



Community
Presbyterian
Church
OF CLARENDON HILLS



Service for the Lord's Day

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

December 31, 2017

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 and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Sung Call to Worship 145 (vs. 1)

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

*Opening Sentences

Donna Gabanski

One: There is good news of great joy for all!

All: **Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.**

One: Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,

All: **the glory of God's people and a light to all.**

One: Let us worship God.

A Time for our Youngest Disciples

Beth

*Hymn 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Call to Confession

Donna

Jesus came into an indifferent world, yet his life revealed the inner thoughts of many. Let us confess our sins before God and one another that we may receive release from our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*Sung Response to Forgiveness 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

*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.)

Special Music

O Mary Did You Know?

words Mark Lowry, music Buddy Greene

Prayer for Inspiration

Beth

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40 (N.T. p. 55)

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Messiah by Name

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Affirmation of Faith

Presbyterian Church (USA) Brief Statement of Faith (Jesus)

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God,

And the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,

Fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn 148**

Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple

EVENING HYMN

The Offering

Call to Offering

Donna

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**

Church Tidings

Beth

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People (We lift our prayer to God; **O Lord hear our prayer.**)

The Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

***Hymn 133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

***Charge and Benediction**

***Sung Response to Benediction 545** *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace*

LAND OF REST

Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Liturgist: Donna Gabanski
Vocal Soloist & Guitar: Gregg Morton

USHERING THIS MORNING: Joanna Petersen, Todd Petersen

OUR PASTORS WELCOME ALL CHILDREN

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

Next Sunday in Worship
January 7, 2018

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages resumes

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers will be preaching on **Genesis 1:1-5, Mark 1:4-11**, entitled
A Change of Heart

Communion
Reaffirmation of Baptism
Ordination / Installation of Elders and Deacons

Space for your reflections



Simeon's Moment, 2000 by Ron DiCianni

***During this holy and joy-filled season, we extend to you
a warm welcome and invite you to a deeper life with God
through the worship and programs at
Community Presbyterian Church.***

Worship:

- **Sundays at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.**
- Communion celebrated at least monthly
- Childcare for young children at 9:00 a.m.
- Worship Together, worship geared for youth group, but all are welcome, one Sunday per month at 4:00 p.m.
- Weekday evening worship during Advent and Lent

Adult Education and Spiritual Formation:

- *The Present Word Bible Study*, Sundays, 9:00 a.m.
- *Tracing Our Faith Bible Study*, Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- *Men's Discussion Group*, Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m.
- *Thursday Morning Devotions* (book and discussion group), Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
- *Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles*, 4th Tuesday, various times & locations
- *Beautiful Mess Bible Study*, (discussion group for young moms) Mondays, 9:00 a.m., twice a month at Starbucks
- Special Adult Education classes, discussion groups and retreats are held throughout the year.

Children:

- Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. (Nursery–8th) 2nd through 8th grade attend worship with their families until 9:40 when they go to their respective Sunday School rooms until 10:15.
- K-1st Grade Worship/Cherub Choir, Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- LOGOS program, October–March, Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. (2nd–8th)
- Vacation Bible School, Summer 2018 (K–6th)
- CPC Preschool, weekdays for 2 ½, 3, 4, and 5-year-olds
- Child Care Center, before/after school care for 5–12-year-olds

Youth:

- Disciples (9th grade Confirmation class) Sundays, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
- Post-Disciples (10th–12th grades youth group) Sundays, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
- Westminster Fellowship (9th–12th grades) Sundays at 7:00 p.m.
- Youth Mission Caravans 2018: West Virginia—June 9-16; Camp Courageous 1—July 1-July 7; Virginia—July 14-21; Camp Courageous August 5-11.

Music:

- Chancel Choir, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
- Clarion Bells, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
- LOGOS Choir (2nd–8th grade), Wednesday afternoons
- Cherub Choir (K–1st grade), Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

Support and Concern:

- Stephen Ministry (providing one-to-one compassion and prayer for people experiencing difficulty or change)
- Older Adult Ministries (assistance for older adults and their families to provide resources and support)
- Caregiver's Support Group, last Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
- Pastoral Care with pastors
- Homebound Communion

Fellowship:

- Presbyterian Women Luncheon, 1st Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.
- Mardi Gras, All-Church picnic, Progressive Dinner, Thanksgiving Dinner (sponsored by the Board of Deacons)
- "50+ Friends" Luncheons, held periodically throughout the year
- Circle of Voices Women's Book Group, 3rd Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Mission:

- Public Action to Deliver Shelter (P.A.D.S.) (every Saturday night Oct. to May — CPC staffs 2nd Saturday)
- Women's Mission Sewing Circle, Thursday, 9:00 a.m.
- Partnership with Iglesia Presbiteriana–Reformada Church in San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba
- "Meal-a-Month" bags, Association House, LOVE Christian Clearinghouse, Hinsdale Community Services, People's Resource Center and more.



THE CHURCH OFFICE

will be closed Monday, January 1, 2018 and reopen Tuesday, January 2.

YEAR-END GIVING

As we approach the end of the year, please consider additional financial gifts to the church. Whether you are completing your pledge for 2017 or providing a gift to honor the season, all gifts are important and will help us end the year with a balanced budget.

- Your donations this morning will be credited to 2017
- or you may give on-line today, Dec. 31, 2017 at our website: www.chcpc.org

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 beginning a new book, *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* by N.T. Wright. For more information, contact Bob Parsons at 708-588-1753.



Save the dates:

- **January 28, Sunday: Annual Meeting & Brunch**
We will have one worship service at 9:00 a.m. with Communion followed by our Annual Meeting and the Soup-er Lunch. Don't miss this opportunity to gather with the church family and review last year and our plans for the future.
- **February 4, Sunday: Youth Sunday**
Please join us as our high school youth lead worship and the senior class shares their meditations.



from the staff of Community Presbyterian Church

For more information about our programs,
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