

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Our mission is to be an open-hearted, open-minded Christian  
community sharing a ministry of faith, hope, and love.*

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time    February 5, 2012    9:30A.M.**

## WELCOME

Welcome to worship on this Lord's Day. We are blessed by your presence and hope that you will experience the love of God reflected in the life of this community of faith. Nursery care is provided from 9:15-11:45 a.m. for ages three and under, though we love to have children of all ages remain with us in worship. Please complete the friendship pad in your row during the announcements and pass it back so that you are able to greet your neighbors by name.

## WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Greeting & Announcements (L = Leader / P = People / A = All)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Prelude

(As the waters of the Spirit pour forth, we prepare our hearts for Christ.)

Call to Worship

Reader : Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.

**People: We gather in expectant hope of God's gifts we need today.**

Reader: They shall rise with wings like Eagles.

**People: Lord, lift our hearts and fill us with your powerful love.**

Reader: They shall run and not be weary: they shall walk and not faint.

**All: For Christ is among us, with justice and love, for such a time as this.**

\* Opening Hymn # 354 "Guide My Feet"

\* Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

L: God is eager to hear us as we pray. God knows our weakness and our flesh and

desires that we be made whole and loving people. In Christ, we have all we need. Let us pray.

**P: Gracious God, In Jesus Christ you have taken our human existence, to mend us from the brokenness of our sin. Yet, instead of living new lives defined in your love, we hide from your light: we resist your call and rule. We fail to put in our words and actions, the Good News of your love. Grant us your mercy, God of Grace, and do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Make us your bold disciples, even as we offer up our failures and shortcomings.**

(A time for silent confession)

\* Words of Assurance

L: What does the Lord require of us? To do Justice, to love Mercy, and to walk Humbly with our God. Hear, believe and live out the good news. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven and made new today!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

\* We Give Glory to God (insert) "Lord, Be Glorified" (Sing together)

## Lord, Be Glorified



2. In our homes ...
3. In your church ...
4. In your world ...

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## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Psalm of Thanksgiving: Psalm 121

(p. 571)

Kylie Davidson

Children's Choir

"He's Got the Whole World"

Scripture Readings: Esther 4: 1-2, 12-17

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L: The Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "A Grown Up View of our Childhood Bible Heroes: Esther" Pastor Teresa

\* Hymn #392 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

**WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation**

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving with Sung Response: (insert)**

"It is truly right, and our greatest joy, to give you thanks and praise,  
Oh Lord our God, Creator and Ruler of the universe."

**The Bread and the Cup are Shared** (please partake of the bread once it is passed, but hold the cup that all might drink as one.)

**We Share Our Joys and Concerns**

L: God in your mercy

P: **Hear our prayer**

**Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** (Spoken together)

**A: 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.**

**Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings**

\* Doxology "Give Thanks" (Sing together)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.**

\* Prayer of Dedication (Spoken Together)

**A: For all your good gifts we give our humble thanks, O Lord. Please use our gifts that we might serve others with your welcoming and generous love. Amen.**

**WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\* Hymn #369 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (vs. 1-3)

\* Benediction

\* Congregational Response #369 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (vs. 4)

**Postlude**

**Worship Notes:**

- All those who are able, please stand where you see an asterisk\*
- **Bolded words are spoken or sung together by the people.**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Teresa Roberts

Pianist: Laurie Priniski

Liturgist: Louis Bouchard, Kylie Davidson

Choir Director: Denise Swinbank

To borrow an audiotape of today's service, please contact Louis Bouchard.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 5, 2012

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### TODAY AT CPC:

9:30: Worship Service

Worship Assistants	Greeter	Nursery Attendant(s)	Library Attendant
Dick Massaro Nancy Massaro Guy Vig	Amanda Ross	Elizabeth Deeds/Tabitha Harland	Judy Pucci

**Communion Servers:** Colleen Webbles, Bill Webbles, Jane Burgstaler, Denise Swinbank  
10:30: Refreshment and fellowship time.

10:45: Sunday School. All children ages 2-11 will meet in their assigned rooms when they hear the Sunday School bell. Sunday School dismisses at 11:45 am. All are welcome to attend.

Class	Room
Ages 2 - Grade 5	Blue Room
Youth Grades 6-12	Black Room
Adult Education	Library

(Questions about Sunday School? Contact Denise Swinbank (753-2420))

11:15 Beginning Handchimes

### THIS WEEK AT CPC:

Monday .....7:30 p.m. ....Aikido  
 Tuesday .....6:00 p.m. ....B.I.G.  
 .....6:30 p.m. ....Deacons  
 Wednesday .....6:30 a.m. ....Prayer Group at Madonna Towers  
 .....5:30 p.m. ....Back Packs  
 .....7:00 p.m. ....Choir rehearsal  
 Thursday .....7:00 p.m. ....Worship & Music )  
 .....7:30 p.m. ....Aikido  
 Friday .....5:00 p.m. ....Fellowship at Saints on Second  
 Saturday .....9:00 a.m. ....Aikido  
 Sunday .....9:30 a.m. ....Sunday Worship/Channel One Sunday  
 .....Talent Show/Beginning Handchimes

### COMING UP AT CPC

February 18 Noon Meal  
 February 19 Movie Night/ Pop tabs due for Ronald McDonald House  
 February 25 Workshop: The Church as a Healing Community for Veterans.

**“Souper” Bowl Sunday:** It is that time of year again. The race is on between the younger people of CPC vs. the old codgers. Let’s beat last year’s record-setting 324 cans of soup. The old folks won last year, but this may be the year for the younger people to show the older ones up. Today is the last day for collection. There are boxes under the table in the Narthex in the usual place. This is a great way to help Channel One meet the needs of many people in our area who are unable to feed their families and themselves.

**Beginning Handchimes:** Beginning Handchimes for all CPC children grades K-6 continues today. The group will then play for the Sunday, February 12, CPC Talent Show. All children in grades K-6 in school are welcome to participate. No previous musical training is necessary.

**Madonna Living Community of Rochester** is delighted to announce its upcoming Organ Recital Series. Featuring its treasured historic 1903 Hinner Pipe Organ with Tracker Action which is over 100 years old, the Organ Recital Series will be launched on February 10, 2012 at 1:30pm in the Madonna Towers Chapel. Mr. Jeffrey Daehn, Mayo Clinic Carillon Player will be our featured artist for the first recital. Mr. Daehn will offer a brief history of the organ. The concert series will include four concerts running through May 15th. Watch for more details to come!

**CPC Talent Show....Not Just for Youth Anymore!** February 12 will be our annual cabaret-style talent show to be held during coffee fellowship time. Traditionally, this has been a “youth” talent show, but we want to showcase all the hidden talent in our congregation. Anything goes...just let Denise know what you plan to do.

**When Our Bible Heroes Grow Up: Series #1.** Is a four week Sunday worship sermon with “Talk Back Series” which started on Jan 29. Today’s feature is Esther, on Feb. 12, it will be Noah, and on Feb. 19, it will be Miriam.

**Lent 2012 Study Groups: Series # 2.** February 26 through April 5, 2012. Jesus’ Beatitudes and the Spiritual Path of Forgiveness. Sign up in the Narthex to purchase the book “Forgiveness: The Passionate Journey, Nine Steps of Forgiving Through the Beatitudes.”

**CLIPBOARD CORNER**

Sign up in the Narthex to participate in CPC activities.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- \* Fellowship-time refreshment providers – provide treats after Sunday worship
- \* Communion servers – needed the first Sunday of every month.
- \* Sanctuary flowers – provide flowers for Sunday morning worship
- \* Deacons Assistants – assist with special events (i.e. refreshments at funerals)
- \* CPC Worship Assistants – help with Sunday worship services
- \* Nursery Assistant – assist in the nursery during worship and Sunday School hour
- \* Need a name tag? – request a new name tag or replace an old name tag.
- \* E-bulletin – receive each Sunday’s bulletin by e-mail
- \* E-newsletter – receive the monthly newsletter by e-mail

**Noon Meal:** On February 18 at 9:15 a.m., CPC will be preparing and serving a free meal at Christ United Methodist Church for our Rochester neighbors in need. You can come at 9:15 a.m. and work in the kitchen or come at 11:15 and be part of the serving crew. Either way, you’ll help make someone’s day a little brighter. There is work for everyone, regardless of age. Youth, in particular, are encouraged to assist. So how about putting some hands and feet to your faith by helping out with cooking or serving or both? There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**Pop tabs:** Congregation members are encouraged to bring their pop tables prior to February 19<sup>th</sup> and give them to Denise Swinbank or Shannon Bennett. The CPC children will visit the Ronal McDonald House during the Sunday School hour and donate the collected tabs.

**Movie Night:** The monthly movie night for February will be "Emmanuel's Gift" held on Sunday evening February 19th at 6:30pm. Teresa briefly introduced this movie to us during the advent season. "Emmanuel's Gift" is a documentary film that chronicles the life of Emmanuel Ofose Yeboah, a young Ghanaian man born with a severely deformed right leg, who today, against incalculable odds, is opening minds, hearts and doors-and effecting social and political change throughout his country. The movie is rated "G". Come join us to watch this inspiring true story followed by a brief discussion. Snacks will be served.

**The Wounds of War: The Church as a Healing Community for Veterans and Their Families:** February 25, 2012 at 9:30a.m.-12:00p.m. The keynote speaker will be Amy Blumenshine, a nationally known speaker on veterans’ issues and co-author, *Welcome Them Home, Help Them Heal*. Sponsored by the Presbytery Task Force on Disability Concerns of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area.

**Organist to St. Paul’s Cathedral in New York:** Will be performing a solo concert on the Rieger-Kloss/Wicks pipe organ at the Church of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The concert is open to all and a free-will offering will be accepted.

**Presbytery Gathering:** Members are invited to a Presbytery gathering and discussion next Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. – Noon, at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, Rochester concerning the draft of the Gracious Separation Policy. See Pastor Teresa for more info or a ride.

**GIVING REPORT**

		Special Offerings	
Jan. 2012 Weekly average	\$2,424.00	Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 1,254.00.
Year to Date Avg. 2012	\$2,424.00	Thank Offering	\$ 635.00
Budgeted Weekly for '12	\$ 3,136.19	Peace Offering	\$ 837.00
Per Capita Received 2012	\$ 639.61	USA Disaster Relief	\$ 774.25
Total Per Capita to be Paid '12	\$ 4,586.35		

**In the Narthex — Today’s Highlights**

Check out the following items in the Narthex before you go home today.

**Library Display**

See what’s new in the library, or pick up an old favorite!