



Community
Presbyterian
Church
OF CLARENDON HILLS



Service for the Lord's Day
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017
9:00 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

Sung Call to Worship

Away in a Manger

Cherub Choir

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

One: Today we come together to hear a surprising story.

All: **Lord open our ears to hear your word.**

One: We invite God to this place as we light two candles.

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.**

Unison Prayer (written by John Vest)

Good and gracious God, we give you thanks for gifts of life, for gifts of love and joy during this season, for gifts of comfort when we do not or cannot feel that joy, for gifts of healing and mercy, for gifts of patience and serenity, for gifts of hope as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. Christ's presence changes our world, so we pray that he may indeed be born in us once again, that we may be continually born anew, that the whole world would be reshaped and reborn as your kingdom emerges around us and within us. May your Spirit stir within us, and cause us to long for the day when earth will in fact be like heaven. It is this vision of a new heaven and a new earth for which we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (O.T. p. 600)

Anthem *Children, Go* traditional spiritual
LOGOS Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7 (N.T. p. 54)

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

The Christmas Message *The Surprising Christmas Pageant*

*Hymn 115	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	MUELLER
*Hymn 121	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	ST. LOUIS
*Hymn 136	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	GO TELL IT
*Hymn 134	<i>Joy to the World</i>	ANTIOCH

Commissioning of Young Disciples Rev. Lauren Cochran

One: You have heard the Word proclaimed.

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

All: **Amen.**

Children preschool through 1st grade may meet their Sunday School teachers
at the front of the sanctuary.

Church Tidings Beth

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Siciliano

Max Reger

*Doxology

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

Pastoral Prayer

Lauren

The Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

*Charge and Benediction

*Response to Benediction 121 (vs. 4) *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

Postlude

Postlude in C

Dieterich Buxtehude

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

The Surprising Christmas Pageant:
presented by the 4th & 5th Grade Sunday School Class

Pageant Directors

Kathy Florence, Cyndi Marginean, Joanna Petersen,
Courteney Templeton, Julie Trowbridge, Bill Vickery

LOGOS Choir, Cherub Choir
Clarion Bells

USHERING: Lynn Mehrhoff, Laura Folliard, Jim Folliard, Kevin Manning

HOSPITALITY / COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Christian Education-Children Elder, Liz Monson
Deacon 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

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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 17!

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.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

will be received today and throughout December. This special offering is shared equally by the assistance program of the Presbyterian Church's Board of Pensions for pastors and missionary families who have devoted their lives to doing Christ's work among those of lesser means. Envelopes are available in the pews.



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.

END OF YEAR GIVING

As 2017 draws to a close, please consider completing your 2017 pledges and any additional year-end gifts. All gifts are important to meeting our 2017 budget. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our members and friends throughout the year.

To make sure your donations are credited to your 2017 giving, please have them into the office by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 29; mailed with a postmark or given online (www.chcpc.org) by December 31, 2017. Thank you.



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

or follow us on Facebook!

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