

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

1st Sunday In Lent February 26, 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

L: We come, so God might open our eyes,

P: That we may discover the wonders surrounding us; that we may embrace the joy deep within us.

L: We gather, so Christ might widen our hearts

P: That we may hear the sounds of brokenness around us; that we may sing the melodies of hope.

L: We are here, so the Spirit might teach us the ways of humility,

P: That we may walk that street named Enduring Love; that we may wait at the corner called Faithfulness.

* Opening Hymn # 85 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

* Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

A: We admit we are hesitant to walk to Jerusalem and beyond with you, God of Glory. In a world where we worry about tomorrow before enjoying today, we race by your moments of silence, of learning. In that flood of worries, which can overwhelm us, we may miss that assurance that you have not cut us off from your grace. In the deserts of our desires, we may ignore that feast of hope, of joy, of life you offer to us. Forgive us and have mercy on us, Gentle Guardian of our souls. In humility, may we offer our lives to others. In love, may we share your grace with everyone we meet. In hope, may we wait for you all our days, as you come to us in the life and joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(A time for silent confession)

* Assurance of Pardon

L: In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along the Way?

P: In every wilderness, on every road; in every moment, in every life; in every journey, in every heart, we receive the daily bread we need - God's hope, God's mercy, God's joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen

* We Give Glory to God) "Halle, Halle, Halleluja" (Sing together)

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal-le - lu - ja! Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal-le - lu - lu - ja! Hal-le - lu - ja! Hal-le - lu - ja!

WORDS: Trad. Caribbean
MUSIC: Trad. Caribbean

HALLE, HALLE Irregular

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Scripture Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17

(p.7)

Peter Marshall

Reading for Psalm: Psalm: 25: 1-10

(p. 502)

Peggy McCarty

Choral Anthem "Jesus, What A Beautiful Name" by Tanya Riches

Children's Sermon Denise Swinbank

Scripture Reading Mark 1: 9-15 (p. 34)

L: The Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Tammy Rider

* Hymn # 80 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

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)

We praise you God, with all our strength, voice, mind and deeds throughout this day; and since life itself is your gift, may all we have and are be yours. We ask your blessings on these gifts we bring and upon our lives, through Christ our Lord. Amen

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn # 81 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (vs. 1-3)

* Benediction

* Congregational Response # 81 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (vs.4)

Postlude

Worship Notes:

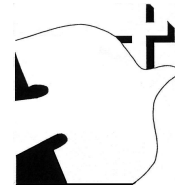
- All those who are able, please stand where you see an asterisk*
- **Bolded words are spoken or sung together by the people.**

Pastor: Rev. Tammy Rider

Pianist: Laurie Priniski

Liturgist: Peggy McCarty, Peter Marshall

Choir Director: Denise Swinbank



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 26, 2012

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TODAY AT CPC:

9:30: Worship Service

Worship Assistants	Greeter	Nursery Attendant(s)	Library Attendant
Rick Orvold Marita Heller Margaret Nelson	Louis Bouchard	Elizabeth Deeds/Tabitha Harland	Judi Berg

10:30: Refreshment and fellowship time provided by: Rick Orvold and Marita Heller

Flowers today were provided by Duane Olson & Family in Memory of Joan Olson, Wife & Mother.

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))

This Week at CPC:

Monday7:30 p.m.Aikido
 Tuesday7:00 p.m.Session meeting in Great Room
 Wednesday6:30 a.m.Prayer Group at Madonna Towers
5:30 p.m. Back Packs
7:00 p.m.Choir rehearsal
 Thursday7:30 p.m.Aikido
 Friday.....9:30 a.m.Celebration of World Day of Prayer at Zumbro
Lutheran Church
 Saturday9:00 a.m.Aikido
 Sunday.....9:30 a.m.Sunday Worship/*Communion

Coming Up at CPC

March 4 - April 2 Lenten Small Groups meet
 March 11 Chili Cook-Off
 April 1 One Great Hour of Sharing
 April 15 & 22 Spring New Member Classes
 May 5 Minneapolis Service Trip

Handbell Choirs Rehearsal Schedule: During the weeks of March, two of our handbell choirs, the Ring Tones and Jubellation, will be rehearsing in preparation for the Lenten season. The Ring Tones will gather each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in March and will play for the worship service on Sunday, March 25. This choir consists of the youth of the church plus some adults as well. The Jubellation Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. and will play for the Palm Sunday worship service. New ringers are always welcome. Some music reading ability is helpful but not entirely necessary. Please contact Judy Kereakos as soon as possible if you are interested in learning how to ring handbells and in playing in one of the choirs.

Lenten Small Group Study: Jesus Beatitudes and the Spiritual Path of Forgiveness

Would you like to do some spiritual digging and planting this Lenten Season? Consider committing to spending five weeks reflecting with others on the Beatitudes, with a wonderful book written by theologian Dr. Flora Wuellner. The book "Forgiveness: The Passionate Journey" will be ready for pick-up next week. Sign up today for a small group during the Sunday Adult Education Hour or on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. at Caribou Coffee by Target. The groups will meet throughout Lent, March 4- April 2.

CPC Youth Mission Trip to Ronald McDonald House: CPC Youth went shopping for Ronald McDonald House on Sunday, February 19, using funds from our Noisy Collections. We use the House "wish list" to purchase groceries and household supplies for families staying at the House in Rochester. One of the volunteers told us that almost all supplies needed at RMH are donated by area churches and organizations, greatly reducing the cost to families staying there. We also deposited our collection of pop and soup tabs which is another important source of income to the house, bringing in \$10,000 per year. CPC is recognized as being a regular contributor to the Rochester Ronald McDonald House. Thank you to Amanda Ross and Stacy Kopecky for driving and chaperoning shoppers!

Library Desk Available Free: The desk formerly used in the CPC library is now available free to any CPC member who could use it. Please contact Judy Kereakos or Judi Berg if you are interested. It was originally donated for library use and has functioned well but the Library Committee has decided to have a small desk made so that another shelving unit for library materials can be placed on the wall next to the desk. Thank you to Bill Petersen for constructing a desk suited for the needs of the computer and library materials return box.

39 Forever: The 39 Forever senior group will have a luncheon at Madonna Towers on Saturday, March 31st at 12:30. There is a choice of two menus: soup and sandwich for \$8.20 or quiche and fruit for \$9.25, including tax. This will be payable in cash at the door or by check to Madonna Towers. See details of the menu on the clipboard. All are invited to join for food and fellowship by signing up by Sunday, March 25th.

CLIPBOARD CORNER

Sign up in the Narthex to participate in CPC activities.

Volunteer and Church Event Opportunities:

- * Compassion International- Monthly Sponsorship for Christhian Gaspar
- * Lenten Study Groups: Sign up for either a Sunday or Monday class each week during March
- * Fellowship-time refreshment providers – provide treats after Sunday worship
- * Sanctuary Flowers – provide flowers for Sunday morning worship
- * Deacons Assistants – assist with special events (i.e. refreshments at funerals)
- * Need a name tag? – request a new name tag or replace an old name tag.

One Great Hour of Sharing: The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 1st. The funds from this special Presbyterian offering go to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People Program. Let's try to surpass last year's collection of \$1166. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletin inserts of the three needs that are being highlighted this year.

Lent: The Season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22nd. Like Jesus' time in the wilderness, Lent 's 40 days (and 6 Sundays) prior to Easter and is intended to be a time of intentional spiritual growth for every Christian, as we consider the things that draw us away or distract us from God, with dedicated time spent in spiritual practices that open us even deeper to the wisdom and presence of God's Spirit. Our Lenten Sermons and Small Group Series will focus on Jesus' teachings in the Beatitudes, and how they intersect in practical ways to help us grow in the practice of forgiveness. You and your friends are invited to join in our Lenten Worship Schedule and this journey of growth and deeper faith:

Ash Wednesday	Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m.	Dick Massaro Preaching
1 st Sunday in Lent	Feb. 26, 9:30 a.m.	Tammy Rider, Preaching
2 nd Sunday in Lent	Mar. 4, 9:30 a.m.	Teresa Roberts, Preaching
3 rd Sunday in Lent	Mar. 11, 9:30 a.m.	Teresa Roberts, Preaching
4 th Sunday in Lent	Mar. 18, 9:30 a.m.	Teresa Roberts, Preaching
5 th Sunday in Lent	Mar. 25, 9:30 a.m.	Teresa Roberts, Preaching
6 th Sunday in Lent	April 1, 9:30 a.m.	Teresa Roberts, Preaching, Palm Sunday and One Great Hour of Sharing
Maundy Thursday	April 5, 9:30 a.m.	Seder Communion Service
Easter Sunday	April 8, 6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service Outdoors with Teresa Roberts, Preaching
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*Communion servers for March 4: Nancy Massaro, Mary Jensen, Ivy Pillers and Mark Pillers

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

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!