

Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



October 25, 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

All Scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, correction, and training in righteousness.

God's Word forms us and prepares us.

God does not prepare us merely to know more, but to live faithfully.

In Christ, we are equipped for every good work.

We have been rooted, we have listened, and we have made room for God.

Now we offer ourselves ready for God's purposes.

Today we declare together:

I AM READY. God's Word equips me to serve. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Equipping God, you have given us your Word not simply to inform our minds but to form our lives. Teach us, correct us, encourage us, and train us in the way of Christ. Gather everything you have been doing among us—rooting us, teaching us to listen, and making room within us—and prepare us for faithful service. As we move toward Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, make us ready to love, welcome, give, witness, and serve in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

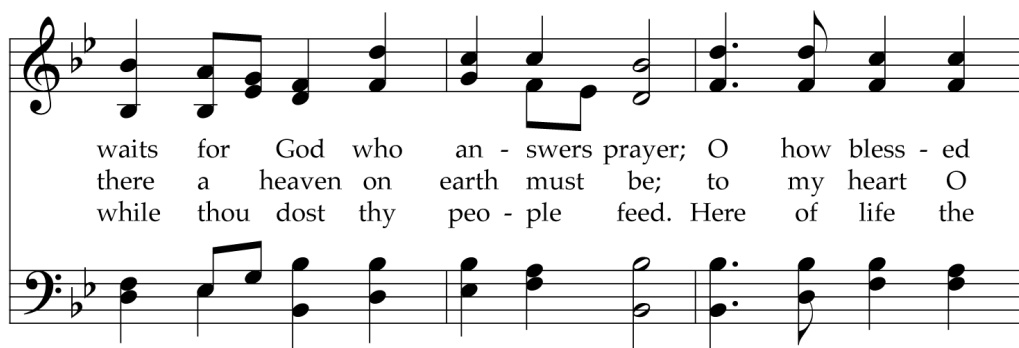
OPENING HYMN GTG 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be



en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,



waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God, you have given us your Word, your Spirit, and many opportunities to serve, yet we confess that we sometimes remain unprepared.

We hear Scripture but do not practice it.

We recognize needs but wait for someone else.

We ask for guidance but resist correction.

**We allow fear, busyness, or comfort
to keep us from the good work you place before us.**

Forgive us.

**Train our hearts in righteousness, strengthen our courage,
and make us ready for whatever faithful service you ask of us. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God's grace does not merely forgive our past; it also prepares our future. In Jesus Christ we are restored, renewed, and called again into faithful service.

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 of the living Word, breathe your Spirit through the Scriptures today. Teach us what we need to know, correct what needs to change, encourage what is faithful, and equip us for the good work you have prepared. Make your Word active in our lives. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Are the Church
by Nancy Price and Don Besig

CPC Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:14–17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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

SERMON

Ready for Every Good Work

Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 432 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - came in hin - dranc - es more sure:
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re -
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to



stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

INVITATION TO CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS

A people made ready carries one another in prayer. Let us share the joys, concerns, thanksgivings, and needs of our community, trusting God to equip us to care for one another.

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

God equips us not only with knowledge but with resources, gifts, time, compassion, and opportunities. Let us offer what God has entrusted to us so that we may be ready for every good work.

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

Equipping God, receive these gifts and prepare them for good work. Use them to proclaim the gospel, nurture disciples, care for those in need, welcome our neighbors, and strengthen the ministry of this congregation. Receive us also. Make our hands ready to serve, our hearts ready to love, and our lives ready to follow Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 733

We Are All One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

*BENEDICTION

Church of Jesus Christ, go as a people made ready. Stay rooted in Christ. Keep listening for God's voice. Make room for God's presence. Be ready for every good work. Remember our October journey: I AM ROOTED. I AM LISTENING. I AM MAKING ROOM. I AM READY.

And may the God who prepares you, the Christ who sends you, and the Holy Spirit who equips you be with you now and always. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

October Sermon Series

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

"READY FOR EVERY GOOD WORK"

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14–17 | Theme: I AM READY.

God's Word equips me to serve.

Our October journey reaches its final movement: READY. God has rooted us in Christ, taught us to listen, and invited us to make room for his presence—not so that we remain spiritually comfortable, but so that we may be equipped for faithful living. Paul tells Timothy that Scripture teaches, corrects, trains, and prepares God's people for every good work. This Sunday we will gather the entire month into one question: What is God preparing me—and our congregation—to do? As we look toward November and the coming Advent season, we will declare together: I am rooted. I am listening. I am making room. I am ready.

Online worship is provided via zoom.

Link for the Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94694148977?pwd=OgE3tRPETY7zH3JdKiOjnoeCoN5Ona.1>

Meeting ID: 946 9414 8977 Passcode: 245972



Worship on November 1 will be at 10:00 am.
Following the worship service, the Celebration of Life for Amy Ward will take place.
Communion will be celebrated November 8.

“ 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 this week on Tuesday. 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 |
| | PW Thank Offering |
| November 29 | Worship at 11:00 am - Advent Begins! |
| | Greening of the Church following worship |



Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday. We will remember those that have passed away in the last year, as well as those that have gone before. If you would like your loved one's name included, please send their name to Stephanie in the office by Tuesday. Please bring a candle from home to light in your loved one's honor.



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Sunday, October 25

11:00 am Worship - Onsite and Online

This week:

Monday, October 26

9:00 am Session Packet Items Due

Tuesday, October 27

9:30 am PW Extra Bible Study
Onsite and online

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

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

PIN: 239 113 939#

6:00 pm Session Meeting

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

Wednesday, October 28

8:00 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Sunday

10:00 am Worship - Onsite and Online

11:00 am Amy Ward Celebration of Life



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	Sue Chipman
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