

KIVA

NEWSLETTER

February 2026



Sunday Worship

We gather every Sunday to Praise the Lord.

We have two worship services:

8:30 a.m. in/from the Fellowship Hall (music by the band)

10:45 a.m. in/from the Sanctuary (music by the choirs and pianist)

We hope you'll join us in person, but we also broadcast online:

www.cpctucsonaz.org (scroll to bottom of home page)

[www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson](https://www.facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson)

www.YouTube.com/cpctucsonaz

Children are always welcome in worship. Blue activity bags are available in each worship space. We do have professional childcare for those who choose.

February 1: Communion

Scripture: Matthew 26:26-29

Liturgist: Doug Thompson

February 8: The Rev. Dr. Brad Munroe Preaching

Scripture: Malachi 3:2-3; Matthew 5:13-16

Liturgist: Kallie Parkey Walker

February 15: Ask the Pastor Sunday

You may ask Pastor Melde any question of faith, and he will do his best

Best to respond in faith.

Liturgist:

Wednesday, February 18th: Ash Wednesday in the Sanctuary

7 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 7 p.m.

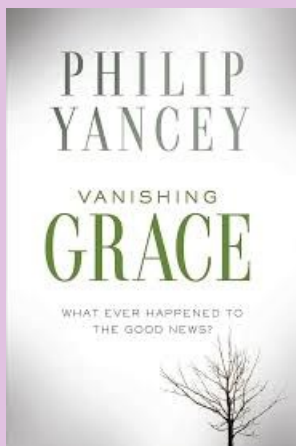
February 22: 1st Sunday of Lent – Vanishing Grace

Scripture: Luke 9:51-56

Liturgist: Pennie Martinez

The Liturgical Season Of Lent

The six weeks prior to the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection is known as the liturgical season of Lent. It's a time of introspection, confession, deeper learning, and focus on the meaning of our faith in our lives. Doing so allows us to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection in a more meaningful way. This year, Pastor Melde will lead us in a worship theme based on the book by Philip Yancey, Vanishing Grace. Yancey takes a deep look at how Christians present their faith, and reminds us that sometimes we get off track in the details of judgment that we need not get in to, rather than expressing the Grace of God in Christ shown to us in the Resurrection. Each Sunday, Pastor Steve will focus on a section of the book in worship, then follow it up with deeper discussions during the "Talk About It Tuesdays" (Tuesdays at Noon, Tucson Time on Zoom) (Zoom ID: 839 0008 2868).



You are encouraged to get the book (sold on Amazon) and read along as we go deeper into our faith as Christians and learn how we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ with others in respectful and inviting ways.



Lifelong learning.

Greetings! Saints!

They say it's a key to maintaining mental flexibility and resilience, as well as increased longevity (as long as you've given up those cigarettes!).

Here at Christ Presbyterian Church, we believe wholeheartedly in lifelong learning. That's why we offer two classes every Sunday to help you grow in your faith.

The Adult Bible Study folks meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays in classroom A/B (in person only). They love to dig deeply into Bible books or topics, which often last for several weeks. They're currently looking at "Suffering and the Sovereignty of God," a DVD series by theologian and instructor John Piper, along with six of his colleagues.

Meanwhile, the Journeys in Faith (JIF) classes are designed to cover a topic from the secular world that requires a discerning look by people of Faith. JIF classes usually tackle one subject for one week, meaning you can join us anytime without missing anything. The February topics for JIF are:

Feb 1: Venezuela

Feb 8: Kindness

Feb 15: Grief Traditions Around the World

Feb 22: Sin

JIF also gathers at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, in class room E/F. And if you can't be there in person, you can still join us via Zoom (Zoom ID 881 8821 9880)

Please join us!
Lesley

Sunday Funday



Join us for Sunday Funday School every Sunday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. for ages K - 5th grade. We are currently studying the story of the Good Samaritan. We are focusing on who our neighbors are and how we can help others



Thanks to everyone who helped us update the playground area. It turned out amazing and shows the community that children and youth are an important part of our church.



Our 6th – 12th Graders are invited to join us (typically) on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 5-6:30 p.m. for a time of fun, food, faith, and fellowship.

February 8: No meeting (enjoy the Superbowl)

February 22: Bowling at Tucson Bowl

A promotional poster for "Camp in the City" at Montlure Church. The background features a stylized city skyline and a forest. The text "CAMP IN THE CITY" is written on a wooden sign. Below it, "AT CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN" is written on an orange sign. The dates "JUNE 29 - JULY 3" are displayed in a dark box. To the right, the hours "HOURS: 9AM-3PM" and "EXTENDED CARE OFFERED UNTIL 5PM" are listed. The poster includes three photos of children: a girl holding a colorful box, a boy running, and two girls in a hammock. At the bottom, the text "Join us for a week of fun, friends and faith! CAMP GAMES. CAMP CRAFTS. CAMP SONGS. CAMP S'MORES!" is written. Below this, an orange box contains the text "SPACE IS LIMITED! REGISTER TODAY TO HOLD YOUR SPOT!". The website "MONTLURE.ORG" is at the bottom.

CPC Outreach and Communication Team invites you to join...

This team meets (under the leadership of De-De Chandler) to look at ways we can share the Good News of Jesus with each other and with the community and world. They guide us in the use of our Social Media, as well as look at ways we can use places around the campus to post invitational signs about upcoming events. They are looking to add a couple more people who would like to join in the creative fun and help us get the Word out – about God and CPC. They tend to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. for about an hour to think, create, and plan. If you'd like to know more or perhaps join us, Contact Pastor Steve through the church office.



CPC Mission Statement: (adopted by the Session Leadership Team in July 2024)

The Purpose of Christ Presbyterian Church is to help people build a relationship with God through Jesus the Christ, and grow in faith, whether in person or online, by

- Glorifying God through engaging worship experiences;
- Serving others and building God's Realm through the teachings of Jesus;
- Studying God's Word for inspiration and guidance;
- Creating a joy-filled and inclusive community where all belong; and,
- Learning to share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ with others in respectful and inviting ways.

February 22, 2026

Annual Meeting of the Congregation 9:30 a.m. in / from Fellowship Hall

Join us as we review the membership and financial report from 2025, and affirm the budget set by the Session Leadership Team for 2026.

If you need to join online: Zoom Meeting ID: 894 3986 9054

My name is Laura Bradley. You might remember me from last April when I shared the deep healing Jesus gave me at Sabino Recovery. I had carried a hidden-away shame born from my sexual abuse as a preschooler. I had been afraid to speak it out



loud to another person for fear of rejection. But Jesus placed me with a small group of people who gave me God's grace, acceptance, and love. Sometimes all a hurt person needs is someone to listen to their story and give the grace of God. If you were hurt, I am willing to listen to you. *I am not a therapist.* Just a pair of listening ears to help you break through your shame, your pain. My number is 520-490-2758.

**TUCSON MASTERWORKS CHORALE PRESENTS:
"BREATHING IN THE AWE," A FUNDRAISING GALA**

When: February 20, 2026, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Christ Presbyterian Church, 6565 E. Broadway Blvd.

Join us for a fundraising dinner, auction, and donor event supporting our National Park project.

Highlights: Catered dinner by Oreganos - Silent auction - Opportunities to sponsor a song title, sponsor a musician, or make a general donation, and presentation from Luke

Diamond about the music and the Spring Concert composition process, plus a performance of his music.

Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to pay for instrumentalists and the recording of the music. We'd love you to join us! Bring your family and friends!

Ticket sales close February 12, 2026. Get a good seat by reserving your tickets early!

Questions: Contact Catherine Botts at 616-482-7213 or Sheryl Carlson at 651-485-6832

Stewardship and Finance News

February has that LOVE theme to it! And we all LOVE being a part of CPC. It is through your giving that we are able to do and be a part of all the ministries and missions that make CPC so special. Thank you for your ongoing, generous giving to the General Fund of CPC. It is that giving that is used each year to accomplish all we are called by God to do and be.

And in this month of LOVE, we invite you to make a special commitment... Be a part of CPC's mission and ministry, even after... you've moved to Heaven. Leaving CPC in your will allows you to continue to be a part of all things CPC even after your death. It helps future generations continue the ministries and missions that you've been a part of in your life time, and ensures that others can do the same in theirs. You can let your family know of the pledge you made to ensure it's completed, and you can include CPC in a lump sum giving that can make a faithful difference in the future of CPC.

Some have already indicated to our Stewardship and Finance Team of their decision to include CPC in their will (even Pastor Steve and Debbie Melde have left a 10% gift of their final estate to CPC [though we hope that won't happen soon]).

Thank you for your current and ongoing financial support. Your generosity makes CPC a faithful community of believers.

Gaslight Theater

LICENSE TO THRILL

Fundraiser for Presbytery de Cristo Mission
April 19 • 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.)



Invite your family and friends to join us for a fun evening at the Gaslight Theater on Sunday, April 19th at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) Tickets are \$33 each and will go on sale between church services on February 15th. The net proceeds will go to the Presbytery de Cristo Mission



CPC Missions CORNER

Special Mission Trip

Several of our CPC folks will be serving in a week of Mission in Zihuatanejo, Mexico, February 2-9. Serving on behalf of CPC, they will be visiting a community and school that are based in a local dump. They will be taking school supplies to stock their shelves with things teachers and children need for learning. They'll be visiting a prison and spending the day with folks who are incarcerated, sharing faith and life, and a sense of hope. They'll be going to a park to care for and play with children who gather for soccer practices, taking fun supplies of soccer socks and more for the kids. They'll be attending three worship services on Sunday, the 8th. That should get some religion into our folks! They'll also visit an ancient Aztec site and enjoy the beachfront area along the Pacific Ocean. Keep them in your prayers.



Talk About it Tuesday

Tuesdays at Noon Zoom ID 839 0008 2868

Every Tuesday at Noon (Tucson Time) Pastor Steve hosts a Zoom conversation about the previous Sunday's worship and sermon theme. Join with others as we take our faith deeper.

Wednesday Message

Most Wednesdays Pastor Steve sends out a special email just for a little faith thought and inspiration in the middle of the week. This is a special group mailing, so if you would like to be a part of it, email him a request to be put on the Wednesday Message list:

PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com

Faith Filled Fridays

Each Friday at Noon (Tucson time), Pastor Steve broadcasts a few moments of faith and inspiration. Join him on any of our three broadcast sites (Just like Sunday mornings)

www.cpctucsonaz.org (scroll to the bottom of the homepage)

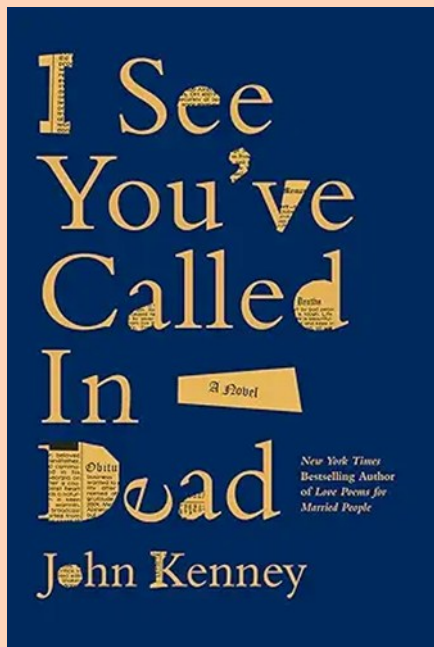
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VIRTUAL
BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 17, 1 p.m.

Zoom ID 813 6830 2106



The CPC Virtual Book Club's next read is *"I See You've Called in Dead."*

A delightfully funny novel, with great warmth at its center. You'll definitely laugh, and you may even cry.

Middle-aged obituary writer Bud Stanley isn't really living his best life. He's fallen into a funk after a divorce. He's not doing his job well. He's given up on dating. And he's about to be fired for accidentally publishing his own obituary one mildly drunken night.

As Bud awaits his fate at work, he does the only logical thing: He goes to the wakes and funerals of total strangers to learn how to live again.

MEXICAN TRAIN

DOMINOES 1 p.m.

Wednesdays, February 4 & 18 in A/B



Join us on the first, third, and sometimes fifth Wednesday of the month. Have fun playing this challenging game of dominoes. If you don't know how to play, we will teach you!

FELLOWSHIP

MEN OF FAITH BREAKFAST

Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 a.m.

All the men of the church are invited to gather for breakfast. In February we will meet at CPC for homemade biscuits and gravy by John Arbuckle.



CASA MARIA MINISTRY

Tuesday, February 24, 8 a.m.

The Casa Maria Lunch Ministry meets the fourth Tuesday of each month to put together 200 lunches for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen. If you would like to join them, contact Cindy at ridingsc@comcast.net.

Drop off your sandwich donations before the next meeting, Tuesday, January 27, 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



RAINBOW FAITH FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, February 11, 6:30 p.m. in Patio Room

Do you consider yourself an Ally? Do you want to know what an Ally is and how to be one? Are you a part of our beloved 2SLGBTQIA+ community and would love to have a brave space to gather in fun and fellowship? We meet monthly to do just that. Together in the Peace of Christ, we will use Biblical and community resources to support and grow together while navigating the world and our lives, knowing that we are never alone. If you are ready for conversation and connection, you know where to find us! Lhasa Compton leads.



Flea Market News

February Secondhand – will be Saturday, February 7 and Sunday, February 8. *Please note: Saturday, February 7 will be the last day that we accept donations* for the upcoming 15th annual Flea Market this March 12, 13, 14, 2026. If you can help any day to prepare for this giant fundraising activity, it would be most appreciated! It's the final Secondhand Weekend before the sale; we will set up the campus and unload the pods beginning Friday, February 27 and continue through the weekend.

Final Secondhand Weekend for the 2026 Flea Market

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The collection time has been shortened to allow time for processing by the end of the weekend on this final day of donation collections. Lunch provided.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch provided. Donations not taken today, but collections resume after March 21st, when everything is cleaned up from the 2026 Flea Market sale.

In an effort to decrease the number of discarded plastic water bottles on the planet, we now have a water dispenser set up in the MPR kitchen for refilling our personal bottles.

Flea Market Donation reminders:

- We no longer pick up donations. See the pink box about Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi
- When donating electronic items, please include and attach all necessary cords, transformers, remotes, and accessories to the item being donated.
- We sell only items that are clean and in good working order. Please wash or dust the donated items before bringing them in.
- Clothes and linens that are stained, ripped, faded, or worn out are not included in the sale.
- We no longer accept non-flat screen TVs, mattresses, large appliances, pianos or organs, items with broken or missing pieces (including furniture), paint, flammable or poisonous items.

Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi

The Flea Market Team hires Pink Pick Ups to move boxes after Secondhand Weekends and to work at the Flea Market each March. Consider contacting owner Nathan Heuser for a free estimate. He charges hourly, with a one-hour minimum of \$125-\$150, depending on the volume and distance. He prefers texting at **520-268-5670**. Please plan ahead and allow 2-3 days for a callback.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Accepting donations of the following:

Ronald McDonald House: Pop tabs, disinfectant wipes, and chemo caps.

Lions Club Glasses: Lenses, frames and any glasses.

Pima Animal Care Center (PACC): Prescription medicine bottles with caps. The veterinarians need the bottles to send medicine home with animals when needed. Please remove the labels before submitting.

We are no longer collecting plastic bottle caps

Please put donations in the Patio Room (by the Sanctuary) inside the metal collection closet on the north wall. Plastic bins are labeled for each item.

Presbyterian Women of CPC

The “Crafty Ladies,” as we call ourselves, meet regularly each Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in classrooms A/B. We break around 10:30 for a light snack or to celebrate a birthday for one (or more) of our group. Join us! Feel free to bring a craft or sewing project of your own, or help to color the hand-stamped cards, or even create new ones from recycled cards. We have all the supplies needed for almost any project.

Some, especially those who sew, do so at home and also attend the Wednesday meeting to enjoy the camaraderie (and snacks). Pop in some day and see if you’d like to stay. Our next regular meeting will be on February 4, 2026.

Crafts may be purchased on Wednesdays during our meetings or on most Communion Sundays, when mostly seasonal items are on sale in Fellowship Hall.

*The PW Craft group is the fundraising branch of the Presbyterian Women of Christ Presbyterian Church’s mission projects. The money collected from the sale of our handcrafted items and cookies at the Christmas sale is donated to various (mostly local) organizations that support women and children.

For questions, call or text Pam Cullop: 520-271-6678 or send me an email: pjcullop@gmail.com.

Our February Birthdays!

3 Gordon Custis
4 G. Ann Smith
5 Bob Powers
8 Juanita Garcia
8 Sheri Hopkins
10 Christian Miller
11 Dawn Custis
11 Charlene Hower
12 Sally Lanyon
13 Vera Schlichter
14 Ken Byrum
14 Andrea Heck
16 Jim Cech
16 Laurel Reilly
17 Darby Cech
18 Dale Stevens
19 Kean Nordbrock
19 Julia Potter

19 Nolan Richards
19 Ruth Richards
19 Doug Wingert
20 Clint Compton
21 Mary Jean Koch
21 John Yauch
22 Tammy Gonzales
22 Luke Nagele
24 Linda Tillema
25 Kathleen Graler
26 Dinah Bowers
27 Sherrie Sink
28 Cindy McNown Perry
28 Nancy Schneider



March KIVA

The deadline for getting your news in
the March KIVA is Monday, February 16.
Don't get left out!



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(Closed for lunch 12 - 1 p.m.)

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Deadlines

KIVA March 2026 articles due
by 12 p.m. on Monday, February
16, 2026

**Weekly Bulletins and Friday
News, requests for flyers or
inserts**

Please submit your articles and
requests by **Wednesday at
noon!**



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