

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

October 11, 2026

**Welcome to worship
this morning!**

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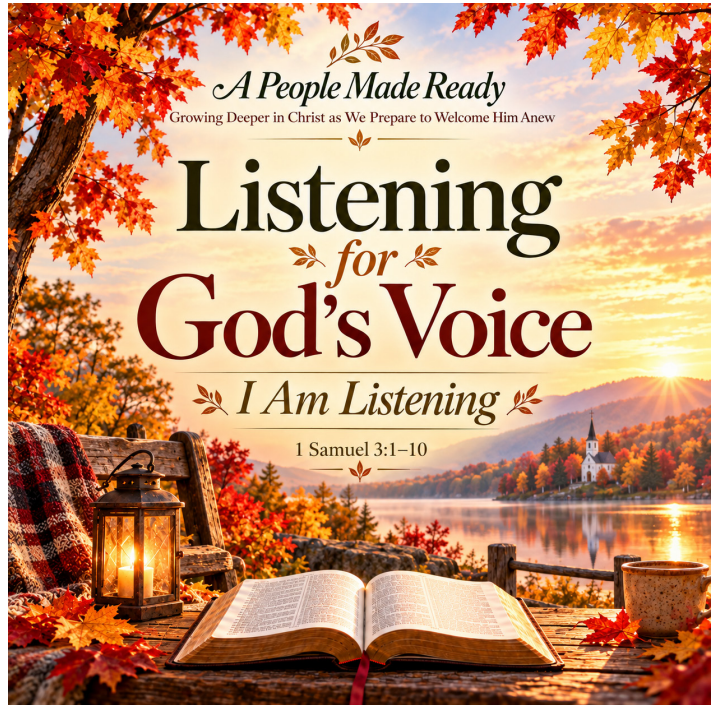
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An offering plate is
placed near the door to
the church to receive
your offerings.



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord called Samuel, and Samuel answered.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

God still speaks through Scripture, prayer, faithful community,
and the quiet leading of the Spirit.

Open our ears and soften our hearts.

We come not only to speak to God, but also to listen for God.

Teach us to recognize your voice and respond with faith.

Today we declare together:

I AM LISTENING. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Speaking God, you called Samuel by name and patiently taught him to listen. Quiet the noise within and around us. Free us from hurried minds, anxious hearts, and assumptions that keep us from hearing you. Give us ears attentive to Scripture, hearts sensitive to your Spirit, and courage to respond when you call. Make this congregation a listening people who seek your will before our own. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 409

God is Here!



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 PARDON

Merciful God, you speak words of truth, grace, correction, and calling, yet we confess that we do not always listen.

We fill our lives with noise.

We hear only what confirms what we already want.

We interrupt one another, rush to conclusions,

and sometimes avoid your voice

because obedience may require change.

Forgive us.

Give us the humility of Samuel.

Teach us to say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening,"

and give us courage to follow where you lead. Amen.

Hear the good news: God does not give up when we fail to listen.

In Jesus Christ, God calls us again, forgives us, and opens a new way forward.

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

God who speaks, as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, give us Samuel's listening heart. Silence the voices that compete for our attention. Help us recognize your truth, receive your correction, and respond to your call. By your Holy Spirit, make us hearers who become faithful doers. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Give Thanks to the Lord
by Mark Petterson

CPC Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

SERMON

Listening for God's Voice

Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

INVITATION TO CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS

The God who listens to us also teaches us to listen to one another. Let us share the joys, concerns, questions, and needs of our church family, receiving each voice with care.

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

Listening to God always leads toward response. As we hear God's generosity toward us, we answer with generosity of our own. Let us offer our gifts so that the church may listen well, serve faithfully, and respond to the needs God places before us.

DOXOLOGY GTG 697

Take My Life

vs. 1 and 4

**Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Speaking and sending God, receive these gifts and receive our willingness to respond. Use what we offer to strengthen your church, support ministry, care for our neighbors, and share the gospel. Give us listening hearts and willing hands. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 456

Listen, God Is Calling

Refrain

Leader *All*

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,
Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.
ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.

Leader *All*

1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader *All* *to Refrain*

that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

*BENEDICTION

Go into this week with ears open to God. Listen in Scripture. Listen in prayer. Listen to the people God places before you. Listen for the Spirit's invitation to serve. Remember: I AM LISTENING. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

May the God who calls you, the Christ who walks with you, and the Spirit who guides you give you wisdom and courage. Go in peace. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

October Sermon Series

“A People Made Ready: Growing Deeper in Christ as We Prepare to Welcome Him Anew”

Series Scripture:

“to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Luke 1:17

OCTOBER 11, 2026 — “LISTENING FOR GOD’S VOICE”

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1–10 | Theme: I AM LISTENING. | Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

Our lives are surrounded by many voices—news, schedules, worries, expectations, and constant noise. In the story of young Samuel, God calls again and again until Samuel learns to recognize the voice of the Lord. This week we will explore what it means to become a listening people: attentive to Scripture, prayer, worship, the wisdom of others, and the quiet movements of God’s Spirit. A prepared church is not simply a busy church; it is a church willing to stop, listen, discern, and respond. Join us as we pray with Samuel: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”



Online worship is provided via zoom.

Link for the Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 946 9414 8977 Passcode: 245972

SAMUEL LISTENS TO GOD - 1ST SAMUEL 3

P D G D M M G S G D N P G G O D Q
B F R R Z F H A N N A H N V N B Q
M B K O A O F D V B O I J T W D K
S L W P W K B Q Y T P J R W B W F
E B K J M S P E X E T L O G U W V
M L S V Z L Z D E H P C U O T J Y
M F A R U Q C L V P M Z D N N Q E
E L M W K E S H C O Z R T E W A L
S H U Z K C E Q A R Z Z B T L N K
S R E Z C A X P S P V H X S G I A
A H L Z A L E B H I W D A I U M N
G P A L B L E P I L M Z S L F P A
E S E R V A N T S E F B N Q R A H
F V V R I B U S U Y N T Z N G E H
G Z D J W Q S B C A L L E D O I B
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SLEEPING

SERVANT

PROPHET

MESSAGE

ELKANAH

SAMUEL

LISTEN

HANNAH

CALLED

SPEAK

WORD

HEAR

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Sunday, October 11

11:00 am Worship - Onsite and Online

This week:

Monday, October 12

6:00 pm Great Room Use: Med City Tai Chi

Tuesday, October 13

9:30 am PW Bible Study - onsite and online

<https://meet.google.com/wpx-tsra-ppg>

Or dial: (US) +1 316-416-2584

PIN: 239 113 939#

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

Wednesday, October 14

8:00 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 18

11:00 am Worship - Onsite and Online



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler and family

Sherrie Wilson

Jennifer Taylor

Kristy Giere

Sue Chipman

Family of Audrey Crawshaw

**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	Bruce Felger
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