



Community
Presbyterian
Church
OF CLARENDON HILLS



Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

O God, You are a Righteous God (op. 122/7) Johannes Brahms
(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

Megan Trowbridge (9:00)

*Sung Call to Worship 392 (vs. 1, 3)

Jesus, We Are Here

JESUS, TAWA PANO

*Opening Sentences

Judy Johns Schloegel / Stan Cook

One: Jesus said I AM the light of the World.
All: **Let us welcome the light of Christ into our hearts.**
One: Jesus said I AM the Good Shepherd.
All: **May Christ guide us in the ways of the Lord.**
One: Jesus said I AM the bread of life.
All: **Christ sustains us in every way.**
One: Jesus said I AM the resurrection and the life.
All: **We give thanks for promises of new life.**
One: Jesus said I AM the vine.
All: **We are the branches who grow from the vine.**
One: Let us worship God.

A Time for our Youngest Disciples (9:00)

Beth

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

***Hymn 749**

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

Call to Confession

Judy / Stan

Jesus is the vine; we are the branches. We cannot thrive when separated from the vine. Yet in our brokenness we can return to the vine and be grafted again into life. Let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

You who are the source of all growth and potential, forgive us for striking out on our own. We allow personal drive and a fierce independence to lead us off course. We believe we can make it on our own without you, Jesus. Forgive us for giving in to life's temptations that pull us off course. Hear these our silent prayers of confession. A time for silent confession... and together we pray. Lord, how we long to remain connected to you. Teach us to follow your light, to seek you with all our hearts, and to trust in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Believe in the life-giving power of the True Vine; rejoice, for the very source of life is ours.

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

***Sung Response to Pardon 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.)

Anthem

Jesus Paid It All

John T. Grape, arr. Patricia Cota

Prayer for Inspiration

Judy / Stan

Scripture Reading John 15:1-8 (N.T. p. 103)

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

I AM the Vine

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

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 250**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

The Offering & Receiving of One Great Hour of Sharing

Call to Offering

Judy / Stan

Offertory

Ah, Holy Jesus

Setting by Robert Powell

***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 this prayer to God. **Lord, hear our prayer**)

Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

***Hymn 157** (vs. 1-4)

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response to Benediction 157** (vs. 5)

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

*They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.*

*Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

Postlude

Improvisation on Wondrous Love

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Liturgists

Judy Johns Schloegel (9:00)

Stan Cook (10:30)

Clarion Bells

USHERING THIS MORNING: Laura Folliard, Julia Blankenburg, Boo Roca, Jack Garvey (9:00)
Kit Olah, Zoltan Olah (10:30)

HOSPITALITY: Ryan Jones

OUR PASTORS WELCOME ALL CHILDREN

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

Next Sunday in Worship
Palm Sunday, March 25
Rev. Lauren Cochran preaching on
John 14:1-14
I AM the Way, the Truth, the Life
Chancel Choir
Procession with palms begins in garden (weather permitting)

Celebrating Retirements

This spring we celebrate the service, witness and commitment of three long-term, beloved staff members: **Cyndi Frost**, Director of Children's Ministries, **Cathy Stahr**, Church Administrator and **Deb Helms**, Director of Youth Ministries.

Please mark your calendar for these celebration touch points:

Sunday April 8: Honoring the ministry of Cyndi Frost in worship (9:00 and 10:30 am) with a 10:00 am Retirement Reception in Fellowship Hall

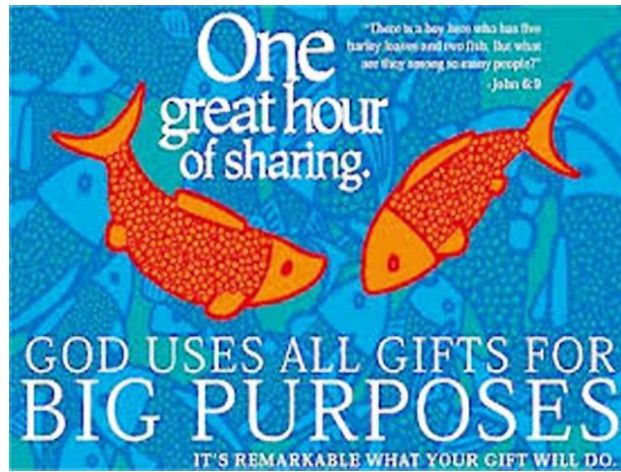
Sunday April 15: Deb Helms preaches

Sunday April 29: Honoring the ministry of Cathy Stahr in worship (9:00 am) with a 10:00 am Retirement Reception in Fellowship Hall

Saturday June 2: Retirement party for Deb Helms / Youth Group reunion (5:00 – 10:00 pm) Church lawn

Sunday June 3: Honoring the ministry of Deb Helms in worship (9:30 am)

Baskets will be available in the narthex and fellowship hall for the receiving of your cards, congratulations, and notes of thanks.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

offering, one of four yearly PC(USA) offerings, will be received today. Our gifts to this offering help our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters and by providing food for the hungry through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. Sunday School children may return their fish banks today.

THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE

are given by Mary & Dan Youngman to the glory of God and in observance of Colon Cancer Awareness Month.

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 the sermon. Classes dismiss at 10:15. For more information, see Cyndi Frost, Director of Children's Ministries.

This week at CPC:

Today, Sunday, March 18

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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. — *Tracing Our Faith* Parlor

11:30 a.m. — Finance Committee Chapel

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

7:00 p.m. — WF

Monday, March 19

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

7:00 p.m. — Deacons Meeting Chapel

7:30 p.m. — CE-C Committee Parlor

Tuesday, March 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. — Membership Committee

Chapel

7:30 p.m. — Stephen Ministers Rm. 6/8, 7

Wednesday, March 21

1:00 p.m. — Courage to Change Rm. 6/8

7:00 p.m. — A & P Committee Chapel

7:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 22

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

9:00 a.m. — Mission Sewing Rm. 8

7:00 p.m. — Mission & Outreach Chapel

7:00 p.m. — Clarion Bells

Friday, March 23

Church office closes at 12 noon

Saturday, March 24

7:00 p.m. — PADS

Sunday, March 25

Palm 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. — *Tracing Our Faith* Parlor

No evening youth activities

DISCIPLE & POST-DISCIPLE CUBES

will meet this evening at 5:00 p.m. Westminster Fellowship will meet from 7:00-9:00 p.m. to go play Laser Tag. Cost is \$15. **Summer Mission Caravan applications are available from Deb and are also available on the church website. Applications are due April 15.**

Adult Education

THE PRESENT WORD

will meet at 9:00 a.m. this morning in the parlor. Discussion and activities encourage participants to live out their faith in their individual and congregational activities. For more information, contact Walt King, wwkingo6@gmail.com.

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 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

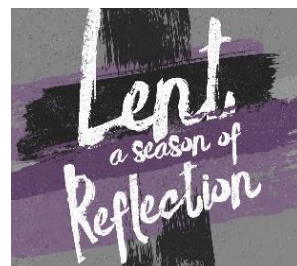
will meet on Thursday, March 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. They are reading *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore. Contact Pastor Lauren for information.

What's Happening At CPC...

MIDWEEK WORSHIP IN LENT

Tuesday, March 20 from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

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.



CIRCLE OF VOICES BOOK GROUP

will not meet on Wednesday, March 21. Join them next month on Wednesday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. when they will discuss *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly.

SPECIAL SPEAKER PRESENTATION – Missionary Brett Weiss

On **Saturday, April 14**, CPC will be co-hosting special speaker Brett Weiss with the Hinsdale/Oak Brook Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) here at Community Presbyterian Church. After a trip to Kenya in 2009, Brett—a high school teacher interested in international relations and colonialism—returned to the United States determined to make a difference with the educational system. Brett wrote a book: *Just Give Them a Hug... And the Rest Will Be Easy*. Join us as we hear from Brett about his efforts in Kenya.

9:30 a.m. Check in and Coffee / Cookies

10:00 a.m. Presentation from Brett

All are invited and there is no charge for this event.

MEMORIAL EASTER LILIES: Orders due today!

If you would like to order lilies to decorate the chancel on Easter Sunday, April 1, please complete the order form below and drop it in the offering plate or in the church office.

Lilies are \$14.00 each and your check payable to Community Presbyterian Church should accompany your order form. The plants may be taken home following the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.



Please order _____ lily/lilies:

My check, payable to Community Presbyterian Church, in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.

Listing in the bulletin to read:

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Your name: _____

Phone/email: _____

ADULT MISSION TRIP TO STRONGHOLD

CPC is organizing an adult work trip to support the ministry of Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center August 23-26. Stronghold would like us to help rehab and spruce up the Carriage House building, connected to one wing of the castle. There will be painting, exterior wood trim replacement, repairs to the building both inside and out. You do not need to be a carpenter or have special skills. There will be work for all.



- Four-day trip, August 23-26 to Stronghold Castle in Oregon, Illinois (1:45 hrs away)
- Must attend all 4 days. **Open to 19 yrs or older.
- Cost is \$220/person. **Space limited to 20 people.

Applications are available in the narthex and on the credenza. Questions, contact Jason Salbego 708-721-0516 or John Helms 630-986-8683.

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through the worship and programs at Community Presbyterian Church.*

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