

Community
Presbyterian
Church



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Thursday, April 23, 2026

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning April 26th – Join us in person at church or online!

10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Easter

Psalm 23

John 10: 1-10

Pastor Amy Kosari

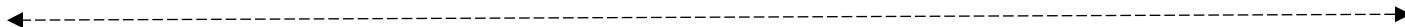
“Amen, Amen”

Community Presbyterian Church - Home (cpcplainview.com)

Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube

Coffee Fellowship served after church.

Server: Diane Ellringer



Congregational Vote Results

Both CPC Plainview and CPC Rochester churches voted last Sunday April 19th to accept Pastor Paul Banchasawan as our called pastor for our churches. This is a time to celebrate! Amen and praise the Lord!

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. The installation company has said the week of May 11th may work for us. 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 22nd and April 29th. 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:

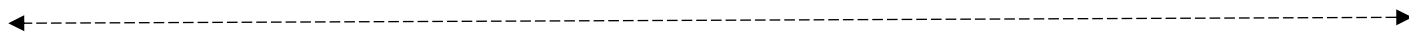
1. **Presbytery** – \$26.99-- regional support for congregations, teaching elders, programs, and mission.
2. **Synod** – \$5.50--a larger regional body offering education programs (such as Synod School) and support services, including low-cost loans for churches.
3. **General Assembly** \$11.26– the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



PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for the family of Sharon Firzlaff, especially Bruce and Belinda.
- 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**

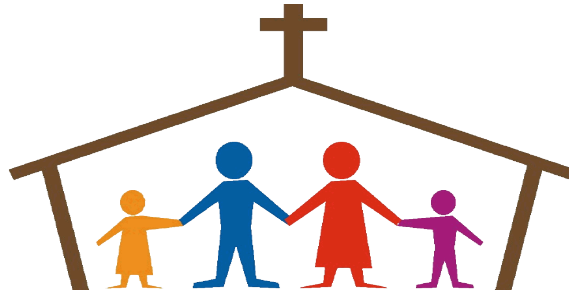


Volunteers needed to serve in May and June!

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 26th, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Easter

Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 51)

Diane Ellringer

Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Diane Ellringer

Let us pray together:

God our Shepherd, you are our safe place, our shelter, our ground, our breath. We turn to you in hope and trust, knowing we have come this far by faith, and you will guide us all the way. Mold our daily patterns for your purposes so that we may live as one heart and mind with you and our neighbors, rejoicing together and praising your holy name, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Diane Ellringer

Almighty God, you gave the Lord Jesus, our "Leader Triumphant."

He goes before us, leading us in the Way. In the darkness he is the light shining.

We say with the thief on the cross, "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Diane Ellringer

Remember us, O Lord this day. We pray for the forgiveness of our sins and renewal through the Holy Spirit, so that right now we might be part of the restoration that is to come. We pray that we would be released from the spirit of fear and anxiety, and that instead we might have fearless, generous and loving hearts—just like yours, Father. We are sorry for all that we have done to grieve you. We are caught in a trap. But you set the captive free. We pray that we might be the free people that we truly are in Jesus. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

Our Lord said, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

Hear the Good News from Isaiah 43: The Lord says, "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remember your sins no more." 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

Diane Ellringer

Let us pray together:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Amen.

THE PSALM

Diane Ellringer

Psalm 23

A MUSICAL OFFERING "Arise and Come to Jesus" CPC Choir

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 10: 1-10

SERMON "Amen, Amen"

Pastor Amy Kosari

Responding

HYMN #743 "O God, You Are My God" (Sing once)
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 #300 "We Are One in the Spirit" (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

Pastor Amy

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Mark Rich & Jason Laske