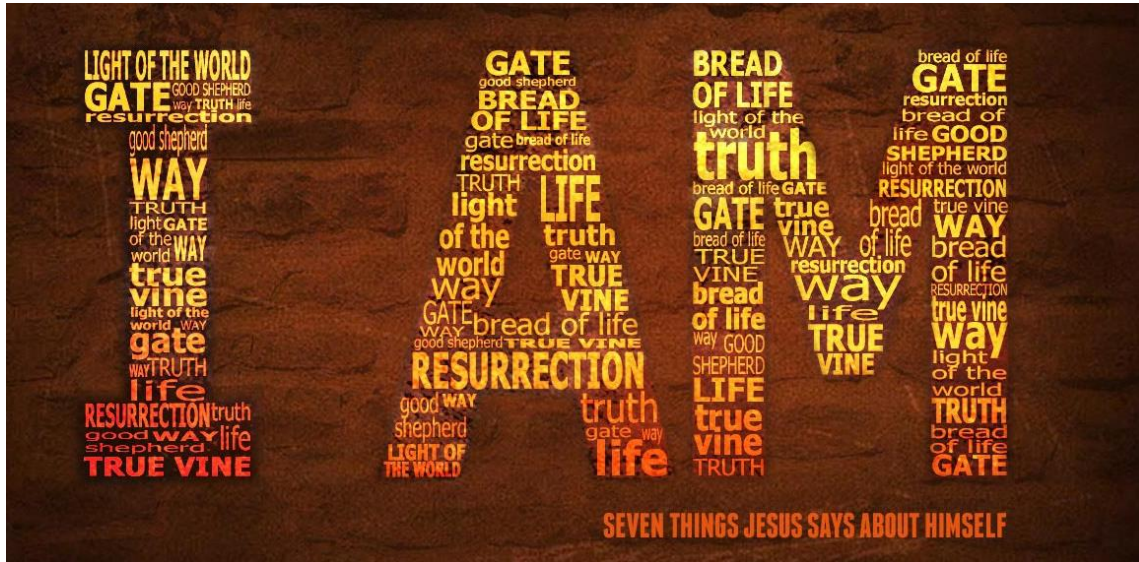




Community
Presbyterian
Church
OF CLARENDON HILLS



Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Salvator mundi

John Bull

(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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Kendall Florence (9:00)

*Sung Call to Worship 401 (vs. 1)

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*Opening Sentences

Suzanne Wear / Pete Hanlon

One: Jesus said I AM the light of the World.

All: **Let us welcome the light of Christ into our hearts.**

One: As we enter Lent, let us remember all the ways in which Jesus teaches us by saying "I AM."

All: **We reflect on our lives, and turn to God for change in our hearts.**

One: Let us worship God.

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 166** *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

Scripture Reading John 8:1-11 (N.T. p. 95) Lauren

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Call to Confession Suzanne / Pete

In quiet trust, with simple words, we enter a space for prayer. In this moment as we name our sins, the door to God's heart is open, and we enter into grace and mercy.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We huddle in a bubble of safety, rather than confront violence. We participate in systems of injustice and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray and hear these our prayers of silent confession... a time for silent confession. And together we pray, Guide us to see and trust the light of Jesus Christ, depending on his light to show us the way. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The Light of the World overcomes the darkness. 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. Handshakes, fist bump, elbow bump, peace signs, a hand on your heart are all welcome signs.)

Anthem *My Jesus I Love Thee* J. Gordon, arr. Patricia Cota

Prayer for Inspiration Beth

Scripture Reading John 8:12-30 (N.T. p. 95)

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *I AM the Light* Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Affirmation of Faith: Lenten Creed

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God,
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

**We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

**This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.
Amen.**

— from **Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide**, posted on the website of Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba. <http://www.patmosabbey.org/>

Commissioning of Young Disciples (9:00)

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 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.

***Hymn 666**

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

The Offering

Call to Offering &

Offertory

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland

Suzanne / Pete
Dieterich Buxtehude

***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

Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People (We lift this prayer to God. Lord hear our prayer.)

The Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

***Hymn 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

***Charge and Benediction**

Beth

***Sung Response to Benediction 182** (v. 4) *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.*

Postlude

Improvisation on Puer Nobis Nascitur

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Liturgists
Suzanne Wear (9:00)
Pete Hanlon (10:30)
Clarion Bells

USHERING THIS MORNING: Laura Folliard, George Hamouz, Nancy Hamouz, Matt Vold (9:00)
Kit Olah, Zoltan Olah (10:30)

HOSPITALITY: The Mehrhoff Family

OUR PASTORS WELCOME ALL CHILDREN

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE

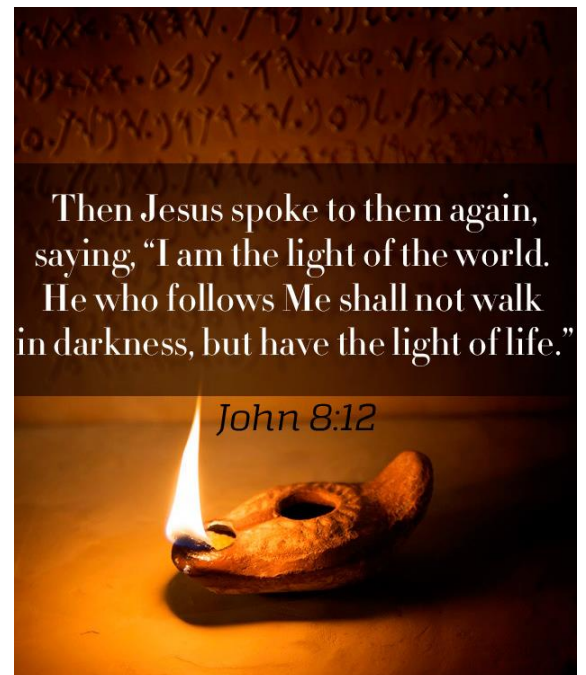
are given by Nancy and Wayne Pritzel to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.

Next Sunday in Worship
February 25
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers preaching on
John 10:1-18
God's Gate and Shepherd
9:00 LOGOS Choir sings Sung Call to Worship & Anthem
10:30 Chancel Choir
11:30 50+ Friends Lunch

30 HOUR FAMINE

Participants in the upcoming 30 Hour Famine are in the narthex after each service today to receive donations for CPC Youth's fight against world hunger. Checks should be made out to World Vision. **An anonymous CPC donor is matching your gift dollar for dollar until we reach our goal of \$10,712.75, striving for a total of \$100,000 since 2002!** Donations can also be made online through the link that was sent out last week via Constant Contact. Their fast will begin this Friday, February 23; please keep them in your prayers.

Space for your reflections



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. For more information, 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 storytelling, 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.

This week at CPC:

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday in Lent

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

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery–1st
10:30 a.m. — K-1st Grade Worship
10:30 a.m. — *Tracing Our Faith* Parlor
11:30 a.m. — Mission & Outreach Chapel
11:30 a.m. — Endowment Committee Parlor
5:00 p.m. — Disciple & Post-Disciples
7:00 p.m. — WF

Monday, February 19

7:30 p.m. — CE-C Committee Parlor

Tuesday, February 20

7:00 a.m. — Men's Discussion Group
9:00 a.m. — PWCT Meeting Parlor
1:30 p.m. — Staff Meeting Chapel
7:00 p.m. — **Lenten Worship/Communion**
7:30 p.m. — Stephen Ministers Rm. 6/8, 7
7:30 p.m. — Membership Committee Chapel

Wednesday, February 21

9:30 a.m. — Circle of Voices Parlor
1:00 p.m. — Courage to Change Rm. 6/8
4:00 p.m. — LOGOS
7:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 22

9:00 a.m. — Mission Sewing Rm. 8
9:00 a.m. — Thursday Morning Devotions Chapel
6:45 p.m. — DYFM Search Committee Parlor
7:00 p.m. — Clarion Bells

Friday, February 23

Church office closes at 12 noon
6:00 p.m. — Youth meet – 30 Hour Famine

Saturday, February 24

7:00 p.m. — PADS

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday in Lent

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

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery–1st
10:10 a.m. — Congregational Meeting
10:30 a.m. — K-1st Grade Worship
10:30 a.m. — *Tracing Our Faith* Parlor
11:30 a.m. — 50+ Friends Luncheon FH
11:30 a.m. — Finance Committee Chapel
5:00 p.m. — Disciple & Post-Disciples

LOGOS

Our Wednesday afternoon ministry for 2nd-8th graders will meet at 4:00 p.m. on February 21 for “Backwards Night.” **Pre-registration is required.** Contact Cyndi Frost for more info. The LOGOS Choir will sing and lead worship at 9:00 a.m. on Feb. 25.

DISCIPLE & POST-DISCIPLE CUBES

will meet this evening at 5:00 p.m. Westminster Fellowship will meet at 7:00 p.m. for Movie Night.

Adult Education

THE PRESENT WORD

will not meet during February, but will resume Sunday, March 4, at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor.

TRACING OUR FAITH

will meet today 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.

What's Happening At CPC...

MIDWEEK WORSHIP IN LENT

**Tuesdays during Lent from 7:00-7:30 p.m.
beginning February 21**

Join us for contemplative and participatory worship. Lent is a time of pensive deliberation, a time for increased prayer and a time for listening to God. Let your heart and soul be present for the reading of scripture, a short meditation and communion.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

are available in the narthex and on the credenza. Please take one home for yourself and/or your family.

50+ FRIENDS LUNCHEON

The CPC Fabulous Food Masters are planning a delectable lunch for the 50+ Friends group next **Sunday, February 25, at 11:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Join us for lunch and always wonderful fellowship.



CIRCLE OF VOICES

The women's book discussion group will meet at **9:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 21**, in the parlor to discuss *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende. After the discussion, all are invited to lunch at a local restaurant. For more information, call Barb Coop, 630-963-8474.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE

Thank you for praying for God's guidance as we search for a Director of Children and Family Ministries, Director of Youth and Family Ministries and a Church Administrator. Please pray for the candidates applying, for the faithful discernment of the search committees and that God leads us into an exciting and hope-filled future.

Serving on the **search committees** are:

Director of Children & Family Ministries

Phil Lorenz*
Gary Coop*
Alice Johnson
Alison Kocoras
Olivia Rickert
Jason Salbego
Tracy Sims
Hadley Vold
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Church Administrator

Elizabeth Abraham*
Phil Lorenz*
Paula Cyphers
Stephanie Rens-Domiano
Betty Ann Morton
Fred Veenbaas
Michele Vickery
Beth Freese Dammers, staff

*chair



INQUIRER'S CLASS

Are you curious about CPC and our Presbyterian faith? Would you like to explore becoming a member of CPC? Pastor Lauren Cochran and the Membership Committee are hosting an Inquirer's Class on **Sunday, March 4 from 10:15-12:30**. If you are considering membership or simply want to learn more about CPC's ministries, please join us. You and your questions are WELCOME. For more information, please call or email Pastor Lauren at 630-323-6522 or lauren.cochran@chcpc.org. If this date doesn't work for you, please reach out to Lauren and she can help!

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through the worship and programs at Community Presbyterian Church.*

For more information about our programs,
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Laurie Scola
Nathan Schulz
Cathy Stahr
Stephen Ministers

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Associate Pastor
Director of Children's Ministries
Director of Youth Ministries
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