

Community Press

A PUBLICATION OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROCHESTER, MN



YOU ARE JOYFULLY INVITED TO THE

PASTORAL *Installation*

OF

REV. PORNCHAI (PAUL)
BANCHASAWAN

SHARED PASTOR OF
COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES
ROCHESTER & PLAINVIEW, MN

*"I have called you by name;
you are mine."*

ISAIAH 43:1



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
4:00 PM



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
512 3rd St. SW
Rochester, MN 55902



INSTALLATION WORSHIP
FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION

Join us as we celebrate
God's faithfulness and
welcome Pastor Pornchai
as he begins this new
chapter of ministry
among us.



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TO THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE | SOLI DEO GLORIA

SEPTEMBER 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

Rev. Paul Banchasawan
Dr. Tianyao Xie
Jennifer Taylor
Nancy Sanford
Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, September 13th, we will worship outdoors (weather permitting). Each September, Brass, Etc! joins us for this wonderful kick off to the program year! Bring your chair (or use one of CPCs), your sunglasses, and/or an umbrella to keep the sun off of you!



WELCOME September

May the days ahead
be filled with smiles
and happiness

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

PW Working for Justice and Peace **SEPTEMBER**

- National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sep 15–Oct 15); hispanicheritagemoth.gov
- 01 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation;
creationjustice.org/world-day-of-prayer-for-the-care-ofcreation.html
- 07 Labor Day; dol.gov/general/laborday/history
- 08 International Literacy Day; en.unesco.org/commemorations/literacyday
- 13 Disability Inclusion Sunday;
pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/disability-concerns
- 21 International Day of Peace; pcusa.org/worship-with-us/yearbook/september-21-2024
- 22 Native American Day; pcusa.org/native-american-day

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Growing Together into a New Season”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is difficult for me to believe how quickly these first months of ministry together have passed. As I continue settling into life and ministry among you, I remain deeply grateful for the kindness, encouragement, prayers, conversations, meals, laughter, and many expressions of welcome that my family and I have received.



Every Sunday, every meeting, every visit, and every conversation gives me another opportunity to know you better—not simply as members of a congregation, but as brothers and sisters with stories, gifts, struggles, hopes, and a shared desire to follow Jesus Christ faithfully.

During August, we have been walking through our sermon series, **“Fruitful Stewards.”** Together, we have reflected on the truth that everything belongs to God, that our treasures reveal the direction of our hearts, that God calls us to honor Him with our first and best, that faithfulness in the little things prepares us for greater responsibilities, and that God graciously provides what we need for every good work.

I hope we are discovering together that Christian stewardship is much larger than money. Stewardship is about our whole lives.

God has entrusted each of us with time, abilities, relationships, experiences, opportunities, possessions, spiritual gifts, and resources. The question is not simply, *“What do I have?”* but rather, *“How might God use what has been placed in my hands for His glory and for the blessing of others?”*

As August comes to a close, I believe this question naturally leads us into another important season of spiritual reflection.

Looking Ahead to September

Beginning in September, our Sunday messages will invite us to consider four simple but important statements about our lives as followers of Jesus: **“Alive Together”**

“I am present.”

God calls us to be fully present—to God, to one another, to our church family, and to the community where God has planted us. Christian discipleship begins by showing up with open hearts and being willing to notice where God is already at work.

“I am growing.”

Faith is never intended to remain still. Through Scripture, prayer, worship, fellowship, service, and the work of the Holy Spirit, God continually shapes us into greater Christlikeness. No matter our age or how long we have been Christians, there is always room to grow.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK, CONTINUED

“I am influencing.”

Every Christian life touches other lives. Through our words, attitudes, decisions, compassion, generosity, and everyday actions, we influence our families, friends, neighbors, workplaces, congregation, and community. Jesus calls us to be salt and light wherever we are.

“I am participating.”

The church is not something we simply attend; it is a community in which we participate. God has given every believer gifts that can contribute to Christ's mission. We are called not merely to watch ministry happen, but to become part of what God is doing.

I am present.

I am growing.

I am influencing.

I am participating.

These four statements are simple enough to remember, but I believe they can challenge us deeply. My prayer is that September will not simply be another sermon series that we hear on Sunday mornings. I pray that these words will become questions we carry with us throughout the week:

Am I truly present?

Where is God asking me to grow?

How is my life influencing others?

Where is God inviting me to participate?

This is particularly meaningful as our congregations enter another important moment together. On **Sunday, September 6**, we will celebrate my pastoral installation. An installation is not simply about officially recognizing a new pastor. It is a covenantal moment in the life of the church—a time when pastor, congregations, and Presbytery publicly commit themselves again to the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as we look toward September, I invite you to pray not only for me as your pastor, but also for **who God is calling us to become together**.

May we be a church that is present.

May we be a church that is growing.

May we be a church whose faithful witness influences our communities with Christ's love.

And may we be a church where everyone discovers a place to participate in God's mission.

Thank you for allowing my family and me to share this journey with you. I am grateful for what God has already begun among us, and I look forward with hope and expectation to what God will do in the months and years ahead.

Let us continue walking together—faithfully, prayerfully, joyfully, and always following Jesus Christ.

In Christ's love and service,

Pastor Paul Banchasawan

Introducing the 2026–2027 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study

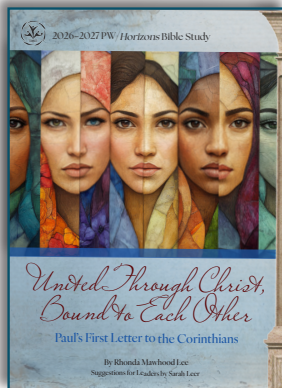
United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

By Rhonda Mawhood Lee
Suggestions for Leaders by Sarah Leer

PW Bible Study at
CPC begins Tuesday,
September 8 at 9:30
and will meet every
other week.

Join Presbyterian Women and learn about Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. This Bible study explores the letter's setting, divisions within the congregation, and ultimately, the gifts given to all through the work of Christ. Readers will be fascinated by this journey to Corinth and will explore how Paul's timeless message of loving unity calls Christ's followers today.



Although First Corinthians contains familiar theology and passages we easily recognize—like the words of institution for the Lord's Supper and the meditation on love—readers often don't realize that Paul wrote this letter to a church in conflict.

Paul founded the congregation in Corinth around the year 50 and later moved to Ephesus, a few hundred miles away. From there Paul wrote a letter to the Corinthians trying to help settle their disputes. He saw that the church was lacking in love, and their conflicts were betraying God's saving act in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The church in Corinth was diverse, and it was easy for factions to form. In his letter, Paul called his siblings in faith to a loving unity rooted in the reality that Jesus Christ had been crucified and resurrected for *everyone*. Christians throughout the ages have recognized the Holy Spirit's influence on Paul's words of unity and love, especially during times of conflict.

Paul wrote at a time when Christians expected Jesus' imminent return, and he challenged all to be ready when that day came. Today the church is still waiting, still affirming that Jesus will return, and still proclaiming that this world has already been transformed by God's life-giving love. This Bible study challenges us to trust in Christ's saving love and to demonstrate that love by the way we live.

[Adapted from the Introduction to *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other*]

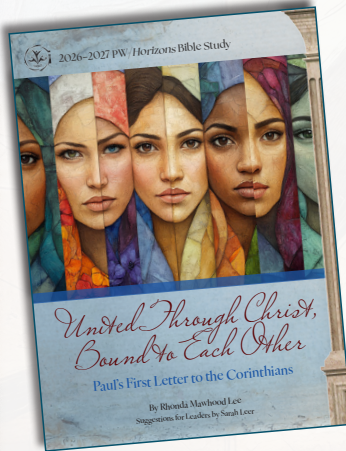
Learn more about this
Bible study by visiting
presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/united



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LESSON ONE
Unity in Christ, Wisdom from God



LESSON TWO
Connected in Christ



LESSON THREE
Freedom in Christ



LESSON FOUR
Living Freely and the Responsibility to Care



LESSON FIVE
For the Good of the Community



LESSON SIX
"Now You Are the Body of Christ"



LESSON SEVEN
Christian Love



LESSON EIGHT
Hope in the Resurrection



LESSON NINE
Connected by God's Love

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Saturday, September 19, 2026

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Zumbro Lutheran Church parking lot

624 3rd Ave Sw Rochester, MN 55904

Drive up, pop your trunk, and our volunteers will collect your donations - no need to even leave your car!

SPECIFIC ITEMS NEEDED:

- Mac & Cheese Cups (no boxes)
 - Beef Sticks
 - Tuna Pouches/Tuna Kits
 - Ramen Cups (no bricks)
- Shelf-Stable, Single-Serve Microwavable Soups
 - Soft/Chewy Protein Bars
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AROUND THE COMMUNITY, CONTINUED

SILENT FILM FUNDRAISER

Buy Tickets on the Rochester Symphony website:

<https://rochestersymphony.org/>

Historic Chateau Theatre, September 25 — 7:00pm

We hope you will join us for this Rochester Symphony fundraiser which will take us back in time to the early days of our history when our predecessors played for silent films in this very venue! You will learn more about that history, hear from musicians sharing music from the era in small ensembles, have the opportunity to bid on items that aren't available anywhere else, and finally enjoy live orchestral accompaniment of a favorite Buster Keaton film. All while enjoying charcuterie and bar service by Forager Brewery, popcorn from Carroll's Corn, and the company of other Rochester Symphony supporters in the unique atmosphere of Rochester's own Historic Chateau Theatre.

Tickets are limited and \$75 each. Reserve as individual tickets or in groups of up to 8 to be seated together at the same table.



Considering by Craig Hella Johnson
Matthew Shepard
A Choral Arts Ensembles Performance

Saturday October 24th – 7:00 pm
Sunday October 25th – 3:00 pm
Friday October 30th – 7:00 pm
Saturday October 31st – 3:00 pm
Sunday November 1st – 3:00 pm

tickets-choralartsensemble.org

Historic Chateau Theatre
Rochester, Minnesota

A detailed illustration of a bird, likely a sparrow or similar small songbird, with a yellow and black patterned body. It is perched on a thin, dark branch. The background is a light blue sky with a hint of a mountain range in the distance.

FAIR TRADE MARKET

Over 20 fair and ethical trade vendors under one roof selling food, chocolate, home décor, and so much more



Friday, October 2, 3pm-7pm
Saturday, October 3, 9am-4pm
Sunday, October 4, 10am-1pm

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18-20



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RETREAT
REST. RESTORE. RECONNECT

SEPTEMBER
20-23



Men's Retreat
ELEMENTAL FAITH

OCTOBER
9-11



Mom's
RELAX & RENEW RETREAT
YOU DESERVE THIS. ♥

DECEMBER
4-6



Space is Limited. Reserve Your Spot Today! ♥



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clearwaterforest.org

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 11:00am Online and Onsite Worship	31	1 9:00am Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	2 8:00am Prayer Group	3	4 Stephanie Vacation	5 Stephanie Vacation
6 Stephanie Vacation 11:00am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion 4:00pm Pastor Paul's Installation at First Presbyterian Church	7 Labor Day Stephanie Vacation	8 Stephanie Vacation 9:30am PW Bible Study 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	9 Stephanie Vacation 8:00am Prayer Group	10 Stephanie Vacation	11 Stephanie Vacation 6:30pm Great Room/ Library Use: SE MN ASD Social Group	12 Stephanie Vacation
13 Outdoor Service with Brass, Etc! Stephanie Vacation 11:00am Onsite and Online Worship	14 Stephanie Vacation Pastor Paul Continuing Education - away from the office 6:00pm Med-City Tai Chi	15 Stephanie Vacation Pastor Paul Continuing Education - away from the office 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	16 Stephanie Vacation Pastor Paul Continuing Education - away from the office 8:00am Prayer Group	17 Stephanie Vacation Pastor Paul Continuing Education - away from the office	18 Stephanie Vacation Pastor Paul Continuing Education - away from the office	19 Pastor Paul Continuing Education - away from the office
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3705 Fairway Place NW
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*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 11:00 am each Sunday
Both onsite and online!
Communion is the first Sunday of the month.**

**Online Worship, Sundays 11:00 am
<https://meet.google.com/mhq-retb-jzs>
Or dial: (US) +1 715-600-0099 PIN: 959 349 717#**

**Bulletins for worship can be found
on the homepage of our website.
www.cpcrochester.org**

**Contact the church office: 507-280-9291
or email office@cpcrochester.org**