



# Community Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany  
1 February 2026

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

(One) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. We too now see this glorious light.

**(All) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

(One) We have been called out of darkness. We too now see this glorious light.

**(All) Like the Magi, we have beheld Christ's glory—His glory as the only Son of the Father.**

(One) For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. Christ is the King of all nations. Christ is Lord over all creation.

### Opening Prayer

#### Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 15*

(One) O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**(All) Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;**

(One) Those who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

**(All) Those in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

(One) Those who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**(All) Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

**\*Hymn (507)***A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

(1) A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

(2) Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would  
be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of  
God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

(3) And though this world, with devils filled, should  
threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

(4) That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them,  
abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
thro' him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever.

**Prayer of Confession**

(All) God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of  
the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess  
that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.  
We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;  
we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of  
our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that,  
forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory  
shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Silence****Assurance of Presence***La Tenebráé*

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight,  
the deepest night is clear as the daylight.

**PROCLAMATION****Old Testament Reading***Micah 6:1-8***New Testament Reading***1 Corinthians 1:18-31***Gospel Reading***Matthew 5:1-12***Sermon****\*Taizé Chant  
of God***The Kingdom*

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace  
and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come, Lord, and open in us,  
the gates of Your Kingdom.

**RESPONSE****Invitation to the Table****Words of Institution****Communion***Eat This Bread*

Eat this bread, Drink this cup.  
Come to him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, Drink this cup.  
Trust in him and you will not thirst.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles Creed*  
**I believe** in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. **I believe** in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## Offertory

## \*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

## Passing of the Peace

### Prayers of the People

(One) In Your mercy ...

**(All) ... Hear our prayers.**

### The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

## SENDING

### Charge

### Benediction

### Postlude

## Community Presbyterian Church

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## SCRIPTURES

### **Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

6:2

Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

6:3

"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

6:4

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

6:5

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

6:6

"With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

6:7

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

## **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1:19

For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

1:20

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

1:21

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.

1:22

For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

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but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles,

1:24

but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1:25

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

1:26

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

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But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

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God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are,

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so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

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In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

1:31

in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

## **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

5:2

And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

5:3

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5:5

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

5:6

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

5:7

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

5:8

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

5:9

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

5:10

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5:11

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

5:12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.