

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

January 25, 2026

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**

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Almighty God, you call us by name, inviting us to follow in your way, so that we may receive fullness of life in you. You have gathered us to be your people, a community of faith. You have poured out your Spirit that we might receive your peace, wisdom, and grace, bearing your love to all the world.

We confess that we do not always listen for your word of grace. We do not always love our neighbor as ourselves. Have mercy on us. Transform our hearts and our lives, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may speak, and act, with courage and compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

OPENING HYMN GTG 401

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of epiphanies, you reveal yourself to us in diverse and numerous ways. Free us the distractions that turn our focus away from you and your Word. Open us to the truth you reveal to us today. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 6: 1-7

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Susan Li

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 733 We Are All One in Mission



ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

1 Cor. 12:4–7, 27

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism,
and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit.

This is our common calling,
to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord.

Within the community of the church,
some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders,
and as ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us.
Through ordination, God provides for acts of care and compassion in the world, for the
ordering and governance of the church, and for the preaching of the word and celebration
of the sacraments.

The clerk of session says:

Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church,
the session of Community Presbyterian Church
now ordains Stacy Kopecky to ministry as a deacon,
and installs her to active service in this congregation.

The clerk of session says:

The session also installs to active service
those who have been previously ordained as ruling elders:
Peggy McCarty, Ronda Marshall, Mary Alice Richardson, and Dave Copeland.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism. Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise...

By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

In baptism, you were claimed by the love of God...

Stacy, Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

Do we, the members of the church, accept Stacy as a deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for all of the elders and deacons, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise....

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servant Stacy, whom you called by baptism as your own. Grant her the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

Gracious God, we also give you thanks for your servants Peggy, Ronda, Mary Alice, and Dave as they continue in the ministry to which you have called them. Help hem to rely on the gifts of your Spirit and to follow Christ faithfully in this calling.

Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people.

By the gifts of your Holy Spirit ... offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Let us return a portion of the gifts we have been given to Christ's ministry and those most in need.

DOXOLOGY GTG 606 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Receive these offerings for the work of your church, that all may come to know your saving love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH ALL GOD'S SAINTS

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

*For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake.
Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup
until all are served so that we might partake together.*

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION GTG 525 Let Us Break Bread Together
 **Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
 let us break bread together on our knees.**

*Refrain: When I fall on my knees,
 with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
 let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]**
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
 let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

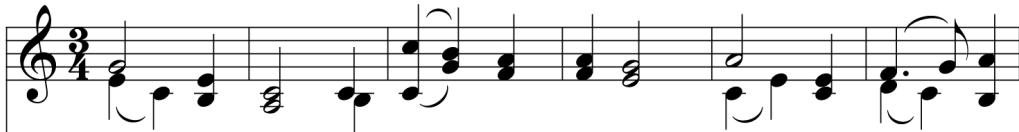
SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

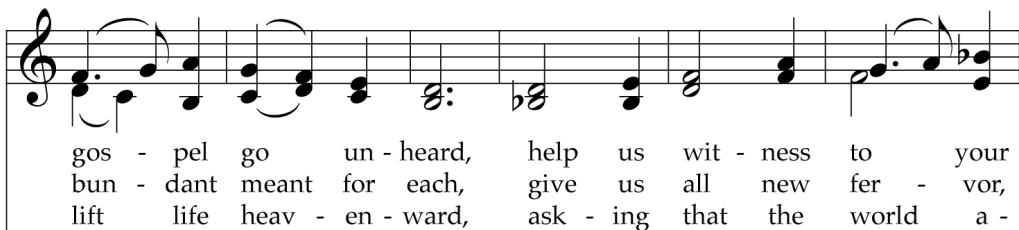
Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This, my bod - y;



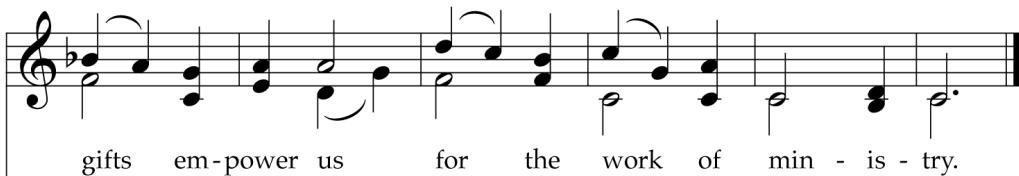
preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion, and the
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a -
this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly



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Welcome to
CPC!

Sunday, January 25

**9:30 am Worship with Communion
-Onsite and Online**

10:40 am Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 27

9:00 am Bulletin Items Due

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

Wednesday, January 28

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 1

9:30 am Worship -Onsite and Online



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

Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher

Rev. Susan Li

Liturgist

Bruce Felger

IT Support

Louis Bouchard

& Bruce Felger

Church Staff

Music Director

Jennifer Taylor

Pianist

Tianyao Xie

Custodian

Nancy Sanford

Office Manager

Stephanie Pasch

Stay after worship for the annual meeting today! It is a great time to look back at 2025 and look forward to what's to come!



Watch and listen for your opportunity to help support the people of the Labranza de Dios congregation.

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

Jennifer Taylor