

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

JULY 26, 2026

ASP RETURN

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why" -*
Attributed to Samuel Clemens

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Deacon Matt McConnell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

Psalm 23
Al Kopacka, Baritone

A. Dvorak

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Deacon Matt McConnell

One: Eternal God,
protector of all who put their trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:

All: *Fill us with your mercy and your grace,
that, with you to rule and guide,
we may so use the good things of this present life
that we do not neglect those of eternal worth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*** Opening Hymn: #463**

"How Firm a Foundation"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Deacon Matt McConnell

*We have heard it said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Welcoming God, we confess how narrowly we define our neighbor and how easily we turn away from those who are not quite like us. We confess our fear of the "other" and our willingness to believe the worst about them. We confess how hard it is to enlarge our vision to include all those whom you call members of your family.
Holy one, forgive us and set us free to love those whom you love so that we may find healing and peace, for Jesus' sake, Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Deacon Matt McConnell

***Sung response: #581**

"Gloria Patri"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Rev. Chris Scrivens

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms: Psalm 119:129-136 (OT pg.538)

Deacon Matt McConnell

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NT pg.14)

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

ASP REFLECTIONS

***HYMN: #14**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING –

Deacon Matt McConnell

OFFERTORY: “The Lord is My Shepherd / He Leadeth Me”

arr. D. Wyrzten

Vicki Kopacka, piano

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Deacon Matt McConnell

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: #634**

“To God Be the Glory”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**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 Matt McConnell

Director of Family Ministries: Elder Christy Hemmes

Music Director: Matt Petrozelli

Guest Organist: Vicki Kopacka

Ushers: Emily and Jeff Moorhead

Fellowship & Refreshments

Welcome to our Worship Service! Welcome back to all the BYG Work Camp participants. 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 the kitchen following the worship service this morning.

The flowers this morning are from Carol and John Puffer to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary

Scripture readings for week of August 2: Genesis 32:2-31 *and Psalm 17:1-7, 15*; Isaiah 5:1-5 *and Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21*; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Lay Assistant for Next Week: Elder John Pfaff
Ushers for Next Week: Terri Kramer, Carolyn Bearlepp
Coffee Hour Servers for Next Week: Peach Pit Crew



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