

Community  
Presbyterian  
Church



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Praying  
Caring

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Newsletter

## WORSHIP UPDATE

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***Sunday morning May 17th – Join us in person at church or online!***

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

***Seventh Sunday in Easter***

*Psalm 68: 1-10*

*Acts 1: 1-14*

**Pastor Amy Kosari**

**“In My Former Book, Theophilus”**

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

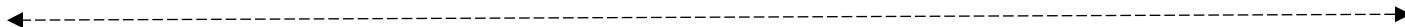
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**Coffee Fellowship served after church.**

**Server: Janice Jurgenson & Betty Van Houten**

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## **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.

### **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 had to push back our installation due to other projects going on. They estimate our projector will be installed in the first week of June.

### **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:** *We are finishing up for the year; we are working on one last anthem for this spring. We rehearse on May 13<sup>th</sup> and will sing in church on May 17<sup>th</sup>. 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)?**

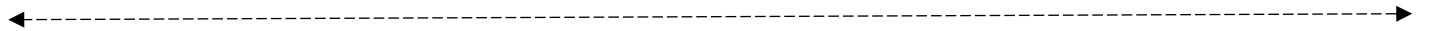
“Per Capita” is an annual *per-member apportionment* that every Presbyterian congregation pays to support the work of the denomination at all three governing levels:

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 church members suffering from clinical major depression, Mark and Jason.
- 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

<i>James Domke</i>	<i>May 2</i>
<i>Tom Schneider</i>	<i>May 9</i>
<i>Cathy DeMartini</i>	<i>May 15</i>
<i>Molli Funk</i>	<i>May 18</i>
<i>Betsy &amp; Jerry Dewey</i>	<i>May 19</i>
<i>Ralph Van Houten</i>	<i>May 19</i>
<i>Alyssa Kreofsky</i>	<i>May 23</i>
<i>Alex &amp; Lindsay Bartley</i>	<i>May 24</i>

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](mailto: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 17th, 2026  
Seventh Sunday in Easter

### Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 11)

Bonnie Bosma

In the Lord I take refuge. How then can you say to me—"Flee like a bird to your mountain. For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart. When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

**The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them. The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, his soul hates.**

On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot.

**For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.**

### PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:

**God our strength, your presence among us shows your great Love for us. And so with great joy, we worship you. Your grace poured out for us continues to overflow, abundance that fills our souls and continually guides us. May the fullness of our gratitude reach the heavens and join the angel chorus of praise as we exclaim, "Blessing, glory, and honor!" Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN #661 "Why Should I Feel Discouraged?"

### CALL TO CONFESSION (from Psalm 73)

Bonnie Bosma

Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost slipped;

**I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. But Lord, you came to me in the night, you spoke to me. You hold me by the right hand, I am continually with thee.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bonnie Bosma

**Father, we lift up our hearts to you. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that our sins may be exposed to the light and thus, healed. We ask dear Lord that you would take from us our hearts of stone and give us a heart like your own. Help us to see as you see. We are blind but you are the healer. Heal us and we shall be healed. How many times have we been**

**careless of those around us? How many times have we refused to see their pain and anxiety. How many times have we failed to listen and to ask questions? You ask, "Where are you?" but we turn away from our neighbor. In the light of the shining face of the Lord Jesus, we know we are not right. Forgive us Lord. In Jesus' name we pray.**

## INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

"The days are coming," says the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant: I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people . . . I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

**Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.**

And hear the Good News: In Jesus 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

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:

**Lord God of power and might, we are breathless when we behold your glory. Shape our words into praise and our actions to be a reflection of your goodness. Keep our feet on the earth and your good news on our lips, that we may bring truth where there is deception, hope where there is fear, liberation where there is oppression, companionship to those who are abandoned, and abundance to those who hunger and thirst, in the name of Jesus the Christ, whom alone we worship and serve. Amen.**

### THE PSALM

Bonnie Bosma

Psalm 68: 1-10

A MUSICAL OFFERING "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CPC Choir

### THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1: 1-14

### SERMON

"In My Former Book, Theophilus"

Pastor Amy Kosari

## Responding

HYMN #327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"  
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 #468 "In My Life" (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

May Mission of the Month: Childhood Cancer Community

DOXOLOGY: #604 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### **Sending**

DEPARTING HYMN #331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"  
(Verses 1, 2, & 4))

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #234 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"  
(Verse 1 only)

POSTLUDE Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Donna Christison & Stephanie Kreofsky