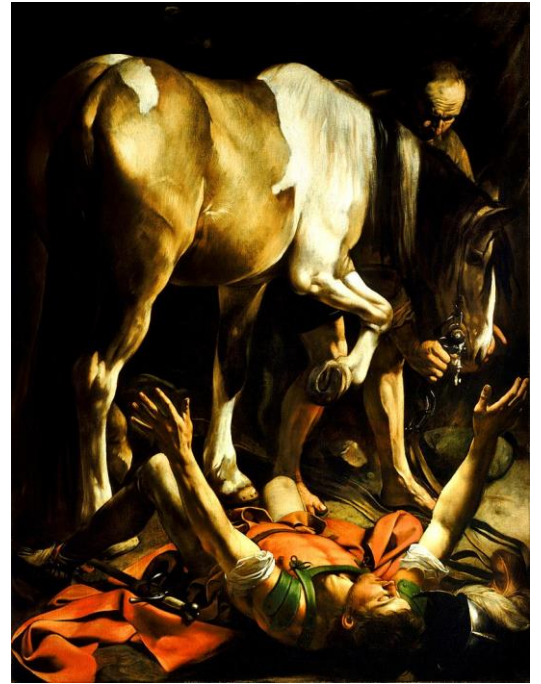




Community
Presbyterian
Church
OF CLARENDON HILLS

*The Conversion on the way to
Damascus by Caravaggio, 1600.
Today located in The Cerasi Chapel
(or Chapel of the Assumption) of the
Church of Santa Maria del Popolo in Rome.*



Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Our Music God is Glorified

Richard Proulx

(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

Emerson Pain (9:00)

*Sung Call to Worship 14 (vs. 1-2)

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*Opening Sentences

Suzanne Wear / Gregg Morton

One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

All: **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: The light of Jesus Christ shines the way to truth.

All: **We come seeking God's light, ready to walk in God's Way.**

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.)

Call to Confession (Psalm 30:3)

Suzanne / Gregg

When our souls are suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, the promise of love we have ignored, and the truth we have denied. Forgive our overzealous righteousness that falsely assures us we are right. We ask that the light of your Way stop us in our tracks so we may hear your call. A time for silent confession...and together we pray. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and bless us with your grace, so that we may follow your Way and tell the good news of the gospel.

Assurance of Forgiveness (Psalm 30:11)

One: Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord.

All: **In Jesus Christ 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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Ed Hogan

Prayer for Inspiration

Suzanne / Gregg

Scripture Reading Acts 9:1-21 (N.T. p. 116)

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Interrupted by the Risen Jesus

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

***Affirmation of Faith: I Believe in Jesus**

WALL: *I believe*

WINDOW: **I awaken to**

WALL: *Jesus Christ*

WINDOW: **the one who walked our earth
and whose God-light shone through**

WALL: *God's only son*

WINDOW: **the one whose life came from the very life of God**

WALL: *our Lord*

WINDOW: **our guide, our teacher, our friend**

WALL: *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit*

WINDOW: **whose life was an intent of God's creative imagination**

WALL: *born of the Virgin Mary*

WINDOW: **who sang love's song at his beginning and was blessed**

WALL: *suffered under Pontius Pilate*

WINDOW: **rejected by the powers of the world**
WALL: *was crucified*
WINDOW: **executed by those same powers**
WALL: *died*
WINDOW: **sharing the same death of us all**
WALL: *and was buried*
WINDOW: **love had been killed**
WALL: *he descended to the dead*
WINDOW: **and they thought this the end**
WALL: *but on the third day*
WINDOW: **nothing could contain, bind or hold the life Jesus began**
WALL: *he rose again*
WINDOW: **and the story continues to be believed**
WALL: **of renewal, transformation and life again.**
WINDOW: *I believe in*
WALL: **I awaken to**
ALL: **Jesus**

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***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 663**

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

MORNING HYMN

The Offering

Call to Offering

Suzanne / Gregg

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

***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

Minute for Administration & Personnel – Welcoming new staff

Lisa Henderson, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Ed Burton, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Shannon Nyhart, Church Administrator

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

Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

***Hymn 649**

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response to Benediction 698 (sing twice)** *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

TAKE ME AS I AM

*Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

Postlude

O Worship the King

arr. Ed Hogan

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Liturgists

Suzanne Wear (9:00)

Gregg Morton (10:30)

Clarion Bell Choir

Dramatic Scripture reading: Dan Youngman (voice of Jesus), Bryce Bernard (Saul / Paul), Christian Youngman (Ananias), Andrew Petersen (traveling companion), Gianni Salbego, (traveling companion)

CPC Instrumental Ensemble:

Flute: Beth Freese Dammers, Ruth Karasek, Amy Krupa, Morgan Mehrhoff

Saxophone: Paul Abraham

Trombone: Kevin Chunko

Violin: Daniel Marginean, Will Marginean

USHERING THIS MORNING: Amy Choe, Laura Folliard, Chuck Plate, Janet Plate (9:00)
Nancy Pritzel, Wayne Pritzel (10:30)

HOSPITALITY: Petersen Family (Andrew, Abby, Joanna, Todd)

Today's cover art: a Caravaggio, The Conversion of St. Paul on the Way to Damascus, 1601

This painting by Caravaggio was created in 1601 for the Cerasi Chapel of the Church of Santa Maria del Popolo in Rome. It depicts a scene from the Book of Acts of Saul, not yet the apostle Paul, while traveling to Damascus. The horse's front leg is raised, almost seeming to trample Saul, further adding to the tension of this dramatic moment of conversion.

Caravaggio shows him on his back, fallen from his horse whose body takes up the majority of the canvas, dwarfing Saul. Saul's arms are outstretched towards the heavens, recalling the moment when he heard God say, "I am Jesus, whom you persecute; arise and go into the city." This intense moment stunned Saul, causing him to fall of his horse.

This complete toppling of values is something Caravaggio emphasizes in his orientation of the composition. Though Saul is the central figure, Caravaggio chose instead to highlight the horse—literally showing Saul's downfall from riches and extravagance (as seen in his polished clothing) to the more simple nature of the Christian faith.

Next Sunday in Worship

May 20

Pentecost

Rev. Lauren Cochran preaching on

Acts 2:1-21, her sermon is titled

They are drunk!... And other excuses we make to ignore the Spirit

Chancel Choir

9:00 Graduation Recognition

10:30 Confirmation

PCUSA PENTECOST OFFERING, SUNDAY, MAY 20TH

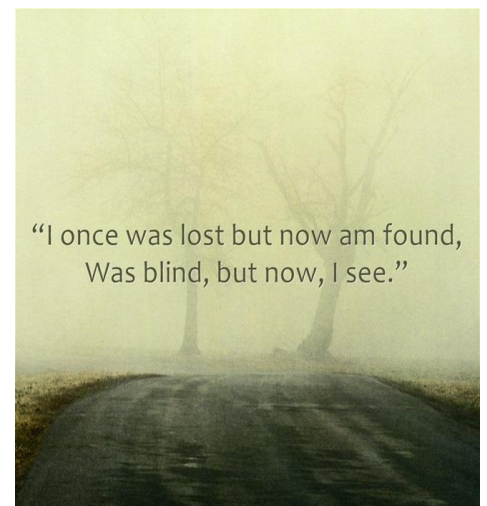
Our annual gifts for the PCUSA Pentecost offering will be received on Sunday, May 20th this year. 60% of your donations go to our denomination and their support of youth and young adults in various programs, most notably the “Young Adult Volunteer Program” (which is like the PCUSA’s version of the Peace Corps). The other 40% stays local and will be donated to the Threshold Program, that operates out of downtown Chicago and Westmont. Threshold helps youth find mental health care and support in times of need. The Mission and Outreach Committee thanks you in advance for your generous donations!



THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE

are given by Sue and Mike Van Zandt to the Glory of God and in memory of their mothers, Eleanor and Dorothy.

Space for your reflections



Children & Youth

This week at CPC:

Today, **Sunday, May 13**

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. — Welcoming Ed Burton DYFM

& Lisa Henderson DCFM – Fellowship Hall

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

No evening youth activities

Monday, May 14

7:00 p.m. — Session Meeting with
Confirmands Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 15

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

9:00 a.m. — PWCT Parlor

11:30 a.m. — Staff Lunch

1:30 p.m. — Staff Meeting Chapel

4:00 p.m. — Presbytery Winnetka

6:30 p.m. — Preschool Program Sanctuary
& Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. — Membership Chapel

7:00 p.m. — Stephen Ministry Rm. 6/8

Wednesday, May 16

9:30 a.m. — Circle of Voices Parlor

1:00 p.m. — Courage to Change Rm. 6/8

7:00 p.m. — A&P Chapel

7:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir Sanctuary

Thursday, May 17

9:00 a.m. — Thursday Morning Devotions

9:00 a.m. — Mission Sewing Rm. 8

7:00 p.m. — Clarion Bells

Friday, May 18

Church office closes at 12:00 noon

Sunday, May 20

Pentecost Sunday

Worship — 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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

9:00 a.m.—Graduation Recognition

9:00 a.m. — *The Present Word* Parlor

10:30 a.m.—Confirmation

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

12:00 p.m.—Disciples Family Picnic

3:30 p.m. — WV & VA Caravan Meeting

5:00 p.m. — CC Caravan Meeting

No evening youth activities

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY — KINDERGARTEN

Summer Sunday School for Nursery through Kindergarten will begin Sunday, May 28 at 9:00 a.m. **Parents are asked to sign up to sit/teach on two Sundays over the summer.** Please email Alison Kocoras: aalester@comcast.net with your choice of dates or sign-up on the sheets outside the Children's Ministries Office.

NO EVENING YOUTH ACTIVITIES TODAY — Kiss your mama!

PARTNER IN PRAYER

with our summer mission caravan participants as they travel to West Virginia and Virginia for building trips and take two trips to Camp Courageous in Iowa to work with special needs children and youth. **A member of the Youth Committee will be in the narthex today between services to help you sign up.** All you need to do is write a letter to your caravan partner and pray for them each day of their trip.

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*. 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 *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. Our end of the year brunch will be on May 24.

What's Happening At CPC...

WELCOME LISA & ED

Today we welcome new staff members:

Lisa Henderson, Director of Children & Family Ministries, started May 8

Ed Burton, Director of Youth & Family Ministries, starting today May 13

Please join us in Fellowship Hall between services for a welcome reception.

INTRODUCING SHANNON NYHART

Shannon Nyhart began serving as church administrator May 7. Shannon has 20 years of administrative services and has owned her own baking company. She has two adult children and resides in Darien. Shannon looks forward to meeting the congregation and working with staff.



SUMMER WORSHIP

begins Sunday, May 27. We will have one worship service at **9:30 a.m.** through September 2. Summer Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a.m. for children nursery through finishing Kindergarten in Rm. 109. Older children are invited to worship with their parents.

JUBILEE RESALE — July 26, 27, & 28!

Save the dates and save your stuff for our annual mission resale! **Our next early drop-off date** (if you can't save your things until July) will be **Wednesday, May 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Pick up a flyer in the narthex or on the credenza with 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.

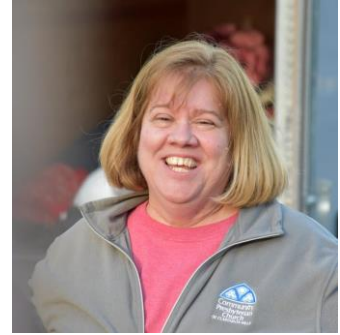
- Four-day trip, August 23-26 to Stronghold Castle in Oregon, Illinois (1:45 hrs away)
- Must attend all 4 days. ****Open to 19 yrs or older.**
- Cost is \$220/person. ****Space limited to 20 people.**

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

Saturday, June 2
Retirement party for Deb Helms
Youth Group reunion / Caravan Fundraiser
5:00-10:00 p.m.
on the church lawn and parking lot.



There will be food to purchase; snacks, drinks, and cake.
DJ and games will be included in the fun.
Please consider making a donation for our Summer Mission Caravans
in honor of Deb's service to our youth.

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

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

**For more information about our programs,
please visit our website at www.chcpc.org
or follow us on Facebook!**

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