

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

MARCH 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *“The Church is the Church only when it exists for others.”*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Deacon Michelle Scrivens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

“Spirit of the Living God” (hymn #288)
Genesis Ringers

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Deacon Michelle Scrivens

One: Merciful God,
in Christ you make all things new.

*All: Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, Amen*

*** Opening Hymn: 81**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Deacon Michelle Scrivens

*Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name’s sake;
Yet, we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone,
and we have wandered from your pathway.
As we remember the cleansing water of baptism, O God,
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Deacon Michelle Scrivens

***Sung response: #581**

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME:

Presbyterian Women’s Presentation

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Pastoral Letter:

Romans 5:1-11 (NT pg. 145)

Deacon Michelle Scrivens

Gospel:

John 4:5-42 (NT pg. 89)

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

SERMON

Rev. Chris Scrivens

***HYMN: #216**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Lexi Merring, Paul Meseck, Sue Norris, and ErnieTangeri

Membership

Paul, Lexi, Ernie, and Sue, are presented by the Session,
to make their public profession of faith,
re-affirming the covenant into which they were baptized.

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.

Now, as you publicly declare your faith

I ask you to reject sin,

to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,

and to confess the faith of the church,

the faith in which you were baptized.

RENUNCIATIONS

Do you renounce all evil,

and powers in the world

which defy God’s righteousness and love?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin

that separate you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

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 –

****The Apostle's Creed***

With the whole church,
let us confess our faith.

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.***

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 Lexi, Paul, Sue, and Ernie 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:

Sue, Lexi, Ernie and Paul, have reaffirmed the covenant into which they were baptized.

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” v1**

*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 –

Deacon Michelle Scrivens

OFFERTORY:

“A Grateful Heart”
Senior Choir

D. Scroggins

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Deacon Michelle Scrivens

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: #440**

“Jesus, Lover of 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:	Deacon Michelle Scrivens
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist:	Vicki Kopacka
Ushers:	Jary Jibilian, Nancy Case
Fellowship & Refreshments	Terry Travis, Donna LaBrunda and Sy, Carlos Faundez

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.

Our flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Dan and Jerilynn Harris in loving memory of Hope Hollenbeck, Jerilynn's mom.

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