

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

MARCH 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” –

Deuteronomy 30:14, Romans 10:8

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Elder Janet Lindstrom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Genesis Ringers

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder Janet Lindstrom

One: Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin.

**All: Give us grace to direct our lives
in obedience to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*** Opening Hymn: #775**

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Elder Janet Lindstrom

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours.

Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Janet Lindstrom

***Sung response: #581**

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME:

“Little Lamb”

Joyful Singers

Welcome New Members Drew and Peggy Gibbon and Sophie Meseck

Rev. Chris Scrivens

MEMBERSHIP

PRESENTATION

Sophie Meseck, Drew and Peggy Gibbon, are presented by the Session, to make their public profession of faith, re-affirming the baptismal covenant into which they were baptized.

We rejoice that you now desire to declare your faith, and to share with us in our common ministry.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established.
In that covenant God gives us new life;
we are guarded from evil
and nurtured by the love of God and God's people.
In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve,
by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

I ask you, therefore, to reject sin,
to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,
and to confess the faith of the church,
the faith in which we baptize.

RENUNCIATIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

PROFESSION

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**Those who are able please stand .*

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

All May Sit

Faithful God,

in baptism you claimed us;

and by your Spirit you are at work in our lives
empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling.

We thank you for leading Drew, Peggy, and Sophie to this time and place
of reaffirming the covenant you made with them in their baptism.

Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Spirit,
that, together with all your people, they may grow in faith, hope, and love,
and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit
be honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Welcome:

Drew, Peggy, and Sophie have reaffirmed the covenant into which they were baptized and been
welcomed as members of this congregation.

As members of the household of God,
God has called them to serve Christ in the world.
Let us welcome them to this ministry.

Hymn #306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" first verse

***Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.***

Children will be dismissed to Sunday School following Welcome of New Members

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Hebrew Bible: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (OT pg. 174) Elder Janet Lindstrom
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 (NT pg. 57) Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.
All: ***Thanks be to God!***

SERMON

Rev. Chris Scrivens

***HYMN: #166** “Lord, Who Throughout Thee Forty Days”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING –

Elder Janet Lindstrom

OFFERTORY: “Wondrous Love”
Choir

Robert A. Boyd

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #708** “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Elder Janet Lindstrom

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (*debts*)

Rev. Chris Scrivens

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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN: #840** “It Is Well With My Soul”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

CHORAL RESPONSE

**Please rise in body or in Spirit.*

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

Minister: Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant: Elder Janet Lindstrom
Director of Family Ministries: Elder Christy Hemmes
Music Director: Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist: Vicki Kopacka
Ushers: Carol Puffer, Deacon Terry Travis
Fellowship & Refreshments: Emily Meseck, Jary Jibilian

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 March 16th: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 *and Psalm 27*; Philippians 3:17-4:1;
Luke 13:31-35 *or* Luke 9:28-36(37-43a)

Participants for March 16, 2025 Worship:

Lay Assistant Elder Sarah Jane Noll
Ushers: Deacon Melissa Ash and Chloe Ash
Coffee Hour:



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