

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



Sunday, April 19, 2026

Welcome to worship today!

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.

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



Sunday, April 19

11:45 am Book Discussion Group

1:00 pm Worship - Onsite and Online

Monday, April 20

12:00 pm Newsletter Items Due

Tuesday, April 21

9:00 am Bulletin Items Due

9:30 am PW Bible Study

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

Wednesday, April 22

8:00 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 26

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler and family

Amy Ward and family

Sherrie Wilson

Vera Atkinson

Jennifer Taylor

Kristy Giere

Copeland's family members

Beth and Sasha

Sue Chipman

*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. Paul Banchasawan

Liturgist Peggy McCarty

Special Music CPC Choir,
Banchasawan Family

IT Support Louis Bouchard
& Bruce Felger

Church Staff

Music Director Jennifer Taylor

Pianist Tianyao Xie

Custodian Nancy Sanford

Office Manager Stephanie Pasch

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus the Christ has freed us from death
and brought us into new life.

Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God.

In genuine, mutual love,
let us worship with one heart and one voice.

In reverence and joy, we praise God's holy name!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Risen and Living God, in your endless love and grace, you have given us all we need.
Open our weary eyes to moments when need meets resource and longing is satisfied in
giving. Send us where you need us and fill us with your purpose, so that all people may
know the wonder and joy of your redeeming presence, through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 482

Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sion of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As we continue our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are called to repent, remembering that the promise of Jesus Christ is for us, for our children, for our siblings, for all who are near and all who are far, for everyone called to God. In confidence, let us confess our sin.

**Eternally patient God,
we ask again and again,
“What should we do?”
And again and again, you tell us,
“Repent and return to me.”
Yet we have not changed our ways.
We fall into old habits,
cling to our own ways,
and take for granted the grace you have given us.
Once again, we ask you for forgiveness.
Show us the way forward
and help us return, once again, to you.**

Beloved, hear this good news: through Christ you have come to trust in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

**We are born anew, through the living and enduring word of God.
Alleluia! Praise to the risen Christ!**

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Creator, reveal yourself to us in the reading and proclamation of your Word. Give us ears to hear your voice, eyes that see you among us, and hearts that are willing to follow where you lead. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord, “O Lord, I pray, save my life!”

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

SPECIAL MUSIC

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CPC Choir

by Mary McDonald

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each

other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:43-47

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pastor Paul’s family

SERMON

The Atmosphere of a Growing Church

Rev. Paul Banchasawan

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 729 Lord, I Want to be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Printed with Permission CCLI #2748883

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of Belhar

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Just as those who walked the road to Emmaus with the risen Christ, we too want to tell of our encounters with Jesus. One way we tell those stories is to share the gifts we have been given by God. Gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Gifts that demonstrate the transformation we have experienced in Christ. With hearts filled with love, let us give generously.

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. Give thanks.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. We pray that the gifts of time, talent and treasure we have offered today will work for the good of the world, so that your love will be known not just in word but in action. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celtic Version, <https://www.earthandsoul.org/prayers>

**Holy One beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine**

**And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever. Amen**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 839

Blessed Assurance

next page

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May you be embraced by the relational nature of our faith.

May you hear the truth of God's love that binds us as one family.

May you receive God's word with awe, allowing it to shape how you live and love.

And may you go with the grace and peace of the God who created you,
the God who redeems you,

and the God who sustains you now and forevermore!

Amen! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Parts of the liturgy were written
by Ashley Mertz and provided for
free distribution. Additionally, the
resource *Call to Worship* was used.

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

We welcome Pastor Paul Banchasawan and his family to worship today! Please plan to stay after worship for a Special Congregational Meeting for the purpose of calling Rev. Paul Banchasawan to be a shared pastor with Community Presbyterian Church of Plainview Minnesota with terms of call approved by the Session of Community Presbyterian Church of Rochester. Each church is responsible for one-half of the terms of call. After the special congregational meeting, there will be short time for refreshments - plan to stay!



This morning, he preached at Community Presbyterian Church Plainview with their congregational meeting following the church service. The joint CPC Pastor Nominating Committee of our church and Community Presbyterian Church Plainview have met for over 2.5 years to find the pastor to serve as shared pastor for both churches. The two churches have worked well together and formed a friendship between the members.

FORTÉ PRESENTS

RESONANCE

A HANDBELL CONCERT

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 – 4:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church

512 Third Street SW

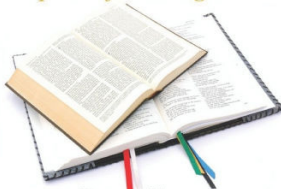
Rochester, MN

family-friendly and fun for all!

FREE ADMISSION

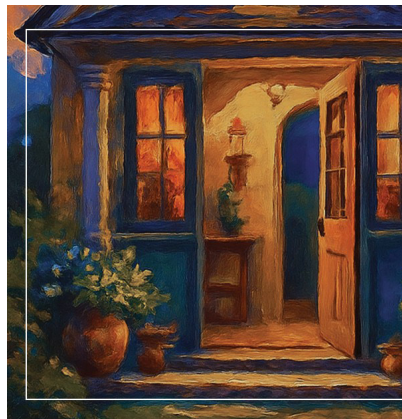
BIBLE STUDY GUIDE FOR BEGINNERS

*Each of the 66 Books
Explained for Getting Started*



Brian Gugas

Peggy McCarty 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!



This Being Human

*featuring Choral Arts Treble & Ensemble Singers
in collaboration with community wellness organizations*

May 2 & 3

Christ United Methodist Church

choralartsensemble.org

