

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

505 West Broadway
Plainview, MN 55964

Sunday, September 27th, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost


Alive Together

Showing Up for Christ and for One Another

From
Attending
 to
Participating

 *I Am Participating* 

Philippians 2:1–13





Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

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Gathering

PRELUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Diane Ellringer

We have not been called merely to sit and observe.

God calls us to participate in the work of Christ.

We have not been given gifts only for ourselves.

God gives gifts for the good of others.

God is at work within us, shaping our desires and our actions.

I am participating. God has given me something to do.

Come, let us worship the servant of Christ and offer ourselves to his mission.

Together we are the Body of Christ, alive together!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Diane Ellringer

Let us pray together:

Gracious God, you call us not simply into a congregation but into your mission. Awaken the gifts you have placed within us. Move us from spectators to disciples, from consumers to servants, from attending to participating, and from receiving your grace to sharing it. Give us the mind of Christ, who humbled himself and served in love. Work within us so that our lives may accomplish your good purposes. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Diane Ellringer

Jesus Christ emptied himself, took the form of a servant, and gave himself in love.

Yet we often prefer to receive rather than serve.

God has given each of us gifts and opportunities for ministry.

Yet we sometimes hide our gifts, avoid responsibility, or leave the work for someone else.

The grace of Christ meets us and calls us again into faithful participation.

Trusting in that grace, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Diane Ellringer

Servant God, forgive us when our faith becomes passive. Forgive us when we ask what the church can do for us but rarely ask how you might work through us. We hide our gifts, avoid responsibility, overlook our

neighbors, and leave ministry for someone else. Free us from selfish ambition and empty pride. Give us the mind of Christ. Help us look not only to our own interests but also to the interests of others. Move our feet, open our hands, and use our lives for your glory. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Paul

Hear the Good News: the Christ who humbled himself for us is the One through whom God gives forgiveness and new life.

In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called again into God's work.

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

Diane Ellringer

Let us pray together:

Holy Spirit, speak through the Scriptures and awaken us from passive faith. Show us what you have given us, whom you are sending us to, and how we may participate in your work. Let your Word become faithful action within us. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Philippians 2: 1-13

SERMON "From Attending to Participating" Pastor Paul Banchasawan

Responding

HYMN #697 "Take My Life"

(Verses 1, 4, & 6)

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed) Diane Ellringer

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 #695 "Change My Heart, O God"(Refrain, Verse, Refrain)

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 #37 "Let All Things Now Living"

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Paul

BENEDICTION SONG #8 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save

(Verse 1)

found in the purple *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal

POSTLUDE

Joan Lee, Organ

GREETERS: Janice Jurgenson & Donna Christison

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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
09-20-2026	1,146.00	66.00		
TOTAL	10,757.31	195.00	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

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 Tim and Diana Pries, with the tragic loss of their nephew Josh.
- Prayers for Stephanie Kreofsky, who has a broken humerus 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 27

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Monday, September 28

Office Hours 9:00-4:00

Tuesday, September 29

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Wednesday, September 30

Office Hours 9:00-4:00

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

6:00 p.m. Confirmation/ Youth Group at church

Thursday, October 1

Office Hours 10:00-2:00

Friday, October 2

Office Closed

Saturday, October 3

Office Closed

Sunday, October 4

Worship at 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship



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