

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

505 West Broadway  
Plainview, MN 55964

*Sunday, September 6th, 2026*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

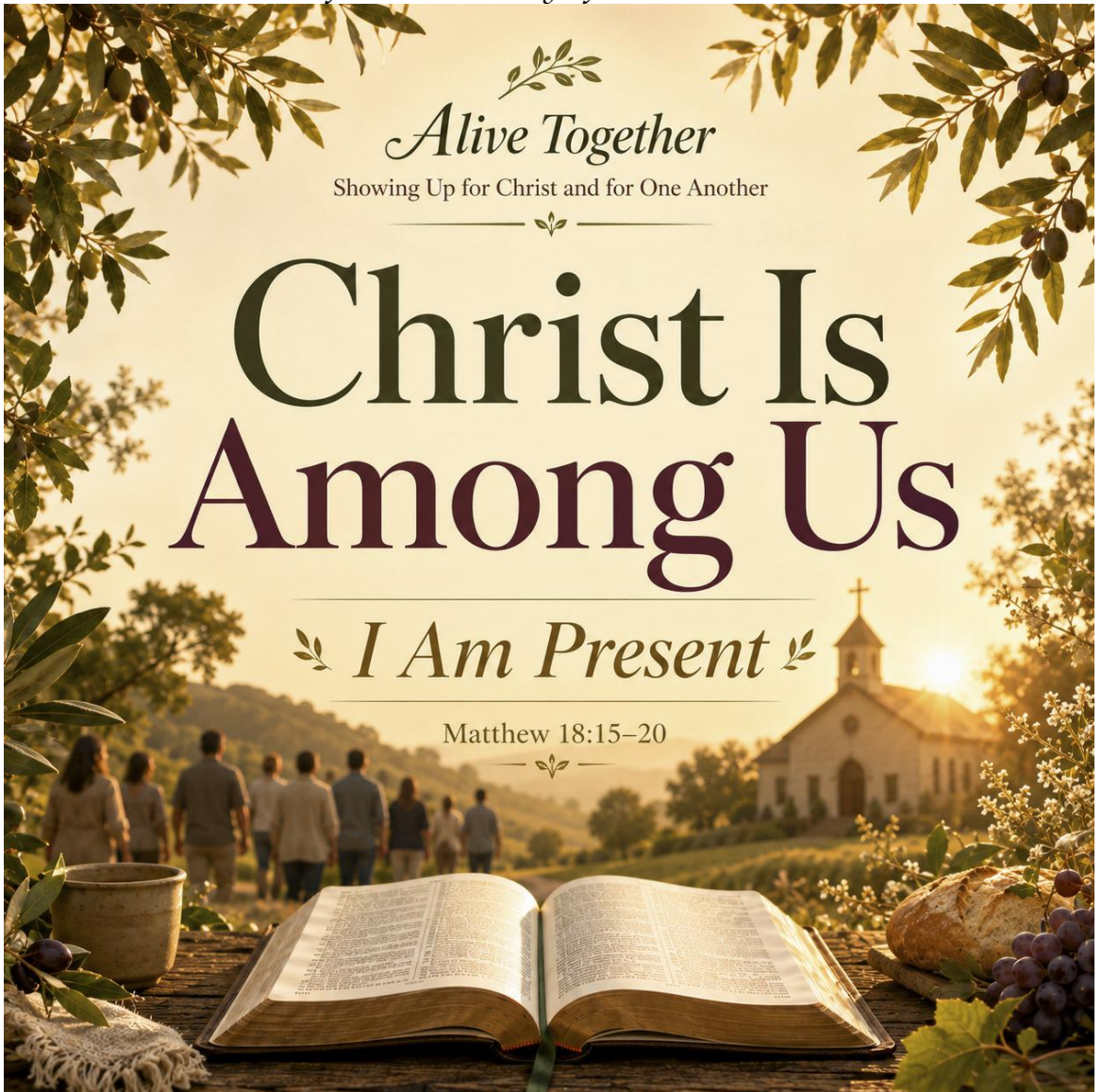
*Alive Together*

Showing Up for Christ and for One Another

# Christ Is Among Us

*I Am Present*

Matthew 18:15–20





# Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

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## Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Rich

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Christ is among us.**

We come not as strangers, but as members of one body.

**Our presence becomes encouragement, prayer, fellowship, and love.**

God calls us to be present with our hearts, our minds, our bodies, and our spirits.

**I am present. My presence matters.**

Come, let us worship the Lord who gathers us.

**Together we are the body of Christ, alive together!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

**Gathering God, you call us from many places and many experiences and make us one in Jesus Christ. We praise you that Christ is present when your people gather in his name. Quiet our distractions, open our hearts to one another, and teach us the holy ministry of faithful presence. May our worship today deepen our love for you, strengthen our fellowship, and make us people of peace, reconciliation, and encouragement. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

(Verses 1, 2, & 5)

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mark Rich

Christ gathers us into a community of grace, yet often we live as though faith were only a private matter.

**We confess that we have not always been present to God or to one another.**

God calls us to listen, reconcile, encourage, and bear one another's burdens.

**Yet we become distracted, withdraw from relationships, and overlook opportunities to care.**

The God who knows our weakness still welcomes us with mercy.

**Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mark Rich

**Merciful God, you have called us to be one body in Christ, yet we confess that we often forget how much we need one another. We become too busy to gather, too distracted to listen, too proud to reconcile, and too comfortable to notice the needs of others. Forgive us when our absence, our words, our actions discourage another person. Restore our relationships. Teach us to be present with you and faithfully present with one another, so that our life together may reveal the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Paul

Hear the Good News: Jesus Christ comes among us with grace, mercy, and peace.

**In Christ, broken relationships can be restored and new beginnings are possible.**

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

Mark Rich

Let us pray together:

**Living God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, quiet every distraction and open our hearts. Help us hear Christ's promise to be**

**among us, and teach us how our faithful presence can strengthen the whole body. By your Holy Spirit, make your Word alive among us. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 18: 15-20

SERMON "Christ Is Among Us"

Pastor Paul Banchasawan

### **Responding**

HYMN #722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

(Verses 1, 3, & 5)

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed) Mark Rich

**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 #279 "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" (Verse 4)

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

September Mission of the Month: PEM Bulldog Nation Foundation

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Sending**

DEPARTING HYMN #825 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

(Verses 1, 3, & 4)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Paul

BENEDICTION SONG #838 "Standing on the Promises"

(Verse 1)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Bonnie Bosma

**Hazel Hammer-Bartley's college mailing address:**

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**Mission of the Month for September: PEM Bulldog  
Nation Foundation**

The Mission of the PEM Bulldog Nation Foundation is to assist organizations by providing financial support for extracurricular activities, academic programs, and student wellness in the PEM school district.

**Financial Information**

Mission of the Month for August: Amani YaJuu

Mission of the Month for September: PEM Bulldog Nation Foundation

|            | <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          |                   |                       |
| 08-16-2026 | 373.00         | 18.00          |                   | 7.66                  |
| 08-23-2026 | 1,322.00       | 107.00         |                   | 8.90                  |
| 08-30-2026 | 485.00         | 25.00          |                   | 13.31                 |
| TOTAL      | 7,464.00       | 284.00         | 847.00            | 323.79                |

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

# September Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Josh Hollister*

*Sept. 9*

*Hazel Bartley*

*Sept. 11*

*Julie Flanagan*

*Sept. 12*

*Bonnie Bosma*

*Sept. 17*

*Haven Paulson*

*Sept. 24*

*Lindsay Hammer-Bartley*

*Sept. 27*

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



**September 6, 2026**

***"Christ Is Among Us"***

**I AM PRESENT.**

We begin our September sermon series, "Alive Together", with a simple but important declaration: "I am present." Jesus promises that where two or three gather in his name, he is there among them. Our presence in worship and in the life of the church is more than attendance—it is part of our ministry to one another. Join us as we rediscover why showing up for Christ and for one another matters.

Scripture: Matthew 18: 15-20

# 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.

## ***Pastor Paul Installation Service***

This Sunday, September 6, we will hold our installation service for Pastor Paul. It will be at 4:00pm, at First Presbyterian Church, 512 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SW in Rochester. Please let the office know if you would like a ride to the service. We will meet at 3:00 at Plainview CPC, then carpool to Rochester at 3:15 arriving at 3:45.



## **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.

## **September Sermon Series: Alive Together**

God has called us to be more than people who simply attend worship. In Jesus Christ, we are one body---called to worship together, grow together, encourage one another, serve one another, and participate together in God's mission.

During September, Pastor Paul will lead us through a four-week sermon series entitled ***“Alive together: Showing Up for Christ and for One Another.”***

Together, we will explore why our presence matters, how God helps us grow through Christian community, how our example influences others, and how each of us is called to participate actively in the life and mission of Christ's church.

This series is not simply an invitation to attend church more often. It is an invitation to rediscover what it means to belong to the Body of Christ and to recognize that every person has a place, a purpose, and gifts that matter.

**September 6:** Christ is Among Us -- ***“I am present.”***

**September 13:** We Grow When We Gather—***“I am growing.”***

**September 20:** The Ministry of Example—***“I am influencing.”***

**September 27:** From Attending to Participating -- ***“I am participating.”***

Come and discover how God can make us stronger in faith, deeper in fellowship, and more faithful in mission as we become the Body of Christ---***Alive Together!***

## **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 \$2,500 for this repair. Thank you for your generosity!

*This week in the life of Community Presbyterian Church:*

**Sunday, September 6**

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

*8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship*

*9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship*

*4:00 p.m. Pastor Paul's Installation Service in Rochester, First Presbyterian Church.*

**Monday, September 7**

Office Hours 9:00-4:00

**Tuesday, September 8**

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

**Wednesday, September 9**

Office Hours 9:00-4:00

*6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary*

**Thursday, September 10**

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

**Friday, September 11**

Office Closed

**Saturday, September 12**

Office Closed

**Sunday, September 13**

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

*8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary*

*9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship*



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