

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship

Quote for Meditation: *“Christianity preaches the infinite worth of that which is seemingly worthless and the infinite worthlessness of that which is seemingly so valued.”*

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Elder Nancy Thaiss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain” American

arr. R. Powell

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder Nancy Thaiss

One: Almighty God,
you alone can order unruly wills and affections.
Help us to love what you command,
and desire what you promise;

All: *that in the midst of this changing world,
our hearts may be fixed
where true joys are found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen*

***OPENING HYMN: #65**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Nancy Thaiss

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Nancy Thaiss

***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:

First Testament: **Deuteronomy 30:15-20** (OT pg. 179)

Gospel: **Luke 14:25-33** (NT pg. 73)

Elder Nancy Thaiss

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

SERMON

Rev. Chris Scrivens

***HYMN: #697**

“Take My Life”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING -

Elder Nancy Thaiss

OFFERTORY:

“Day by Day”

Vocal Ensemble

Lani Smith

***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)

***O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN: #39**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

CHORAL RESPONSE

Communion Music:

“I Come With Joy” (Hymn 515)

arr. P. Stearns

****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 Nancy Thaiss
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist:	Vicki Kopacka
Ushers & Communion Stewards:	Deacons Karen Stewart and Terri Kramer
Communion Stewards:	Deacons Jerilynn Harris and Christy Shepard
Coffee Hour:	Al Kopacka, Beth Pfaff and Betsy Regber

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

Scripture readings for next Sunday: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and *Psalm 14*; *Complementary*: Exodus 32:7-14 and *Psalm 51:1-10*; 1Timothy:1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Lay Assistant for Next Week: Deacon Tom Perry
Ushers/Stewards for Next Week: Elder Sarah Jane and Mike Noll
Coffee Hour Servers for Next Week: Needed



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