

Community Press

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All Saints Sunday, November 2: Lighting Candles for Remembrance

On Sunday November 2nd, we will remember those dear to us who have passed from this life. The worship service, including communion, will reflect our deep gratitude for God's promise of the resurrection and the eternal life that is ours in Christ. All, who wish to do so, may bring a memorial candle to be placed on a central table and lit from the Christ candle prior to the worship service. We will have a chance to share the names of those specially remembered in this way.



Thank Offering 2025

On Sunday, November 23rd, we will celebrate PW's Thank Offering. We will have John Stoesz as our speaker. John spent 30+ years working in leadership roles for faith-based justice and peace organizations. These include the Dallas Peace Center, Greater Dallas Community of Churches, Metropolitan Christian Council of Philadelphia, and Mennonite Central Committee Central States. He now devotes his time to two passions: riding his recumbent tricycle and Indigenous justice. He continues to spend significant time on awareness raising, fundraising and organizing among white Minnesptans for Dakota land return.

Don't miss this interesting speaker. We will also collect the annual Thank Offering remembering our many blessings and the joy and responsibility to share with others!



2025
Thank Offering
of Presbyterian Women



*"Behold,
I am doing
a new thing;
now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?
I will make a way
in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert."*

*Go voy a hacer
algo nuevo*

보라, 내가 새 일을
행하리라

—Isaiah 43:19 (ESV)*

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Give through your PW group or online at presbyterianwomen.org/give. For additional information about the 2025 Thank Offering recipients, see the Summer issue of *Horizons* magazine, or visit presbyterianwomen.org/thank.



NOVEMBER 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

Dr. Tianyao Xie
Jennifer Taylor
Nancy Sanford
Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

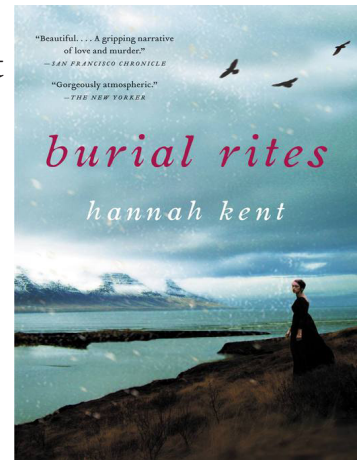
The book discussion group will meet to discuss *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent on November 16 after worship.

From the Rochester Public Library: "Set against Iceland's stark landscape, Hannah Kent brings to vivid

life the story of Agnes, who, charged with the brutal murder of her former master, is sent to an isolated farm to await execution. Horrified at the prospect of housing a convicted murderer, the family at first avoids Agnes. Only Tóti, a priest Agnes has mysteriously chosen to be her spiritual guardian, seeks to understand her. But as Agnes's death looms, the farmer's wife and their daughters learn there is another side to the sensational story they've heard. Riveting and rich with lyricism, *Burial Rites* evokes a dramatic existence in a distant time and place, and asks the question, how can one woman hope to endure when her life depends upon the stories told by others?"

Read the book and join in the discussion on the 16th!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthdays are listed in the print edition of our newsletter.

Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 2nd, following worship! We will be voting on the slate of officers for 2026!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

• Working for Justice and Peace •

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN J&P CALENDAR

J&P Calendar for November 2025

Native American Heritage Month; archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month or nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov

03–09 Children's Book Week 2; everychildareader.net/cbw

08–16 National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week;

presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger

13 World Kindness Day; randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day

20 Universal Children's Day; un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day

20 Transgender Day of Remembrance; glaad.org/tdor

25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women;

un.org/en/observances/ending-violence-against-women-day

25–D10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence;

unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism

27 Thanksgiving; americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving_poster.pdf

The PW Bible Study will meet on November 3 at 9:30, then not again until April!

WORSHIP AND EVENTS

How about an outing with your CPC church family to Mankato, Minnesota?!

“This celebration of holiday lights for the Greater Mankato area and region builds on past traditions and promotes the communities we serve, while raising non-perishable food donations for those in need. Admission is free for everyone. Non-perishable food and cash donations are accepted and appreciated.”



PRESENTED BY MFC AND CHS

Check your schedules to be ready to respond to the survey to pick out a date! We'll also need some drivers for this fun adventure!

Tentatively, we will plan to gather at 4 pm at CPC to carpool. You can either bring a sack dinner to eat in the car or plan to eat at the concession stand in Mankato. The event runs from November 28-December 31 in the evenings. More information about the event can be found here:

<https://www.kiwanisholidaylights.com/>



There will be a Veterans Day Remembrance on Sunday, November 9th at the end of worship. There will be a short reading and a tolling of the bell as we remember Armistice Day as well as all Veterans who have so faithfully served our country.



Greening of the Church will happen after worship on Sunday, November 30, following worship! Many hands make light work! Plan to stay after worship to partake of this annual tradition!

There will be a **Congregational Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 7th**, following worship! Watch for sign ups for bringing food and helping cook!

There will also be a **Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 14th at 2:30 pm** in the green room at Plainview Community Presbyterian Church for the women of both churches. They will be serving a lunch with cookies, social time, and music. Please RSVP to Mark at Plainview CPC, 507-534-2298 by December 3rd!

**Save
the
Date!**



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Community Presbyterian Church
3705 Fairway Place NW
Rochester, MN 55901

When: November 18, 2025



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

Trusted by over 11 million customers.

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

Who should attend: Anyone age of 40+

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- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

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"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.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

The Fifth Annual A Holiday of Hope Gala

Friday, December 5th, 2025

5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Hilton Rochester Mayo Clinic Area

10 East Center St. Rochester, MN 55904

The holidays are all about tradition. One of The Landing's favorite traditions is the annual A Holiday of Hope Gala. All proceeds support the members of our community experiencing homelessness through the programming of The Landing MN. All can look forward to a festive evening of fine dining, live music, dancing, auction items and more!

Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.

Program and dancing to follow.

Dress code is cocktail attire or better.



Please contact holly@thelandingmn.org with any questions.

<https://thelandingmn.betterworld.org/events/fifth-annual-holiday-hope-gala-3>

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SEASON



ROCHESTER
SYMPHONY
CHIA-HSUAN LIN | MUSIC DIRECTOR

NOV 8 | 7:30PM

ECHOES OF THE EARTH

Mayo Civic Center Presentation Hall

featuring

Alexandra Bartoi,

performing Sarasate's *Zigeunerweisen* (Gypsy Airs)

DREAM. EXPLORE. IMAGINE.



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Reformation Sunday 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	27 9:30am Mission Prayer Group 6:00pm Great Room Use: Med City Tai Chi	28 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Session Meeting 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	29 9:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal	30 5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	31	1
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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
or email office@cpcrochester.org**