



Community
Presbyterian
Church
OF CLARENDON HILLS



Service for the Lord's Day The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017
9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

(Please use the prelude to make the transition from getting here to being here.
Open yourself to the Spirit of God moving in our midst.)

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lauren Cochran

*Opening Words (inspired by Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:25)

Lisa Harmet / Ann Hamman

One: God of unexpected power, we want you to tear open the heavens and come down;

All: **to make mountains quake, water boil, and stars to fall until all people tremble at your presence!**

One: But you... you will not perform according to our wants and whims.

All: **Instead, you come like the sound of sheer silence: Thin. Quiet.**

One: Instead, you are born among us as an infant. Instead, you show us how love is made perfect in weakness.

All: **So we will stay alert, or at least we will try, because we are your people and there is no other God besides you. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Deb & Pat Garner (9:00)

Joanne & Walt King (10:30)

One: Today is the first Sunday of Advent. In Advent we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah, the very son of God.

One: This preparation requires we move from fear to the certainty of hope, from dwelling in darkness to trusting in the light of God coming into the world. May we all dedicate ourselves to welcoming this time of preparation so that we are more fully open to receive the Prince of Peace.

One: (light one purple candle)

One: Let us pray: We dedicate ourselves to this time of deliberate preparation. We hold onto this light, trusting it is and always will be the light that overcomes all darkness. Amen.

Sung Response Hymn 89

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

(All sing refrain, Choir sings v. 1, all sing refrain)

A Time for our Youngest Disciples (9:00)

Lauren

(During the singing of the following hymn, children First Grade and younger may go to their Sunday School room with their teachers.)

*Hymn 105

People Look East

BESANÇON

Call to Confession (Isaiah 64:6b)

Lisa / Ann

Like a faded, dry leaf that the wind blows away, our sins dry us up; faded and brittle, we are carried off by the wrongs we have done. Yet God loves us still and is able to restore and renew us with the water of life.

Prayer of Confession

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we lash out – against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us. Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands we can be made new. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us all our days. Believe in this good news!

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

*Sung Response to Forgiveness 583

Glory to God

GLORIA

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God,
as a sign that we believe in the peace that only Christ may give,
let us share Christ's peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(Let us exchange the peace of Christ with our neighbors.)

Anthem

Angel's Advent Carol

Almon C. Bock II, arr. Gregg Sewell

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:24 – 31 (N.T. p. 47)

Beth

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Signs of God's Coming

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Anthems

The Advent Herald

music Rory Cooney, words Brian Wren

Lead Us from Darkness

music Richard Clarke, words K. Michele Clarke, arr. Jeffrey Honoré

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Beth and Lauren

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy... *(prayer continues)*...

... We join our voices with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn 552

LAND OF REST

All Sing: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: *(prayer continues)* You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ...
Great is the mystery of faith:

Hymn 553

LAND OF REST

All Sing: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

This is the Lord's Table.

All who long to know Jesus Christ are welcome at this table.

Communion will be served in the pews.

Please eat the bread as you receive it.

Gluten-free bread is in the center glass in the basket.

The cups are filled with grape juice.

(**Gluten-free Ingredients:** Sweet Ali's Bread Flour Mix (white rice flour, tapioca starch, sorghum flour, millet flour, sweet rice flour, brown rice flour, baking powder, xanthan gum), milk, eggs, egg whites (liquid egg whites, triethyl citrate added as a whipping aid), butter, brown sugar, yeast, sea salt, non-GMO canola oil. **Contains: dairy, eggs and corn.**)

Prayer after Communion

All: God of our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Commissioning of Young Disciples (9:00)

Lauren

One: You have heard the Word proclaimed.

You have received the sacrament of Communion.

Now may you go forth, ready to grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Children in **grades 2 – 3** may meet their Sunday School teachers at the **front** of the sanctuary.
Young people in **grades 4 – 8** may meet their teachers at the **back** of the sanctuary.

The Offering

Call to Offering

Lisa / Ann

Offertory

***Doxology tune 606, words 608**

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Christ all people here below,

Praise Holy Spirit evermore,

Praise Triune God whom we adore, Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Church Tidings

Beth

***Hymn 357** (vs. 1, 2)

The Days Are Surely Coming

LLANGLOFFAN

***Charge and Benediction**

***Sung Response to Benediction 357** (v. 3) *The Days Are Surely Coming*

LLANGLOFFAN

*The days are surely coming when we will know at last
the fullness of God's presence, God's promise, come to pass.
Then righteousness and justice will spread through-out the land
and we will be delivered by God's almighty hand.*

Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Liturgists:

Lisa Harmet (9:00)

Ann Hamman (10:30)

The Chancel Choir (and visiting friends)

Debra Alongi, Peg Boutchia, Karna Bouton, Kelly Bufton, Barbara Coop,
Glenn Gabanski, Pat Garner, Grace Gits, Amy Hall, Ruth Karasek, Amy Krupa,
Jean Libera, Betty Ann Morton, Gregg Morton, Doug Newkirk,
Ardes Poisson, Barbie Polus, Judy Johns Schloegel, Jim Wear, Wendy Wilhelm

Instrumentalists

Ruth Karasek • Amy Krupa • Karen Oliver

Vocal soloist

Barbie Polus

Readers

Barbara Coop • Pat Garner • Doug Newkirk

SERVING COMMUNION:

Matt Vold, Fred Veenbaas, Kris Veenbaas, Jason Salbego (9:00)
Laura Folliard, Linda Lindon, Sam Dammers, Wayne Pritzel (10:30)

COMMUNION BREAD MADE BY: Mary Youngman

USHERING: Gary Coop, Kevin Manning, Robin Randall, Michele Vickery (9:00)
Charlotte Krueger, Pete Hanlon (10:30)

HOSPITALITY / COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Wendy Brenk

OUR PASTORS WELCOME ALL CHILDREN

in worship — the squiggly, the sleeping, the giggling and the goldfish snacks!

THE FLOWERS UNDER THE CROSS

are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the life of long-time member, Betty Jean Wright, whose memorial service was held at CPC yesterday.

December 10
Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Worship: The Sunday School Christmas Pageant
presented by the 4th & 5th graders
entitled: *The Very Surprising Christmas Pageant*
Music leadership by the LOGOS choir, Cherub Choir and Clarion Bell Choirs

10:30 am Worship: Rev. Lauren Cochran will preach from 2 Peter 3:8-15
sermon entitled, *What Sort of People Should We Be?*



²⁹ In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that he's near, at the door. ³⁰ I assure you that this generation won't pass away until all these things happen. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

Mark 13:29-31

This week at CPC:

Today, Sunday, December 3

Worship & Communion 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery–8th
9:00 a.m. — *The Present Word* Parlor
10:30 a.m. — K-1st Grade Worship
10:30 a.m. — *Tracing Our Faith* Parlor
11:30 a.m. — Finance Committee Chapel
1:00-3:00 p.m. — Advent Festival
5:00 p.m. — Disciple & Post-Disciples
Cubes
7:00 p.m. — Westminster Fellowship

Monday, December 4

9:00 a.m. — *Beautiful Mess* Starbucks
7:00 p.m. — Worship & Music Committee
Chapel
7:00 p.m. — Preschool Committee Parlor
7:30 p.m. — Youth Leaders' Party off-site

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 a.m. — Men's Discussion Group
12:00 p.m. — PW Open House Parlor
1:30 p.m. — Staff Meeting Chapel
4:30 p.m. — Memorial & Gifts Parlor
Advent by Candlelight
6:30 p.m. — Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. — **Worship** Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. — Stewardship Committee
Chapel

Wednesday, December 6

1:00 p.m. — Courage to Change Rm. 6/8
4:00 p.m. — LOGOS
7:00 p.m. — **Advent Worship** Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 7

9:00 a.m. — Thursday Morning Devotions
Chapel
9:00 a.m. — Mission Sewing Rm. 8
7:00 p.m. — Clarion Bells

Saturday, December 9

9:00-11:00 a.m. — Christmas Pageant
rehearsal
7:00 p.m. — PADS

Sunday, December 10

Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery–8th
9:00 a.m. — *The Present Word* Parlor
10:10 a.m. — Session Meeting Parlor
10:30 a.m. — K-1st Grade Worship
10:30 a.m. — *Tracing Our Faith* Parlor
5:00 p.m. — Disciple & Post-Disciples
Cubes
7:00 p.m. — Westminster Fellowship

Children & Youth

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Nursery — 8th grade)

Children Nursery through 1st Grade should meet in their classrooms at 9:00 a.m. 2nd-8th graders join with their families at 9:00 a.m. worship and will be sent forth with their teachers to Sunday School after communion. Classes dismiss at 10:15. **Please see Cyndi Frost, Director of Children's Ministries.**

KINDERGARTEN-1ST GRADE WORSHIP/CHERUB CHOIR

will meet today at 10:30 a.m. in Room 109. Led by Cyndi Frost and Lisa Harmet, the K-1st Grade Worship program uses a sensory style of story-telling so God is experienced, not just learned about. Our hope is that this will help children make a meaningful transition into worship with the congregation.

LOGOS

The second session of our Wednesday afternoon ministry for 2nd-8th grade children has begun. We will meet Dec. 6 for "Hat Night." **Pre-registration is required.** Contact Cyndi Frost for more information: cyndi.frost@chcpc.org

DISCIPLE & POST-DISCIPLE CUBES

will meet this evening at 5:00 p.m. Westminster Fellowship will meet at 7:00 p.m. for retreat-type games.

Adult Education

THE PRESENT WORD

will meet this morning at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor. Discussion and activities encourage participants to live out their faith in their individual and congregational activities. For information, contact Walt King: wwking06@gmail.com.

TRACING OUR FAITH

will meet this morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor. They are viewing a series called *Reading Biblical Literature — Genesis to Revelation*, which will delve into the literary structures and symbolism of the Bible. For more information, contact Ron Eshleman: reshleman@vi-institute.org.

THE MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the Parlor. All men from the church are invited for a "Bring Your Own Coffee" setting for discussion and fellowship. They are reading *Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Contact Bob Parsons, 708-588-1753.

THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS

meets on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. They are reading *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Contact Pastor Lauren for information.

What's Happening At CPC...

ADVENT FESTIVAL! TODAY — 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Bring the family for fun and fellowship! We will prepare our hearts for the Christmas season with crafts that reflect the true meaning of Christmas. "Drop ins" are welcome! There will be many crafts available to choose from! Milk and Cookies will be served! Bring a can of food for a mission donation.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OPEN HOUSE — Tuesday, December 5, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Join PW for a time of fellowship and light refreshments during this busy time of year.

All are welcome, bring a friend.



Presbyterian women are collecting gifts for children and teens to be donated to Association House. They can be brought to Charlotte's Closet and placed in the clearly marked boxes on the metal shelf or to the PW Open House on December 5. Gift Cards should be left in the office. Gifts should be unwrapped!

A few of those items are: **for children** — toys, books, clothes, crayons, art supplies, Legos, sports gear, educational games, stuffed animals; gift cards; **for teens** — gift cards, art supplies, games, headphones, sports equipment, fragrance sets, skateboards, videogames; **for all ages:** gloves, coats, hats, scarves, socks, batteries, gift cards (grocery stores, Target, Best Buy, Walmart, etc). **A detailed list of requested items is available in the narthex.**

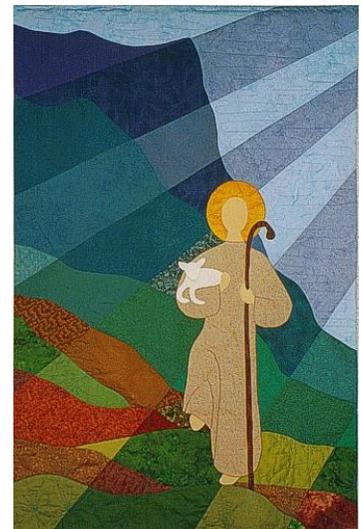
ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

A time of respite in this busy season for the
Women of CPC

Advent by Candlelight
Lambs in His Arms
Tuesday, December 5

Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Worship at 8:00 p.m.

Reservations required for fellowship portion,
contact Cyndi Frost for information.



ADVENT WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

will be held on Wednesdays, December 6, 13, and 20 (Longest Night service) at 7:00 p.m.

Advent devotional books are available in the narthex and on the credenza.

THANK YOU TO ALL

who supported the Child Care Center Tuition Assistance Fund with the purchase of a poinsettia.

If you ordered a poinsettia for your home, the plants will be ready for pick-up here at the church on Monday, December 4, after 2:00 p.m.

In this holy and joy-filled season, you are invited to a deeper life with God through the worship and programs at Community Presbyterian Church.

For more information about our programs,
please visit our website at
www.chcpc.org

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