

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship

Quote for Meditation: *"People who have less don't need us to show them how to fish, they need us to unlock access to the lake."* - Rev Traci Blackmon

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Elder Jeanne Perry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

"Simple Gifts"

arr. N. Goemanne

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder Jeanne Perry

One: O God,

you invite the poor and the sinful to take their place

in the festive assembly of the new covenant.

May your church always honor the presence of the Lord

in the humble and the suffering,

All: may we learn to recognize each other

as brothers and sisters,

gathered together around your table.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever. Amen

***OPENING HYMN: #611**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Jeanne Perry

Lord Jesus Christ, on the cross you let your body be broken and your blood be shed. So often when we celebrate this act in communion, we fail to respond to your love in ways that glorify you. Sometimes we simply go through the motions with the bread and cup. Other times we think your gift comes only to us, rather than to Christians, everywhere. We might think we can't come to the table because we don't deserve your love, or pretend we are such good people we don't need that love. Today as we celebrate the Lord's Supper, forgive us for these and all our sins, as we continue to pray in silence...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Jeanne Perry

***Sung response: #581**

"Gloria Patri"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Children will return to their seats following the children's message

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Gospel: **Matthew 18:15-20** (NT pg.19)
First Testament: **Exodus 12:1-14** (OT pg. 56)

Elder Jeanne Perry
Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Chris Scrivens

***HYMN: #366**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING -

Elder Jeanne Perry

OFFERTORY:

"Glory Bound"
Vocal Ensemble

arr. J. A. Schafferman

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chris Scrivens

SEALING THE WORD

SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

. . . Therefore we praise you; joining our voices with the choirs of angels,
with the prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name;

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

“ . . .Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.”
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

***Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

The Lord's Prayer ~ sung

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Taking of the Bread and the Fruit of the Vine

*Please take the bread as you receive it to symbolize our individual relationship with Christ.
Please save the cup so that we might all receive it together to symbolize our oneness in Christ.*

Prayer after Communion (in Unison)

***Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.***

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN: #450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Communion Music:

**“Sweet Hour of Prayer”
“I Need Thee Every Hour”**

arr. J. Dean

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

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Participating in today's Worship and Fellowship are . . .

Minister:	The Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant:	Elder Jeanne Perry
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli

Guest Organist: Vicki Kopacka
Ushers & Communion Stewards: Deacons Darcy Taylor, Tom Perry
Set Up & Communion Stewards: Deacons Matt McConnell, Darcy Taylor
Coffee Hour: Dawn and Matt Siegrist

Welcome to our Worship Service! Our regular congregants are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors they don't know and introduce them to the congregation. Everyone is invited to join us in fellowship and refreshments in the kitchen following the worship service this morning.

Our flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in honor of Karen Shunk McConnell's mom, Charlene Shunk's heavenly birthday! Thank God for her life, her love, and the joy she continues to bring.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday: Semicontinuous: Exodus 14:19-31 and *Psalm 114* or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Complementary: Genesis 50:15-21 and *Psalm 103: (1-7) 8-13*; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Lay Assistant for Next Week: Elder Donna Price
Ushers for Next Week: Mike and Elder Sarah Jane Noll
Coffee Hour Servers for Next Week: Needed



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