

# Community Presbyterian Church

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*November 14, 2021*

*Welcome to worship this morning!*

*Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response. \* indicates please stand, if able*

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God, our source of life.

**God awakens us from the dust of the earth.**

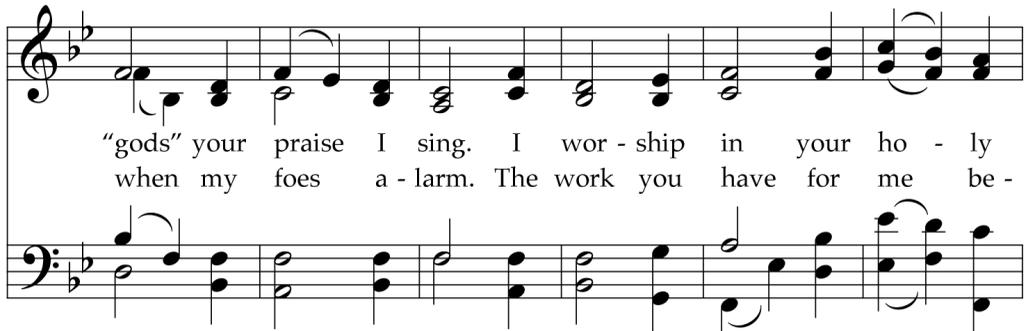
Let us worship God, our sovereign protector.

**God is at our right hand, and we shall not be moved.**

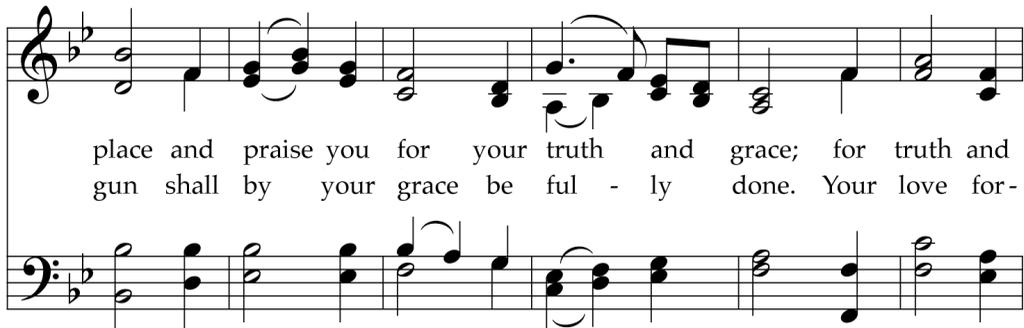
#### \*OPENING HYMN GTG 334 With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring *vs. 1 and 4*



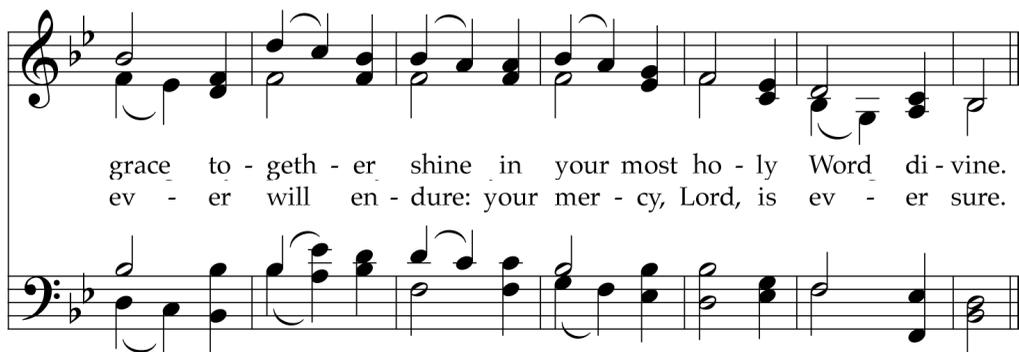
1 With grate - ful heart my thanks I bring; be - fore the  
4 You will stretch forth your might - y arm to save me



"gods" your praise I sing. I wor - ship in your ho - ly  
when my foes a - larm. The work you have for me be -



place and praise you for your truth and grace; for truth and  
gun shall by your grace be ful - ly done. Your love for -



grace to - geth - er shine in your most ho - ly Word di - vine.  
 ev - er will en - dure: your mer - cy, Lord, is ev - er sure.

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God, our Maker; Jesus Christ, our teacher;  
 Holy Spirit, breath of life, have mercy on us.  
 In silence, let us remember our faults and failings.

*Silence before the prayer of confession.*

**You are the God of all people, the creator of all that is.  
 Forgive us when we fail to see the good.  
 Forgive us when we refuse to see the “all.”  
 Remind us that we cannot be separated from your love.  
 Forgive us, God of mercy, and through Christ our redeemer,  
 free us to try again.**

May God forgive you, Christ befriend you,  
 and the Spirit renew and change your life.

**We believe that God forgives and sets us free,  
 and we commit ourselves to following where Christ calls  
 and to loving one another.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, we are blessed when we seek your righteousness. Make us whole and holy people by your Spirit alive in us. May we receive your word and your world as blessing, in your name, most Beloved. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:9-20

*In the days before a king ruled in Israel, a man named Elkanah had two wives. One had children but Hannah, the second wife, had none. Although her husband loved her, she felt her barrenness keenly, and when the family made their annual pilgrimage to worship at the shrine of God, she prayed and was promised a child. That child would become the prophet Samuel.*

Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

RESPONSIVE READING

1 Samuel 2:1-10

*Hannah's song foreshadows the Magnificat, the song of Mary, as she rejoices in the downfall of the powerful and the elevation of the weak.*

My heart magnifies the Beloved; my strength is exalted in my God.  
There is no Holy One like our God, there is no other Rock.

**Talk no more so very proudly, nor speak in arrogance;  
for our God is a God of knowledge, who weighs the actions of all.**

The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,

**but those who were hungry are filled with good things.**

**The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.**

My God destroys and brings to life, abasing the rich and exalting the poor,

raising up the have-nots from the dust, lifting the needy from the ash heap,

**to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.**

Those who oppose God's mercy shall be shattered;

the Most High will thunder in heaven.

**The Almighty will judge the ends of the earth,**

**giving strength to the chosen one, exalting the power of the anointed.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Lord, prepare me*

CPC Choir

by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

arranged by Nylea L. Butler-Moore and Meg Cain

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:1-8

*In this chapter, a vision of the end times, Jesus echoes prophets like Hannah who envision the birth of a new world order based on justice and equity.*

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Only Everything*

Rev. Jan Wiersma

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 697    Take My Life

*vs. 1, 4, and 6*

1 Take my life and let it be con-se-crated, Lord, to thee;  
4 Take my sil-ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in  
take my in-tel-lect and use ev-ery power as

cease-less praise; let them flow in cease-less praise.  
thou shalt choose, ev-ery power as thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

Accept, O God, the tokens of our love and signs of pledge and commitment which we bring to your church on earth today. By your word of blessing and grace, may they blossom forth as leaves on a tree, as flowers in our hearts, as blessings in your kingdom, as joy in Jesus Christ. Amen

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION GTG 710

We Lift Our Voices

We lift our voic-es; we lift our hands; we lift our  
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our  
voic - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our  
lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
voic - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

# JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,  
hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kindom come, your 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 let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kindom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

## SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 340

This Is My Song

vs. 1 and 2

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

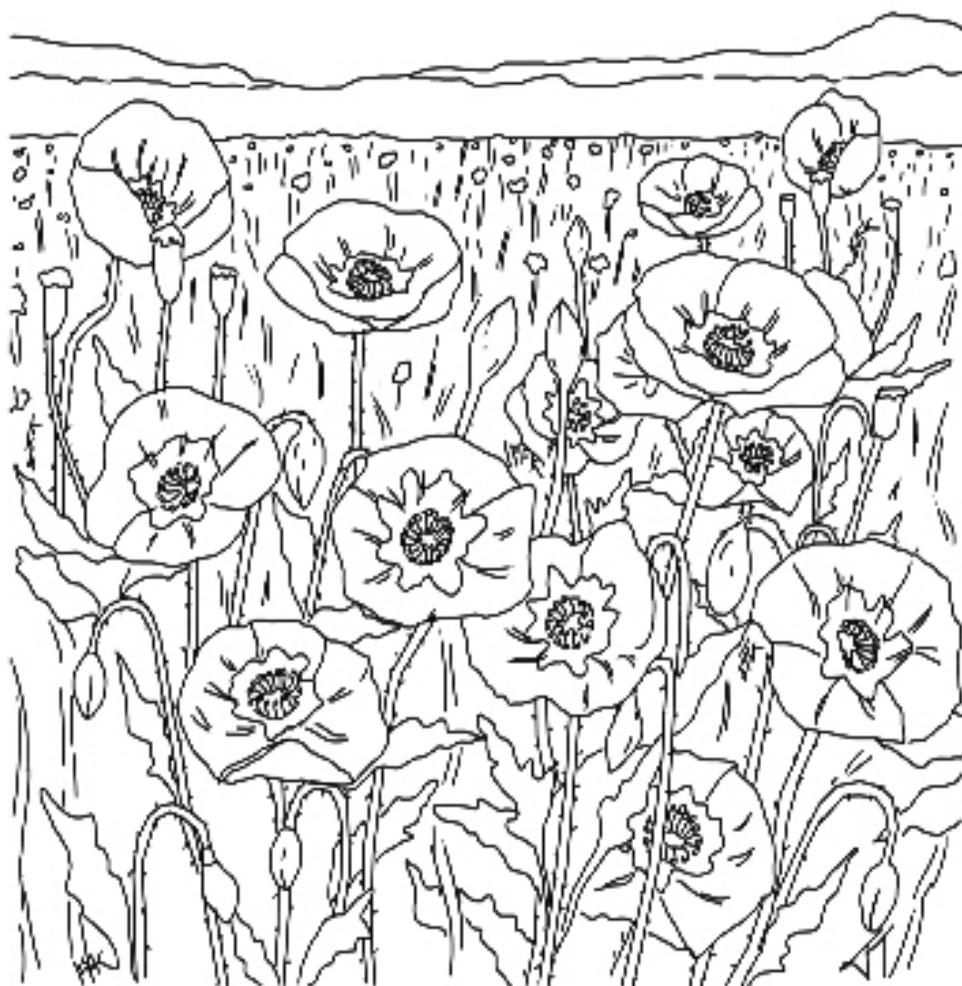
*Hebrews 12:1-2*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

POSTLUDE



*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

## Give Thanks in November

November 14 TODAY Armistice Remembrance, Stewardship Sunday

November 21 PW Thank Offering

November 28 First Sunday in Advent, Greening of the Church

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### Presbyterian Women Thank Offering

On Sunday, November 21, CPC will be celebrating PW's Thank Offering. Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering provides a tangible way to show gratitude for the many blessings in our lives. In addition to the offering being collected, we will have Wes Brandenburger as guest speaker.

Wes Brandenburger is a former Psychologist who has been working as the Site Director for Gage East Apartments over the past 3 1/2 years. To read more about Thank Offering, as well as Wes - look on page 5 of our newsletter.

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### November 28:

#### The first Sunday in Advent, Greening of the Church

We mark the beginning of the Advent season by decking our worship space in the greens of the season. In the quietly expectant mood of the season as celebrated by Christians, we find respite from the rush and bustle of the commercial world. The four Sundays of Advent follow the trajectory of Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love. We give thanks for the recurring reminder that God has not abandoned us but is reborn in our hearts and in our world each Christmas.



All are invited to remain after worship to help in the transformation of the Great Room with the traditional greens and other symbols of Christmas.

Plan to pick up a copy of Our Greatest Gift: A Wonderful Life in Christ at church. "Rediscover the joy and blessings of daily life with this devotional booklet centered around the beloved film, Its a Wonderful Life. Rooted in God's Word, each daily Advent devotion includes a scripture passage and reflection richly interwoven with scenes from the classic movie, along with a brief prayer." If you can't pick up your copy at church, request to have one mailed to you.

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## TODAY AT CPC

**Sunday, November 14 Armistice Remembrance, Stewardship Sunday**  
 9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)  
 11:00 am Ringing of the bell

## THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, November 15  
 Office Closed

Tuesday, November 16

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due  
 12:00 pm Conference Call \*  
 5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee  
 6:30 pm Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday, November 17

6:30 am Prayer Group  
 6:15 pm Jubellation Handbells Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 20

12:00 pm Newsletter Articles Due

## Sunday, November 21 PW Thank Offering

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

**Online Worship:** Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am  
**PW Bible Study:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10 am  
<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>  
 +1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

\* **Tuesday's Conference Call**

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>  
 +1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#



Judy Leal  
 Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,  
 especially daughter Jenny  
 Connie Holst  
 MariLynn Johnson  
 Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa  
 Glenna Muir's sister, Annie  
 Sage and Jennifer Hall  
 Sue Chipman's friends, France and Borg  
 Ron Murray and family

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 email [office@pcrochester.org](mailto:office@pcrochester.org).  
 For emergency pastoral care,  
 call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.***

Pastor	Rev. Jan Wiersma
Choir Director	Meg Cain
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

### Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Bruce Felger
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard