



Community  
Presbyterian Church  
Open Hearted – Open Minded  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 18, 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: We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

**P: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.**

L: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

**P: God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.**

L: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

**P: Alleluia! Amen!**

\* **Opening Hymn #482** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

**...A FORGIVEN PEOPLE...**

\* **Call to Confession**

L: Before we speak, God knows our needs, yet our words open our hearts to God's grace. Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another. Please join me as we pray,

\* **Prayer of Confession**

**P: First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us. Forgive us, Compassionate One, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.**

*(Followed by a time for silent confession)*

\* **Assurance of Pardon**

L: Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

**P: We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! 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

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

**A Reading from Psalm 145: 1-8** p.581

**Special Music** "We Are the People of God", words and music by Joseph M. Martin

**Children's Sermon**

**Reading(s) from the Scriptures Luke 15:1-10** p.78

L: The Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

\* **Hymn** (insert) "Grace Alone"

**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. #335** "Though I May Speak"

\* **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

Pianist: Laurie Priniski

Liturgist: Peggy McCarty

Choir Director: Denise Swinbank

**Mission**

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



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

September 18, 2011

### TODAY AT CPC:

**9:30 a.m.** Worship Service/Noisy Can Collection

Worship Assistants	Greeter	Nursery Attendant(s)	Library Attendant
Margaret Petersen Bill Petersen TBA	Rebeca Harkess	Elizabeth Deeds TBA	Judy Kereakos

**10:30 a.m.** Refreshments and Fellowship Time provided by: Linda Overton.

**10:45 a.m.** 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 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

**6:30 p.m.** Movie Night, "Paradise Now", PG-13

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

Lesson: Holy Land Revealed, Fortifications and Cult Practices

### THIS WEEK AT CPC:

Monday ..... 8:30 a.m..... Garden Group  
 ..... 7:00 p.m..... Finance & Stewardship  
 ..... 8:00 p.m..... Aikido  
 Tuesday ..... 5:00 p.m..... Christian Education  
 ..... 6:30 p.m..... Cub Scouts (if inclement weather)  
 Wednesday.. 6:30 a.m..... Prayer Group at Madonna Towers  
 ..... 7:00 p.m..... Choir rehearsal  
 Thursday ..... 8:00 p.m..... Aikido  
 Saturday..... 7-11 p.m..... Great Room in Use  
 Sunday..... 9:30 a.m..... Sunday Worship  
 ..... 5:00 p.m..... Book group

### COMING UP AT CPC

October 2 Peacemaking Sunday/World Communion Sunday  
 October 6 Presbyterian Women, "The "Beatitudes"  
 October 14-16 Mission Service Trip to Des Moines, Iowa

**Greeting Card Carousel...**The card selection has been refreshed. You are invited to explore. The money from the sale of the cards is used to support the CPC library.

**Peacemaking Sunday...**October 2 is Peacemaking Sunday. A special offering will be collected, with 25% of the offering to go to Rochester Women's Shelter. The balance will go to the Presbyterian Church (USA) for peacemaking. "A harvest of justice is sown in peace." James 3:18 In James's letter to the early church, he encouraged them to seek the wisdom of God, not human wisdom that is false. As James described God's wisdom, which is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. Please contribute as generously as you can to sow seeds for God's peace on earth.

**CROP Walk...**On Sunday October 2, some CPC'ers help raise money to feed the needy by walking in the CROP Walk. CROP Walks (CROP

stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) are fund raising walks sponsored by Church World Services. Channel One Food Bank will receive 25% of the money raised and 75% of the money raised goes to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice among the world's most vulnerable people.

Please join us by walking and/or contributing. It is a great experience. Age does not matter. Get some exercise while helping others. To get more information, or pick up a walker packet, talk to anyone from the Mission Committee – Jennifer Hall, Tammy Rider, Ronda Marshall, Jean Abels or Mary Alice Richardson.

**Volunteers Needed...**We are still in need of two fill-in Worship Assistants on September 25, If you are currently on the volunteer list and would be willing to serve an additional day on Sept. 25, 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!