

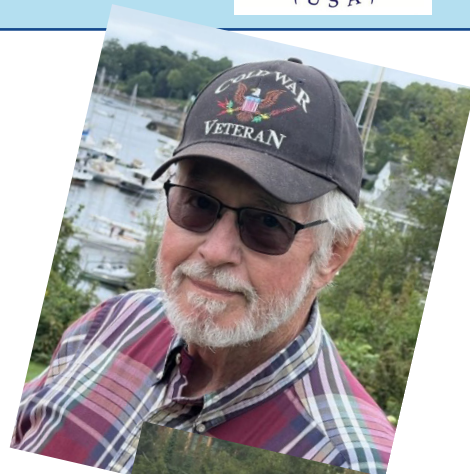
Community Press

A PUBLICATION OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROCHESTER, MN



Blessed to be a Blessing!

CPC would like to announce a significant unrestricted gift to our church from our beloved members of our congregation, Ron and Penny Murray. Ron and Penny were dedicated members of our church for many years. We miss both of them more than words can say. CPC will honor their gift by sharing it with others. Continuing our tradition of tithing (10%) of gifts to CPC, we chose to make a difference in the lives of many people who are in need of food as well as other support in donating to The Landing. We believe that Ron and Penny would approve of our selection. Session appointed a committee to select the charity. Members of the committee are Aaron Simms, Mark Neville, Ivy Pillers and Mary Alice Richardson.



CPC Gift to The Landing MN Will Expand Meal Program

The Landing MN is a nonprofit organization in Rochester that provides shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. In addition to showers, meals, and laundry, they also have a medical clinic and social workers on site. The Landing MN serves breakfast and lunch “cafe style” through donated non-perishable food items with a hot in-house prepared dinner each night. The Landing MN has sought to expand their meal offering by including a hot breakfast. However, the demand for their meals has increased in the past year from an average of 40-50 a night to a new average high of 100 a night. This increase has made it impossible to expand the breakfast program due to the lack of a commercial grade dishwasher.

On February 28th, Community Presbyterian Church provided a \$20,000 gift to The Landing MN which will be used to purchase and install a commercial grade dishwasher. Once installed, The Landing MN will be able to expand their offerings to include serving a hot breakfast. Any remaining funds will be used to purchase other items needed for this program. The Landing MN Co-Founders Dan and Holly Fifield, and Development Director Jamie Bingner, will visit the CPC worship service on Sunday, April 27th to express their appreciation and talk about their mission and the clients they serve.

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APRIL 2025

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Session

The Session is the governing board of the church. It consists of six ruling elders, elected for two years. Much of the business of the church is conducted through committees. Each ruling elder chairs one of the committees. The Pastor, who is a teaching elder and moderator of Session, is an ex-officio member of every committee.

<u>Class of 2025</u>	Sue Chipman Aaron Simms	Christian Education Finance and Stewardship Worship and Music
<u>Class of 2026</u>	Amanda Ross Sherrie Wilson Lyal Powell	Personnel and Nominating Mission Building and Grounds
<u>Officers:</u>	Dave Copeland Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary Treasurer

2025 Nominating Committee

Mary Meyer, Dave Copeland, Jane Burgstaler, Mary Alice Richardson
Peggy McCarty (Deacons)

Deacons

The Board of Deacons is responsible for ministering to all those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to all those who may be in distress. Deacons provide meals and transportation, among other requested needs. They maintain the Prayer Chain. Deacons are elected in classes of two and serve a three year term.

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Louis Bouchard Mary Meyer	Peggy McCarty Margaret Petersen	Carole Kinion-Copeland Dave Copeland

Staff

Pastor/Head of Staff
Pianist
Music Director
Custodian
Office Manager

Jennifer Taylor
Nancy Sanford
Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

On Sunday, April 27, Holly Fifield from The Landing in downtown Rochester will be our special guest and speaker. Holly is the Vice-Chair and Co-Founder of The Landing.

From Holly: “In 2018, Dan Fifield was working as a nurse in the Emergency Department. He was assigned to care for a young family of five that were experiencing homelessness and living in a compact car with their dog and cat. It was just after the first cold snap of the year and their young daughter had kicked off her boots and had frost-bitten toes. Attempting to help, Dan made a few phone calls to local organizations. Unfortunately, this was falsely reported to the administration as providing his personal contact information and Dan was subsequently suspended without pay pending formal investigation and possible termination.

The following days were full of worry, sadness, disbelief, and many prayers. Amongst the prayers, Dan prayed, “God, whatever you want me to do...I’m in! Just please make it clear to me, because this doesn’t make any sense!”

At that moment, the stress melted away; he knew what he was being called to do.

When his wife and co-founder of The Landing MN, Holly, entered the room, she found Dan with tears streaming down his face and fiercely at work on his laptop. “I know what we’re supposed to do,” he said. Dan then turned the laptop around to show “The Landing” typed on the screen.

“We’re supposed to care for those experiencing homelessness.”

Her response? “Okay.” After all, who was she to argue with a calling from God?

God was and continues to be faithful in providing for the work that needs to be done through The Landing MN. He opens doors where they need to open and closes them where they need to close. He has blessed this organization with a community that has rallied around this cause and helps to provide services, products, and ongoing financial support so the programming of The Landing MN can continue and expand.

Dan and Holly are incredibly thankful for the privilege of serving those in need. They continue to pray for guidance and follow God’s lead - who knows what He has in store!”

Don’t miss meeting Holly on April 27th! “We look forward to visiting with you on April 27th and sharing some updates and dreams for the future.”



BIRTHDAY WISHES

April

- 1 Brandon Henderson
- 3 Cal Ward
- 7 Gene Kopecky
- 11 Bruce Felger
- 13 Audrey Crawshaw

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April

- 11 Lyal and Joanne Powell
- 20 Jennifer and Frank Hall

Sing in the SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Music News

I am organizing a 'walk-in' choir for the summer months. No experience necessary. Here is your opportunity to sing with the choir with no rehearsals. You just walk-in and join us on one Sunday each month. The dates are: June 15, July 27, and August 17. The music will be easy and singable so don't fret. You can do it. All you have to do is walk-in and join the choir. I will see you then.

-Jennifer, Music Director



Although, we would be happy to have people stay for coffee fellowship every week, we especially invite everyone to plan to stay after worship on Sunday, April 27, when Holly Fifield from The Landing will be joining us for the morning!

Sign up for hosting coffee fellowship in the narthex (the same clipboard as the liturgists).



Spring Fling will be Sunday, May 4th after worship. Plan to spend part of the day at CPC doing cleanup and repair projects around the church! Many hands make light work! After the work is done, stay for a bite to eat!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

One Great Hour of Sharing donations will be collected at CPC on April 13 and April 20.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent, each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

We are there

Matthew 25 teaches us that, in every time and season the Church finds itself and its Savior through relationships with those in need.

MARCH 5 - APRIL 20, 2025

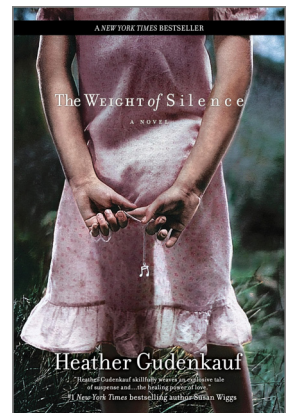


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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The book discussion group is reading *The Weight of Silence* by Heather Gudenkauf. The date for the discussion is "to be determined" so as to not conflict with Easter. Watch the bulletin for the date!

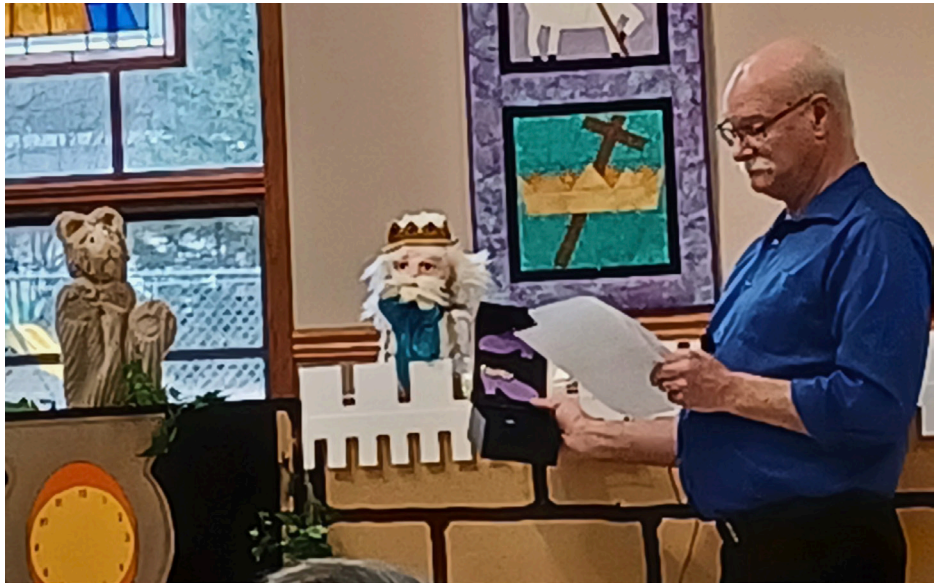
From the Rochester Public Library website: "When two little girls disappear in the night, the truth about what happened lies in the words they cannot speak. As dawn's shimmering light drenches the humid Iowa air, two families wake to find their little girls have gone missing. There's seven-year-old Calli Clark, a sweet, gentle dreamer who suffers from selective mutism brought on by a tragedy that pulled her deep into silence as a toddler, and Petra Gregory, Calli's best friend, her soul mate and her voice. Desperate to find their children, Calli's mother, Antonia, and Petra's father, Martin, are forced to confront dark truths about the role each of them may have inadvertently played in the girls' disappearance.. . Will they find their daughters before it's too late?"--Page 4 of cover.

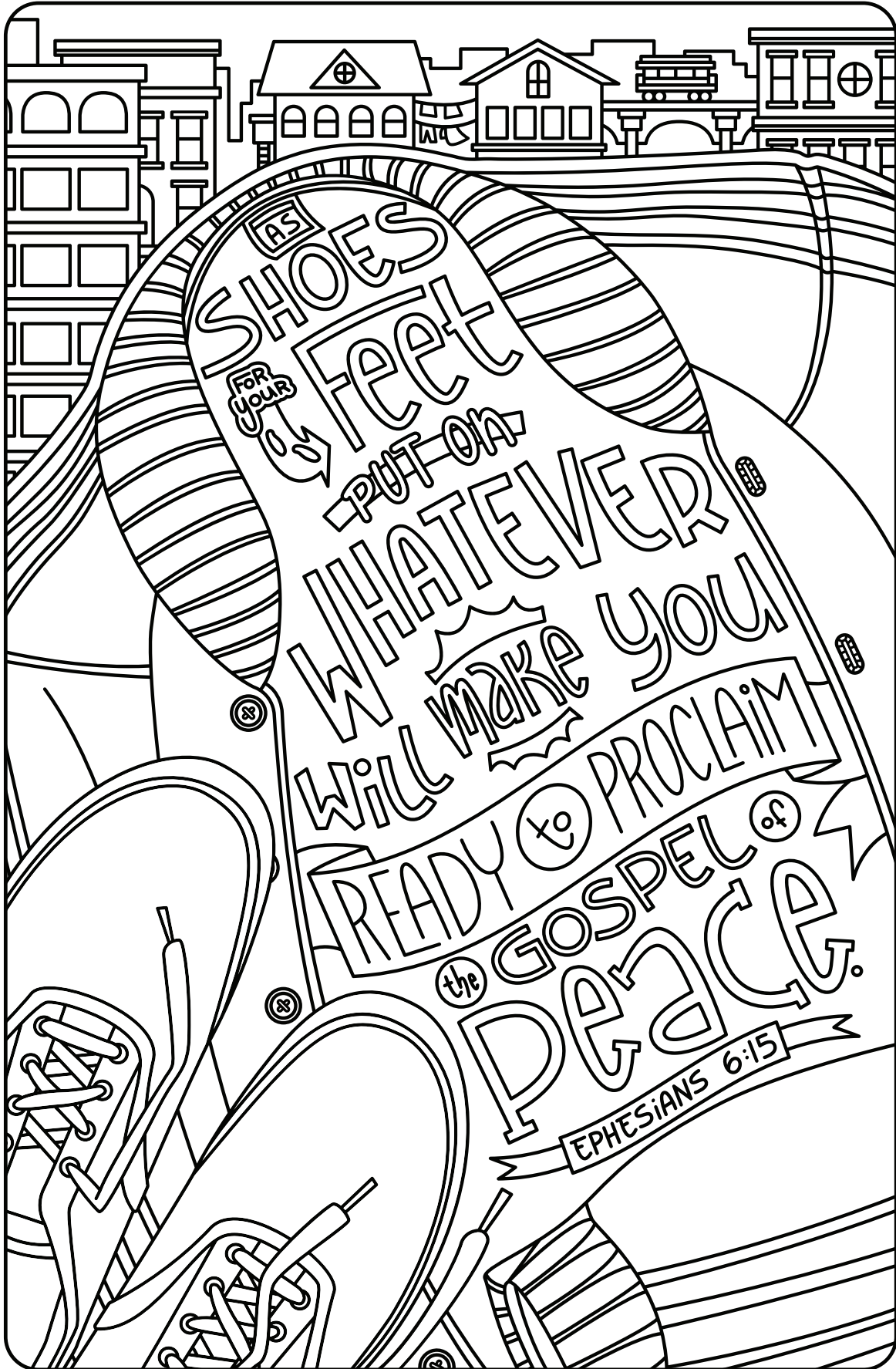


MR. ROGERS SUNDAY WAS A HIT!



On Sunday, March 23rd, CPC of Rochester and CPC of Plainview shared in worship and a meal, celebrating Mr. Roger's birthday! Special thanks to Carole Kinion Copeland for making the puppets and the set! Thank you to Ivy Pillers for writing the puppet show and planning and organizing the day!





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



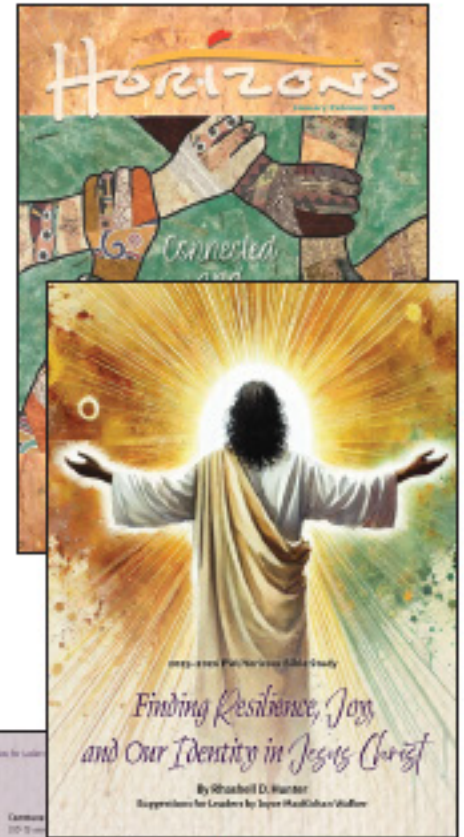
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APRIL

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_Assault_Awareness_Month
- Ecumenical Advocacy Days; advocacydays.org
- 02 PW Together in Action Days for Children's Literacy; presbyterian-women.org/justice
- 07 World Health Day; who.int/campaigns/world-health-day
- 08 International Romani Day; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day
- 22 Earth Day; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday
- 24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/churchcalendar/armenian-genocide
- 30 Denim Day; denim-dayinfo.org

Horizons Bible Study and Magazine

Subscribe (renew or give a gift subscription) to *Horizons* magazine by June 1, 2025, and receive this year's PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by Rhashell D. Hunter. A modest price increase takes effect with this study—a first since 2017. With the Bible study priced at \$14, it makes even more sense to subscribe to *Horizons*; you'll receive five issues of the magazine plus the Bible study for just \$24.95! Visit presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe or call 866/802-3635.



Central Passage
This passage is an interesting presentation of how Mary Magdalene's relationship with Jesus is depicted in the Bible. It shows her as a devoted follower who has been with Jesus since he was in Galilee.

Scripture
John 11:1-17

Passages
This Bible is recognized for its teaching about Mary Magdalene, a woman who was a devoted follower of Jesus.

Summary
Mary Magdalene is a significant figure in the Bible. She was one of Jesus' closest followers and was present at his trial, death, and resurrection. She is often referred to as the "Apostle to the Apostles" because she was the first person to see the risen Jesus and report his resurrection to the other disciples.

Prayer
Lord, give us the grace to follow Jesus with a heart of devotion and faith. Help us to be like Mary Magdalene, who was a devoted follower of Jesus and who was the first to see the risen Jesus. Amen.

 **PW
Newsbytes**
News you can use from Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women newsletter is available online!

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-March-PW-Newsbytes-with-fliers-FA.pdf>



Lace Up for The Landing MN's First 5K Run & 1-Mile Walk!

Get ready to run (or walk) for a cause! We're thrilled to announce The Landing MN's first-ever fun run. This fundraising event will support our mission of providing a soft place to land for Rochester community members experiencing homelessness.

Please, save the date and join us for a morning of movement and impact. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a fun way to support The Landing MN, this event is for you!

Event Date: July 26, 2025

Location: Little Thistle

Start Time: 9 am

Registration is open now! Early Bird Pricing ends on May 1st —be sure to secure your spot now! Every step you take helps us continue offering essential services, support, and hope to those in need.

Stay tuned for more details, and get ready to hit the pavement for a purpose!

More information or to register, go to <https://www.thelandingmn.org/lace-up-for-hope-5k>



COMING IN MAY...



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Community Presbyterian Church

When: May 6, 2025

If you are interested, the CPC office has a couple of free screenings, just call or email the office for the coupon!

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.

Trusted by over 10 million customers.

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend:

Anyone over the age of 40

Special Member Pricing for \$159

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Plus a **FREE** Hypertension Screening

4 ways to book your appointment...

Call 888-814-0466 and use promo code HSCA001

Visit  [LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA](https://llsa.social/hscapromo)



Text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

Community Presbyterian's Calendar

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship</p> <p>2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due</p> <p>7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC</p> <p>6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion</p> <p>2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30am PW Bible Study</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due</p> <p>7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC</p> <p>6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30pm Great Room/ Library Use: SE MN ASD Social Group</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:30am Onsite and Online Worship</p> <p>10:30am Nominating Committee Meeting</p> <p>2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due</p> <p>5:30pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC</p> <p>6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Onsite and Online</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship</p> <p>12:00pm Newsletter articles due</p> <p>2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Easter Monday - Office Closed</p> <p>9:30am Mission Prayer Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30am PW Bible Study</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due</p> <p>6:30pm Session Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC</p> <p>6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Special Guest: The Landing</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship</p> <p>2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due</p> <p>7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC</p> <p>6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>

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Let us pray ~

God, you call us to organize ourselves
to ensure that everyone
has the tools they need
to flourish.

Thank you for the gift of the Church
where we can do our part
to ensure that justice,
love and peace
are known by all.

By your Spirit,
may we be moved to action
in new ways.

Amen.

Calendar items:

April 13 - Palm Sunday, worship at 9:30 am
April 17 - Maundy Thursday worship- 7 pm
April 20 - Easter Sunday worship at 9:30 am

**CPC worships at 9:30 each Sunday
Both onsite and online!**

Online Worship, Sundays 9:30 am
<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>
+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

**Bulletins for worship can be found
on the homepage of our website.**
www.cpcrochester.org

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