

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

505 West Broadway
Plainview, MN 55964

Sunday, August 16th, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



— FRUITFUL STEWARDS —

HONORING GOD

— WITH THE —

Firstfruits

— PROVERBS 3:5-10 —

“ Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight. ”

TODAY'S HARVEST
—
TOMORROW'S
Legacy



GRATEFUL HEARTS | FAITHFUL GIVING | LASTING LEGACY





Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

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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

Next Sunday, August 23, 2026

“Faithful in Little, Faithful in Much”

Biblical stewardship includes more than generosity. It also includes planning, honesty, responsibility, transparency, and wise management. This Sunday, we will consider how individuals, families, and congregations can faithfully manage what God has entrusted to them.

Scripture: Luke 16: 10-13

Mission of the Month for August: Amani YaJuu Mission

Our mission of the month is the Amani YaJuu 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.

Financial Information

Mission of the Month for August: Amani YaJuu

	<u>General</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Noisy Offering</u>
08-02-2026	3,817.00	67.00		11.53
08-09-2026	1,467.00	67.00		
TOTAL	3,817.00	134.00	847.00	293.92

Thank you for your continued support of our church and its ministry!

Pastor Paul Installation Service

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

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Katie Flanagan

Aug. 6

Cheryl Alden

Aug. 10

Ron Manzow

Aug. 14

Harvey Bartley

Aug. 20

Jeremy & Shawn Jensen

Aug. 28

Steve Jack

Aug. 29

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



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.



PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for Stephanie Kreofsky, who has 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 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.

August 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.

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!

This week in the life of Community Presbyterian Church:

Sunday, August 16

8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, August 17

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting at Church

Office Hours 9:00-4:00

Tuesday, August 18

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Wednesday, August 19

Office Hours 9:00-4:00

Thursday, August 20

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Friday, August 21

Office Closed

Saturday, August 22

Office Closed

Sunday, August 23

8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Worship at 8:30 a.m.



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