

**COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
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Our Mission Statement:

As people of God and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe our Mission to be the building of a strong fellowship, ministering to the Spiritual and physical needs of the church, the community, and the world fulfilling our Lord's command to "Love our neighbors."

Advent

The Season of Advent begins on November 27th. Advent is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas, and means to "come to" (think "advent-ure"). Advent provides us with the opportunity to "overhear" the promises that the people of God understood God to have made regarding God's presence and presents in the world, and how the people of God understood those promises to be realized.

One opportunity to "overhear" the story, to listen in once again, will be an Advent Study that will be the focus of preaching on Sundays, the Sunday morning textual study before worship, and a daily time of reflection. The texts for the first two weeks will come from Isaiah, while the texts for the succeeding weeks will come from Matthew. Each Sunday will include a psalm as a companion text, a text that we will read responsively during worship, and daily texts to read and reflect on from Isaiah, Matthew, and other Biblical sources. This Advent Study will be provided for you for you to use during the season, perhaps in addition to your annual use of an Advent Calendar or another spiritual discipline.

Another opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds as disciples of Jesus will be to join in a book read and discussion of "The First Christmas" by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. These two Biblical scholars (and good friends) had previously published "The Last Week", an examination of the week Jesus spent in Jerusalem ahead of his death and resurrection, and "The First Christmas" is an equally faithful study of not only the birth narratives found in Matthew and Luke (Mark and John do not have a birth narrative), but how the stories are told to challenge the counter-claims of the Roman government when it came to divine topics. This is an accessible work that will challenge everyone in some form or fashion, given what we have been taught—especially when it comes to the stories in Matthew and Luke. The study will be held over six weeks, a time that will take us through Advent and the season of Christmas. Copies of the book will be available in the church office.

This year Christmas falls on a Sunday. We will gather to celebrate Christmas Eve on Saturday evening and then again on Christmas morning. Christmas Day occurring on Sunday is an infrequent and unique experience for those who can participate. This also means that January 1st is also a Sunday, with the opportunity to gather celebrating two holy holidays (the word is a contraction of "holy-day) in worship together.

A Love Letter To The Saints of Community Presbyterian Church

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4.4-7

To the Saints of Community Presbyterian Church engaged in God's mission, greetings:

In all but one of Paul's letters to churches and individuals (Galatians the exception), he begins with a statement of thanksgiving. Whether brief or extended, he expresses thanks for them, for their witness to God in the person of Jesus through the passion and purpose of the Holy Spirit. The letter to the Philippians, which begins "*I thank my God every time I remember you...because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now*", has been described as an extended letter of thanksgiving, illustrated by these words above.

Paul includes a powerful petition pertinent during this season of Thanksgiving: "*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*" Do not worry, Paul advises the Philippians, echoing Jesus' teaching to not be consumed with fear. **But in everything** by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God (emphasis added). Do not worry...(instead offer your requests to God through) prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. Paul invites us to acknowledge our fears and offer them to God through prayers with thanksgiving, with an attitude of gratitude for the opportunity to share and be heard. What an invitation! In everything...with thanksgiving... offer our prayers and supplications to God: every time and in every place we find ourselves stressed out. You know where these times exist for you!

Paul goes on to add: "*Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things...and the God of peace will be with you.*" Paul is encouraging the Saints of Philippi (and CPC, LdF!) to live with thanksgiving—an act of thanks-living—expressing thanks to God always and in all ways.

Thank you for your witness to God's mission in the person of Jesus through the passion and purpose of the Holy Spirit and for your witness to God's Way in the world as you love God and neighbor and yourself, and for your presence in the Community Presbyterian Church.

Blessings and Be Well...

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Sunday morning worship begins at 10am weekly in the sanctuary.

The texts for preaching during November are:

Nov 6	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Philemon 1-25	"What's In A Name?"
Nov 13	23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 23.1-8	"The Days Are Surely(?) Coming"
Nov 20	Reign of Christ Sunday	Isaiah 12.1-6	"An Attitude Of Gratitude"
Nov 27	1 st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2.1-5	"Come, Let Us Walk"

An Invitation to be Transformed: Dwelling In The Word

On Sundays from 9-9.40am, you are invited to come to the gathering space to reflect on the text that will be preached during the worship service that morning. Please bring with you your favorite Bible and the desire to listen, learn, and be transformed!

An Invitation to be Transformed: Reading and Reflecting on Parables in Luke

On Wednesdays from 10-11am **through November 17th**, you are invited to reflect on a parable in Luke. The text for each Wednesday is suggested by a participant. Please bring with you your favorite Bible and the desire to listen, learn, and be transformed!

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Thanks Be To God To...And For...

Members and friends of CPC who as disciples faithfully share their presence and presents supporting God's work individually and corporately through CPC.

Jack Fashbaugh, a dedicated and faithful Commissioned Ruling Elder, for his worship leadership once again within CPC on October 16th.

Ken Ribe, the Pastor to Pastors within the Presbytery of Northern Waters, for his worship leadership on October 30th!

The congregants who volunteered filling the bags for the "Food for KIDZ" organization. The volunteers were: Pearl Jonkman-Hujet, John Hujet, Ron and Deb Wilke along with Ron's brother, Tom & Carol Gelwicks, Grant Birmingham and Jill Consie, Diane Kizorek, and Steve Schunk.

Everyone who contributed to the Peacemaking Offering of the PCUSA and to God for how we will be led to share our 25% of the offering.

All who have so genuinely helped Kim Emery and Timm High settle into CPC and Lac du Flambeau. Both of us are very grateful for each and every one of you.

For the season of Thanksgiving during this month of November, for time to gather with family and friends to give thanks and to be blessed by God's provision of food.

SESSION NOTES FROM OCTOBER 21, 2022

Meeting opened at 10:00 with a prayer.

Treasurers Report-The budget is holding its own.

Buildings and Grounds - The plow contract for winter has been signed and the pipes in the Attic drained so they do not freeze.

A refrigerator and toilet have been gifted to CPC by Pastor Timm and Kim.

Stewardship - Please return your pledge cards as soon as possible.

Worship and Music - For Advent, a book called The First Christmas will be available for a six-week study.

Budget and Financing - Bill Raduege has offered to continue as treasurer once his term is up. Motion was made and carried to keep Bill as treasurer.

Old Business - The session would like to thank John Hujet for the time and effort he put into researching the technical issues for CPC. Further information on this topic will be forthcoming.

Next session meeting will be Friday, November 11, at 10:00

Meeting closed at 12:00 with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of the Session

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Ginny Stiles November 9

Jillanne Consie November 16

Anniversaries

Richard and Helen Day November 24

Scripture readings for November

November 6 - Proper 27

Semicontinuous: Hag. 1:15b-2:9 and Ps. 145: 1-5, 17-21 or Ps. 98;

Complementary: Job 19:23-27a and Ps.17:1-9; 2 Thess. 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 13 - Proper 28

Semicontinuous: Isa. 65:17-25 and Isa. 12;

Complementary: Mal.4:1-2a and Ps. 98; 2 Thess 3:6-13; Luke21:5-19

November 20 - Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Semicontinuous: Jer. 23:1-6 and Luke 1: 68-79;

Complementary: Jer. 23: 1-6 and Ps.46; Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23: 33-43

November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Isa. 2:1-5 and Ps. 122; Rom. 13:11-14; Matt.24:36-44

Special Dates for November

All Saint's Day	November 1, 2022
Daylight saving time ends	November 6, 2022
Veterans Day	November 11, 2022
Christ the King Sunday	November 20, 2022
Thanksgiving Day	November 24, 2022
First Sunday of Advent	November 27, 2022

WE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR:

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