

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

**February 5, 2023**

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, \* indicates please stand, if able. Bathrooms are located down the hall, around the corner to the left. A family bathroom is located in the hallway on the right hand side (next to the Kidz Klub).



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let your light shine!

**We are the salt of the earth.**

Let your light shine!

**We are the light of the world.**

Let your light shine!

**Praise God for gifts given to share.**

Let your light shine!

OPENING HYMN GTG 314 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness *verses 1, 2, 5*



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

CALL OF CONFESSION

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point.  
We try to live lives that are generous and kind,  
then take delight in our own goodness,  
forgetting that you are the source of all good.  
Teach us to walk in your way,  
to see something of you in all those we meet,  
to discover your Light in the world, calling us to you.**  
*Silence for reflection*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Those who trust in God 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. **Amen**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER OF 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 Lord. **Amen**

### SCRIPTURE READING     Isaiah 58:6-9a

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 112:1-9

Happy are those who fear the Righteous One,  
who greatly delight in God's commandments.

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.

**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**They will never be shaken, but will be remembered forever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, secure in the Beloved One.

**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;  
in the end they will triumph over their fears.**

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

**their righteousness endures forever;  
they are honored among the people.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Gloria in Excelsis*

CPC Choir

Antonio Vivaldi, ed. and trans. by Clayton Westermann

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon on the Mount

*Still on the mountain, Jesus continued speaking to the disciples who had gathered to hear him:*

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and

teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Word of God, Word of Life.   **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                                      Global Volunteers in Poland: Ronda Marshall and Ivy Pillers

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 700      I’m Gonna Live so God Can Use Me                      vs. 1-3

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
(an - y - time!) I'm gon-na  
I'm gon-na  
I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
pray so (pray so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
(my Lord,) an - y - time! (an - y - time!)

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JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
God, our Savior,  
**hear our prayer.**



## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**It is a good and joyful thing to praise the living God.**

In the beginning you said, "Let there be light."

**Through your Word all things were created, and in them was the light of life.**

In the light of the rainbow you made a covenant with all Creation.

**In the pillar of fire you led us and all people out of slavery to freedom.**

With the light of your Word you have guided us through law and prophets,

**and in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, the light of the world.**

**Therefore with all who have been set free, all who shine with your light,  
we sing your praise.**

SANCTUS GTG 128

*Polish traditional tune*

**Holy, holy, holy, holy/ God of power, God of might.**

**How your glory fills the heavens/ how the earth shines with your light.**

**Sing hosanna, in the highest, all in heaven and earth the same.**

**Blest is he who comes to us in the great Creator's name.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us,  
that we may be for the world the Body of Christ,  
redeemed by your grace, shining with your light,  
for the sake of the wholeness of the world.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION/BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

# THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.  
Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup  
until all are served so that we might partake together.*

## HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION GTG 699

## Fill My Cup

### Refrain



Fill my cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my  
cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my cup; let it  
o - ver - flow; let it o - ver - flow with love. *Fine*  
1 Lord, let me be your in - stru - ment, spread - ing  
2 It's my de - sire to live for you and to  
sun - shine in the land; let peo - ple see your  
al - ways walk up - right; give me the strength to  
to Refrain  
works in me; help me live the best I can.  
face each day; stay with me through each dark night.



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION


Gracious God, we thank you for the mystery that you give yourself to us. You have filled us with your light. Send us into the world to shine with your love and mercy, to do justice, to embody your Word, in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen.

### SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 694

Great God of Every Blessing


*vs. 1 and 3*



1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

## BLESSING AND CHARGE

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
The grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Beloved forever.  
As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls us this day:  
Follow me. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## Ash Wednesday

Lent opens with a traditional Ash Wednesday Service, February 22 at 7 pm.

Seeking: *Is this the fast that I choose?*

What are you seeking? What is your body, or your mind, or your soul seeking? Where does your seeking overlap with God's seeking? What areas of your life are discordant with what God seeks? God's words to the prophet in Isaiah 58:2 could also be translated as, "Day by day they are inquiring knowledge of me and delighting in my ways." What would it look like for this to be your Lenten quest?

*Why not show up for this thoughtful service, gateway to a season of seeking?*



**seeking:**  
honest questions  
for deeper faith



### Book Discussion Group, Sunday, February 26 after worship

The group will read and discuss *First They Killed My Father: A daughter of Cambodia remembers*, by Loung Ung. "From a childhood survivor of Cambodia's brutal Pol Pot regime comes an unforgettable narrative of war crimes and desperate actions, the unnerving strength of a small girl and her family, and their triumph of spirit."

Books will be available from Carol Jones, through the Rochester Public Library "Book Group in a Bag."

### Church Staff

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

Guest Speakers	Ronda Marshall and Ivy Pillers
Guest Presider	Rev. Tom Gerarden
Liturgist	Peggy McCarty
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

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## Sunday, February 5

**9:30 am**    **Worship with Communion**  
**Onsite and Online**

2:30 pm    Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

## Monday, February 6

6:00 pm    Building Usage: Med City Tai Chi

## Tuesday, February 7

12:00 pm    Bulletin Information Due

12:00 pm    Conference Call \*

6:30 pm    Christian Education Committee

7:00 pm    Building Use: Mission Aid Network

## Wednesday, February 8

6:30 am    Prayer Group at Church of Christ

7:00 pm    CPC Choir

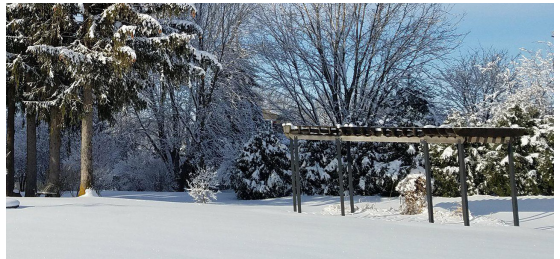
## Thursday, February 9

5:30 pm    Building Use: Labranza de Dios

## Sunday, February 12

**9:30 am**    **Worship - Onsite and Online**

2:30 pm    Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal  
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,  
especially daughter Jenny

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa

Shannon Cisewski

Judy Robb's brother, Dan

Ron Murray

Dick and Nancy Massaro

### Online Worship:

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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

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

### \* Tuesday's Conference Call

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*To be added to the prayer list,  
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