



Community
Presbyterian Church
Open Hearted – Open Minded

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2011 9:30 a.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 COME AS WE ARE...

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Prelude (A time to open ourselves to God's presence as we prepare to worship)

Call to Worship

L: Abundance everywhere!

P: God's creation overflowing with wonder.

L: A delicate spider's web sparkling with morning dew;

P: Cool, fresh air on a fall afternoon;

L: A crisp apple and the smell of pumpkin pie;

P: A warm sweater and a tender embrace.

L: God's love and grace,

P: Lavish, abundant and ever-present,

L: A sense of presence in the quiet moments of prayer,

P: A deep joy in the midst of a song.

L: God's blessings,

P: Generous and abundant,

L: Causing us to sing.

* **Opening Hymn #446** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

...A FORGIVEN PEOPLE...

* **Call to Confession**

L: How quickly we forget - our faith, our calling, our hope. All because we try to do everything our way, rather than God's. But God is quicker to forgive, and to restore us to new life. Let us confess to our God, as we pray saying,

* **Prayer of Confession**

P: Holy God, in the beginning was a song of peace. Creation danced in harmony and each plant, animal, bird and human carried its part in the song. And the rivers sang, the mountains clapped their hands and the trees shook in laughter. But we have interrupted the song and threatened the singers. Fear and violence that stalk our streets and extinguish the chorus of hope. Warring groups look for blood but not harmony. Poverty chokes the songs of many and injustice breaks the will to sing. Even the world is scarred. The melody of the rain forest grows dimmer. Weapons are stockpiled while orchestras go searching for funds. In countless villages and cities, the poor are left out in the cold without hope. Persistent God, gather us around the common table, where the poor are remembered, the peacemakers are renewed and the faithful sent to weave songs of peace and deeds of justice. Holy God, turn our face toward kindness, fill our hearts with your compassion and guide our feet along the paths of peace. For you are the Holy One who brings the dawn after the darkest hour and the Freeing One who desires liberation for all the oppressed. Work your will and your way in and through us for the sake of your creation. Through Jesus, who gave his life for us. Amen.

(Followed by a time for silent confession)

* **Assurance of Pardon**

L: Who has earned the right to judge us? Only Christ. Yet Christ died for us, Christ has risen for us, Christ reigns in power over us, Christ even prays for us!

P: This is the love that binds us to God forever. There is nothing in this world, or the next, that will keep us from being God's children. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* **We Give Glory to God** "I Exalt Thee" (sing together)

For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods
For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee, O Lord
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee, O Lord

* **A Recognition.** . .

...SHAPED BY THE WORD OF GOD...

A Reading from Psalm 149 p.583

Special Music "Soon and Very Soon" by Andrae Crouch, arr. By Joel Raney
(Laurie Priniski– Flutist, Judy Kereakos--Pianist)

Reading(s) from the Scriptures Exodus 16:2--15 p. 62
Matthew 20:1--16 p. 21

L: The Word of the Lord
P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

* **Hymn** (insert) "All Who Hunger"

* **Affirmation of Faith** "The Apostles' Creed" (*Spoken together*)

A: 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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We Share Our Joys and Concerns

L: God in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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** "More Precious Than Silver" (*Sing together*)

Lord, you are more precious than silver.

Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, and

Nothing I desire compares with you.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

...SENT INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND TO SERVE.

* **Hymn p. #281** "Guide Me, O Great Jehovah"

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Response p. #507** "I Come with Joy" vs. 5

**Together met, together bound, We'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world, We'll live and speak His praise,
We'll live and speak His praise.**

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: Tammy Rider
Liturgist: Jane Burgstaler

Pianist: Judy Kereakos
Flutist: Laurie Priniski
Choir Director: Denise Swinbank

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TODAY AT CPC:

September 4, 2011

9:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion

Worship Assistants	Greeter	Nursery Attendant(s)	Library Attendant
Gwen Riggin Jake DeGuise TBA	Ellen Warner	Elizabeth Deeds TBA	Margaret Nelson

Communion Servers: Guy Vig, Mary Henderson, Girard Calehuff, Louis Bouchard.

10:30 a.m. Refreshments and Fellowship Time provided by: Marita Heller & Rick Orvold.

No Sunday School: Summer break.

THIS WEEK AT CPC:

Monday	8:30 a.m.....	Garden Group
.....	8:00 p.m.....	Aikido
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.....	B.I.G.
.....	7:00 p.m.....	Mission Committee
Wednesday ..	6:30 a.m.....	Prayer Group at Madonna Towers
.....	7:00 p.m.....	Choir rehearsal
Thursday	8:00 p.m.....	Aikido
Friday	7:00 p.m.....	A.S. Support Group
Saturday.....	9:00 a.m.....	Aikido
Sunday.....	9:30 a.m.....	Sunday Worship/Channel One
.....	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School

COMING UP AT CPC

September 17	Noon meal
September 18	Movie Night

A Recognition ...We pay special thanks this morning to Judy Kereakos for all she has done for our summer music program. Thank you so much Judy!

Presbyterian Women...On Tuesday, Sept. 13, CPC Women will present "How Native American Women Cope with Life on the Reservation" with La Donna Fay as speaker. Gwen Riggin will be your hostess at 2215 Petersen Dr. NW, Stewartville. Call Gwen at 251-7874 or gwenrig@live.com if you plan to attend and need directions.

Saturday Noon Meal...On Sept. 17, 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 a.m. 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.

September Anniversaries ... The September Community Press listed the incorrect anniversaries for September. Sorry about the error. The couples celebrating anniversaries in September are:
Dave and Amy Anderson – Sept. 2
Dan and Lori Hill – Sept. 2
Mark and Ivy Pillers – Sept. 3
Stephen and Ellie Hauser –Sept. 16
Gene and Stacy Kopecky – Sept. 20

Volunteers Needed... We are still in need of some fill-in Worship Assistants on Sunday mornings for this quarter. There are openings throughout September. If you are currently on the volunteer list and would be willing to serve an additional Sunday in September, or would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office.

CLIPBOARD CORNER

Sign up in the Narthex to participate in CPC activities.

Pastoral Care for CPC. During the time between Bill and our new interim pastor, we want you to know that the Elders and Deacons are available to provide pastoral care to the congregation. Elders and Deacons are called to minister to the needs of the members of the church. We encourage you to contact any of the people listed below if you are in need of pastoral care. As there won't be someone to check the church answering machine regularly, please do not leave messages on the answering machine. Instead please contact one of the people below. They will assist you in any way possible and will help you find a pastor, if you need one. In the meantime, we are looking for a pastor who can provide pastoral care.

Elders/Deacons:

Margaret Nelson	252-9398
Gwen Riggan	251-7874
Mary Jensen	292-9237
Penny Murray	775-6809
Mary Alice Richardson	282-2919
Jeanette Hallback	282-9018
Aaron Simms	280-8779
Jeff Swinbank	753-2420
Amanda Ross	633-9285
Bill Webbles	288-4677
Amy Anderson	529-1871
Guy Vig	252-0317
Mark Pillers	289-6494
Peggy McCarty	289-7954
Jean Abels	252-8449

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

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

GIVING REPORT			
Aug. 2011 Weekly Average	\$1,776.53	Special Offerings	
Year to Date Avg. 2011	\$3,377.21	USA Disaster Relief	\$ 774.25
Budgeted Weekly for 2011	\$3,461.54	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1,166.00
Per Capita Received '11	\$1,373.30	Japan Disaster Offering	\$ 652.00
Total Per Capita to be Paid '11	\$ 4,142.56	Christmas Joy Offering-2010	\$ 872.00

Per Capita

CPC supports the work of the larger church through "Per Capita Giving". The 2011 administrative costs of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly are funded through an annual apportionment of **\$30.46 per member** of our congregation. We ask each CPC member to consider contributing your share each year. The first envelope in your offering envelope boxes is called "Per Capita Apportionment" and can be used for this giving or you can pick up a special envelope on the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

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!