



## Service for the Lord's Day 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018

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

### Prelude

*Allegro (Movement I from Sonata in F, K, 332)*

W. A. Mozart

(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

Landon Burton

### \*Sung Call to Worship 3 (v. 1 & 4)

*Womb of Life and Source of Being*

RAQUEL

### \*Opening Sentences

Lisa Harmet / Liz Monson

One: Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

**All: Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.**

One: Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

**All: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**

One: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

**All: Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end of the line.**

**Let us worship God together.**

### A Time for our Youngest Disciples (9:00)

Beth

**Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers, Youth Leaders, Adult Ed Leaders,  
Chancel Choir, Clarion Bell Choir (9:00 & 10:30 a.m.)**

**All:** God who calls us each by name, you have claimed us in our baptism, and your Spirit empowers us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for these leaders who have answered your call to lead worship with voice and ringing, to teach children, youth and adults, opening the way for all to follow your path. Bless their ministry. Fill them with abundant hope, wisdom, patience and love; and deepen their faith as they seek to strengthen the faith of others. We pledge our support of their ministry and vow to honor their leadership. We praise you, God, for the gifts they offer to this community and your world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

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

**\*Hymn 320**

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

WAREHAM

### **Call to Confession**

Lisa / Liz

God is always ready to hear our prayers, so let us join together, supporting one another, in this time of prayer.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus Christ; we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things. Other activities, other relationships, other gods. You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere, diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you. Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray, when we serve other gods and worship them. Help us turn away from our distractions and sin. Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem, to take up our cross and follow you. We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

**One:** Friends, you are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased. You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved. You are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away; see, everything is becoming new.

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

### **\*Sung Response to Pardon 581**

*Gloria Patri*

GLORY TO GOD (GREATOREX)

### **\*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.)

### **The Sacrament of Baptism (10:30a.m.)**

Baptized today is Charles Andrew Swedlund, son of Kathryn and Karl Swedlund.

**Presentation**

Elder Cyndi Frost

**Profession of Faith**

**Thanksgiving Over the Water**

**The Baptism**

**Welcome**

**All:** With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Charlie, into Christ's church to share with us in the ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

**\*Hymn 486** (vs. 1, 2, 4) *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM  
**Anthem** *Here I am Lord* Dan Schutte Arr. Arnold B. Sherman  
**Prayer for Inspiration** Lauren

**Scripture Reading** Mark 9:30-37  
One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** *Cheap Seats* Rev. Lauren Cochran

**Commissioning of Young Disciples**

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 leaders at the **front** of the sanctuary.  
Young people in **grades 4 – 8** may meet their leaders at the **back** of the sanctuary.

**\*Hymn 73** *When God Delivered Israel* SHEAVES

**The Offering**

**Call to Offering**

Lisa / Liz

**Offertory**

*Come, Holy Ghost*

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**

Beth

**A Minute for Stewardship**

John Kocoras

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns** (One: We lift this prayer to God. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**)

**Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer** (using "sins")

**\*Hymn 727** (v. 1-4) *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* THE SERVANT SONG

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response to Benediction 727** (v. 5) *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* THE SERVANT SONG

*When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.*

**Postlude**

Improvisation on *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

## ***This week at CPC:***

**Today, Sunday, September 23**

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

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery–8<sup>th</sup> Gr.  
9:00 a.m. — *The Present Word* Parlor  
10:30 a.m. — Baptism  
10:30 a.m. — *Tracing Our Faith* Parlor  
11:30 a.m. — Finance Chapel  
5:00 p.m. — Disciple & Post Disciples Cubes  
7:00 p.m. — WF

**Monday, September 24**

7:30 p.m. — Youth leaders at Ellithorpe's

**Tuesday, September 25**

7:00 a.m. — Men's Group Parlor  
1:00 p.m. — PW Circle 2 Parlor  
1:30 p.m. — Staff meeting Chapel  
7:00 p.m. — Caregiver Support Group Parlor  
7:00 p.m. — CE-Y Chapel

**Wednesday, September 26**

1:00 p.m. — Courage to Change Rm. 6-8  
7:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir Choir Rm.

**Thursday, September 27**

9:00 a.m. — Thurs Morning Devotions Chapel  
7:00 p.m. — Clarion Bells Rm. 6-8

**Friday, September 28**

6:00 p.m. — Men's Retreat Departs

**Saturday, September 29**

Men's retreat at Stronghold

**Sunday, September 30**

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

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery–8<sup>th</sup> Gr.  
9:00 a.m. — *The Present Word* Parlor  
10:00 a.m. — Hunger Action Month Celebration  
10:30 a.m. — *Tracing Our Faith* Parlor  
5:00 p.m. — Disciple & Post Disciples Cubes  
7:00 p.m. — WF

**LITURGIST:** Lisa Harmet (9:00), Liz Monson (10:30)

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Gregg Morton, soloist

**USHERING THIS MORNING:** Nancy Hamouz, George Hamouz, Tom O'Brien, Grace Miao (9:00)  
Mike Van Zandt, Kathy Adelman (10:30)

**HOSPITALITY:** The Ryan Family

**OUR PASTORS WELCOME ALL CHILDREN** In worship – the squiggly, the sleeping, the giggling and the goldfish snacks! If you prefer, we broadcast worship in the narthex and chapel, where there is more room to move around.

Next Sunday in Worship

**September 30**

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers preaching on

**Mark 9:38-50**

Sermon is titled

***Remove the Barrier***

Chancel Choir

## **Children & Youth**

**Nursery** care is available each Sunday 8:45 – 11:45 a.m. for children ages 6 weeks through 2 years old in room 105. Pagers are available, or parents are always welcome to stay. **(RM 105)**

**Preschool 3's through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade** meet at their classrooms at 9:00 a.m. and are picked up after worship at 10:15 a.m. **(RM 109 & RM 205)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** join their families in worship at 9:00 a.m. and will be sent with their leaders to their classrooms after the sermon. Classes dismiss at 10:15 a.m. **(RM 206 & RM 8)**

**Middle School** youth join their families in worship at 9:00 a.m. and will be sent with their leaders to their classroom after the sermon. Class dismisses at 10:30 a.m. **(youth lounge)**

For more information, see Lisa Henderson, Director of Children & Family Ministry.

## **ASPIRE AND ENDEAVOR**

A NEW MID-WEEK MINISTRY IS COMING TO CPC!

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. beginning October 3rd

Our new Wednesdays at CPC (formerly Logos) includes **ASPIRE** for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids and **ENDEAVOR** for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth. These exciting ministries include great fellowship, dinner, music, Bible study and more!

Go to our website, [www.chcpc.org](http://www.chcpc.org), to download a registration form.

## HIGH SCHOOL:

Cubes are in full swing! Today is our first full Cube night with both our freshman (Disciples) and our sophomores - seniors (Post Disciples). Be in the Youth Lounge at 5:00p and stick around after our meal for WF which starts at 7:00p! WF is an extended time of fun and games together! All are welcome. We'll see you soon!

## WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP (WF)

WF (fellowship and service for all high school youth) will begin to meet after Cubes and dinner tonight from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Some popular events from the past include bowling, car rallies, and capture the flag. A board of youths will be elected tonight to do the planning and running of events with help from adult leaders. Do your homework on Sunday before Cubes so you can join the fun!

## Adult Education

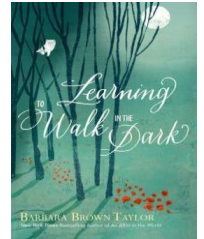


### MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. in the parlor. All men are invited for a “Bring Your Own Coffee” setting for discussion and fellowship. The group is studying the book of Hebrews. Contact Bob Parsons at 708-588-1753 with questions.

### THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS

Our fabulous group meets next Thursdays, at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel. This Fall we are reading *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor. This group is open to anyone who would like to join: we meet for prayers (joys and concerns style) and book discussion from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. each week. This is a casual group, and we are excited to have you, even if you can't make it every week. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lauren.



### THE PRESENT WORD

will meet every **Sunday**, at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor. This adult education class uses the *Present Word* curriculum published by the PC(USA). Our discussion and activities encourage participants to live out their faith in their individual and congregational activities. For more information contact Walt King at [wwkingo6@gmail.com](mailto:wwkingo6@gmail.com).

### TRACING OUR FAITH

Tracing our Faith meets every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor with the video series *Reading Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation* by Dr. Craig R. Koester of Luther Seminary. We are discussing what the life and works of the Apostle Paul mean to us. The one hour program begins with a one-half hour video followed by a discussion of the subject. Each session stands alone so consecutive attendance is not required to understand the material. Questions may be directed to Ron Eshleman at [reshleman@vi-institute.org](mailto:reshleman@vi-institute.org) or 630- 292-0857.

### A BEAUTIFUL MESS



This young-mom's Bible study led by Pastor Lauren returns this fall, meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Starbucks in Clarendon Hills on various dates. This fall we are studying stories of motherhood in the Bible, using a curriculum written by Lauren. Each week we check in with each other, read scripture, ask questions about our faith and God's word, and fellowship together over coffee (or whatever drink is your choice!). Email Lauren for more information or to get on the email group. Dates we meet: Tues. 10/2, Mon. 10/15, Mon. 10/29, Tues. 11/13, Mon. 12/3. See you soon!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CPC



### September is Hunger Action Month

Thank you to all that participated in our Tuesday Night fundraising partnership with Woodgrain Pizza! We had a large crowd. It was a fantastic turnout to raise funds for HCS Family Services to feed our neighbors.

Remember to bring donated food each week to CPC and enter to win our raffle! The competition is heating up - donate to your team!!!

Join us at Panera Bread, 160 Ogden Ave., in Downers Grove on Tuesday, September 25, from 4:00 -8:00 p.m. A percentage of your meal cost will go to HCS Family Services.



Thank you to everyone who donated time, money, or food on Saturday! CPC raised \$353.27 and collected 537.5 lbs of food for HCS Family Services.



### INQUIRERS' CLASS AT CPC

Have you ever wondered what being a member at CPC means? Do you have questions about our church or being Presbyterian? This two-part class run by the Membership Team at CPC is made for you! On **Tuesday, October 16th, we will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., and again on Sunday, October 21st, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** to talk about faith, get to know one another better, introduce you to the staff of the church, and spend time answering questions. Childcare is available if you register in advance. Remember: even if you aren't sure that joining the church as a member is for you, this is a great chance to come and get to know us better. Please RSVP to Pastor Lauren ([lauren.cochran@chcpc.org](mailto:lauren.cochran@chcpc.org)) or Stan Cook (chair of Membership, [stan.cook@comcast.net](mailto:stan.cook@comcast.net)) by October 7th so we can prepare to greet you!

### NEW LIVE AUDIO OF SUNDAY SERVICES!

The Worship & Music committee is excited to now offer the ability to listen to our 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship service LIVE through your computer, tablet, or phone. Now if you are unable to make it to CPC physically, you can still join our Sunday worship service by listening, at 9:00 a.m., to our live audio stream. If you are interested in listening every week, or just on a special occasion, simply let the church office know. We will send you an email with details and a link to connect to the audio. We can also arrange for local delivery of a worship bulletin so that you can follow along with the service. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Nyhart ([shannon.nyhart@chcpc.org](mailto:shannon.nyhart@chcpc.org)) at the church office.

### **CPC CHILD CARE CENTER STAFF NEEDED!**

The Child Care Center at CPC has served the local neighborhoods for over forty years. We are currently in need of after school part-time leaders with ability to work Monday – Friday 2:00 -6:00 p.m.

Duties Include:

- supervise and monitor the safety of the children in their care
- follow routine/schedule to allow for an easy transition for the children between child care and school
- assist in organizing a snack for children based on the daily menu
- assist teachers in creating activities for the children in their care.

Email resume to [cccstaff@chcpc.org](mailto:cccstaff@chcpc.org) or visit [www.chcpc.org](http://www.chcpc.org) for more information.

### **THE NEXT CAREGIVER SUPPORT MEETING**

will be held on **Tuesday, September 25 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](mailto:paulacyphers@aol.com).

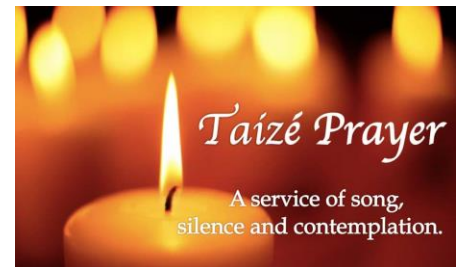
## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

While on safari in Tanzania this past July, Deb and John Helms experienced God's amazing creation, and took as many pictures of it as they could. Lions! Elephants! Hippos! Giraffes! Come and hear Deb speak about her safari adventure and see her and John's pictures. (They both claim to have taken the best pictures. You be the judge.) Noon in Fellowship Hall. Soup and sandwich luncheon provided by Circle 1. Cost is \$10.00. All women of the congregation are welcome. Bring friends!

### **TAIZÉ WORSHIP ON FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

Share in the joy and inspiration of Taizé Worship as offered at Ascension Catholic Church, Oak Park. Meditative worship with simple music. Worship starts at 7:30 pm. We need to arrive by 7:00 pm to get a seat. Meet Pastor Beth in the CPC parking lot at 6:15 to car pool. All welcome, especially children and youth. Email Beth at [beth.fd@chcpc.org](mailto:beth.fd@chcpc.org) if you are interested. Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> will be the next worship service.



**THE PROGRESSIVE** Dinner is back! Adults of CPC are invited to wine and dine with each other, enjoy BBQ from Pickens' Place, and support our Community Thanksgiving Dinner all in one fun evening! We will gather at 5:30 p.m. on **Saturday, October 20th**, at the home of Lynn and Andrew Mehrhoff in Hinsdale. **Tickets are \$25 apiece and are on sale today in the narthex.** A portion of your ticket cost will help fund the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Talk to Pastor Lauren or Alyssa Woody if you have any questions!





PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Join us in donating to the Peace & Global Witness Offering on October 7, World Communion, in both services. This offering draws Presbyterians together, and allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict, provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere. For more information ask Pastor Lauren.

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

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please visit our website at  
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