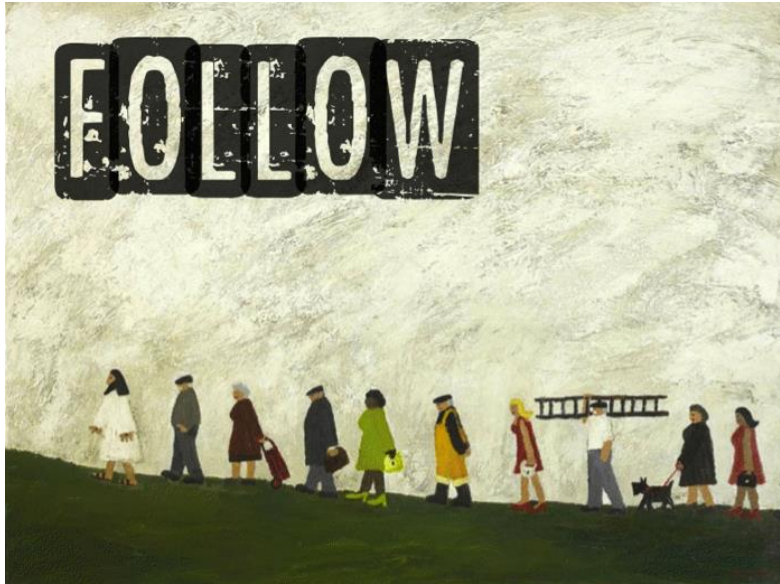




Community
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Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BuxWV 184 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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Sung Call to Worship 388** (sing twice) *Come All You People* UYAI MOSE

*Opening Sentences

Donna Gabanski

One: How urgently we long for all to hear, respond and celebrate!

All: **We are here to learn. We are here to be inspired. We are here to worship God!**

One: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength.

All: **We share these words with our children, talk about them with neighbors, and bring them to life in our actions each day.**

One: Let us worship God!

A Time for our Youngest Disciples

Rev. Lauren Cochran

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

***Hymn 315** (vs. 1-4)

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

Call to Confession (written by Barbara Hedges-Goettl. Used with permission)

Donna

Although God has given the church the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, we fall short of God's call to be salt of the earth and light of the world. Let us confess together.

Prayer of Confession

God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace. We blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them. We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us. Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Open us to new possibilities of life for all of your people and use us to enact the new life given in Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God's life-giving Word and Spirit conquer the powers of sin and death. Thanks be to God for the Good News:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.**

***Sung Response to Pardon 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us share the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

Prayer for Inspiration

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (O.T. p. 157)

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

Gordon Young

Scripture Reading John 1:43-51 (N.T. p. 87)

Beth

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Called to Believe

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

***Hymn 503**

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA

**The Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Table**

Beth and Lauren

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)*...

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

Hymn 552

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

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.

In the basket you may choose to tear a piece a bread from the loaf or
take pre-cubed, gluten free bread from the glass cup in the center of the basket.

Please receive and eat the bread as it is passed to you.

Please hold the cup so that we may commune together after all have been served.

The cups contain 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.**)

Hymns during Communion

525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

507

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

Prayer after Communion

All: **Generous God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and cup, symbols of your eternal grace and reminders of our covenant with you. Bless us with courage to follow you, excitement to partner with you in this world and enduring hope that working together we may be your witness in the world. Through Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.**

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Deck Thyself with Gladness

Donna
Johannes Brahms

*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

Church Tidings

Lauren

*Hymn 63 (vs. 1-3)

The Lord Is God

AZMON

*Charge and Benediction

Beth

*Response to Benediction 543 (v. 1)

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

Postlude

Improvisation on Azmon

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Liturgist: Donna Gabanski
Chancel Choir

ACOLTYE: Katherine Choe

COMMUNION BREAD BAKED BY: Erika Cyrus & Pat Urso

COMMUNION SERVERS: Phil Lorenz, Jason Salbego, Courteney Templeton, Matt Vold

USHERING THIS MORNING: Stan Cook, Wendy Cook, Fred Veenbaas

OUR PASTORS WELCOME ALL CHILDREN

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



**Our Annual Meeting will begin
Immediately following worship today.
After the meeting, please join us
for brunch in Fellowship Hall.**

Come and see how our youth have put their faith into action by planning and leading worship.
A great time to invite your neighbors to “come and see!”



**Next Sunday in Worship
February 4
YOUTH SUNDAY**
Youth of CPC create and lead Worship
Isaiah 9:2-3, Ephesians 5:8-9
Seniors share meditations
LOGOS Choir sings

Space for your reflections



Christ Candle

Today we introduce the Christ Candle to worship. The addition of the Christ candle is a visible sign that we intentionally invite the light of Jesus Christ to be present with us here in worship as well as in our lives.

We have many scriptural references to Christ as the light.

Luke 2:30-32

“for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel”

John 8:12

“Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, ‘I am the **light** of the world. Whoever follows me won’t walk in darkness but will have the **light** of life.’”

John 1:4-5

“In him was life and the life was the **light** of all people. ⁵The **light** shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

Isaiah 9:2

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great **light**. On those living in a pitch-dark land, **light** has dawned.”

Isaiah 60:1

“Arise! Shine! Your **light** has come; the LORD’s glory has shone upon you.”

Isaiah 60:19

“The sun will no longer be your light by day, nor will the moon shine for illumination by night. The LORD will be your **everlasting light**; your God will be your glory.”

Each time we gather for worship we will light the Christ Candle reminding ourselves that we are people of the light. We invite Christ to be present here for our worship and as we leave this worship space, we carry the light of Christ in our hearts out into the world.

This week at CPC:

Sunday, January 28

Worship & Communion 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery—1st

10:10 a.m. — Annual Meeting Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. — Brunch Fellowship Hall

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

7:00 p.m. — WF

Monday, January 29

9:00 a.m. — *Beautiful Mess* Starbucks

Tuesday, January 30

7:00 a.m. — Men's Discussion Group

1:30 p.m. — Staff Meeting Chapel

7:00 p.m. — A & P Committee Parlor

7:00 p.m. — Stewardship Comm. Chapel

Wednesday, January 31

1:00 p.m. — Courage to Change Rm. 6/8

4:00 p.m. — LOGOS

7:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 1

9:00 a.m. — Mission Sewing Rm. 8

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

7:00 p.m. — Clarion Bells

Friday, February 2

Church office closes at 12 noon

Saturday, February 3

8:00 a.m. — DCFM Search Comm. Parlor

9:00 a.m. — DYFM Search Comm. Chapel

7:00 p.m. — PADS

Sunday, February 4

Youth Sunday

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

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery—5th

9:00 a.m. — *The Present Word* Parlor

10:30 a.m. — K-1st Grade Worship

10:30 a.m. — *Tracing Our Faith* Parlor

No evening youth activities

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 will remain in worship today.

On this special Sunday of the Annual meeting, we invite children to remain present for the meeting or feel free to go to Room 109 for fun and continued learning at the end of worship.

KINDERGARTEN-1ST GRADE WORSHIP/CHERUB CHOIR

will not meet today but will resume next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Room 109.

LOGOS

Our Wednesday afternoon ministry for 2nd-8th graders will meet at 4:00 p.m. on **January 31** for “Hey, Sports Fans Night.” **Pre-registration is required.** Contact Cyndi Frost for more info.

DISCIPLE & POST-DISCIPLE CUBES

will meet this evening at 5:00 p.m. Westminster Fellowship will meet at 7:00 p.m. for games in the dark and trivia contest.

Adult Education

THE PRESENT WORD

will not meet today but will resume next 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

will not meet today but will resume next 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 Tuesdays 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 *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* by N.T. Wright. Questions, contact Bob Parsons at 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 *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore. Cost of the book is \$13.00. Contact Pastor Lauren for information.

MARDI GRAS TICKETS ON SALE TODAY!

The Board of Deacons will host the 2018 annual CPC Mardi Gras Party on **Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.** at J. Fleming's Absolutely Delicious Restaurant, 18. N. Cass Avenue, Westmont. Tickets are \$20.00 per person including appetizers and a light meal; cash bar. Tickets will be on sale in the narthex through February 11.



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