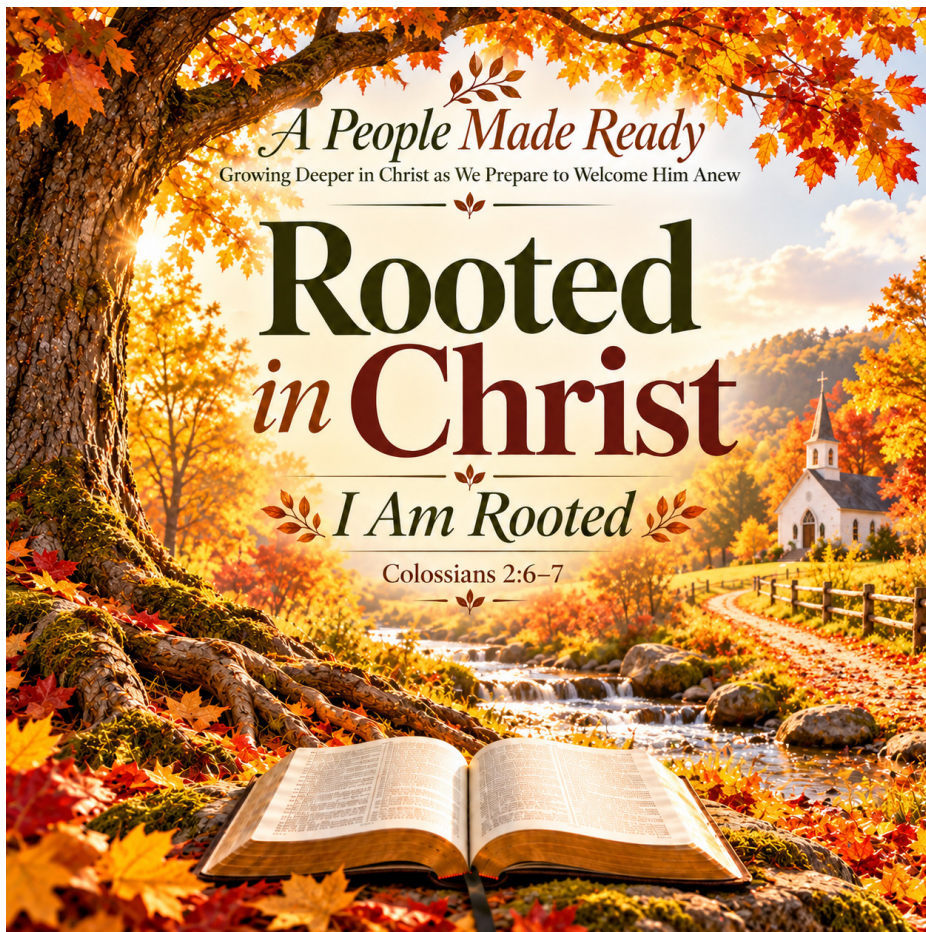


Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



October 4, 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

As we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, let us continue to live in him.

We come to be rooted and built up in Christ.

God establishes us in faith and fills our hearts with thanksgiving.

Our strength is not in ourselves; Christ is our foundation.

Across nations, languages, cultures, and congregations, Christ gathers one church.

We are rooted in one Lord, nourished by one grace, and joined at one table.

Today we declare together:

I AM ROOTED. Christ is my foundation. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, you have planted us in Jesus Christ and called us to continue walking in him. Deepen our roots in your grace. Build us up through Scripture, prayer, worship, fellowship, and the Lord's Table. When the winds of anxiety, change, disappointment, or distraction blow around us, hold us steady in Christ. Make this congregation a people whose lives grow from him and whose gratitude overflows into love for the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures
of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Gracious God, you have given us Christ as our sure foundation, yet we confess that we often try to build our lives on lesser things.

**We root ourselves in success, comfort, possessions,
approval, routines, and our own plans.**

**When circumstances change,
our faith becomes anxious and our gratitude grows thin.**

Forgive us.

**Pull our hearts away from shallow soil and plant us more deeply in your grace. Root
our identity in Christ, strengthen us in faith,
and make our lives overflow with thanksgiving. Amen.**

Hear the good news: the mercy of God is deeper than our failures, and the grace of Christ is strong enough to hold us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and rooted in grace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open the Scriptures to us and deepen our roots in Christ. Let your Word reach beneath the surface of our lives, strengthen our faith, correct what is unstable, and nourish what is good. May we not merely hear your Word, but continue walking in Christ with thankful hearts. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Communion Song

CPC Choir

Words by J. Paul Williams, Music by James M. Stevens

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 2:6-7

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

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

SERMON

Rooted in Christ

Pastor Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 175 *Seek Ye First*

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

and seek, but its and by righ you ev - teous shall ery - ness, find; word

and knock, that all these things and the door pro - shall be shall be add - ed un - to you. o - pened un - to you. of God.

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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INVITATION TO CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rooted in Christ, we belong to one another. 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 our lives are rooted in Christ, our giving grows from gratitude rather than fear. Let us offer our gifts, our time, our abilities, and our lives so that Christ's church may be strengthened and God's love shared with the world.

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

Rooted and generous God, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude. Use them to strengthen your church, nurture faith, feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, welcome the stranger, and carry the good news of Jesus Christ into the world. Receive our lives as well, and keep us rooted in Christ. **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.**

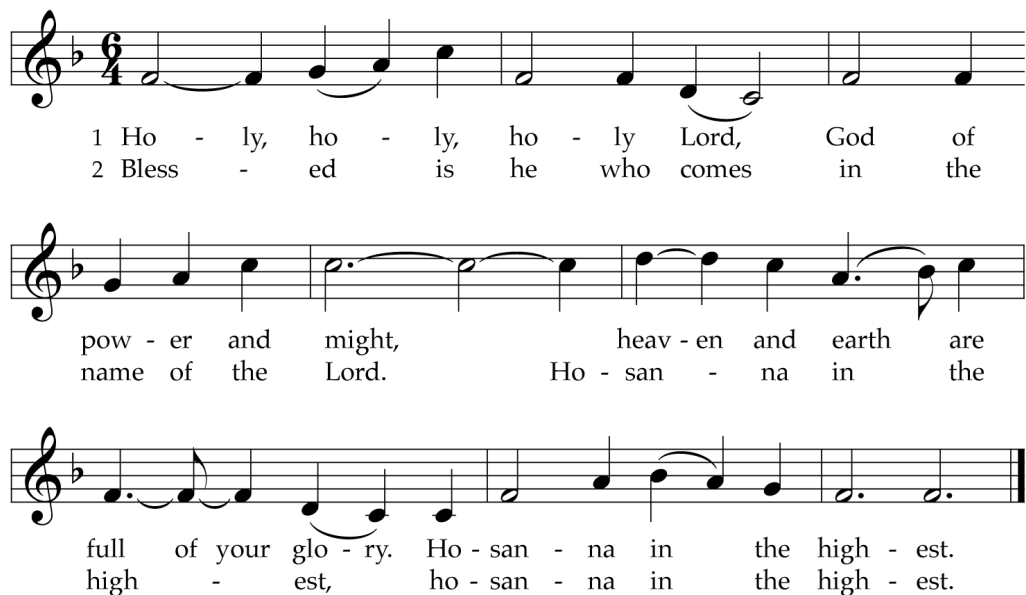
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, loving God, creator and sustainer of life. You planted the first fields — wheat, barley, rice, and maize — and made us in your image to care for your creation. You fed your people in the wilderness with manna from heaven, leading them to a land of milk and honey. When human greed trampled the poor you spoke through the prophets, calling us to worship you with justice and peace.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, the living bread, to lift up the oppressed and lowly and fill the hungry with good things.
Therefore we praise you, joining the faithful who hunger and thirst for righteousness and singing the hymn of the whole creation:

SANCTUS GTG 552

Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYERS

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.*



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

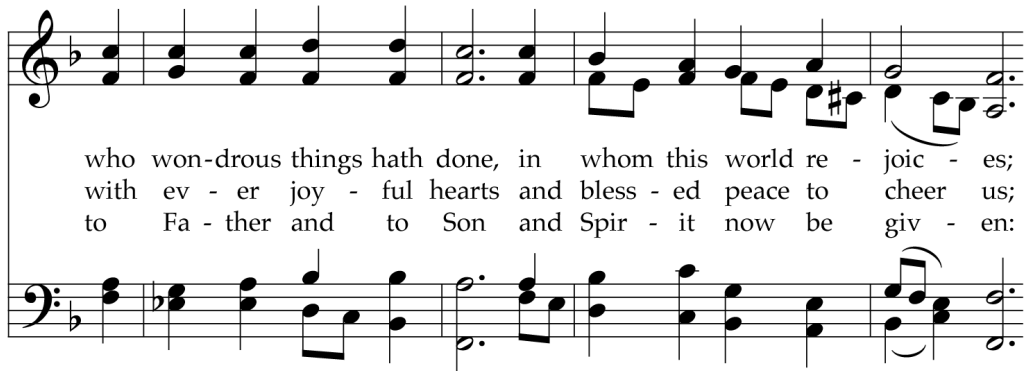
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
 creator and ruler of the universe,
 for you have satisfied our souls
 with this feast of your grace.
 Keep us faithful in your service
 until your realm of glory comes;
 through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

*BENEDICTION

Go now rooted in Jesus Christ.

When life is uncertain, hold fast to him.

When blessings come, overflow with thanksgiving.

When others need strength, become a steady presence of grace.

Remember: I AM ROOTED. Christ is my foundation.

And may the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit keep you firm in faith and fruitful in love. 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

Throughout the past several months, we have explored what it means to be Christ's Church, to become faithful stewards of God's gifts, and to participate fully in the life and mission of the congregation. During October, we take the next step together: spiritual preparation.

Before we enter the busy seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, we will ask how God is preparing our hearts for what comes next. Through Scripture, worship, and prayer, we will discover what it means to become a people who are rooted in Christ, attentive to God's voice, willing to make room for God, and ready for every good work.

October 4 — “Rooted in Christ” — Colossians 2:6–7 — I AM ROOTED.

October 11 — “Listening for God's Voice” — 1 Samuel 3:1–10 — I AM LISTENING.

October 18 — “Making Room for God” — Luke 10:38–42 — I AM MAKING ROOM.

October 25 — “Ready for Every Good Work” — 2 Timothy 3:14–17 — I AM READY.

Join us throughout October as God forms us together into A People Made Ready.

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

What does the Lord require
of you, but to do justice,

...to love kindness

and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8



**WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING**



A Taste of Italy Progressive Dinner

Community Presbyterian Church

Saturday, October 10 at 6:30 pm

Sign up in the narthex!



OCTOBER 13 & 14

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Sunday, October 4

11:00 am Worship with Communion
- Onsite and Online

This week:

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

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#

6:00 pm Session Meeting

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

Wednesday, October 7

8:00 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 11

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	Ivy Pillers
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