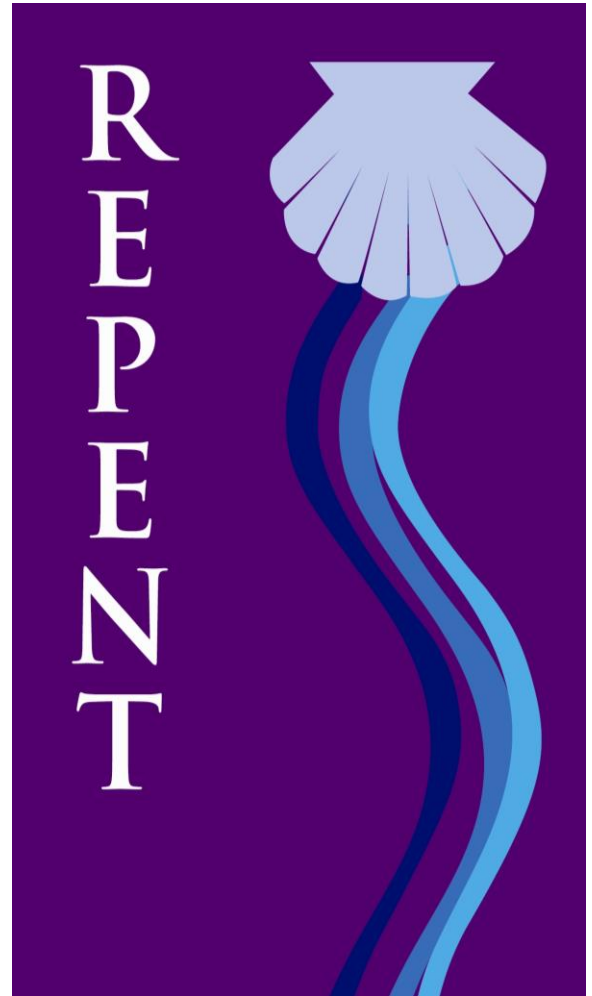




Community
Presbyterian
Church
OF CLARENDON HILLS

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

December 10, 2017
10:30 a.m.



Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come

Dieterich Buxtehude

(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. Beth Freese Dammers

***Opening Sentences and Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Jeff, Ingrid, Anna, Tess, Sara Ellithorpe

One: Today is the second week of Advent, and we celebrate our peace-loving and peace-giving God, who blesses us with unfailing and unconditional love.

All: **We come to worship and praise our loving God, and rejoice in God's tender mercy towards us.**

One: We light two candles this week, remembering both the need to watch and repent of our sins.

All: **We come to worship and honor our merciful God, and rejoice in the wonder of forgiven and forgotten sin.**

One: Let us worship God who enriches the lives of God's own people and speaks peace into the hearts of all faithful people.

All: **Amen.**

Sung Response Hymn 89

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits
(refrain, verse 2, refrain)

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

Prayer of Confession

Suzanne Wear

One: God comes to forgive us; so let us prepare our hearts as we confess our sins, saying,

All: **God of the covenant, through the prophets of the past and of today you call us to live up to the challenge of the gospel if we want to be your people. And yet we fall short, again and again. Stir us up from our comfortable, self-satisfied ways. Make us restless to hasten the coming of your Son and your kingdom. Fill us with the fire of the Holy Spirit to bring the warmth of Jesus' love, and integrity into this cold, hurting world.** *(time for silent prayer)*

One: Lord, we ask that you...

All: **give us the lasting peace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news people of God! God says I love you; I forgive you; I restore you to new life.

All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

***Sung Response to Pardon 583**

Glory to God

GLORIA (TAIZE)

***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

Fantasia on English Carols

Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Prayer for Inspiration

Lauren

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15 (N.T. p. 224)

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

What Sort of People Should We Be?

Rev. Lauren Cochran

***Hymn 104**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**Reception of New Members
Presentation**

Stan Cook & Lauren & Beth

We are pleased to welcome the following people to membership at CPC:

John, Benjamin and Alexandra Boxell

Josh Pfau and Anna Weiss-Pfau

Renunciations

Profession of Faith

***Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed** (p. 17 of hymnal)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to Community Presbyterian Church to share with us in the ministry of Jesus Christ. We are the family of God, for we are all one in Christ.

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

*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**

Siciliano

Suzanne
Max Reger
OLD HUNDRETH

Church Tidings

Beth

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

***Hymn 82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

***Charge and Benediction**

Lauren

***Response to Benediction 88** (vs. 1)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Postlude

Postlude in C

Dieterich Buxtehude

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Liturgist: Suzanne Wear
Clarion Bells

USHERING: Linda Lindon, Paula Cyphers

HOSPITALITY / COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Garrett Ryan

OUR PASTORS WELCOME ALL CHILDREN

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

December 17
Third Sunday of Advent

Advent Orchestra Sunday

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers will preach on
Luke 1:26b-55, Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
entitled *Mary's Song*.

Space for your reflections

Please join us Sunday, December 24

9:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship

Christmas Eve Services:

3:30 p.m. Family Worship Service
Christmas story for younger children and their families

7:00 p.m. Family Worship & Communion Service
Christmas story for older children and their families
The LOGOS Choir sings

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship, Lessons and Carols

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship & Communion, Lessons and Carols



**Adults and children of any age are welcome at all services.
Nursery care available at the 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. services.**

**Sunday, December 31, one worship service at 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery care available)**

This week at CPC:

Today, 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

Monday, December 11

9:30 a.m. — Sanctuary Guild

7:30 p.m. — Session Meeting Chapel

Tuesday, December 12

7:00 a.m. — Men's Discussion Group

12:00 p.m. — Staff Xmas Lunch off-site

1:30 p.m. — Staff Meeting Chapel

7:00 p.m. — Stephen Ministers Rm. 6/8, 7

Wednesday, December 13

9:30 a.m. — Circle of Voices Parlor

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

7:30 p.m. — Mission & Outreach
Committee Chapel

Thursday, December 14

9:00 a.m. — Thursday Morning Devotions
Chapel

9:00 a.m. — Mission Sewing Rm. 8

7:00 p.m. — Clarion Bells

Saturday, December 16

9:00-10:30 a.m. — Orchestra Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. — PADS

Sunday, December 17

Orchestra Sunday

Worship 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

5:00 p.m. — Disciple & Post-Disciples
Cubes

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. 13 for "Night in Bethlehem." **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 dodgeball.

Adult Education

THE PRESENT WORD

meets on Sunday 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

meets on Sunday 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 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...

ORCHESTRA SUNDAY IS DECEMBER 17TH!

This year we're inviting all who play an instrument to join us in celebrating the season in worship. We'll play simple songs of joy and accompany the hymns and carols of the day. Our music is scored for any type of ensemble, so it doesn't matter if we have six trombones and a flute or the reverse!

And your skill level? As long as you can read music and are comfortable playing a very simple part, then you're wanted and needed.

There is a brief rehearsal the day before, on Saturday, December 16. We'll gather in the sanctuary for practice and then conclude in Fellowship Hall for a light continental breakfast. Come experience worship through music on a whole new level.



Please join us in making our worship on the 17th invigorating and refreshing!

Rehearsal: Saturday, December 16

9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Worship: Sunday, December 17

9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

ADVENT WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

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

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

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

will be held Sunday, December 24, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing officers to the Class of 2020.

CIRCLE OF VOICES

the women's book discussion group, will meet at **9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13** to discuss *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman. Afterwards, all are invited to lunch at Ruth Lake Country Club. For more information, call Ann Hamman, 630-323-6254.

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,
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