

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

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Welcome to worship this morning!

*Bulletin Cue: **Bold** indicates congregational response.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather around the words of Christ:
We gather singly, in our homes;
We gather as families around a computer;
We gather virtually as a community of faith;
We gather. We gather around the words of Christ:
We gather to hear the voice of God.

**Let us worship God together, called by the Spirit,
Ready to follow Christ into the world.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 456

Listen, God is Calling

vs. 1 and 2

Refrain

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.

that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nothing can be hidden from our God, maker of heaven and earth,
whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION

Holy God, you called the disciples to drop their nets and follow you,
yet we are hesitant to drop the tools and comforts of our lives.
We distract ourselves from your call with busyness, stress, and worry.
We tangle ourselves in webs of racism, sexism,
and hatred that disguises itself as fear.
**Forgive us, O Lord, and by your forgiveness,
open our ears to hear your voice saying to us, "Follow me."**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Those who trust in the Holy Name will renew their strength.
They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Simple Gifts

Blast

Composed by Aaron Copland

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 3:1-5-10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall

be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 62:5-12

Be still, my soul, and wait for God - where else can I find hope?
God alone is rock and salvation, a fortress too firm to be shaken.
Be still, my soul, and wait for God.

God is my deliverance and my honor; my rock and refuge.
O people, pour out your hearts and trust in God, who is your refuge, too.
Be still, my soul, and wait for God.

The lowly are no more than a breath; the lofty only a delusion;
Weigh them and together they are lighter than a wisp of air.
Be still, my soul, and wait for God.

Riches taken by theft or coercion have no true value;
wealth brings no happiness, money no cure.
Be still, my soul, and wait for God.

You have spoken and I have heard: all power is yours, my God!
Your power is the power of love; in wisdom is your just reward.
Be still, my soul, and wait for God.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

In the generation following Jesus' life on earth, believers understood that his second coming would happen any day. Clearly, this did not occur! Today Paul's words still remind us to treat the happenings of daily life as necessary, but not of eternal significance.

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

Mark wastes no time moving Jesus into ministry. His favorite word seems to be “immediately.” But as we know, the proclaimer soon becomes the proclaimed; the one teaching about the good news will himself be the good news for all people.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Word became flesh and lived among us. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Same Song, Second Verse

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

vs. 1, 3, 4

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
 3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
 4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
 tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
 let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
 give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
 on the earth, my sights set high on you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 463

How Firm a Foundation

vs. 1 and 2



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,



is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;



What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.

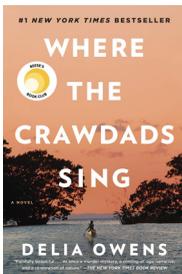
CHARGE AND BLESSING

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,
the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Holy Name forever.

Alleluia!

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me.

Amen



The Book Discussion Group
will meet **TODAY Sunday,**
January 24 following worship
(Just stay online after
worship!). **The group will be**
discussing Where the Craw-
dads Sing. All are welcome.

ANNUAL MEETING



Annual Meeting Sunday, January 31, following worship

On Sunday, January 31st, CPC will have its annual meeting following worship (about 10:30 am). Presently, the plan is to hold this meeting virtually - so just stay online after worship! If that should change, you will receive notification ahead of time. All members of CPC are invited and encouraged to attend!

Annual Reports have been emailed out with the weekly e-blast. Hard copies are available at church.

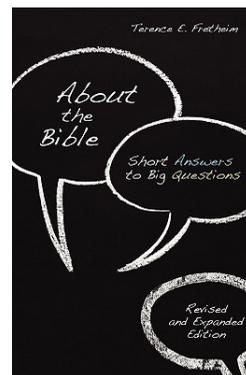
About the Bible:

Bible Study continues

The Bible is the backbone of our Christian faith, a chief source of our knowledge of God. But how much do we really know about the Bible itself? Who wrote it? And when? And why? How does it apply to life today?

Our winter/spring Bible study looks at these and other questions. Our primary resource is a book called *About the Bible: Short Answers to Big Questions*, by Terence Fretheim. We'll also take a look at passages used in our Sunday services.

Those interested will meet virtually, Tuesdays at 10 am, starting on January 19, for 10 weeks. Contact Pastor Jan if you're interested in joining this discussion. All are welcome, even if you missed the first meeting! Check out the readings on our website: <http://www.cpcrochester.org/community/worship/bible-study-at-cpc/>



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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, January 24

9:30 am Online Worship Service

10:30 am Book Discussion Group

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, January 25

Tuesday, January 26

10:00 am Online Bible Study

12:00 pm Conference Call *

6:00 pm Session

Wednesday, January 27

6:30 am Prayer Group

Friday, January 29

12:00 pm Conference Call *

Sunday, January 31

9:30 am Online Worship Service

10:30 am Annual Meeting



Judy Leal

Jane, Ed, Jenny, Elissa and

the Burgstaler grandchildren

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Joanne Powell, recovering from surgery

Family of Ray Wall, brother of Bonnie

Kinion and uncle of Carole

Kinion-Copeland

*To be added to the prayer list,
please contact the church office at*

507-280-9291 or

email office@cpchester.org.

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

Online Worship /Bible Study

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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

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* Tuesday/Friday Conference Call

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

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