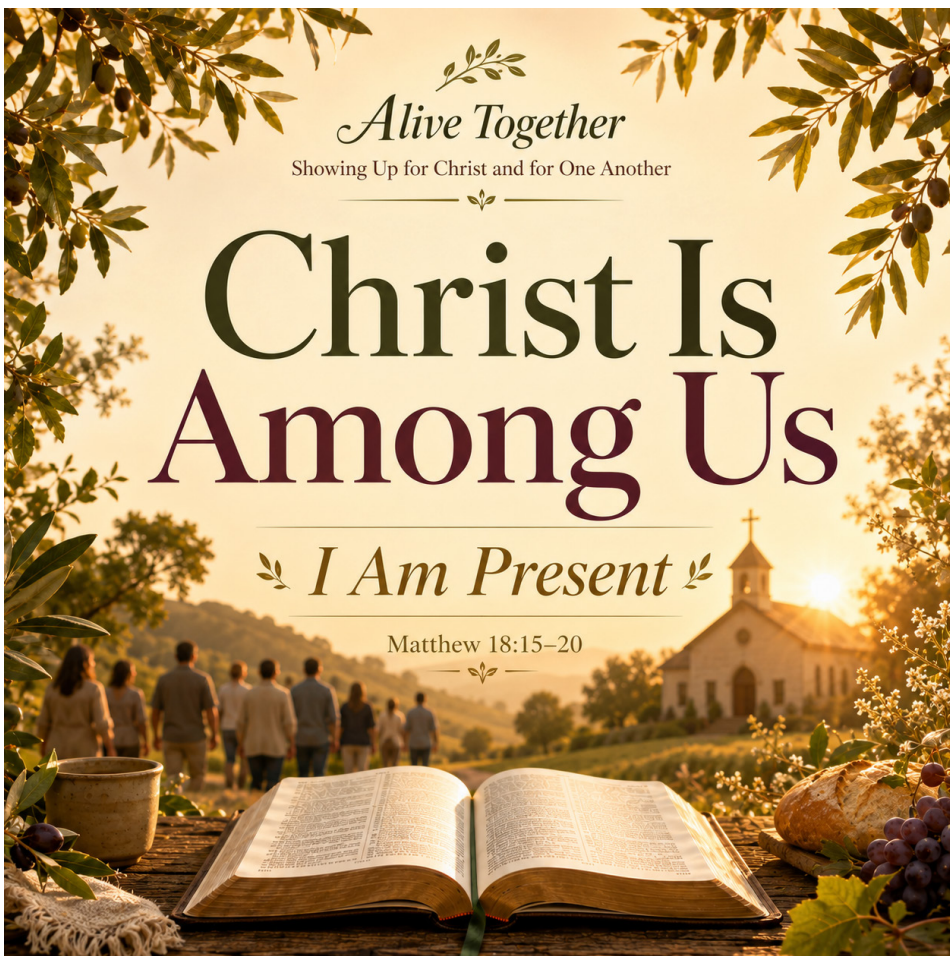


Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



September 6, 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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Christ is among us.

Leader: We come not as strangers, but as members of one body.

People: Our presence becomes encouragement, prayer, fellowship, and love.

Leader: God calls us to be present with our hearts, our minds, our bodies, and our spirits.

People: I am present. My presence matters.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who gathers us.

People: Together we are the Body of Christ, alive together!

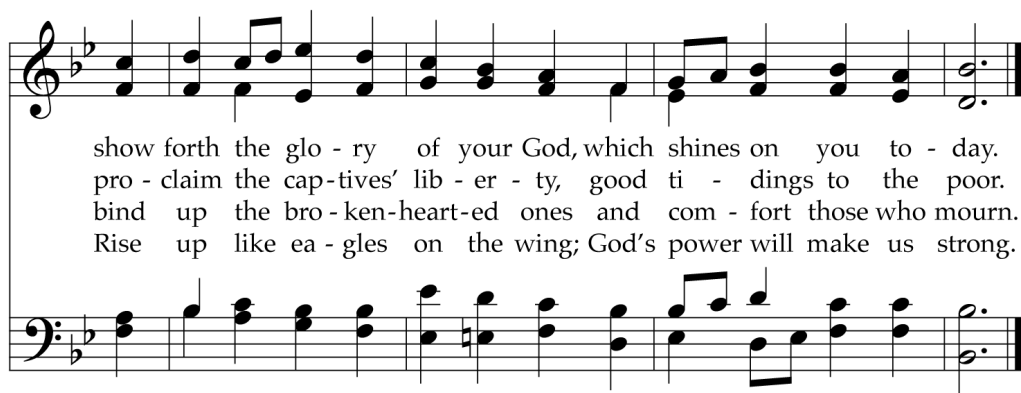
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gathering God, you call us from many places and many experiences and make us one in Jesus Christ. We praise you that Christ is present when your people gather in his name. Quiet our distractions, open our hearts to one another, and teach us the holy ministry of faithful presence. May our worship today deepen our love for you, strengthen our fellowship, and make us people of peace, reconciliation, and encouragement. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 744

Arise! Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, you have called us to be one body in Christ, yet we confess that we often forget how much we need one another.

We become too busy to gather, too distracted to listen, too proud to reconcile, and too comfortable to notice the needs of others.

Forgive us when our absence, our words, or our actions discourage another person.

Restore our relationships.

Teach us to be present with you and faithfully present with one another, so that our life together may reveal the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ comes among us with grace, mercy, and peace.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, quiet every distraction and open our hearts. Help us hear Christ's promise to be among us, and teach us how our faithful presence can strengthen the whole body. By your Holy Spirit, make your Word alive among us. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Christ Is Among Us: "I AM PRESENT."

Pastor Paul

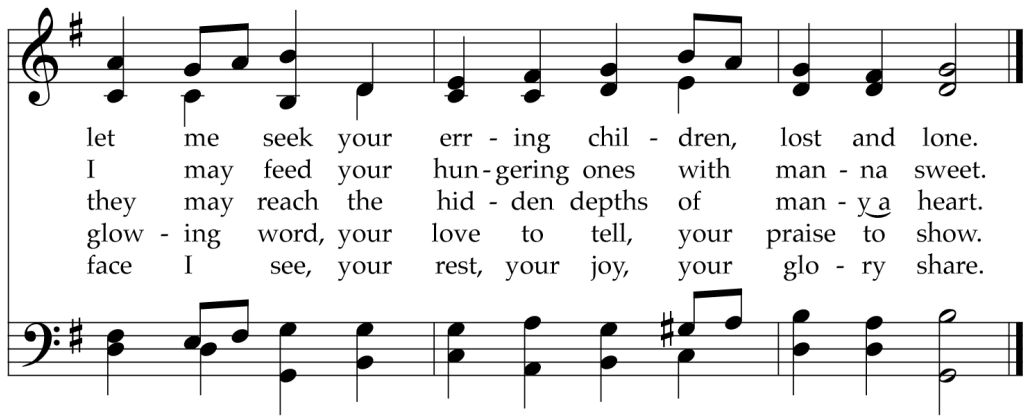
RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



INVITATION TO CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS

Christ is present among us and receives every part of our lives. Let us share the joys for which we give thanks and the concerns for which we seek the prayers of this community.

*Joys and Concerns are Shared... after each petition: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Because Christ has gathered us into one body, we offer more than money. We offer our presence, our time, our abilities, our compassion, and our lives. With gratitude, let us return to God a portion of all that God has entrusted to us for the ministry and mission of Christ's church.

DOXOLOGY GTG 708

We Give Thee But Thine Own
We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gathering God, receive these gifts and receive our lives. Use what we give and who we are to strengthen your church, care for our neighbors, make peace, and proclaim the love of Jesus Christ. May our gifts and our faithful presence become blessings to others.

Amen.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH ALL GOD'S 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:

We remember your mercy and give thanks for your grace.

You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked,
but call everyone to turn to your way and live.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

SANCTUS GTG 595

Holy, Holy, Holy



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 513

This Is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-

lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful— those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 539

We Will Go Out with Joy



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



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Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*BENEDICTION

Go now knowing that Christ is among us.

Be present to God.

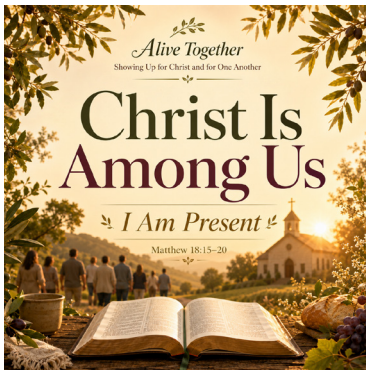
Be present to one another.

Be present to the people God places in your path.

Remember: I AM PRESENT. My presence matters.

And may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE



September 6, 2026 “Christ Is Among Us” I AM PRESENT. We begin our September sermon series, “Alive Together,” with a simple but important declaration: “I am present.”

Jesus promises that where two or three gather in his name, he is there among them. Our presence in worship and in the life of the church is more than attendance—it is part of our ministry to one another. Join us as we rediscover why showing up for Christ and for one another matters.

Scripture: Matthew 18:15–20



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!

After worship, we will have a pancake breakfast!



Online worship will be via zoom beginning September 20th!

Link for the Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94694148977?pwd=OqE3tRPETy7zH3JdKiOjnoeCoN5Ona.1>

Meeting ID: 946 9414 8977

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SEPTEMBER 2026 SERMON SERIES

Alive Together: Showing Up for Christ and for One Another

Series Scripture:

*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”
Matthew 18:20*

September Sermon Series: Alive Together

God has called us to be more than people who simply attend worship. In Jesus Christ, we are one body—called to worship together, grow together, encourage one another, serve one another, and participate together in God’s mission.

During September, Pastor Paul will lead us through a four-week sermon series entitled ***“Alive Together: Showing Up for Christ and for One Another.”***

Together, we will explore why our presence matters, how God helps us grow through Christian community, how our example influences others, and how each of us is called to participate actively in the life and mission of Christ’s church.

This series is not simply an invitation to attend church more often. It is an invitation to rediscover what it means to belong to the Body of Christ and to recognize that every person has a place, a purpose, and gifts that matter.

September 6: Christ Is Among Us — ***“I am present.”***

September 13: We Grow When We Gather — ***“I am growing.”***

September 20: The Ministry of Example — ***“I am influencing.”***

September 27: From Attending to Participating — ***“I am participating.”***

Come and discover how God can make us stronger in faith, deeper in fellowship, and more faithful in mission as we become the Body of Christ—***Alive Together!***

OUR SEPTEMBER JOURNEY

I AM PRESENT. *My presence matters.*

I AM GROWING. *We need one another.*

I AM INFLUENCING. *My example influences others.*

I AM PARTICIPATING. *God has given me something to do.*

Together, we are the church—the Body of Christ, ALIVE TOGETHER!

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



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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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Sunday, September 6

11:00 am Worship with Communion
- Onsite and Online

4:00 pm Installation Worship
with Reception following
Location: First Presbyterian

Tuesday, September 8

9:30 am PW Bible Study

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

Wednesday, September 9

8:00 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 11

6:30 pm Library, Great Room Use:
SE MN ASD Social Group

Sunday, September 13

11:00 am Worship with Brass, Etc!
- Outside (weather permitting)
and Online

12:00 pm Pancake Breakfast

Stephanie out of the office 9/4-9/19.



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler and family

Sherrie Wilson

Jennifer Taylor

Kristy Giere

Sue Chipman

To be added to the prayer list, please
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Pianist	Tianyao Xie
Liturgist	Bruce Felger
IT Support	Louis Bouchard & Bruce Felger

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