Community Presbyterian Church
Lac Du Flambeau, WI

DATE November 8, 2026
PASTOR: The Rev. Chips C. Paulson
PIANIST: Rebecca Wright

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: "Day By Day."

INTROIT:

Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.
Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place.

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

This day is God's gift.
Let us rejoice and be glad!
Come, worship the God who creates and renews.
We come in the name of the Creating One.
Come, forgiven and forgiving. In Christ, awaken to new life.
We come in the name of the Crucified One, who bore our sins so we might live in joy, victory, and love.
Come, breathe deeply of the Spirit who sustains us and gives us eternal life.
We come in the name of the Divine Holy Spirit, God with us and within us.
Together, let us lift our voices in praise!

HYMN 463 "How Firm a Foundation."

FIRST SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord Jesus, your love never fails; your grace has no end. We trust you will free this suffering world, heal creation, and fulfill your will on earth as in heaven.
Forgive us when we fail to see you among us.
Forgive our careless preparation, restless waiting, and reluctant service.
In your mercy, O God,
Forgive us when we lose our way and turn from your will.
In your mercy, O God,
Draw us close. Hold us in your love, heal our hearts, and lead us home.
In Christ's name we pray**. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Lord Jesus, you yourself carried our sins in your body to the cross so that we, being free from sin, might live in the power of your resurrection. By your wound we are healed. Amen.

HYMN RESPONSE

Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness. Make Your way plain before my face. For it is You, Lord, You Lord only, that makes me to dwell in safety.

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Leader: God of Grace, People Respond: Hear us, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical Version)

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.

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory "Thy Word."
*Doxology

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness, we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

HYMN 362 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers."

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON: Matthew 25:1-13

HYMN 157 "I Danced In the Morning"

*** BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way.
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame.
That in this house have called upon thy name. Amen.

Pastor: Rev. Chips Paulson
Liturgist: Bill Nienaber
Pianist: Rebecca Wright
Coffee Hour: Suzanne Paulson

*** RESPONSE**
*** POSTLUDE:** ***(PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE)***

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

Angels, unseen, attend the saints, and bear them in their arms; to cheer the spirit when it faints, and guard the life from harms.
John Newton

There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still.
Corrie Ten Boom

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