



Community
Presbyterian
Church
OF CLARENDON HILLS



Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Puer Nobis

Malcolm Donnelly

(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

Mia Salbego (9:00)

*Sung Call to Worship 240 (vs. 1)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*Opening Sentences

John Helms / Pete Hanlon

One: We gather: a community of faith, founded by God, living in the world.

All: **We gather to affirm that Christ has conquered death, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!**

One: We gather to remember God's call to live in beloved community where resources are shared

All: **and to trust that ours is an abundant God who calls us to be generous.**

One: We gather in this place to worship God

All: **so that we are prepared to live as disciples of Christ each and every day.**

One: Let us worship God!

A Time for our Youngest Disciples (9:00)

Beth

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

*Hymn 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Confession

John / Pete

God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

God, forgive our foolishness when we act as if you do not know our truth. In this way, we are deceiving ourselves, hurting our beloved community and betraying our covenant with you. Too easily we profess the words of commitment to church community and then withhold action and resist sharing our skills. Too busy; no time, we say. God, we are conflicted about our financial gifts to the church and seek your guidance. A time for silent confession... and together we pray. Holy Spirit, help us to identify our own sin. Help us to be self-reflective about the health of our relationship with you and this amazing church. God, bless us with your grace that we may be truth tellers at all times. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God's mercy overflows like a healing spring to cleanse us from all wrong doing.

All: **In Jesus Christ we receive new life. We are forgiven! Alleluia! 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.)

Anthem

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni, ed. John Lee & Bob Mitchell

*Sing praises joyfully, sing praises with a new song to our Saviour,
Sing praises to his glory in the multitude of his saints.
Be joyful, Israel, in the Lord; be joyful in the Lord your maker;
And children of Sion, with gladness rejoice in your King.*

Prayer for Inspiration

John / Pete

Scripture Reading Acts 4:32-5:11 (N.T. p. 114)

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Community of Believers

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 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Lasst uns Erfreuen

John / Pete

Robert Groves

***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

Minute for Jubilee Resale

Beth

Wayne Leopold

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

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

Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

***Hymn 320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response to Benediction 313** (vs. 4)

Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

*Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.*

Postlude

In Thee is Gladness, S. 615

J. S. Bach

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Liturgists

John Helms (9:00)

Pete Hanlon (10:30)

Chancel Choir

USHERING THIS MORNING: Michael Brenk, Wendy Brenk (9:00)

Tom O'Brien, Grace Miao (10:30)

HOSPITALITY: 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 Charlotte Krueger and her son Walter Krueger to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charlotte's mother, Virginia Dunbar, and her father and brother, Charles Dunbar Jr. and Charles Dunbar III.

Next Sunday in Worship
April 29
Rev. Lauren Cochran preaching on
Acts 8:26-40
Chancel Choir
Celebrating the Ministry and Service of *Cathy Stahr*

Space for your reflections



This week at CPC:

Today, **Sunday, April 22**

Worship — 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery–8th Grade

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

11:30 a.m. — Finance Committee Chapel

3:00 p.m. — Disciples return from retreat

5:00 p.m. — Post-Disciples Cubes

No WF

Monday, April 23

7:00 p.m. — Communications Committee Parlor

7:00 p.m. — Deacons Meeting Chapel

Tuesday, April 24

7:00 a.m. — Men's Discussion Group Parlor

1:00 p.m. — PW Circle Parlor

1:30 p.m. — Staff Meeting Chapel

7:00 p.m. — Caregiver's Support Group Parlor

7:00 p.m. — Nominating Committee Chapel

Wednesday, April 25

1:00 p.m. — Courage to Change Rm. 6/8

7:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 26

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

9:00 a.m. — Mission Sewing Rm. 8

7:00 p.m. — Clarion Bells

7:00 p.m. — Adult Ed: Daniel Cochran Chapel

Friday, April 27

Church office closes at 12 noon.

Saturday, April 28

7:00 p.m. — PADS

Sunday, April 29

Worship — 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery–8th Grade

9:00 a.m. — *The Present Word* Parlor

10:00 a.m. — Reception for Cathy Stahr Fellowship Hall

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

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

No WF

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, please come to the church office.

THE DISCIPLES CONFIRMATION CLASS

is on retreat this weekend at Great Oaks Camp in Lacon, IL led by Lauren Cochran and Deb Helms. They will return this afternoon around 3:00 p.m. Please keep them in your prayers.

Post-Disciples cubes will meet today at 5:00 p.m. Westminster Fellowship will not meet this evening.

Adult Education

THE PRESENT WORD

will not meet today, but will resume Sunday, April 29. For more information, contact Walt King, wwking06@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 starting a new book, *A New Kind of Christianity*, by Brian McLaren. Questions, contact Bob Parsons at 708-588-1753.

THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS

meets from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. We are reading *Eat With Joy* by Rachel Marie Stone. Books are available in the office for \$14.00.

What's Happening At CPC...

ADULT EDUCATION OFFERING



Rev. Dr. Daniel Cochran has earned his PhD with distinction from the Art and Architectural History program at the University of Wisconsin. His dissertation title is “Building the Body of Christ: Ecclesiastical Art, Architecture, and Identity in Late Antique Italy.”

If you would like to learn more about this topic, Daniel will offer a presentation on his dissertation at CPC on **Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Chapel. Join us!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

will be Tuesday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m. A delicious breakfast will be prepared and served by Circles 1 and 2. After that, we will be entertained by Gregg Morton and Jann Mochelle as they present their program, “Shongs That Should Be Shared” (spelling intentional). Jann is a voice teacher in Downers Grove. They will present a variety of vocal music, both solos and duets, with guitar and piano accompaniments. They will also have some audience participation. Every woman is invited to join us!



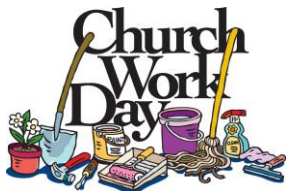
For many years the Presbyterian Women raised money to support local agencies through the profits from the sale of hand-made items at the annual bazaar. The Faith and Fellowship breakfast has taken the place of that fundraising event. Today and next Sunday, PW members will be distributing information about the breakfast and offering envelopes. Your support by joining us for breakfast or making a contribution to our mission work is greatly appreciated.

THE NEXT CAREGIVER SUPPORT MEETING

will be held on **Tuesday, April 24 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the Parlor. Being responsible for the care of an older adult can be fraught with emotion. It can be helpful to share experiences and frustrations with others in similar circumstances. All caregivers are invited to this support group which meets each month on the fourth Tuesday. For more information, contact Paula Cyphers, paulacyphers@aol.com.

JUBILEE RESALE — July 26, 27, & 28!

Save the dates and save your stuff for our annual mission resale! **Our first early drop-off date** (if you can't save your things until July) will be **Saturday, April 28, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Pick up a flyer in the narthex or on the credenza with more information.



SPRING CHURCH WORK DAY: Saturday, May 5, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Help us spruce up the building and grounds for spring. There will be a job for everyone! Come when you can; leave when you must. Coffee and donuts for the early birds. Stay for lunch — we'll be grilling! Contact Fred Veenbaas (fredrick.veenbaas@nrg.com) for more information.

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.

SAVE THE DATE — Sunday, May 6

We will celebrate the **20th anniversary of Stephen Ministry** at Community Presbyterian Church in worship on Sunday, May 6. Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual one-to-one care for people facing challenges in their lives, such as loss of a loved one, illness, or loss of employment. This is a confidential ministry and the entirety of those receiving care and what takes place in a caring relationship remains private. For more information, please speak to a Pastor or send a confidential email to: StephenMinistry@hcpc.org

50+ Friends Luncheon — The CPC Fabulous Food Masters are planning a delectable lunch for the 50+ Friends group on **Sunday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Join us for lunch and always wonderful fellowship.

SAVE THE DATES!

Please mark your calendar for these celebrations:

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

Saturday, June 2: Retirement party for Deb Helms / Youth Group reunion (5:00-10:00 p.m.) on the church lawn

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

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

CHILD CARE CENTER PLANT SALE — **LAST DAY TO ORDER!!**



The Child Care Center at Community Presbyterian Church is sponsoring its annual plant sale. We've teamed up with Bronswood Nursery to provide a wonderful selection of high quality plants. Place your order, pay ahead of time, and on pick-up day just drive through the CPC church parking lot to have your order loaded into your vehicle. It's that simple. We have a wonderful group of volunteers to make it easy for you!!

- Order forms are available in the narthex, on the credenza and on the church website
- Orders with payment are **due TODAY April 22!**
- Pick up at Community Presbyterian Church: May 12, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

**Proceeds from the sale benefit the
Community Presbyterian Church Child Care Tuition Assistance Fund!**

*You are invited to a deeper life with God
through the worship and programs at Community Presbyterian Church.*

**For more information about our programs,
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or follow us on Facebook!**

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