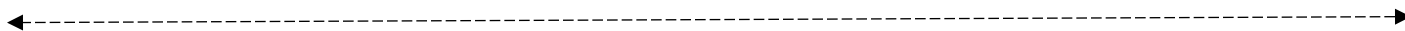
“The Atmosphere of a Growing Church”

Community Presbyterian Church - Home (cpcplainview.com)

Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube

Coffee Fellowship served after church.

Server: Bonnie Bosma, Janice Jurgenson, Betty Van
Houten



Congregational Vote on Sunday April 19

We are having a pastor candidate visiting our church on Sunday April 19th. Pastor Paul Banchasawan will be giving the sermon and leading worship for us. After church, we will have a paper secure secret ballot, voting on whether to accept Paul Banchasawan as the called pastor for our church. We will have a meal served in the church basement after church to celebrate.

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 10th to reserve your place at the meeting.

Projector Update

Sharp-NEC has sent the company we hired the new 2026 model of the projector we purchased for our sanctuary. The 2025 model we originally purchased was destroyed in the warehouse. We had to wait for the new model to be made, fortunately, there was no cost for the new projector model. We are now waiting for the installation company to schedule the installation. We are almost there!

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 practice on April 15th and April 22nd. 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:

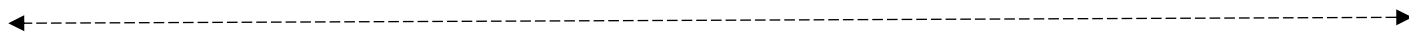
1. **Presbytery** – \$26.99-- regional support for congregations, teaching elders, programs, and mission.
2. **Synod** – \$5.50--a larger regional body offering education programs (such as Synod School) and support services, including low-cost loans for churches.
3. **General Assembly** \$11.26– the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



PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for Sharon Firzlaff, that her heart will remain strong.
- Prayers for Tim Pries and family, with the loss of his brother Scott.
- 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 peace in our own country.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Tom & Diane Ellringer

Apr. 4

Jordan Alden

Apr. 18

Julie Cranston-Fuentes

Apr. 22

Wendy Rollie

Apr. 29

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Volunteers needed to serve in May and June!

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.

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 19th, 2026
Third Sunday in Easter

Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephanie Kreofsky

Jesus the Christ has freed us from death and brought us into new life.

Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God.

In genuine, mutual love, let us worship with one heart and one voice.

In reverence and joy, we praise God's holy name!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Stephanie Kreofsky

Let us pray together:

Holy God, we sing your praises. You have brought us new life and freed us for love. Shake us free of anything that inhibits us from living fully as your new creation. Help us to live into your resurrection in relationships mended, wounds healed, communities restored, and wrongs made right, that we might reach for your hand and to witness together, "My Lord and my God!" Amen.

OPENING HYMN #729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Stephanie Kreofsky

Even in the joy of resurrection, we do not forget the anguish of our sins.

We pray together in confession and lament.

With contrite hearts,

We humbly ask Jesus to hear our prayer of confession, praying together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Stephanie Kreofsky

Saving God, we are in awe of the power of resurrection, and we give you glory with our hallelujahs, but we carry lingering doubts about your saving power in our lives. We ask why you do not answer our prayers quickly enough. We demand signs to prove the reality of your promises. Sometimes we find ourselves wondering when you will show up to ease our pain. "We pray now that you will help us in our impatience and unbelief. Forgive us and free us to recognize your presence. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Paul

Almighty Triune God, with wisdom you have made all things,

Blessed all things and loved all things.

In this season when all things are made new and our hope is resurrected once more,

We praise you with our whole hearts.

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 Paul

A CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR CPC

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Stephanie Kreofsky

Let us pray together:

Risen and Living God, in your endless love and grace, you have given us all we need. Open our weary eyes to moments when need meets resource and longing is satisfied in giving. Send us where you need us and fill us with your purpose, so that all people may know the wonder and joy of your redeeming presence, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Special Music **"The Lord's Blessings"** by the Banchasawan Family

SERMON "The Atmosphere of a Growing Church"

Pastor Paul Banchasawan

Responding

HYMN #839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

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 #515 "I Come with Joy" (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 #753 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Paul

BENEDICTION SONG #634 "To God Be the Glory" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Janice Jurgenson & Cathy DeMartini