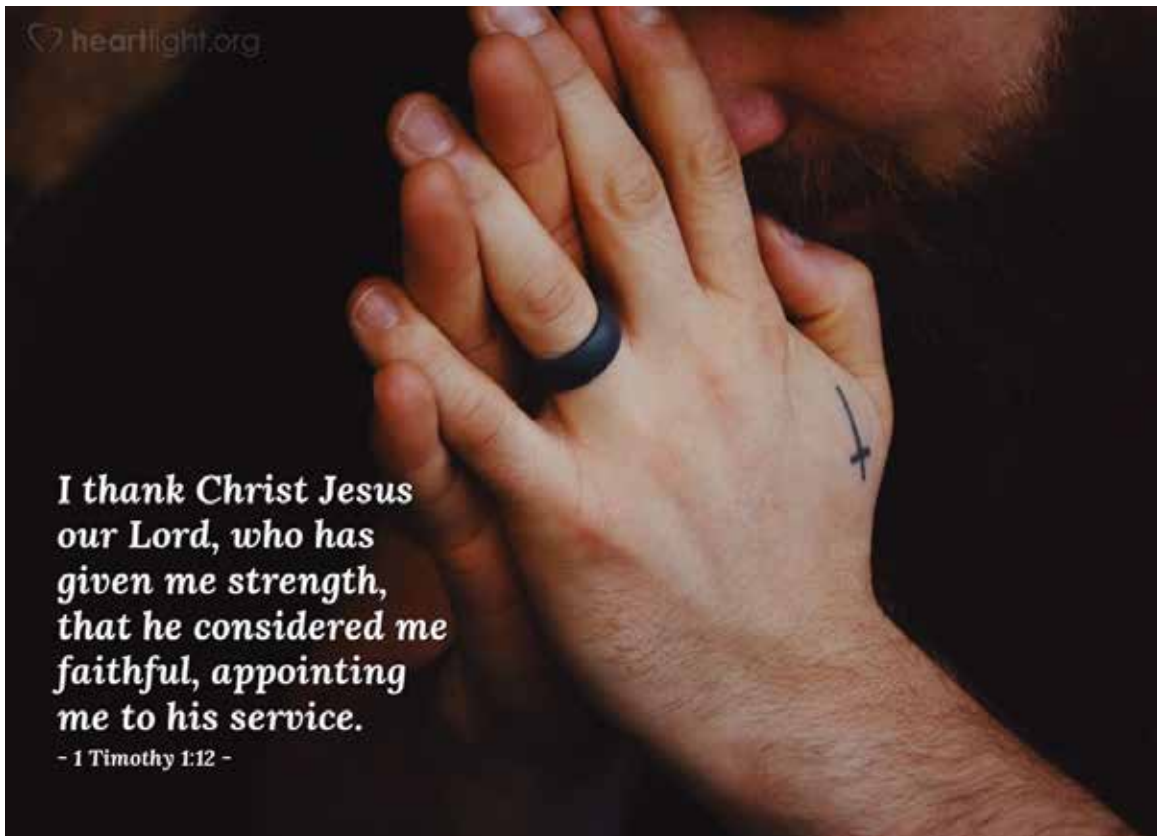


Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



*I thank Christ Jesus
our Lord, who has
given me strength,
that he considered me
faithful, appointing
me to his service.*

- 1 Timothy 1:12 -

September 14, 2025

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Though the strong wind of judgment blows, all is not ended.

God will renew stubborn hearts and soften stiff necks,

for Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them,

so we boldly come to make an offering of worship to the God of mercy,
who seeks and saves the lost.

Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

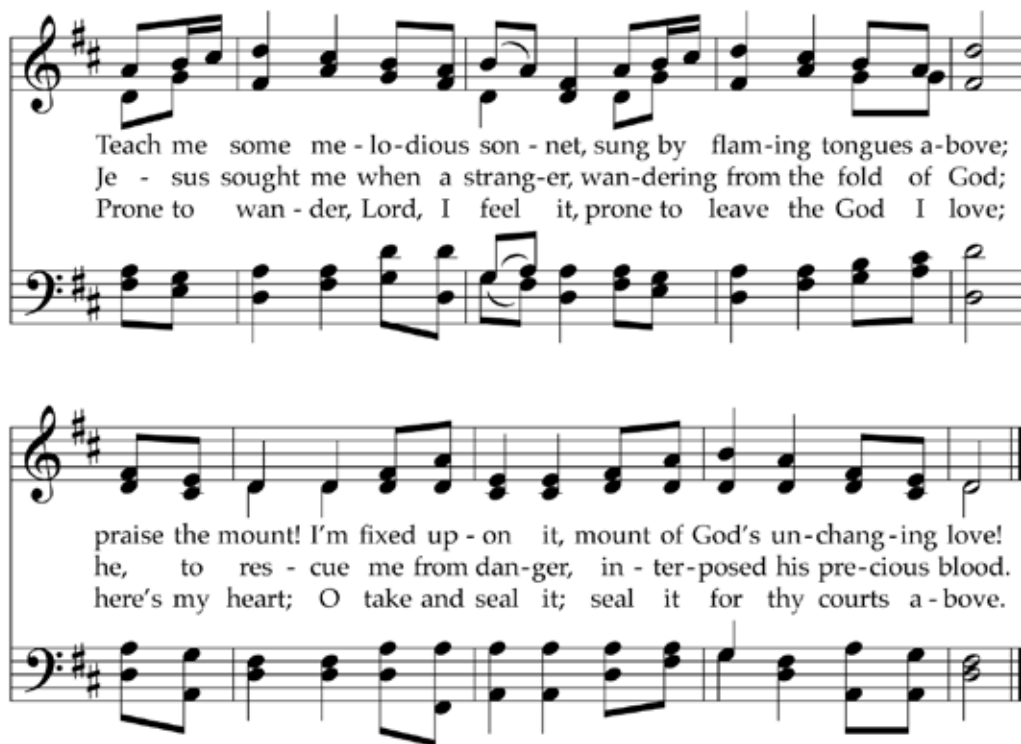
God of grace and mercy, we thank you for disregarding our foolishness and teaching us your holy wisdom. Instill in us the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus, who rejoices whenever what was lost is found. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je-sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
 praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.
 Let the sound of our confession cause celebration in heaven.

**Create in us clean hearts, O God,
 cast out any transgression you find there—
 ransack, renovate, redecorate!
 Deep in our hearts,
 remove fearful features
 and restore your original design.
 The old lamps are dim;
 bring new light into the darkness.
 Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts,
 and teach us wisdom,
 so the hearts you transform may rejoice.**

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners. Believe the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are redeemed.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1–10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

These words are trustworthy and true. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 51:1–10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Traumerei* (Dreaming) from Scenes from Childhood
composed by Robert Schumann

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Timothy 1:12–17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON *Sermon from Rev. Doug Walters* Read by Mark Neville

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

An offering plate is placed near the door to the church to receive your offerings and is available before, during the hymn of the day and shortly following the service.

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 442 Just As I Am

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken
 blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,
 come to thee,
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
 I be - lieve,
 thine a - lone,

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives— giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the power of God to deliver us,
 let us make our prayers of intercession for all,
 saying: God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . .

Make us good shepherds for your sheep and good stewards of your gifts,
 so that the lost may be found in you.

God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . .
Look with mercy upon ruined lands,
fields of desolation, cities of rubble.
Restore the glory of your good creation.
God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . .
Strengthen us to serve you in this place,
sharing the good news of your saving love
with our friends, neighbors, and strangers.
God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . .
According to your steadfast love
have mercy on those who are suffering.
Let them know joy and gladness again.
God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful and mighty God, as you are one,
make us one with you through Jesus Christ,
whom you have sent to redeem us,
and in whose holy name we pray. **Amen.**

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**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 649 Amazing Grace
**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The Lord bless and keep your going out
and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore. **Alleluia!**

Psalm 121:8

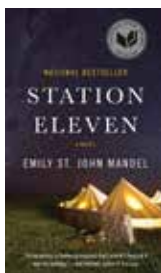
Proclaim the message, be persistent in prayer,
do the work of the gospel, and carry out the ministry
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2 Timothy 4:2, 5; Luke 18:1

POSTLUDE

Today we welcome Dr. Tianyao Xie to our piano bench and to our service. Dr. Tianyao Xie is a pianist with D.M.A and M.M degree in piano performance from Boston University. She currently works as a concert pianist, private piano teacher and the VP of Rochester Area Music Teachers Association. She also served as the church pianist/organist at St. Paul Lutheran Church at Pine Island a few years ago.

The Book Group will resume on Sunday, September 21. They will read *Station Eleven* by Mandel, Emily St.



John. For more information, check out the September Newsletter. Join in reading this interesting book!

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The PW Bible Study for 2025-2026 will begin on Tuesday, September 23 at 9:30 am. PW will meet every other week for 5 times this fall, and then do the remainder of the study in the spring.

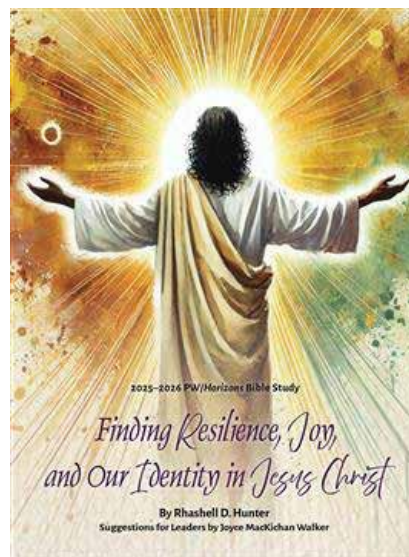
From the PW Blog: <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/2025/06/25/finding-resilience-lesson-one/>

Lesson One: Mary Magdalene, the Tower

Scripture: John 20:11-18, John 11:17-27

Was Erasing Mary in John Intentional?

Did the scribe who altered and thus erased Mary the Tower's name in John 11 do so by mistake or was it intentional? If it was on purpose, were the scribal erasers intended to diminish Mary's authority?...



The PW Bible study explores recent women's biblical scholarship and highlights models of resilience, joy and our identity in Jesus Christ. Mary, the Tower is a model of resilience. While some have diminished Mary, she was known as a witness to Christ and a tower of faith whom we should pay attention to, as she leads us to "the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

By Rev Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter

Author of the 2025-2026 PW/Horizons Bible study,

Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ.



The Landing MN's
C2 Forum:
Then, Now, Next

Tuesday, September 16 | 6:30-8:00pm
Mount Olive Lutheran Church



ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES + OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

Join The Landing MN for our **C2 Forum: Then, Now, Next** as we hear from founders Dan and Holly Fifield as they share the story of how The Landing MN started, a present day operational update from executive director Alex Hurlebaus, and take the floor during the open forum discussion to end the evening.

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(FINISH TOGETHER AROUND 6:45 PM, PRIZES & ANNOUNCEMENTS TO FOLLOW!)

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- Open to runners, walkers, strollers, bicycles, rollerblades, and leashed dogs.
 - Enjoy post-run snacks and be entered to win great prizes!

Why Join?

- Support a local nonprofit making a difference in our community.
 - Be part of Rochester's Monday night tradition.
- Connect with others who believe in moving for a cause.

How it works:

1. Arrive between 5:30–6:10 PM to register (\$5 cash).
2. Start anytime between 5:45–6:10 PM
3. Return by 6:45 PM for snacks, announcements, and prizes!

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Sunday, September 14

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Monday, September 15

9:30 am Mission Prayer Group

6:00 pm Great Room Use: Med City Tai Chi

Tuesday, September 16

7:00 pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Net.

Wednesday, September 17

9:00 am NO Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 18

5:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Saturday, September 20

12:00 pm Newsletter Items Due

Sunday, September 21

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

10:45 am Book Discussion Group

2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughters Jenny & Elissa
Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline
Jennifer Hall and Sage Hall
Amy Ward and family
Sherrie Wilson

Vera Atkinson

Shannon Cisewski

*To be added to the prayer list, please con-
tact the office: 507-280-9291 or via email:
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