

# Community Press

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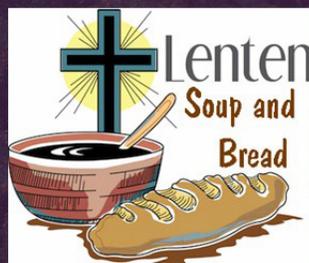
The empty tomb reveals  
that death is not the final  
boundary...resurrection  
bursts open every closed  
place of our lives.

REV. DR. MIHEE KIM-KORT

**Easter Sunday Worship - April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Thursday, April 2  
Soup at 6 pm  
Worship at 7 pm



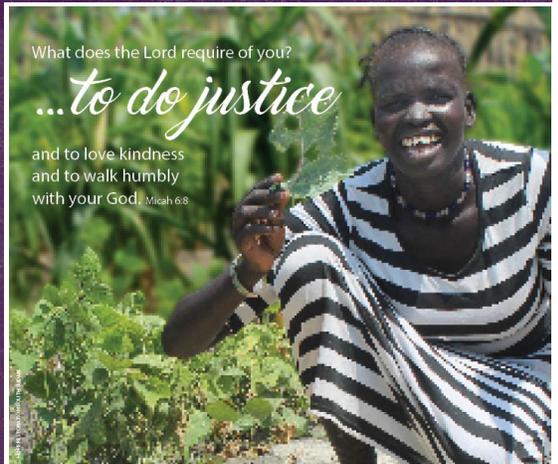
There is a seat  
**FOR YOU**  
at the table.



What does the Lord require of you?

*...to do justice*

and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly  
with your God. *Micah 6:8*



Please give generously—  
for when we all do a little,  
it adds up to a lot.



ONE GREAT  
HOUR OF SHARING

*CPC will collect the One  
Great Hour of Sharing  
special offering on Easter  
Sunday, April 5.*

APRIL 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	Personnel and Nominating Building and Grounds
<u>Class of 2027</u>	Peggy McCarty Ronda Marshall Mary Alice Richardson Dave Copeland	Christian Education Finance and Stewardship Mission Worship and Music
<u>Officers:</u>	Mary Meyer 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.

### Class of 2026

Carole Kinion Copeland  
Margaret Petersen

### Class of 2027

Stacy Kopecky  
Mary Meyer

## 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**

# BIBLE STUDY GUIDE FOR BEGINNERS

Each of the 66 Books Explained for Getting Started



Brian Gugas

Peggy will offer a Bible study (Cliff notes version) on all but one Friday in May. The first will be at 10:30 am until 11:30 or so on May 1, the next on May 8. Peggy will be away on May 15th, so the next will be May 22 and the last on May 29th. This is still open to modification if that day does not work for most. Another option would be Wednesdays in May. The book will be *Bible Study Guide for Beginners* by Brian Gugas. Hope to see everyone there!



# BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

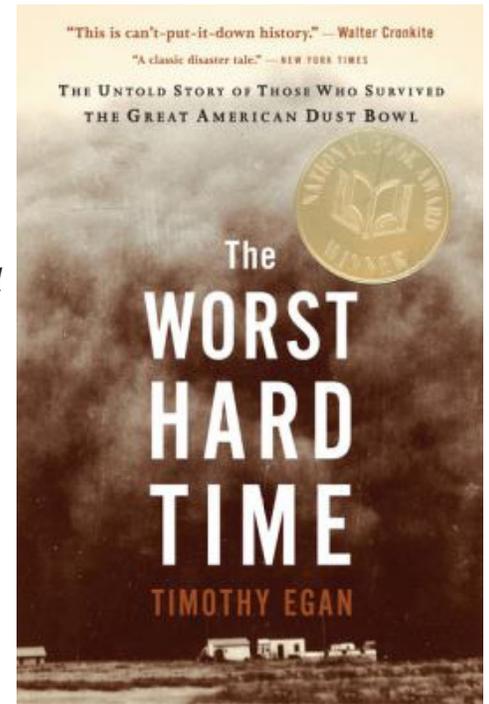


The Book Discussion group will meet on Sunday, April 19, following worship. The book for this month is *The Worst Hard Time: the Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl* by Timothy Egan.

From the Rochester Public Library Website: “Egan Presents an oral history of the dust storms that devastated the Great Plains during the Depression, following several families and their communities in their struggle to persevere despite the devastation.”

The library bag of books is available in the CPC library for readers to pick up their copy of the book.

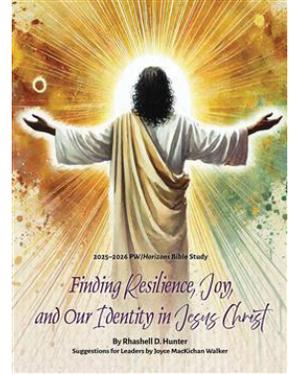
Join in on reading the book and discussing it this month!





PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

The PW Bible Study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*, resumes on Tuesday, April 7 at 9:30 am with the 5th Lesson. The lesson is *The Gift of the Woman Who Was Poor*. Based on the scripture: Mark 12:41–44. Theme: When You Cannot Help but Give Back. Hope to see you on April 7th!



## *Working for Justice and Peace*

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN J&P CALENDAR

We are called to share God's love with the world by being God's hands in the world. We answer God's call to "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)

#### APRIL

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month; [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual\\_Assault\\_Awareness\\_Month](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_Assault_Awareness_Month)
- 03 Good Friday; [pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/theologyworship/worship/christian-year/good-friday](http://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/theologyworship/worship/christian-year/good-friday)
- 05 Easter Sunday; [pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/theologyworship/worship/christian-year/resurrection-lordeaster](http://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/theologyworship/worship/christian-year/resurrection-lordeaster)
- 07 World Health Day; [who.int/campaigns/world-health-day](http://who.int/campaigns/world-health-day)
- 08 International Romani Day; [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International\\_Romani\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day)
- 22 Earth Day; [earthday.org](http://earthday.org)
- 24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day; [pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/world-mission/jinshian-memorial-program/armenian-genocide](http://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/world-mission/jinshian-memorial-program/armenian-genocide)
- 29 Denim Day; [denimdayinfo.org](http://denimdayinfo.org)

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*Birthdays and Anniversaries  
are printed in the paper  
version of the newsletter.  
Pick one up at church!*



# Seeds of Service at Clearwater Forest

**April 10-12, 2026**

Open to all ages • \$100/room/night

Saturday Programming is free

## Friday

- Bonfire, Board games, Hogwarts, and More!

## Saturday

- **Educational Session: Raised Garden Beds for Beginners**
  - Hands on: Help us make raised beds for a summer garden!
- **Educational Session: Raspberry Garden Care and Grooming**
  - Hands on: Help us prune raspberry bushes by the volleyball court
- **Educational Session: Nature Journaling**
  - Hands on: Go on a nature hike and journal what you find
- Quest Bible Study and Evening Worship!

## Sunday

- Morning Worship
- Highway Cleanup
- Help with various Camp projects

Visit [ClearwaterForest.org](http://ClearwaterForest.org)

FORTÉ PRESENTS

# RESONANCE

A HANDBELL CONCERT

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 – 4:00 PM

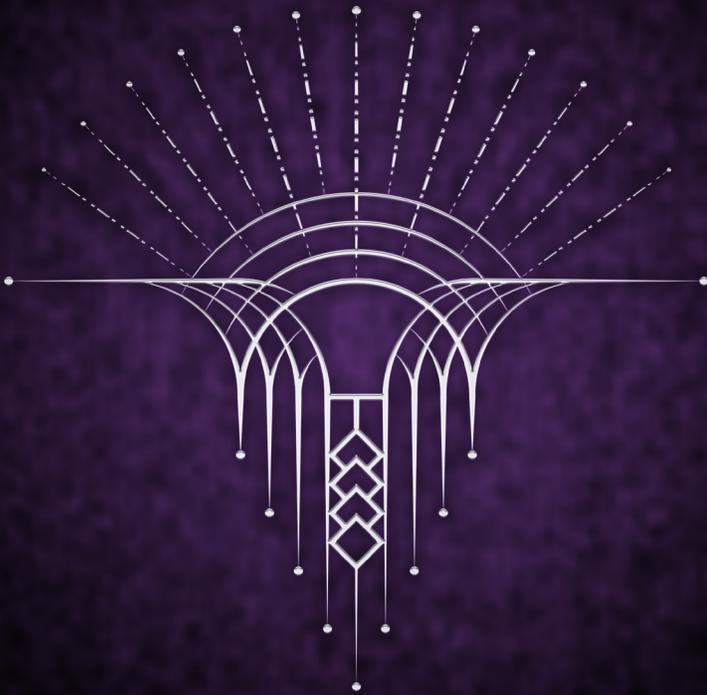
**First Presbyterian Church**

512 Third Street SW

Rochester, MN

family-friendly and fun for all!

**FREE ADMISSION**



## Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

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

Call to schedule an appointment near you! **800-324-9458** and use code: **HABC001**



*Life Line Screening will be at CPC on Tuesday, May 5th!*

# April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship	<b>30</b> 9:30am Mission Prayer Group	<b>31</b> 9:00am Bulletin info due 9:30am PW Get Together with Julie Beck 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	<b>1</b> 8:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal  -	<b>2</b> 6:00pm Soup and Bread Meal 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:00pm Special - 2 Congregation - Worship service
<b>5</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00am Bulletin info due 9:30am PW Bible Study 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	<b>8</b> 8:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Great Room/ Library Use: SE MN ASD Social Group	<b>11</b> 3:00pm Potential Great Room, Kitchen Use: India Cultural Group
<b>12</b> 9:30am Onsite and Online Worship	<b>13</b> 9:30am Mission Prayer Group	<b>14</b> 9:00am Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	<b>15</b> 8:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 10:40am Book Discussion Group	<b>20</b> 12:00pm Newsletter articles due	<b>21</b> 9:00am Bulletin info due 9:30am PW Bible Study 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	<b>22</b> 8:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship	<b>27</b> 9:00am Session Packet Items Due 9:30am Mission Prayer Group	<b>28</b> 9:00am Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network 7:30pm Session Meeting	<b>29</b> 8:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 10:30pm Proposed Bible Study for Beginners	<b>2</b>

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***Spring Fling will be  
Sunday, May 31st!  
Mark it on your  
calendar now and  
watch for more  
information in the  
next newsletter!***

***Community  
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](http://www.cpcrochester.org)**

**Contact the church office: 507-280-9291  
or email [office@cpcrochester.org](mailto:office@cpcrochester.org)**