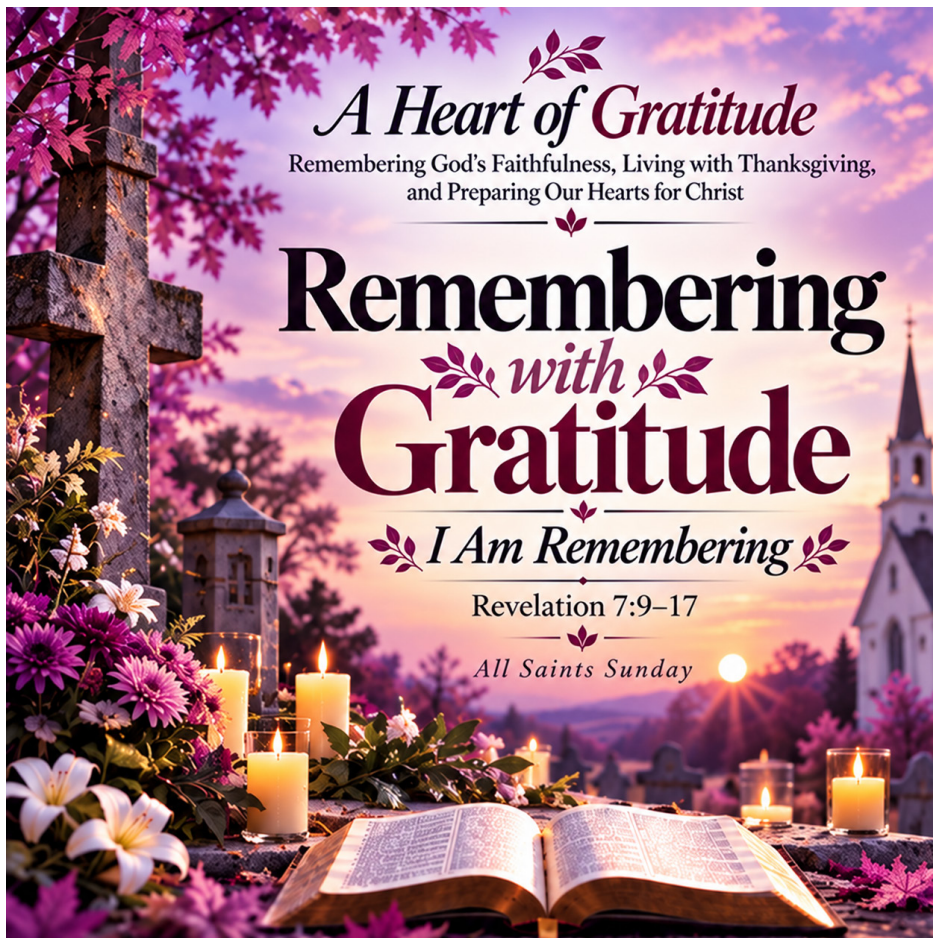


Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



A Heart of Gratitude

Remembering God's Faithfulness, Living with Thanksgiving,
and Preparing Our Hearts for Christ

Remembering *with* Gratitude

I Am Remembering

Revelation 7:9-17

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 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

From every nation and generation, God gathers a great multitude in worship.

We give thanks for those who have lived and died in the faith.

God shelters the weary, wipes away tears, and leads the redeemed to living water.

In Christ, love is stronger than death and hope is not lost.

We remember beloved saints, both known and unknown,
and the grace that sustained them.

Their witness encourages us to follow Jesus today.

Let us say together:

I AM REMEMBERING WITH GRATITUDE.

Let us worship the living God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, source of life and hope, we praise you for the multitude of witnesses who have loved you across generations. We thank you for parents, grandparents, friends, teachers, pastors, and quiet servants whose faith helped shape ours. As we remember those who have died, hold our grief within the promise of your steadfast love. Unite us with the whole communion of saints in the worship of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly
2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir-it, sure foun - da - tion,
3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

work of build - ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.
 faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.
 do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.
 church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

We remember God's faithfulness, yet we sometimes forget the people and stories through which grace has reached us.

Trusting Christ who forgives and renews, let us confess our sins.

God of every generation,

we confess that we often live as if our faith began with us.

We forget the sacrifices of others, neglect those who grieve,

and fail to encourage those who will follow us.

Sometimes sorrow narrows our hope,

and sometimes busyness keeps us from gratitude.

Forgive us.

Give us compassion for the bereaved, humility toward the past,

and courage to bear witness today.

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear the good news: the Lamb is our shepherd and leads us to springs of living water.
In Christ, even death cannot separate us from God's love.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, comforted, and made new. Thanks be to God!

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, as we hear John's vision of the multitude before God's throne, comfort those who mourn and inspire us through the witness of the saints. Open our ears to the promise of Christ, the Lamb who shepherds us into life. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gather with the Saints
by Larry Shackley

CPC Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

*“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”*

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

*For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.*

*They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,*

*for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*

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

SERMON

I Am Remembering with Gratitude

Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 321 *The Church’s One Foundation*

**The church’s one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.**

**3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**4 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.**

INVITATION TO CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS

As we remember the communion of saints, let us share our joys and concerns, including the names and memories of those we especially carry in our hearts.

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 THE OFFERING

We remember with gratitude the faithful generosity of those who have gone before us. Let our gifts today continue a legacy of compassion, worship, and service in Christ's name.

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

God of every generation, receive our gifts and the memories that inspire them. Use what we offer to comfort the grieving, welcome the lonely, nurture faith, and serve our neighbors. Make us faithful witnesses in our own time. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 326

For All the Saints

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*BENEDICTION

Go in gratitude for the saints who have shown you the way. Remember their love, continue their witness, and comfort those who grieve. I AM REMEMBERING WITH GRATITUDE.

May the God who gives life, the risen Christ who shepherds us, and the Spirit who sustains us bless you now and always. Go in peace. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE



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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



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



On Sunday, November 8th, we will remember Veterans and Armistice Day with a bell tolling eleven times and a short reading.



Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 22, following worship
For the purpose of electing
elders and deacons. Plan to attend!

Following the worship service today, the Celebration of Life for Amy Ward will take place. Communion will be celebrated November 8.

Today is All Saints Sunday!

We remember Margie Petersen, Audrey Crawshaw, and Amy Ward. We also remember Wayne Richardson, and Alex Hall as well as those whose names remain in our hearts and on our minds.



“ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for *God loves a cheerful giver.*”

— 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 —



Community Presbyterian Church Rochester

A PASTORAL INVITATION TO JOYFUL STEWARDSHIP

**The Stewardship Packets were sent out last week.
If you did not receive one, there are a few extras on the table with the bulletins.
Stewardship Sunday will be celebrated November 8!**

Worship in November!

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| November 1 | 10:00 Worship - All Saints Sunday |
| | 11:00 Celebration of Life for Amy Ward |
| November 8 | Worship with Communion at 11:00 am |
| | Stewardship Sunday |
| | Armistice Day Remembrance |
| November 15 | Worship at 11:00 am |
| November 22 | Worship at 11:00 am |
| | Congregational Meeting following worship |
| | PW Thank Offering |
| November 29 | Worship at 11:00 am - Advent Begins! |
| | Greening of the Church following worship |





Remembering • Responding • Returning • Rejoicing

Four Sundays: November 1, 8, 15, and 22 • November 29 begins Advent.

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

“I Am Remembering with Gratitude”

Theme: I AM REMEMBERING. • All Saints Sunday

Scripture: Revelation 7:9–17

We give thanks for the faithful witnesses who have gone before us.

In October, our series “A People Made Ready” called us to be rooted in Christ, attentive to God, open to God’s presence, and ready for faithful service. In November, we take the next step together: becoming a people whose hearts overflow with gratitude. Through All Saints Sunday, stewardship, thanksgiving, and the approach of Advent, we will explore four ways to live gratefully: Remembering, Responding, Returning, and Rejoicing.

November 1 - “I Am Remembering with Gratitude” - Revelation 7:9–17 - REMEMBERING

November 8 - “I Am Responding with Gratitude” - 1 Chronicles 29:10–18 - RESPONDING

November 15 — “I Am Returning with Gratitude” — Luke 17:11–19 — RETURNING

November 22 — “I Am Rejoicing with Gratitude” — Habakkuk 3:17–19 — REJOICING

Come worship with us as gratitude deepens our faith, opens our hands, and prepares our hearts to welcome Christ anew.



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Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Sunday
10:00 am Worship - Onsite and Online
11:00 am Amy Ward Celebration of Life

This week:

Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day
9:00 am Bulletin Items Due
7:00 pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Net.

Wednesday, November 4
8:00 am Prayer Group
6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 8 - Stewardship Sunday
11:00 am Worship with Communion
- Onsite and Online



Judy Leal
Jane and Ed Burgstaler and family
Sherrie Wilson
Jennifer Taylor
Kristy Giere
Sue Chipman
The family of Margie Petersen

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

In Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Paul Banchasawan
Pianist	Tianyao Xie
Liturgist	Peggy McCarty
Special Music	CPC Choir
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