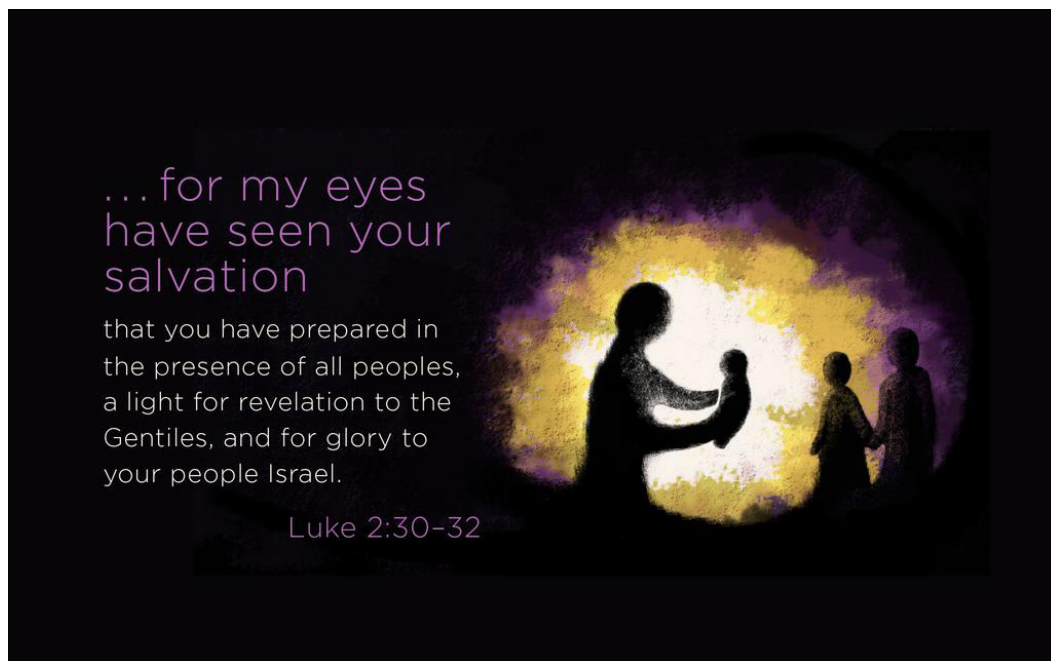


# Community Presbyterian Church

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**December 27, 2020**



***Welcome to worship this morning!  
We hope to see you again soon!***

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Angels We Have Heard On High*  
Central Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN

CALL TO WORSHIP WITH PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Rev. David Reiter

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. David Reiter

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Huron Carol*

Calvin Presbyterian Church, Long Lake, MN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit, prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.



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## TODAY AT CPC

**Sunday, December 27**

9:30 am Online Worship Service

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

*The office will be closed this week.*

Tuesday, December 29

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

Wednesday, December 30

6:30 am Prayer Group

Friday, January 1

Happy New Year!

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

**Sunday, January 3**

9:30 am Online Worship Service  
with Communion



Judy Leal

Jane, Ed, Jenny, Elissa and

the Burgstaler grandchildren

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

*To be added to the prayer list,  
please contact the church office at  
507-280-9291 or*

*email [office@cpcrochester.org](mailto:office@cpcrochester.org).*

*For emergency pastoral care,  
call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.*

### Online Worship

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

\* **Tuesday/Friday Conference Call**

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>

+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#

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### Serving in Worship Today

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