



Community Presbyterian Church MARCH 2026

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Church
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*Easter proves that no matter what we do to God,
he will keep coming back.*

Rev. Bob Armstrong

Join Us on the Journey to Easter

Palm Sunday, March 29th



Join us at our regular worship time on Sunday morning at 10am in the Sanctuary as we remember the entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd



Join us Thursday at 7 pm in Fellowship Center as we remember Jesus' last night with his disciples and the first Lord's Supper

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 3rd



We will be joining our sister Congregation at United Presbyterian Flanders, at 58 Drakesdale Road, 7pm.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 5th 6:30 am



We gather at 6:30 am on the hill at Alstede's Farm to greet the Eastering Sun at the start of this glorious celebration.

Easter Breakfast



*~ join us in Fellowship Center for breakfast starting at **8:30***

Easter Service 10:00 AM



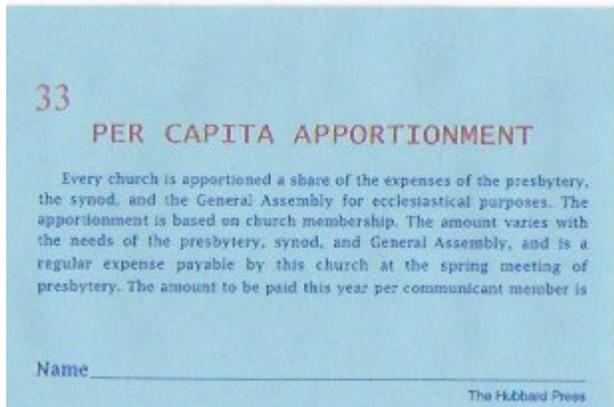
We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with magnificent and abundant music during these worship services.

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STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

March brings us into Lent, and at CPC, that brings us to One Great Hour of Sharing. Like the Christmas Joy offering, our only other Presbytery-wide special offering, OGHS offers us a chance to make a difference in the world with our giving. Through OGHS, we have the opportunity to make a difference in the world by supporting world-wide-sustainable resource development, community development in disadvantaged areas and disaster recovery. The Presbyterian church has a history of hands-on generosity and the infrastructure to use the donations appropriately and where most needed. Please become part of the larger giving community by donating. You can use the envelope in your bulleting or give online. ***If you donate online, be sure to add "OGHS" in the notes.***



REMINDER! If you haven't already done so, please get your per capita donation off your mind and into the plate! The Presbyterian General Assembly has apportioned the cost of supporting the church at large at **\$44. per member** and we have the obligation - and privilege - to do our part. You can use the blue envelope — extras are at the back table in the Sanctuary — or you can donate online. ***If you give online, be sure to identify Per Capita in NOTES!*** Thank you.

WORSHIP

Hurry up, Spring!

That's what everyone seems to have on their minds these days. It will arrive in due time but until then, here's what's ahead in Worship (weather permitting)...

New Members ~ Ernest Tangeri, Lexi Merring, Sue Norris and Paul Meseck will be welcomed as new members on March 8th during worship. Welcome to CPC! That same service will celebrate women in the church. Looking forward to what Presbyterian Women have planned.

On March 15, we will install the newest class of Elders and Deacons, and say thank you to those rotating out of service (but remember, once a Deacon, ALWAYS a Deacon!)

The children's choirs will be providing music for Palm Sunday (March 29), then April brings us into Holy Week with Maundy Thursday service here at CPC and Good Friday with our friends in Flanders. Watch for details.

Easter, April 5, will again begin with the Easter Dawn Service (6:30AM) at Alstede's, followed by our traditional hot breakfast and 10:00 AM service here at CPC.

And suddenly, it's spring!

Mission Council

We raised more than \$2500 for the Burns family mission in Brazil. Thank you to everyone who helped in this mission! The Burns family have not yet bought the second car, but our donations helped them move toward that goal. Their website samandalyx.com has updates.

Pizza and Movie night at CASH (Chester Area Senior Housing) was another fun event with 10 people participating. We would like to do it again in April. The residents seem to really appreciate and enjoy it.

Our upcoming events are an Easter craft session at CASH assisted by the Sunday school students on March 29th as well as a Basic Needs drive for Market Street Mission during the month of April. Stay tuned for details on the drive!



Church Life

275th Anniversary Project

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We had our second meeting on March 1st. The committee is looking into two events: June 13, 2027 and October 3 or 10, 2027. The first one would take place at Pleasant Hill Cemetery where our congregation originated. A regular Sunday service would be followed by the Annual All-Church Picnic on the grounds. The second event also begins as a regular Sunday service followed by an afternoon concert and reception.

Other projects being discussed involve updating our history, creating a brochure, a logo and a theme.

We have a wonderful team full of fresh ideas to get us started, but there's plenty of room for more of you to get involved.

Our next meeting will be Sunday March 29 after church. Come Join Us!

Church Life

Lay Assistant, Usher, Communion Steward, Coffee Hour list for March and April

March 8: Celebrating Women

Lay Assistant: Deacon Michelle Scrivens
Ushers: Jary Jibilian, Nancy Case
Coffee Hour: Terry Travis, Donna LaBrunda & Sy,
Carlos Faundez

March 15:

Lay Assistant: Jeff Moorhead
Ushers: Deacon Karen McConnell,
Emily Meseck
Coffee Hour: Wanted

March 22:

Lay Assistant: Harry Hager
Ushers: The Conlan Family
Coffee Hour: 4th-6th Grade Sunday School

March 29:

Lay Assistant: Lisa Burns
Ushers: Mauricette Moffitt, Peggy and Drew
Gibbon
Coffee Hour: Dawn and Matt Siegrist

April 5: **EASTER ~6:30 a.m. Alstedes 10:00 a.m.**

Lay Assistant: Darcy Taylor
Ushers: Nancy and Norm Thaiss,
Nancy Quam

April 12:

Lay Assistant: Betsy Regber
Ushers/ Stewards: Joan and Mark Stephens
Set-Up/Stewards: Kristen Rolfe, Joan Stephens
Coffee Hour: Wanted

April 19:

Lay Assistant: Donna Alpaugh
Ushers: Mauricette Moffitt, Rick Adey
Coffee Hour:

April 26:

Lay Assistant: Jeanne Perry
Ushers: Al Mac Lennan, Tom Perry
Coffee Hour:

Parish Life Council



The **Parish Life Book Club**

met on Tuesday, January 27th for a discussion of *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi. They chose *Lolita* by Vladimir Nabakov as their next book. The group will meet on Thursday, March 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room for a discussion of the book. The group is open to suggestions for new books to read, and are happy to welcome anyone interested in joining the group! If you have questions please contact Joan Stephens (201) 874-1477.



SCRIP NEWS

In February we had 13 families purchase scrip with a net rebate of \$250.81 for CPC and a year-to-date total of \$474.09 Thank you everyone! Tom and Jeanne Perry won this month's donated gift card.

Orders are placed on the second Sunday of the month, but individual orders/payments can be dropped off in the office prior to that if it's more convenient. If you have any questions regarding the scrip program or would like to place an order, please contact Nancy Case (201-317-4437 or nocase000@gmail.com*) and she will be happy to help you. The next scrip order will be placed on Sunday, **March 8, 2026.**

*** Please note Nancy's new email address.**

Church Life



Presbyterian Women will hold a meeting after church, Sunday March 15th. Please get your coffee and snack and join us by the fireplace in Fellowship Center. Everyone is always welcome! We love hearing new ideas for the 2026 Holiday Extravaganza.

Don't forget, we are still collecting any type of jewelry (broken pieces are good) in the collection bag in Fellowship Center. There are tax donation letters in the bag, so please take one. Thank you all so much for your previous donations.



FROM YOUR DEACONS

The Deacons are excited to announce our **Spring Veterans Dinner** will be held on April 16th. We are expecting 41 Veterans, from two VA hospitals, plus 10 attendants, for dinner and bingo. *Any congregants who are Veterans are also invited. We need a head count by March 15th*, so we can order the appropriate amount of food. Please let Darcy or Christy Shepard know. Last fall, our dinner cost approximately \$1,800. If anyone would like to contribute to this worthy cause, it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!



JOIN US ~

Monthly Women's Breakfasts

Come join us and bring a friend or two for our monthly Women's Breakfasts. We meet the first Saturday of the month, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Chester Diner for fellowship and food before heading out to whatever we have planned for the rest of the day. Our next breakfast is March 7th. Can't make this one, join us in April on the 4th. We always enjoy seeing new faces!



'Cultured Purls' meets on the first Tuesday of the month ~

bring some handwork and join our group. Maybe you would like

to learn to knit or crochet or haven't picked it up in awhile and would like a little help getting started again ~ come, we will help you. We meet in the Fireplace Room of Fellowship Center at 1:00 p.m. and work on our projects and visit with each other. The March get together was canceled due to icy weather. Come, join us and bring a friend. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 7th 1pm. If you have any questions, please see or call Karen Stewart (973) 895-7212.



Chester -Mendham Food Pantry

Please keep the food pantry in mind when you do your grocery shopping. Hunger doesn't take a holiday. Items can be dropped off in the trunk in Fellowship Center. Many items are needed. It is especially great when you pick one or two items and purchase a bunch of those rather than one of a lot of things.

Some items are: laundry detergent, dish detergent, coffee, mayonnaise, cookies, large and small garbage bags catsup, Donations always appreciated.

March Birthdays



<i>Jen Bergmann</i>	<i>03/01</i>	<i>Susan Marks</i>	<i>03/19</i>
<i>Andrew Volante</i>	<i>03/08</i>	<i>Marilyn Guerin</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Jary Jibilian</i>	<i>03/09</i>	<i>Jerilynn Harris</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Ella Chomiak</i>	<i>03/13</i>	<i>Matilda Lavelle</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Martha Smith</i>	<i>03/13</i>	<i>Mauricette Moffitt</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Maddie Harrison</i>	<i>03/17</i>	<i>Robin Chu</i>	<i>03/22</i>
<i>Mary Robinson</i>	<i>03/17</i>	<i>Dawn Siegrist</i>	<i>03/23</i>
<i>Judy Treutlein</i>	<i>03/17</i>	<i>Janice LeFrancis</i>	<i>03/28</i>
<i>Hope LeFrancis</i>	<i>03/19</i>		



Our Flower Calendar still has plenty of dates available:

March 29;	April 19 and 26;	May 3, 10 and 31;
June 7, 21, 28;	July 5, 12, 19, 26;	August 9, 16, 23, 30;
Sept. 6, 13, 20;	October 4, 11, 25;	November 1, 29;
December 6		

Stony Hill supplies flowers (\$42 per Sunday) or you can supply your own. In order to take as tax deduction, please make checks payable to CPC with note for flowers on the memo line.



Don't Forget



EASTER LILIES and/or OTHER



We are offering everyone the opportunity to purchase the traditional Easter Lily AND/OR a variety of other flowers for Easter Sunday.



Use this form to order and drop it in the offering plate or bring / mail to the Church Office. You can always call the office or email us, we will put your order in and you can drop off or mail your check or put in the offering plate Please make checks payable to Community Presbyterian Church, with note for Easter flowers in the memo line. You may pick up your plant(s) after the 10am Worship Service on Easter Sunday or leave them for the Deacons to deliver to someone who could use some cheering up, you can always call the church office or email us, we will put your order in and you can drop off,

____ Easter Lilies ordered @ 15.00 ea. Total: \$____

____ 8" pansies ordered @ 8.00 ea. Total: \$____

____ 8" Pot Hyacinths ordered @ 15.00 ea. Total: \$____

____ 8" Pot of Tulips ordered @ 15.00 ea. Total: \$____

____ 8" Pot of Daffodils ordered @ 15.00 ea. Total: \$____

____ Hydrangea (pink, blue, white) 32.00 ea. Total: \$____

Grand Total: \$____

In honor of: _____ and / or In memory of: _____

(please print below how you would like it to appear in bulletin)

Given by: _____

Telephone Number _____

____ I will pick up my plant(s) following the **10:00** Service

____ I would like the Deacons to deliver my plant(s) to one of our sick or homebound

ORDER DEADLINE MARCH 25



March, 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 9:15 Choir Reh. 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday Sch. 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Genesis Bells/Choir Anniversary Com. 6:00 IPSA	2 10:00 Al-Anon 7:30 Boy Scouts	3 9:00 Aerobics 1:00 Cultured Purls 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Overeat.Anon.	4 9:30 Healthy Bones	5 9:00 Aerobics 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir	6 10:00 Al-Anon	7 8:00 Women's Breakfast 7:30 AA Meeting SPRING AHEAD ONE HOUR before retiring 
8 NEW MEMBERS 9:15 Choir Rehears 10:00 Worship: 10:15 Sunday Sch. 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Genesis Bells/Choir Councils Scrip Orders 11:15 Adult Ed 6:00 IPSA	9 10:00 Al-Anon 7:30 Boy Scouts	10 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 Fifty Plus Club 3:00 Bible Study 4:00 Pit Crew Mtg. 7:00 Overeats Anon.	11 9:30 Healthy Bones 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir	12 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 Quilty Pleasures 6:30 Book Club	13 9:30 Beginners Meeting 10:00 Al-Anon	14 9:00-1:00 Comfort Zone Camp Training 7:30 AA Meeting
15 ORD/INSTALL of Church officers 9:15 Choir Rehears 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday Sch. 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Genesis Bells/Choir Presby. Women Mt 6:00 IPSA	16 10:00 Al-Anon 6:30 Stew & Fin. Council 7:30 Boy Scouts	17 9:00 Aerobics 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 SESSION 7:00 Overeat. Anon	18 9:30 Healthy Bones 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir 7:30 B.S. Com. Mtg.	19 9:00 Aerobics	20 10:00 Al-Anon 5:30-7:30 Cub Pack Mtg.	21 7:30 AA Meeting
22 9:15 Choir Rehears 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Genesis Bells/choir 11:15 Adult Ed: Mission 6:00 IPSA	23 10:00 Al-Anon 7:00 DEACONS 7:30 Boy Scouts	24 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 Fifty Plus Club 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Overeaters An.	25 9:30 Healthy Bones Deadline: Easter Flower Orders 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Choir	26 9:00 Aerobics 10:30 Quilty Pleasures	27 9:30 Beginners Mtg 10:00 Al-Anon	28 7:30 AA Meeting
29 Palm Sunday 9:15 Choir Rehears 10:00 Worship 10:15 Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship & Refreshments Genesis Bells/choir 275 Anniversary Com. Mtg. 6:00 IPSA	30 10:00 Al-Anon 7:30 Boy Scouts	31 9:00 Aerobics 3:00 Bible Study 7:00 Overeat.Anon				

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