

Community
Presbyterian Church
Open Hearted – Open Minded



New Member Sunday

**Service Team & New Member
Sunday**
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30, 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 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 (*A time to open ourselves to God's presence as we prepare to worship*)
"The Old Rugged Cross" (Amy Ward & sisters, Lindy, Kathy, Heather & Phyllis)

Call to Worship

L: God calls us here to learn, so that we might keep our focus on Christ when we are out in the world.

P: Our eyes long to see Jesus and our ears to hear echoes of his love!

L: Help us then to recognize his Holy presence in those who are hungry, thirsty, stranger, sick or imprisoned.

P: For as we do kindness to the least of these, we have touched again the heart of Christ.

* **Opening Hymn #267** "All things Bright and Beautiful"

* **Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Let us confess that we have not always lived as those who have been forgiven, set free and united in Christ.

P: Holy God, in your presence we confess our shortcomings, our offences, our disregard of you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Forgive our sins and help us live in your light and walk in your ways. We ask in Christ's name.

(A time for silent confession)

* **Words of Assurance**

L: Brothers and Sisters, hear the good news. . . Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us! Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

P: Thanks be to God!

* **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. (Repeat)

I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord.

I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

A Reading from Psalm 100

p552

The Children Tell the Story

(Denise Swinbank)

Reading from the Gospel

Mathew 25: 31-40

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L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

Service Project: Des Moines Hope

The Team

* Hymn # 332 "Live Into Hope"

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**

L: We have tasted your kindness, O God, and want to share it with others. We have witnessed your saving grace in Christ Jesus, and give thanks for all who show your love to the hurting. We have heard the call to even greater works, and here dedicate our offerings and ourselves to that end.

A: Amen.

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Receiving of New Members:

Introduction

New Member Questions

Prayer of Dedication

Congregational Welcome: We joyfully welcome you, Ellen, to your family of faith here at Community Presbyterian Church. We honor you for your lifetime of devoted service on behalf of the church of our Lord. May you continue to be nurtured and grow daily in faith. And may our friendship with you be deepened, so that together we will celebrate with happy hearts our fellowship in service to our loving Lord Jesus Christ.

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational Hymn #333** "Seek Ye First" vs. 1-2

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

Liturgist: Amy Anderson

Pianist: Laurie Priniski

Choir Director: Denise Swinbank

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

Thanks to our Service Team for sharing their thoughts today with us:

Ronda Marshall, Bill Marshall, Darlene Lucas, Lyal Powel Evan Powell, Tommy Powell, Denise Swinbank, Willow Swinbank, Bruce Felger

Their Service project in Des Moines included:

Learned about programs offered

Listened to Jim's testimony

Tour of Door of Faith

Assisted at Hope Café with lunch (greeting, serving, cleanup, visiting)

Tour of Bethel Ministry

Made three beds as part of "Make A Bed Program"

Worked at Thrift store

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY AT CPC:

October 30, 2011

9:30 a.m. Worship Service/New Member Sunday

Worship Assistants	Greeter	Nursery Attendant(s)	Library Attendant
Penny Murray Ron Murray Margaret Nelson	Amanda Ross	Elizabeth Deeds Tabitha Harland	Kara Vig

10:30 a.m.: Refreshments and fellowship time provided by the Piller family. Flowers today are 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 am. All are welcome to attend.

Class	Room	Lesson
Ages 2 - Grade 5	Purple Room	
Youth Grades 6-12	Black Room	
Adult Education	Library	Lesson: Holy Land Revealed

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

THIS WEEK AT CPC:

Monday..... 7:30 p.m. Aikido
 Tuesday..... 5:30 p.m. Mission Committee
 6:00 p.m. B.I.G.
 Wednesday... 6:30 a.m. Prayer Group at Madonna Towers
 1:00 p.m. Bible Study "The Beatitudes"
 5:30 p.m. Food backpacks
 6:15 p.m. Jubellation Handbell practice
 Thursday..... 7:30 p.m. Aikido
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. Aikido
 Sunday 9:30 a.m. *Sunday Worship with Guest Speaker Paul
 Harkess; Communion with Rev. Dick
 Massaro

*(Pastor Teresa will be on study leave for Interim training in St. Louis Oct. 31-Nov. 6)

COMING UP AT CPC

November 8 Women of the Church
 November 12 Progressive Dinner
 November 13 Potluck Brunch celebrating Veteran's Day and Afternoon Movie "The Best Years of Our Lives"
 November 20 Thank Offering Service

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Bible Study...The bible study to be led by Tammy Rider, "The Beatitudes," has been rescheduled and will start on November 2. The series is expected to last approximately five weeks and will be held on Wednesdays at 1 pm at the church and should last for about an hour each week. All members or friends who would like to join us please feel welcome. The study guide is a handy tool to have. If you need one, please contact either Mary Alice Richardson or Margie Petersen.

Women of the Church... The **regular meeting** of the Women of the Church will be held on Nov. 8th. We will meet at Lois Nicholson's home. We will conclude our study of our Native Americans with a look at two historical events..."Battle (Massacre) at Wounded Knee" and the "Execution of 38 in Mankato". As we learn of these events, we are aware of what "scars" we created with our Native Americans and realize our misunderstanding of these events. Reminder: please call Lois if you plan to attend and learn of directions to her home. Her phone number is 252-9398.

Progressive Dinner... This year's event will have yet another new spin...it will be progressive, but a little different. The first stop will be at the Petersen's, on Lake Zumbro, for hearty appetizers (enough to make a meal out of) and then we'll journey to Peggy Mc Carty's home in NW Rochester for dessert.

- Car pooling from Rochester is encouraged
 - There is a sign-up sheet located in the narthex
 - Sorry about the date change – there was a scheduling conflict
- A progressive dinner coordinator will contact you regarding your food assignment – appetizer or dessert. Please contact Colleen Webbles at 288-4677 with questions.

Jubellation Handbell Choir ... Rehearsal dates and times will be on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. November 2, 9, 16 and 30. Also December 4 at 8:45 a.m.

Library News ... Due to the large number of recent donations to the CPC library, the "new to the library" shelf in the narthex is overflowing. To help solve this situation, several areas in the CPC library ---especially top shelves of bookcases---have been designated for display of new materials. Take a moment to meander into the library and see the many new items on display for all ages.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers...The sign-up sheet for ringing bells at Hy-Vee Crossroads for December 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. is on the board in the Narthex.

The Mission Committee... is coordinating the collection of gifts for the Adopt-A-Family, "Christmas Family." Please pick up your gift suggestions for the Christmas Family in the Narthex after church. Gifts of cash will be used to purchase gift cards or to purchase gifts that might be more expensive. Please help the Christmas Family.

Operation Christmas Child is underway at CPC... Operation Christmas Child is well underway at CPC! The final day of collection is Sunday, Nov. 20 when we will dedicate our boxes before they are shipped out the next day. Wrapped empty boxes are still available in the narthex to be filled using the guidelines in the packing brochures. Remember to leave the lids open so the boxes can be inspected before shipping. Denise has large rubber bands available for securing filled boxes. Please bring your filled boxes with shipping included to church anytime before Nov. 20. Our goal this year is to ship 70 boxes.

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

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			
Sept. '11 Weekly average	\$2,333.50	Special Offerings	
Year to Date Avg. 2011	\$3,270.16	Peace Offering	\$ 817.00
Budgeted Weekly for 2011	\$3,461.54	USA Disaster Relief	\$ 774.25
Per Capita Received '11	\$1,373.30	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,166.00
Total Per Capita to be Paid '11	\$ 4,142.56	USA Disaster Relief	\$ 652.00

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!