

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."* - C.S. Lewis

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Elder Carolyn Bearlepp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE: "Praise Him, Praise Him; Jesus Loves Me" *William Bradbury, arr. W. Held*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder Carolyn Bearlepp

One: O God,
you are rich in love for your people.
Show us the treasure that endures
and, when we are tempted by greed,
remind us of your lavish mercy.

All: *Call us back into your service
and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

* Opening Hymn: #396 "Brethren We Have Met to Worship"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Elder Carolyn Bearlepp

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

*Sung response: #581

Elder Carolyn Bearlepp

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME:

Family Ministries Director Carolyn Bearlepp

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Prophets:

Amos 8:4-7 OT pg. 807

Elder Carolyn Bearlepp

Gospel:

Luke 16:1-13 NT pg.74

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

SERMON:

“Gifts or Inconvenience?”

Rev. Chris Scrivens

*HYMN: #738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Baptism of Charlotte Jane and Lucy Elizabeth LaClair twin daughters of Daniel and Meghan Menagh LaClair

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation:

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Charlotte Jane and Lucy Elizabeth, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

The people respond: ***We do.***

PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

****Please stand if you are able***

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.

****Please be seated***

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving Prayer

AFTER THE BAPTISM

Through their baptism, Charlotte and Lucy have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

As members of the household of God, God has called them to serve Christ in the world.

Let us welcome them to this ministry.

The people respond, saying:

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

**** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"***

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

CALL FOR THE OFFERING –

Elder Carolyn Bearlepp

OFFERTORY:

"Sing the Lord's Song"
Choir with Bell accompaniment

N. Sleeth

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Elder Carolyn Bearlepp

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: #462**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

SENDING HYMN: #634

“To God Be the Glory” Refrain

Choir & Congregation

***“Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!”***

POSTLUDE:

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

J. H. Hopkins, arr. W. Held

**If you are able, please stand.*

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

Minister: Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant: Elder Carolyn Bearlepp
Director of Family Ministries: Elder Carolyn Bearlepp
Music Director: Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist: Vicki Kopacka
Ushers: Jeff and Deacon Darcy Taylor
Fellowship & Refreshments: Mission & Discipleship & Parish Life Councils

Welcome to our In-person and virtual Worship Service on this Welcome Back to Church Sunday!! Our church members are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors or members they do not know and introduce visitors to us.

Our flowers this morning are given by the Bearlepp Family to the glory of God and in honor of our Family and Friends, near and far.



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