Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

OCTOBER 18, 2026 — 21st 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 Deacon Donna Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE: **"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"** *arr. V. Stephenson*
Jubilee Ringers

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Deacon Donna Taylor

One: God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy.

All: ***Open our eyes to the wonders of creation***
and teach us to use all things for good,
to the honor of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

*** Opening Hymn: #35** **"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Deacon Donna Taylor

Our heavenly Father
thank you that you love us and care for us all the time.
We know that this week we have not always lived the way you tell us.
We have done wrong things
and not done all the good things we should have done.
Only you can save us, so please forgive us
and help us to live as your friends.
We ask this in Jesus 'name. ***Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Deacon Donna Taylor

***Sung response: #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME: Rev. Chris Scrivens

Children will be dismissed to Sunday School following the children's message.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms:	**Psalm 96:1-9** (OT pg.520)	Deacon Donna Taylor
Gospel:	**Matthew 22:15-22** (NT pg.23)	Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

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

SERMON Rev. Chris Scrivens

***HYMN: #39** **"Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING – Deacon Donna Taylor

OFFERTORY: **"Proclamation of Service"** *Joseph Martin*
Chancel Choir

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Deacon Donna Taylor

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: #69** **"Here I Am, Lord"**

***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:	Deacon Donna Taylor
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist:	Vicki Kopacka
Ushers:	Elders John Pfaff and Betsy Regber

Fellowship & Refreshments Dan and Jerilynn Harris

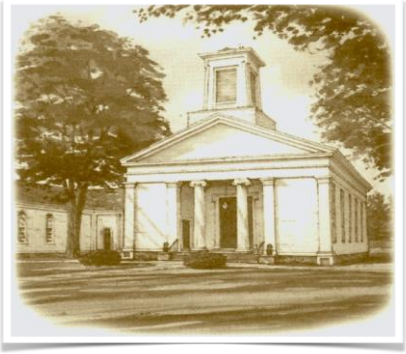
Welcome to our Worship Service! Our regular congregants are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors they don't know and then introduce them to the congregation. Everyone is invited to join us in fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Center following the worship service this morning.

This morning's flowers are given to the glory of God by Betty Wright in honor of family.

Scripture readings for week of Oct. 25: *Semicontinuous:* Deuteronomy 34:1-12 *and Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Complementary:* Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 *and Psalm 1;* 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Lay Assistant for Next Week:	Elder Jeff Taylor
Ushers for Next Week:	Kent Haggas, Rick Adey
Coffee Hour Servers for Next Week:	Dawn and Matt Siegrist

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