

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

505 West Broadway
Plainview, MN 55964

Sunday, September 20th, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost





Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

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Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Torres

Jesus Christ is the Chief Shepherd of the church.

We belong to Christ and seek to follow his way.

Christ calls leaders to serve willingly, humbly, and faithfully.

Christ calls all of us to become examples of grace and love.

Our words, choices, priorities, and actions influence others.

I am influencing. May my life point others toward Christ.

Come, let us worship the One whose life is our perfect example.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, our faithful Shepherd.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Jennifer Torres

Let us pray together:

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd and servant of all, you have shown us what faithful leadership looks like. Shape our lives after your example. Give humility to those who lead, courage to those who serve, and wisdom to those who teach, and integrity to all who bear your name. May our actions agree with our words, and may our lives quietly point children, neighbors, newcomers, and fellow believers toward you. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

(Verses 1, 4, & 5)

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jennifer Torres

Each of us influences others through our words, priorities, attitudes, and actions.

Yet our example has not always reflected the way of Jesus Christ.

We speak about prayer, worship, service, generosity, and love.

Yet we do not always practice what we encourage in others.

Christ our Shepherd knows our failures and calls us back with grace.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jennifer Torres

Merciful God, we confess that our example has not always reflected Jesus Christ. At times we have asked others to do what we ourselves were unwilling to do. We have spoken about prayer while neglecting prayer, spoken about worship while allowing other priorities to replace it, spoken about service while waiting for someone else to serve, and spoken about

love while holding resentment. Forgive us, Lord. Give us integrity between what we believe, what we say, and how we live. May our influence lead others toward Christ rather than away from him. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

Hear the Good News: Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, seeks, forgives, restores, and leads us.

We are not defined by our failures; grace gives us a new beginning.

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 Amy

A CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR CPC

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennifer Torres

Let us pray together:

God of truth, speak to us through your Word. Do not allow us merely to evaluate the lives of other people. Turn your Word toward our own hearts. Show us how our character, leadership, service, and example can more faithfully point others toward Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Exodus 15: 1-21

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 20: 1-16

SERMON "The Kingdom of Heaven" Pastor Amy Kosari

Responding

HYMN #688 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

(Verses 1, 3, & 5)

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed) Jennifer Torres

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 #687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (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

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 #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #846 "Fight the Good Fight"

(Verse 1)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Howard Gray & Ron Manzow

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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

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	<u>General</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Noisy Offering</u>
09-06-2026	6,927.00	117.00		
09-13-2026	2,502.31	12.00		32.96
TOTAL	9,429.31	129.00	847.00	356.75

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 27, 2026

"From Attending to Participating"

God has not called us simply to attend church. God has given every one of us gifts, abilities, experiences, relationships, and opportunities to participate in Christ's ministry. As we conclude our September series, we will ask not only, "What can the church do for me?", but also, "Lord where can you use me?" Together, we are called to worship, serve, love, give, encourage, and share Christ with the world.

Scripture: Philippians 2: 1-13

Ladies, we will be going to Kelley's on the Lake for our yearly luncheon get together on **Friday, September 25**. We will meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. and carpool to the restaurant. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the office if you are interested in joining us. Thank you!

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.

Confirmation/Youth Group Announcement

Confirmation/Youth Group will start on Wednesday, September 23 from 6:00 – 7:30. All middle and high school youth are invited. If any congregation member would like to provide the meal or dessert for the week, let Alan Dewey or the office know. Plan for about 10 people.

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!***

This week in the life of Community Presbyterian Church:

Sunday, September 20

8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, September 21

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting at Church

Office Hours 9:00-4:00

Tuesday, September 22

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Wednesday, September 23

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

Office Hours 9:00-4:00

Thursday, September 24

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Friday, September 25

Office Closed

Saturday, September 26

Office Closed

Sunday, September 27

8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Worship at 8:30 a.m.



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