

# Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

David Rittenhouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Donna Taylor, Stewardship & Finance

PRELUDE:

“Aria”  
Jubilee Ringers.

*J. S. Bach; arr. Hal Hopson*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

David Rittenhouse

One: God of love,  
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,  
so may we give ourselves to you,  
living according to your holy will.

**All: *Keep our feet firmly in the way  
where Christ leads us;  
make our mouths speak the truth  
that Christ teaches us;  
fill our bodies with the life  
that is Christ within us.  
In his holy name we pray. Amen.***

\* Opening Hymn: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” *printed*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

David Rittenhouse

*God of mercy,  
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,  
and great when we are small.  
We have failed in love, neglected justice,  
and ignored your truth.  
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

David Rittenhouse

\*Sung response: #581

“Gloria Patri”

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S TIME:

Rev. Chris Scrivens

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

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Hebrew Bible:

Psalm 32 (OT pg. 479)

David Rittenhouse

Gospel:

Matthew 4:1-11 (NT pg. 3)

Rev. Chris Scrivens

### Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

Rev. Chris Scrivens

\*HYMN: #167

**"Forty Days and Forty Nights"**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### LITANY OF INTERCESSION FOR LENT

Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom.

Hear our intercessions.

For your church around the world,

***we ask new life.***

For all who carry out ministries in your church,

***we ask grace and wisdom.***

For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines,

***we ask inspired discipleship.***

For Christians of every land,

***we ask new unity in your name.***

For Jews and Muslims and people of other faiths,

***we ask your divine blessing.***

For those who cannot believe,

***we ask your faithful love.***

For governors and rulers in every land,

***we ask your guidance.***

For people who suffer and sorrow,

***we ask your healing peace.***

Holy God,

your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world

and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation

by the suffering and death he endured.

Teach those who bear his name to follow the example he gave us.

May our faith, hope, and charity

turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING –**

David Rittenhouse

**OFFERTORY:**

**“In Thee, O Father, I Put My Trust”**  
Senior Choir

*G. F. Handel*

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

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

David Rittenhouse

**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: #840**

**When Peace like a River  
It is Well with 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: David Rittenhouse
- Director of Family Ministries: Elder Christy Hemmes
- Music Director: Matt Petrozelli
- Guest Organist: Vicki Kopacka
- Ushers: Emily Meseck and Nancy Case
- Fellowship & Refreshments

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 week of March 1: Genesis 12:1-4a and Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 3-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9



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