



The Protestant Community Church

"Cathedral of the Woods"

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The Protestant Community Church: An inclusive, ecumenical faith community purposefully seeking to be caring, faithful disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, study, prayer, and Christian service.

10:00 - MARCH 9, 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Members, friends, and visitors are invited to sign the pew pad found at the end of the pew. We also invite you to share any joys or concerns, noting them on the prayer cards which will be collected during the offering.

Prelude

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Peterson

Introit

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Collect for the day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

***Hymn**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#319

***The Prayers and Collects**

***The Lord's Prayer**

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.

***Gloria Patri #705**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be...world without end. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**Responsive Reading – (Based on Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16)
(Liturgist/Congregation)**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,

abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the Lord,

"You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,

and the Most High your habitation,

There shall no evil happen to you,

neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over you,

to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands,

lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder;

you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

Because he is bound to me in love,

therefore will I deliver him;

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

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He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him,

and show him my salvation.

Anthem

“You Raise Me Up”

T. Fettke

Students are excused for Sunday school.

Parents are to pick up their children following the worship service, upstairs in the Todd Building and are welcome to join the children in the closing time of meditation.

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 4:1–13

***Hymn**

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

#660

Sermon

Dr. Morgan

Offertory

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

McDonald

***Presentation of Gifts and Doxology #706**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayers

***Hymn**

“The Old Rugged Cross”

#185

***Benediction**

***Response**

“Benediction”

O. Goldsmith

Postlude

“Prelude and Fugue in G major”

Bach

*The congregation may stand

PRAYERS OF CONCERN

*Those placed on the prayer list will remain on the list for one month unless specified otherwise. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please secure permission prior to calling the church office or emailing in to kayla@protestantcommunitychurch.org
Any updates, concerns, or general news can also be shared to the email listed above.*

Adam	George G	Louise Leifeste	Jane Smith
Lee Bealuk	Ray Gladding	Betsy L.	Steven Sowders
Tom Bockmann & family	Evelyn Herzog	Margot	Susan
Wolfgang Boehme	Nora Hofman	Floss Mikle	Lorie Truitt
Lorrie Breslin	Jim	Mary Parrish	Ed Tucker
Carol B. & family	Sammycoco Kamara	Dan Palumbo	Vinnie
Carole Cutry	The Kastelein family	Anne Marie Pisano	
Casey	Kindrachuk family	Rich	
Kimmie Copeland	Ken & Patti	Rese Ritter	
Teri C.	Kenny	Lee Sandler	
Doris Davis	Steven Koch	The Shea family	
Ben E.	Mary Kocis	Teresa Shepherd	

Please remember in your prayers those serving in our military services and their families. Please pray for the families separated, recovering from disasters, or faced with life altering decisions, and pray for peace, hope, and healing in the world.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents given by Lynne and Jon Poag.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Ushers: 10:00 - Lynda Miller

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Caterina Copeland & Cecilia Zufferey

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE - 3/2/25

8:00 Worship Service - 27
10:00 Worship Service - 86
Sunday school - 28
Online - 18

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

Please use the following link or QR code if you would like to send an offering electronically:
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1528005>

