

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.”

—Isaiah 43:19 (ESV)*

*Go voy a hacer
algo nuevo*

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able
An offering plate is placed near the door to the church to receive your offerings. It is available before worship, during the hymn of the day and shortly following the service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 66: 16-20

Come and hear, all you who fear God.

Let us learn what God has done for us all.

We have cried out to God and given praise with our tongues.

Truly, God has listened and paid attention to our prayers.

God has not rejected our prayers or withheld any love.

Praise be to God, the source of steadfast love for all.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 733

We Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

God's giving knows no ending.

We wander and stray, ignore and deny;

but God keeps offering mercy and grace.

Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Generous God,

you give beyond measure,

bringing forth abundance day by day.

We confess our failure to acknowledge your goodness.

We confuse our efforts with your providence.

We conflate our deeds with your gifts.

Forgive our sins.

Grow in us thankful hearts,

ready to praise your faithfulness.

Form in us grateful spirits,

quick to trust in your gracious care;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord always for the Lord is near.

With bountiful mercy and abiding grace, God greets us with love.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, you come to us in the slow turning of the seasons, the promise and fulfillment of harvest. Open us now to your coming as ruler of creation, and open our hearts to the influence of your kind and peaceful reign. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you come into the land which the Sovereign your God gives you for an inheritance, and have taken possession of it, and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which the Sovereign your God will choose, to make God's name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at the time, and say, "I declare this day to the Sovereign your God that I have come into the land which God swore to our ancestors to give us." Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand, and set it down before the altar of the Sovereign your God.

And you shall make response before the Sovereign your God. "A wandering Aramean was my father, who went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage. Then we cried to the Sovereign the God of our ancestors, and God heard our voice, and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression; and God brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an out stretched arm, with great terror, with signs and wonders, and brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you O God have given to me." And you shall set it down before the Lord your God; and you shall rejoice in all the good which the Sovereign your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the resident alien who is among you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:19

I am about to do 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.

GOSPEL READING

John 6:25-35

When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Human One will give to you, for on that one has God the Father and Mother set God’s seal.” Then they said to Jesus, “What must we do to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one whom God has sent.” So they said to Jesus, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see, and believe you? What work do you perform? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘God gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; God gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.” They said to Jesus, “Give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall never hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

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

GUEST SPEAKER

John Stoesz

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

**When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**3 Let earth’s wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**2 Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**4 Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

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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.

DOXOLOGY GTG 647

Give Thanks

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy, generous, and merciful Lord, we offer our lives— our abundance, our poverty, all that we have, all that we are— a sign of our great thanksgiving for the treasure of your grace. Take and use us for good in the world that you so love; we pray in Jesus' name. We give you thanks for the Thank Offering grants that are bestowed upon our sisters and brothers in Christ. May these gifts enrich their lives and point us all towards your unending goodness and mercy. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our shepherd satisfies our needs;
in faith, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the church . . .
Make us mindful of the times and seasons,
watchful for the signs of your coming,
and hopeful in the day of salvation.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the earth . . .
Do not let the earth be plundered
or consumed by violence and greed.
Sound the alarm before it is too late.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for all nations . . .
Give leaders the wisdom to turn aside from evil;
give people the will to do what is right.
Hear the cries of those who are oppressed.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for this community . . .
Look with compassion upon our ruined cities,
abandoned homes, and unfruitful farms.
Be our refuge and dwelling place once again.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for loved ones . . .
Show mercy to those who lift their eyes to you;
deliver them from sickness, suffering, and shame;
let those who call upon your name be saved.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving shepherd, lead and guide us—
in green pastures and by still waters,
in right paths and through dark valleys,
until we feast with you in glory
and dwell in your house forever;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**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**

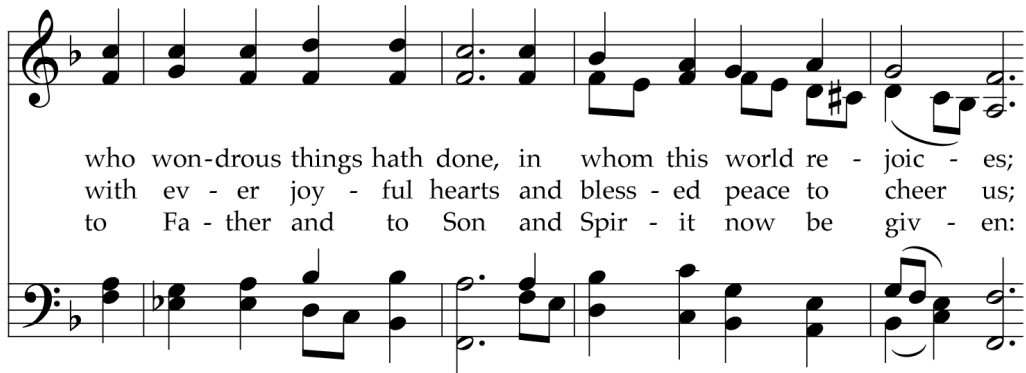
SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 643

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

We have cried out to you, O God, **and have trusted that you hear us.**

We have prayer for renewal, **and have found assurance that you offer it.**

We have longed for hope, **and have learned that it springs forth from you.**

We have sought your path, **and have seen that you make a way through the wilderness.**

You are doing a new thing, O God.

Help us bring your vision of hope to all the world. Amen.

Go out to love and serve the Lord. Now may the Lord of peace give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Today, we welcome John Stoesz as our guest 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 Minnesotans for Dakota land return.



Advent begins on Sunday, November 30th! The advent devotionals are available in the narthex. Daily texts will begin on December 1st, for those that participate. Information about the theme and opting in for daily texts will be found in the newsletter.



**Ronald
McDonald
House®**

Southeastern MN
& Western WI

Gan Preschool (the preschool that meets at CPC) is hosting a food drive for the Ronald McDonald House. The collection bin is in the back hallway. They will collect food through the first week of December and then deliver it. CPC members and friends are invited to participate.

From the updated list from the Ronald McDonald House, they are collecting: Individually Wrapped Snacks | Heat & Serve Soups, Pastas & Meals | Macaroni & Cheese | Hamburger Helper | Cereal | Pop-Tarts | Applesauce | Fruit Cups | Fruit Snacks | Granola Bars | Popcorn | Sports Drinks | Coffee Creamer | K-Cup Coffee Pods | Baking Essentials | Baking Mixes | Vegetable Oil | Jelly



Greening of the Church November 30th!

Sign up to help with Greening of the Church! The sign up sheet is in the narthex. Stay after worship to decorate our space. Many hands make light work!



Stewardship Packets were mailed out this week. Intentions are requested by Sunday, December 7th.



There will be a **Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 14th at 2:30 pm** at Plainview Community Presbyterian Church for the women of both churches. They will be serving a lunch with cookies, social time, and music. Please sign up in the narthex. We need to RSVP by December 3rd!



Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 7th after worship! Sign up in the narthex if you are interested and available to help!



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."

Sign up in the narthex if you are interested and check off dates that you are available! 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/>



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Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



Sunday, November 23 Thank Offering

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online
Please stay after for coffee time!

2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Monday, November 24

9:30 am Mission Prayer Group

Tuesday, November 25

9:00 am Bulletin Items Due

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

7:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 am NO Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, November 20 Thanksgiving

Office Closed

5:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, November 30 Advent I

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

10:30 am Greening of the Church

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

To be added to the prayer list, please contact the office: 507-280-9291 or via email: office@cpcrochester.org.

Serving in Worship Today

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