

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



Sunday, July 12, 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Shepherd calls us by name and leads us to abundant life.

We hear your voice and hasten to follow.

The Shepherd prepares a table and lavishly pours out grace.

We hear your invitation and take our place at the feast.

The Shepherd gathers us in and welcomes us to the house of the Lord.

We hear your call and give you praise.

OPENING HYMN GTG 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
2 Help me the slow of heart to move
3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
by some clear, win - ning word of love;
in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Christ is the good shepherd, who leads us to safety and peace no matter what we have done. Christ's voice calls us to repent and return; let us heed that voice and go to God in prayer.

A time of silence is kept.

**God of community,
 you call us to a world radically different
 from what we are used to.
 You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours."
 You show us a life where goods are shared,
 where all are loved,
 and faithfulness is shown through generosity.
 But we cling to our possessions,
 trusting them more than we trust you.
 Forgive us, merciful God.**

**Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm
and to work to make it so.**

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

**For we were going astray like sheep,
but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.
Thanks be to God!**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 23: 1-6

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by 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.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Church: A Community of Worship and Fellowship

Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community
in which people know
that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves
and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground
on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

We offer our prayers through Christ, who lives and reigns forever, and prays for us in heaven. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Joys and Concerns are Shared... after each petition:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

After all joys and concerns are shared:

God of all power and glory, receive these prayers,
and continue your mighty work among us,
through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. **Amen.**

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods yet refuses to help a sister or brother in need? Remembering God's great love for the world, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

DOXOLOGY GTG 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 743

O God, You Are My God

sing 2 times

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will
learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead
me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

They devoted themselves to teaching and to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold their possessions and goods and gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts praising God.

ACTS 2:42-47

Amy Girard (Calehuff) Ward

October 31, 1960 – June 30, 2026

The Ward/Calehuff family would like to let you know our precious Amy passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 30 after more than a year in hospice at Cottagewood (the special Senior Memory Care cottage that has been her home since September 2023). Her gentle passing was filled with love thanks to the devoted staff there, Cal's almost daily visits, and regular visits from sons Tucker, Luke, and her four sisters.

Music was an ongoing source of delight and connection for Amy, so the day before she passed, with Cal holding her hand and her sisters joining by phone, we spent more than an hour singing Amy's favorite songs to her one last time. Though she never opened her eyes, we're quite sure she heard us and felt our love.

Amy's legacy is one of extraordinary strength, resilience and optimism despite decades of physical challenges. Born on Halloween 1960, she was a bright, adventurous teen who soloed in a glider plane at age 15. She spent her senior year of high school in Sweden as an exchange student and proved to be an adventurous international traveler. She was on Penn State's ski team, worked as an Analyst for IBM, was a choir director, Mayo Gonda singer and more. Cal was the love of her life, and she adored their two ginger redhead boys. She was barely 40 when surgery for a large brain tumor changed the trajectory of her life. For 25+ years, she lived with resulting physical and mental challenges with remarkable grace and optimism.

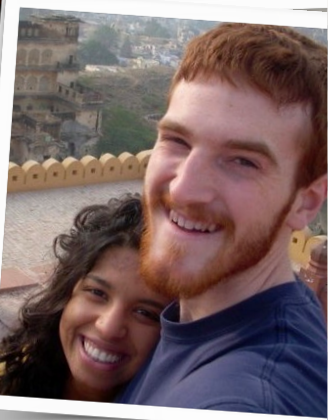
We remain in awe of Amy's ever-bright "ginger peachy" attitude and are forever grateful for the lessons she taught us, especially to stop and take time to truly notice the miracles all around us – a beautiful flower, a spotted cow in the field, a crimson sunset.

We know Amy will always be with us, her beautiful smile forever in our hearts. May her journey home be filled with peace, light and love.

As Amy would say...  Happy Trails to you, 'till we meet again 

Cal, Tucker, Luke, Linda, Kathy, Heather & Phyllis

PS: We plan to celebrate Amy's Life at a future date and will share details as plans are finalized.



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Sunday, July 12

11:00 am Worship- Onsite and Online

Monday, July 13 - Office Closed

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 am Bulletin Items Due

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

Wednesday, July 15

8:00 am Prayer Group

Sunday, July 19

11:00 am Worship- Onsite and Online

7:00 pm Great Room Use: Piano Recital



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler and family

Sherrie Wilson

Jennifer Taylor

Kristy Giere

Sue Chipman

Dolly Gillen

Cal Ward and family

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

In Worship Today

Pastor	Rev. Paul Banchasawan
Liturgist	Judy Burgstaler
Guest Pianist	Cynthia McLaren
Special Music	Amy Lindstrom
IT Support	Louis Bouchard & Bruce Felger

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Paul Banchasawan
Music Director	Jennifer Taylor
Pianist	Tianyao Xie
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch