

Community Press

A PUBLICATION OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROCHESTER, MN



The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 25, following worship. It is a great time to look back at the year that's been and to look forward to exciting opportunities in the future! We will remember members that have passed on and we will thank leadership for a job well done.

All members and friends are welcome and invited to attend!



Items for the Annual Report are due on Sunday, January 11th, but the are welcome anytime before that. If you have 2025 pictures that you would like to be considered for the collage on the report cover, please email them to the office.

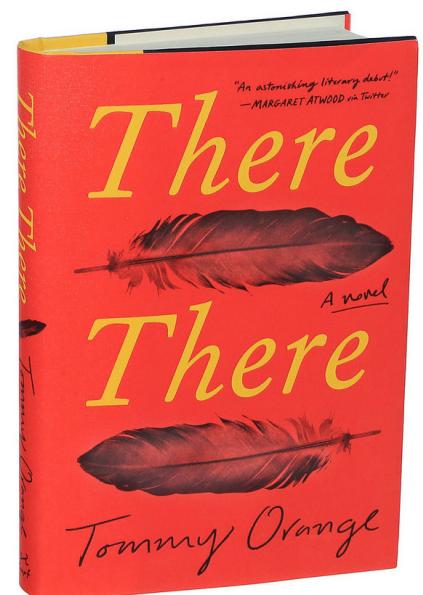


BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



In January, the Book Discussion Group will read Tommy Orange's acclaimed debut novel, *There, There*, about urban Native American lives converging at a powwow in Oakland, exploring identity, history, and trauma through 12 interconnected characters, a story blending fiction and factual Indigenous history, earning praise for its unique perspective and poignant portrayal of modern Native American experiences.

The group will meet on Sunday, January 18th, following worship.



JANUARY 2026

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 2026</u>	Amanda Ross Lyal Powell tbd	Personnel and Nominating Building and Grounds Christian Education
<u>Class of 2027</u>	Ronda Marshall Mary Alice Richardson Dave Copeland	Finance and Stewardship Mission Worship and Music
<u>Officers:</u>	Peggy McCarty Mark Pillers Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary Treasurer

2026 Nominating Committee

Mary Meyer, Jane Burgstaler, 2 open spots

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.

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Peggy McCarty	Carole Kinion-Copeland
Margaret Petersen	Mary Meyer Stacy Kopecky

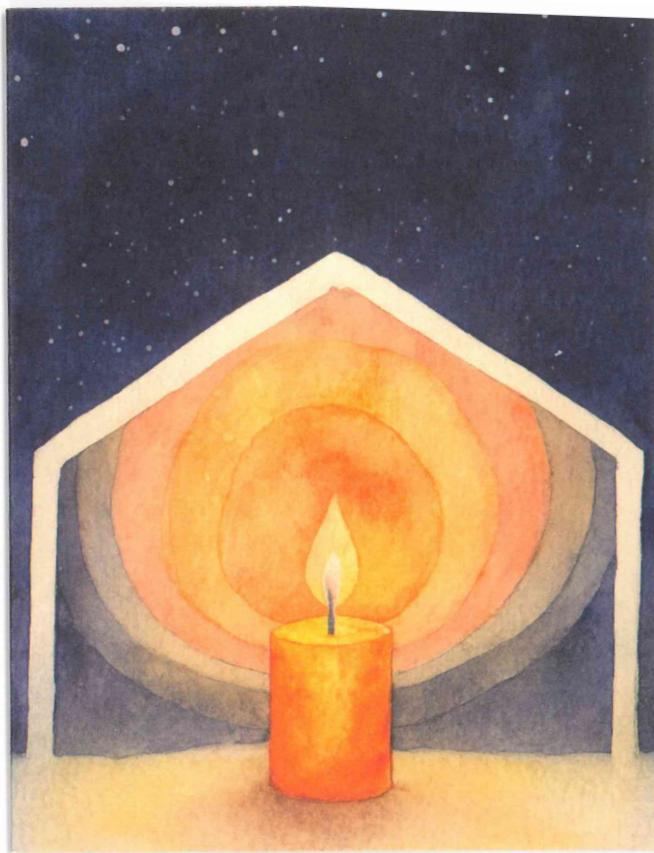
Staff

Pastor/Head of Staff	Dr. Tianyao Xie
Pianist	Jennifer Taylor
Music Director	Nancy Sanford
Custodian	Stephanie Pasch
Office Manager	

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: THE LANDING



This year at The Landing MN, one word has guided our work:

tenacity.

It's the quiet determination that keeps the flame of hope burning, even on the coldest days.

Your generosity and belief in our mission have been that light for so many. Because of you, our guests continue to find warmth, connection, and the courage to keep going.

Thank you for standing with us, believing in what's possible, and helping us shine hope into every corner of our community.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a bright year ahead!

Alex Hurlebaus, Executive Director

AROUND CPC

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthdays are listed in the print edition of the newsletter! Pick one up at church!

2026 Holidays Church office will be closed

January 1	New Year's
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 16	President's Day
April 6	Easter Monday
May 25	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 7	Labor Day
November 26	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas

Thank you so much for the generous gift you gave! I will enjoy the chocolate with my family... and spend the gift at the quilt shop! Thank you so much for always making me feel appreciated! - Stephanie

Thank you

CHANGES TO PCUSA SPECIAL OFFERINGS



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

226th General Assembly Approves New Churchwide Special Offerings

Dear friends of the churchwide Special Offerings,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! The 226th General Assembly (2024) approved several changes to the churchwide Special Offerings to take effect January 1, 2026. These changes were recommended by the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board through the Special Offerings Review Task Force. Thanks to members of the Task Force for their creative work.

The biggest change you will note is a new lineup of offerings:

- One Great Hour of Sharing
- World Communion Offering
- Christmas Joy Offering

That means:

1. The Pentecost Offering will be discontinued after the 2025 Offering. However, all current recipient causes will continue to be funded through the churchwide Special Offerings. Specifically, ministries focused on children-at-risk, youth, and young adults will now be part of the Christmas Joy Offering.
2. The Peace & Global Witness Offering will transform into the World Communion Offering beginning in 2026. Through 2025, congregations and mid councils are invited to retain a percentage of gifts from their Pentecost and Peace & Global Witness Offerings. In 2026, there will be a new grant-making program to support local and regional ministries. Your congregation or mid council will be able to apply for a grant for your own ministries that align with the causes supported through this new Offering. PMA staff are already working to create an accessible grant process that centers equity, creativity, and flexibility.
3. Overall, causes, rather than programs will receive funds as determined by leadership of the future unified agency. This does not mean currently funded programs will no longer receive funding. Broadening the scope of funding areas will invite more congregations, mid councils, and individuals to support the churchwide Special Offerings while discovering new ways to do God's work in the world.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS CONT.

Over the next year, we will be redefining the Special Offerings experience to encompass this new direction. Be on the lookout for occasional updates on this process while continuing to receive resources, communication, and opportunities for the current schedule of Offerings.

I'm excited that the Holy Spirit led this General Assembly to approve these recommendations. They will bring a renewed spirit of gratitude, compassion, connection and justice-centered giving. It is my prayer that God use these gifts to help us know that We Are the Church...Together!

Please reach out to me or anyone on my team with any questions, comments, or just for further conversation. We look forward to speaking with you!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Wilson Kennedy
Associate Director for Special Offerings and Appeals



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

PW HORIZONS

New Horizons Publishing Schedule

Beginning in 2026, *Horizons* magazine will be published four times a year. While that's a change, the content of the magazines will continue to celebrate and embody the PW Purpose, highlighting ways PW individuals and groups build inclusive communities, do mission and advocacy, grow together in faith and keep PW vital through their creativity, generosity and discipleship. Based on when particular resources are needed, the new schedule reflects PW and church life seasons.



(delivering first week of March)

- Birthday Offering
- previous year's index
- Installation Service
- Bible study resources 8 and 9



Summer

(delivering first week of June)

- Bible study resources 1 and 2
- (begins new study)
- Honorary Life Membership honorees



(delivering first week of September)

- Bible study resources 3, 4 and 5
- Thank Offering



Winter

(delivering first week of December)

- Celebrate the Gifts of Women
- Fellowship of the Least Coin
- Bible study resources 6 and 7

While delivery of printed copies can vary slightly depending on the post office and regional differences, the digital issue of *Horizons* magazine will be available no later than the date in parentheses.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Rochester Symphony Presents... UNDER THE PORCH LIGHTS, with The OK Factor

Historic Chateau Theater

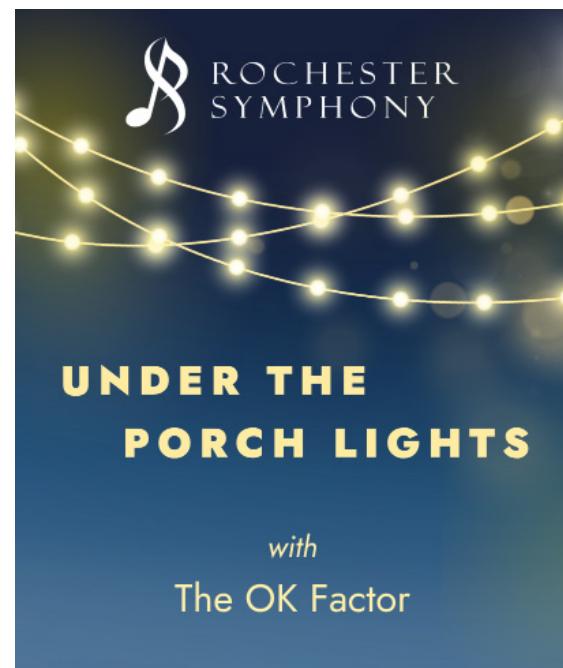
January 17 — 3:00 pm

Historic Chateau Theater

January 17 — 7:30 pm

New-Classical crossover duo, The OK Factor, joins Rochester Symphony for a chamber concert event at the Historic Chateau Theatre. Warm-up with this program reminiscent of a casual summer gathering around the front porch, featuring Copland's classic Appalachian Spring and The OK Factor's original folk-inspired music performed in the glow of candles and twinkling porch lights. Complete the experience with a charcuterie box from Forager Brewery (for pre-order with ticket) who will be on hand at the event with their famous signature brews and cocktails for purchase. Bar opens for social hour one hour before the concert!

For more information, or to buy tickets, visit: <https://rochestersymphony.org/>



A Singing Valentine: Love Through the Ages A benefit for Choral Arts Ensemble

Saturday, February 14, 5:30 pm

Hilton Mayo Clinic Area

Tickets: \$150 each or table of 10 for \$1,500

Celebrate Valentine's Day in style with A Singing Valentine: Love through the Ages, a joyful fund raising gala celebrating timeless expressions of love through song. This one-of-a-kind evening features performances by the Choral Arts choirs as they serenade you with popular love songs from across the decades. From the smooth sounds of jazz and blues to the high-energy rhythms of pop, rock, or R&B — plus a touch of classical elegance — this musical journey captures the many shades of love. All proceeds support our mission: Singing to enrich and inspire our community. Come share the love!

For more information, or to buy tickets, visit: <https://www.choralartsensemble.org/>

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00am Quarterly Deacons Meeting 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	29 Office Closed	30 Office Open 9:00am Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	31 Office Closed 8:00am Prayer Group	1 Office Closed Happy New Year! 5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	2	3
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Presbyterian Church
Our Mission is to be an
open-hearted,
open-minded
Christian community
sharing a ministry of
faith, hope, and love.*

**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**

**Contact the church office: 507-280-9291
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