

Community
Presbyterian
Church



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Praying
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Thursday, May 7, 2026

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning May 10th – Join us in person at church or online!

10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Easter

1 Peter 3: 13-22

John 14: 15-21

Pastor Denise Dunbar-Perkins

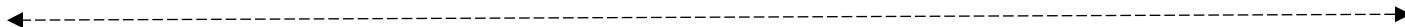
“Jesus Knows Best”

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

[Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube](#)

Coffee Fellowship served after church.

Server: Jason Laske & Mark Rich



Mission of the Month for May: Childhood Cancer Community

The Childhood Cancer Community is dedicated to providing meaningful connections and support for families affected by childhood cancer, promoting positivity and purpose throughout their journeys.

Mission and Purpose: The Childhood Cancer Community aims to create a supportive environment for families dealing with the challenges of childhood cancer. They focus on fostering connections among families, survivors, and mentors to combat the feelings of loneliness that often accompany such experiences. Their mission includes raising awareness about childhood cancer and contributing to research efforts aimed at finding a cure.

The organization hosts various events, including monthly Community Nights, where families can gather for dinner, activities, and conversation. These events are free of charge and provide a space for families to connect and share their experiences.

The organization maintains a private online community where families can stay updated on each other's journeys and provide support between events.

The Childhood Cancer Community actively participates in awareness campaigns and fundraising efforts to support childhood cancer research and improve the lives of affected families.

The organization believes in the power of compassion and connection to help families navigate the difficult journey of childhood cancer. They strive to create lasting relationships that provide emotional support and practical assistance, ensuring that no family feels alone in their fight against this disease.

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 our installation company 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 rehearse May 6th and May 13th. We are finishing up for the year, we are working on one last anthem for this spring. 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

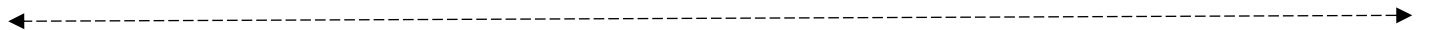
congregation pays to support the work of the denomination at all three governing levels:

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.



May Birthdays & Anniversaries

James Domke
Tom Schneider

May 2
May 9

Cathy DeMartini
Molli Funk
Betsy & Jerry Dewey
Ralph Van Houten
Alyssa Kreofsky
Alex & Lindsay Bartley

May 15
May 18
May 19
May 19
May 23
May 24

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Volunteers needed to serve in June and July!

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, May 10th, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Easter

Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Rich

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hncock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

Ever-gracious, Way-Making God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit. You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking, but with the milk of your truth, you have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ. You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come. Meet us here, we pray, that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing and that your Spirit will fill us with courage. Amen.

Written by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley on the Worship Ways (United Church of Christ) website.

OPENING HYMN #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
(Verses 1, 3, & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mark Rich

What is our hope? Simply put, it is that God does not give up on us.

With such Good News, can we dare to bring our prayers to the One who will not cast aside our words or our hearts.

Please join me together as we pray saying the Prayer of Confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mark Rich

We claim that you sent Jesus to us to take away the sin of the world and to say that we are part of that sin. Maybe our small errors add up; or maybe there is no degree to sin, that one is as hurtful as another. Help us not to dwell on vocabulary. Help us not to focus on what sin means but to acknowledge that we do things that hurt other people, and the creation, and ourselves, and you. Come into our hearts, then, and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us how this is done. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Denise

Despite everything we do, God loves us. This grace is why we can dare to hope.

We will witness to this hope in every word we speak to every person we meet.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What is Good.' Used with permission.

GLORY TO GOD #577 "Glory Be to the Father" "Gloria Patri" found in the *old blue* Presbyterian Hymnal.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Pastor Denise

A CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR CPC

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO CPC

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EPISTLE LESSON
1 Peter 3: 13-22

Mark Rich

THE GOSPEL LESSON
John 14: 15-21

SERMON "Jesus Knows Best" Pastor Denise Dunbar-Perkins

Responding

HYMN #375 "Shall We Gather at the River"
(Verses 1, 3, & 4)
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 #504 "We Come as Guests Invited" (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 THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the God who knows us be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to the One who will not leave you stranded.

We offer ourselves to God who is always with us.

Bless God, all you who love the Lord.

We sing praises to the One who loves us.

God of wonder, You gathered that orphan, chaos, into your heart we would bring our songs to you:

Holy ,holy, holy are you, God our joy.

All creation pays their vows to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who is our salvation.

Hosanna in the highest!

. we proclaim that mystery which is faith:

Christ died, doing what was right for us;

Christ was raised by the One who was in him;

Christ will come, just as the hope within us witnesses to us.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERINGS OF LOVE AND THANKSGIVING

May Mission of the Month: Childhood Cancer Community

DOXOLOGY: #593 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" found in the old blue Presbyterian hymnal.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Denise

Let us pray together:

Way-Making God, your offer to us is not just to believe in heaven, but to live the kingdom life here and now. Through Jesus, you show us the way, the truth, and the life--- calling us to deeper trust, wider welcome, and greater works of grace. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life, choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment. Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling places visible in our community, in our compassion, in our courage. We give, because we've heard your voice. In Christ's name. Amen.

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #735 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Denise

BENEDICTION SONG #612 "We Praise You, O God" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Ron Manzow & Cathy DeMartini