

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

Sunday, May 3, 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.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

John 14:1



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.

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Today, we are called to “come to Christ, a living stone, chosen and precious in God’s sight”, so that we may be built into a spiritual house,” as a welcoming community of grace. With love and awe, let us confess our sins before God, trusting in God’s grace and mercy.

Let us pray:

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned,
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
In your loving mercy, help us to live in your light,
and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Live in the light of God’s love. **Amen.**

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your Word, O God, is a source of refuge and guidance. Lead us, and inspire our hearts and souls as we engage holy Scripture with our minds and spirits. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

I Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”
and
“A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus, Son of God Most Holy
by Mark Wilson

CPC Choir

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Susan Li

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 515

I Come With Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

the world, and those who live in it.

Let us worship God with our tithes and offerings.

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

God, who faithfully fortifies the world you created, bless our gifts and use them to protect all creation and allow us all to flourish in Your justice and love. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH ALL GOD’S EASTER PEOPLE

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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: You are a rock of refuge and a strong fortress for us. In times of trouble and seasons of shame you deliver us, for you are our redeemer, O Lord, our faithful God. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

SANCTUS GTG 552

Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

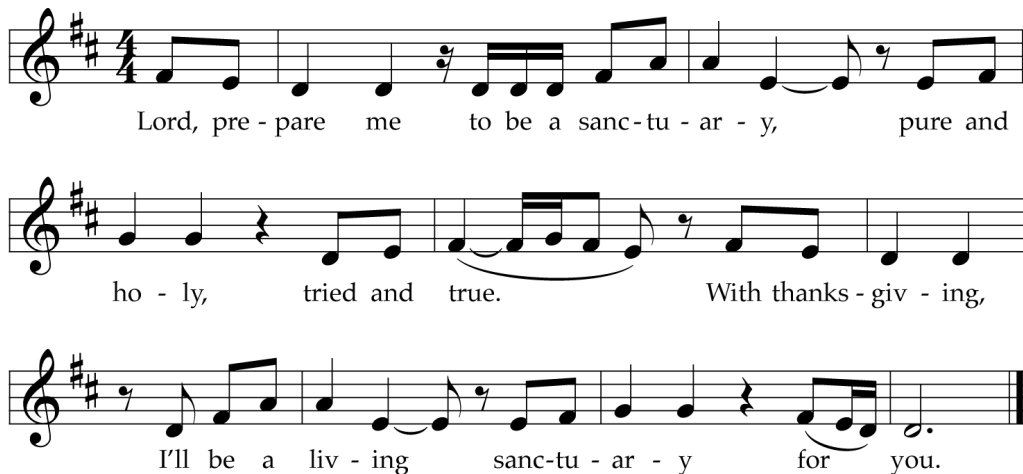
THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

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 701

Lord, Prepare Me



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 547

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

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*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the love of the holy triune God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**


Now go forth in Jesus' name,
remembering his new commandment
to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

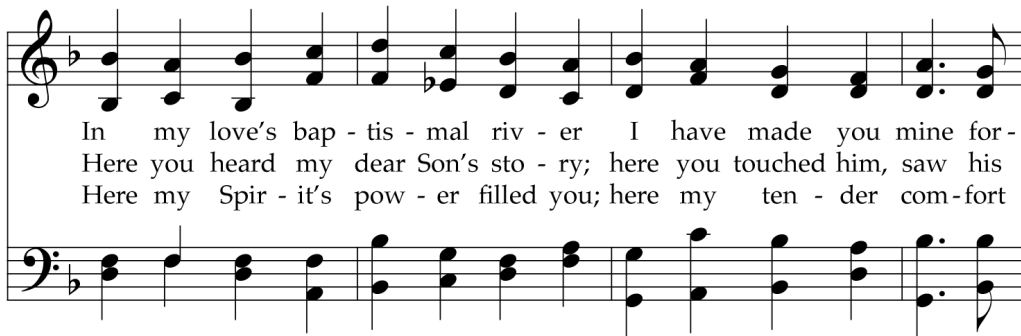
Go, My Children, With My Blessing



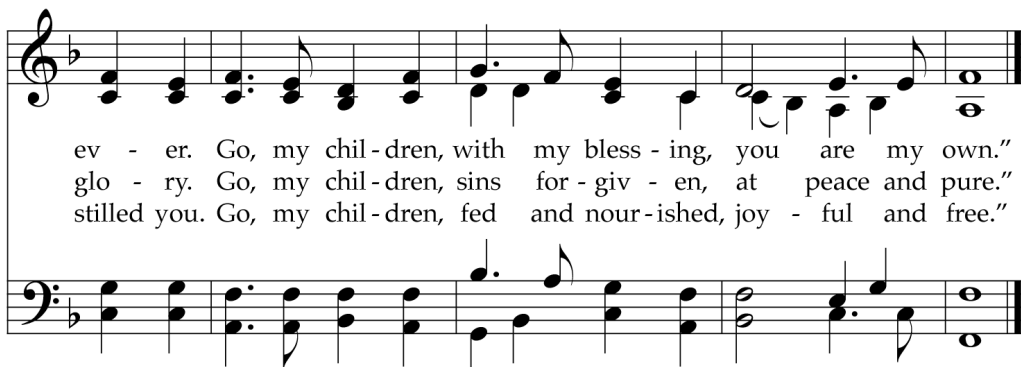
1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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, then on May 8, 22 and 29. The book will be *Bible Study Guide for Beginners* by Brian Gugas. Hope to see everyone there!



We Are Family!

2026 spring concert



Resounding Voices celebrates the full potential of people living with dementia.



Saturday, May 16, 3:00 pm

Calvary Evangelical Free Church
(5500 25th Ave NW, Rochester)

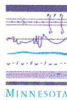
Tickets: \$10/Adults • Free/18 & under
available at the door



resoundingvoices.org
507-218-8376



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



The Annual Spring Fling is scheduled for Sunday, May 31 from noon to 4 pm.

Tentatively the agenda will include (weather permitting): cleaning windows inside and out, kitchen deep clean, moving some file cabinets, trimming foliage near the mailboxes to expose the handicapped parking signs, tightening hardware on the great room chairs, cleanup of our area in the middle storage room, and re-install speed bumps.

Come dressed for work! Many hands make light work!

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Sunday, May 3

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

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 am Great Room Use: Life Line Screening
9:00 am Bulletin Items Due
9:30 am PW Bible Study
7:00 pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Net.

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 am Prayer Group
6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 8

10:30 am Bible Study for Beginners
6:30 pm Library, Great Room Use: SE MN
ASD Social Group

Saturday, May 9

11:00 am Great Room Use: Rental

Sunday, May 10

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@cpchester.org.*

Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Rev. Susan Li
Liturgist	Amanda Ross
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard & Bruce Felger

Church Staff

Music Director	Jennifer Taylor
Pianist	Tianyao Xie
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch