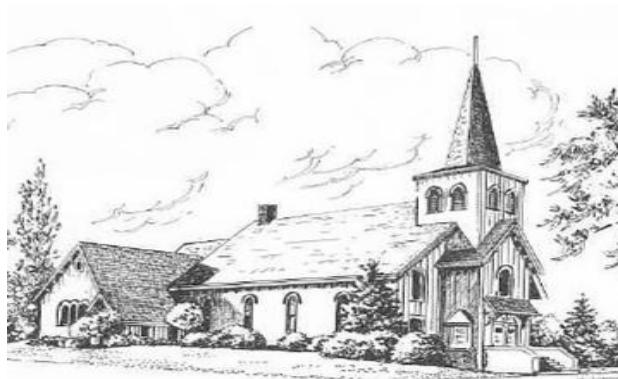


Community
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Church



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Thursday, August 13th, 2026

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning August 16th – Join us in person at church or online!

8:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 3: 5-10

Pastor Paul Banchasawan

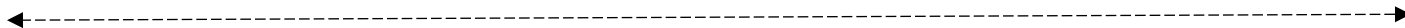
“Honoring God with the First Fruits”

Community Presbyterian Church - Home (cpcplainview.com)

Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube

Potluck served after church.

Server: Hosted by CPC



This Coming Sunday, August 16

We will be holding a joint service with Rochester CPC here at our church in Plainview. **Our church service will start at 9:30am**, and we will have a potluck brunch afterwards with everyone in attendance. Please bring a dish to pass. We hope everyone can stay for the Corn Feed, and the Grand Parade starting at 1:30pm. A fun time for everyone!

This Sunday, August 16, 2026

What does the Bible teach about tithing, first fruits, and regular giving? This Sunday, we will explore giving as a joyful spiritual discipline that places God first. We do not give to purchase God's favor; we give because God has already been gracious and generous to us.

Scripture: Proverbs 3: 5-10

Air Conditioning

The air conditioning for the church offices has failed, and the new compressor costs about \$4,500. The church certainly would appreciate any contributions to help offset the cost of this repair. So far, we have received \$2,000 for this repair. Thank you for your generosity!

Photographers Needed

Our church certainly looks great with the new siding and down spouts. We do not yet have a current picture of our church's new appearance. The picture we have of our church is with the old siding, and it needs to be updated. We need a photographer to take a photo of the church from across the street, on a sunny day without clouds or with a few clouds in the sky, and without cars parked in front of the church. Take a photo of the front of the church which includes the new addition wing. Please email the photo to cpcoffice@hbc.com. This will be used on the cover of our new phone directories as well as on the cover of the annual reports. Thank you!

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event

Registration is now open for this year's **Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack at Plainview Church of Christ**. This is an event where we fill manna packs (rice) for starving children. These packs are distributed around the world to starving populations, feeding undernourished and starving children. What a great way to spread the love of Christ around the world.

Dates and Times:

Friday August 21 – 12-2pm & 6-8pm

Saturday August 22 – 9-11am

Interested in helping pay for the meals? Make a donation online at hvmp.org/donate. A gift of \$106 feeds a child for a year. A gift of \$600 sponsors one packing table at one shift at this year's pack, and the donor will be acknowledged at their shift.

Questions or more information is available from Jess Locke at jessica.melby@gmail.com. You can also contact the church office at 507-534-2704.

Pastor Paul Installation Service

Sunday September 6th, we will hold our installation service for Pastor Paul. It will be at 4:00pm, at First Presbyterian Church in Rochester.

Mission of the Month for August: Amani YaJuu Mission

Our mission of the month is the Amani JaJuu mission in Kenya, Africa. This is the mission where Bonnie Bosma has gone to teach longarm quilting several times. They have many areas that the women work such as stiches, quilters, dyers, office help, organizers of products and orders. They also have a garden café where people can come to enjoy a delicious lunch. The people of the mission are very faith filled and share daily devotions with each other. We will have a box of their products for sale in December during Old Fashioned Christmas, so plan on inviting your friends to shop. They also have a children's program where they invite children from different countries to join together and learn to get along and also learn about God.

Sermon Series: Fruitful Stewards

God has entrusted CPC with many treasures: faithful people, a rich history, spiritual gifts, a church building, financial resources, and opportunities to serve our neighbors.

During August, Pastor Paul will lead us through a five-week sermon series entitled "*Fruitful Stewards: Faithful with All God Has Given.*"

Together, we will explore what the Bible teaches about money, possessions, generosity, tithing, wise financial management, and the responsibility to use God's gifts for Christ's mission.

This series is not simply about raising money. It is an invitation to grow in gratitude, trust, generosity, wisdom, and faithfulness.

August 2: Everything Belongs to God

August 9: Where your Treasure Is

August 16: Honoring God with First Fruits

August 23: Faithful in Little, Faithful in Much

August 30: God Provides Enough for Every Good Work

Come and discover how God's blessings can flow through us to bless Plainview and beyond.

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.

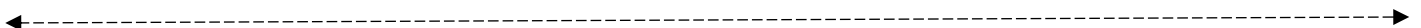


CHOIR SCHEDULE: *We have finished our spring semester with choir. We will resume again in the fall. Have a blessed summer!*



PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for Stephanie Kreofsky, who has a broken humorous arm bone.
- 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 Alyssa Kreofsky, who is in a lot of pain and has kidney disease.
- Prayers for peace in our own country.



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

<i>Katie Flanagan</i>	<i>Aug. 6</i>
<i>Cheryl Alden</i>	<i>Aug. 10</i>
<i>Ron Manzow</i>	<i>Aug. 14</i>
<i>Harvey Bartley</i>	<i>Aug. 20</i>
<i>Jeremy & Shawn Jensen</i>	<i>Aug. 28</i>
<i>Steve Jack</i>	<i>Aug. 29</i>

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Volunteers needed to serve in September and October!

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@hbcu.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, August 16th, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alan Dewey

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

We will not depend only upon our own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge God.

God will direct our paths.

Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce.

We come to honor God with our worship, our gifts, and our lives.

Let us worship the God who provides for us.

With trust and gratitude, let us worship the Lord.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Alan Dewey

Let us pray together:

Providing God, every good thing we possess comes from you. You provide our daily bread, sustain us through changing seasons, and hold our future in your hands. Teach us to honor you with the first and best of what we receive. May our giving arise not from fear or obligation, but from gratitude, trust, worship, and love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian Hymnal.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Alan Dewey

God has been faithful in every season, providing life, grace, daily bread, and blessings beyond measure.

Yet we have not always trusted God with our whole hearts.

God invites us to honor the Lord with the first and best of what we receive.

Yet we often give God what remains after our other desires have been satisfied.

God's grace cannot be purchased, and God's love cannot be earned.

We come not to bargain with God, but to confess our need for mercy and renewal.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Alan Dewey

Gracious God, you have always been faithful to us, but we have not always trusted you.

We confess that we often give you what remains after our other desires have been satisfied. We have allowed fear to prevent generosity and convenience to replace commitment.

We have sometimes treated giving as a burden rather than an act of worship. At other times, we have imagined that our offerings could purchase your favor or guarantee personal prosperity.

Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that your grace is freely given through Jesus Christ. Teach us to place you first, give regularly, live simply, and trust you deeply. Form generous hearts within us. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Paul

Hear the Good News: God's mercy is not a reward for those who have given enough or lived perfectly.

God's grace is freely given through Jesus Christ.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

GLORY TO GOD #581 Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" 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

Alan Dewey

Let us pray together:

Providing God, open your Word to us. Teach us what it means to trust you, honor you with our first fruits, and practice generosity as an expression of worship. Keep us from legalism and lead us into joyful faithfulness. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Proverbs 3: 5-10

SPECIAL MUSIC: The Banchasawan Family

SERMON "Honoring God with the Firstfruits" Pastor Paul Banchasawan

Responding

HYMN #649 "Amazing Grace"

(Verses 1, 3, & 5)

Found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian Hymnal.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed) Alan Dewey

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 #754 "Help Us Accept Each Other" (Verse 1)

Found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal.

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

August Mission of the Month: Amani YaJuu

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #372 "O for a World"

(Verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Paul

BENEDICTION SONG #318 "In Christ There Is no East or West"

(Verse 4)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Diane Ellringer & Ron Manzow