

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

AUGUST 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *“Once we realize that imperfect understanding is the human condition, there is no shame in being wrong, only in failing to correct our mistakes.”*

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Deacon Al MacLennan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

“O Day of Rest and Gladness” (Part 1)
(Hymn # 393)

arr. D. Woods

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Deacon Al MacLennan

One: Ever-loving God,
your Son, Jesus Christ, gave himself as living bread
for the life of the world.

All: *Give us such a knowledge of his presence
that we may be strengthened
and sustained by his risen life
to serve you continually;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen*

*** Opening Hymn: #667**

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Deacon Al MacLennan

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. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Deacon Al MacLennan

***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:

Pastoral Letter:

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (NT pg. 212)

Deacon Al MacLennan

Gospel:

Luke 12:49-56 (NT pg. 71)

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Chris Scrivens

*HYMN: #30

“O God, In a Mysterious Way”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING –

Deacon Al MacLennan

OFFERTORY:

“O Day of Rest and Gladness” (Part 2)
(Hymn #393)

arr. D. Woods

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #708

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Deacon Al MacLennan

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: #718

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

*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 Al MacLennan

Director of Family Ministries:

Elder Christy Hemmes

Music Director:

Matt Petrozelli

Guest Organist:

Vicki Kopacka

Ushers:

Deacon Ruby Young and Dave Rittenhouse

Fellowship & Refreshments Deacon Michelle Scrivens and Maria Fontanazza
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 1:4-10 *and Psalm 71:1-6*;
Complementary: Isaiah 58:9b-14 *and Psalm 82*; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Lay Assistant for Next Week: Elder Judy Treutlein
Ushers for Next Week: Bob and Emily O'Dell
Coffee Hour Servers for Next Week: Elder Jeanne Perry, Becky Thunberg



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