



**Community**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*of Clarendon Hills*



By Marc Chagall

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 18, 2018**

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

- Prelude** *Praeludium in F, BuxWV 144* Dieterich Buxtehude  
(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** Sarah Ho (9:00)
- \*Sung Call to Worship 647** *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS
- \*Opening Sentences** (1 Samuel 2:1-2) Suzanne Wear / Pete Hanlon  
One: Let our hearts rejoice in the Lord;  
**All: our strength rises up in God.**  
One: Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;  
**All: God has given us deliverance.**  
One: There is no Holy One like the Lord;  
**All: there is no Rock like our God. Praise the Lord!**
- A Time for our Youngest Disciples (9:00)** Lisa Henderson  
(During the singing of the following hymn, children 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and younger may go to their Sunday School room with their teachers.)
- \*Hymn 645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART
- \*Please rise in body or spirit*

## Call to Confession

Suzanne / Pete

Trusting in the goodness of God who is ever so more eager to hear our prayers than we may be to confess, let us humble ourselves to ask for God's forgiveness.

## Prayer of Confession

**God of Covenant, forgive our shallow commitment to remaining your people. We are challenged to remain devoted to you during times of trial. Too often we are insistent our prayers be answered immediately and with the solution we deem best. Open our hearts to trusting your guiding hand. By your tender mercies, make us more open to your Spirit. Grant us a heart that yearns deeply for your presence and approaches you with confidence. Restore us to fellowship with you and with one another through the reconciling work of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

## \*Sung Response to Pardon 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shine on Me*

GLORY TO GOD

## \*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.)

## Prayer for Inspiration

Suzanne / Pete

## Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 1:4-20 (O.T. p. 233)

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Special Music

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*  
Kristin Cotts & Gregg Morton

Robert Lowry

## Scripture Litany (on screens)

1 Samuel 2:1-10 (O.T. p. 234)

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

*Faith & Thanksgiving*

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.**

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

## \*Hymn 42

*Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure*

WINCHESTER NEW

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

**Reception of New Members (9:00)**

Stan Cook and Rev. Lauren Cochran

**Presentation**

We are pleased to welcome the following people to membership at CPC:

*Gene & Sheri Henderson*

*Ann Jaltuch*

**Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

**Welcome**

All: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to Community Presbyterian Church to share with us in the ministry of Jesus Christ. We are the family of God, for we are all one in Christ.**

**The Offering**

**Call to Offering**

Suzanne / Pete

**Offertory**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

arr. Linda Lamb

**\*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 Music: Clarion Bell Choir**

Gregg Sewell

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

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

**Lord's Prayer** (using "sins")

**\*Hymn 100**

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response to Benediction 543 v. 1**

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

*God, be the love to search and keep me;*

*God, be the prayer to move my voice;*

*God, be the strength to now uphold me:*

*O Christ, surround me;*

*O Christ, surround me.*

**\*Postlude**

*Improvisation on Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

**LITURGISTS:** Suzanne Wear (9:00), Pete Hanlon (10:30)

**USHERING THIS MORNING:** Laura Folliard, Lynn Mehrhoff, Morgan Mehrhoff, Paton Mehrhoff (9:00)  
Grace Miao, Tom O'Brien (10:30)

**FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** are given by Jim and Laura Folliard in thanksgiving for our many blessings.

**HOSPITALITY:** The Manning Family (Kevin, Heather, Teagan, Zoe, Charlotte)

**OUR PASTORS WELCOME ALL CHILDREN**

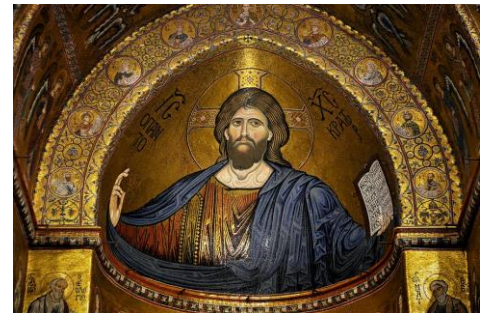
in worship — the squiggly, the sleeping, the giggling and the goldfish snacks! If you desire more room to move around, we broadcast worship in the narthex and the chapel.

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Next Sunday in Worship  
**November 25**

**Reign of Christ / Christ the King Sunday**

**Rev. Lauren Cochran preaching on**  
**John 18:33-37**  
***King of What?***  
**Thomas Monson, Viola**



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**Hannah's Song**

(inspired by 1 Samuel 2:1-10)

Though my soul is dry,  
the stream is swollen with rain  
because God's goodness has not failed.

Though the bread crumbs are stale,  
the doe and her fawn graze without worry  
because God's goodness has not failed.

Though death looms with certainty,  
the sun sings a new song every morning  
because God's goodness has not failed.

Though soldiers sharpen their weapons for war,  
the sidewalk yields to a stubborn dandelion  
because God's goodness has not failed.

Though arrogance shouts from its mountain,  
the hummingbird continues to savor earth's nectar  
because God's goodness has not failed.

~ written by Rachel G. Hackenberg, and posted on <http://rachelhackenberg.com/blog/>

## **This week at CPC:**

### **Today, Sunday, November 18**

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

8:30 a.m. — Session meeting Parlor  
9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery – 8th Gr.  
9:00 a.m. — *The Present Word* Parlor  
10:30 a.m. — *Tracing Our Faith* Parlor  
11:30 a.m. — Finance Chapel  
3:30 p.m. — Custodian Search Committee Parlor  
5:00 p.m. — Disciple & Post Disciples Cubes  
7:00 p.m. — WF

### **Monday, November 19**

7:00 p.m. — Concert Series Committee Chapel

### **Tuesday, November 20**

7:00 a.m. — Men's Group Parlor  
7:00 p.m. — Stephen Ministry Rm. 6-8

### **Wednesday, November 21**

1:00 p.m. — Al-Anon - Courage to Change Rm. 6-8  
6:00 p.m. — Community Thanksgiving Dinner Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, November 22**

**Happy Thanksgiving  
Church Office Closed**

### **Friday, November 23**

**Church Office Closed**

### **Saturday, November 24**

7:00 p.m. — PADS

### **Sunday, November 25**

#### **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. — *Tracing Our Faith* Parlor

## 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–4's** meet at their classroom at 9:00 a.m. and are picked up after worship at 10:15 a.m. **(RM 109)**

**Kindergarten – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade** meet at their classroom at 9:00 a.m. and are picked up after worship at 10:15 a.m. **(RM 205)**

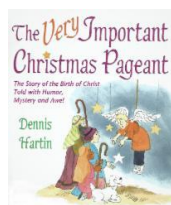
**2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** join their families in worship at 9:00 a.m. and will be sent with their leaders to their classroom following the Time for Youngest Disciples for a special 6 week Learning to Use Your Bible class, Sundays 10/14 - 11/25. Class dismisses at 10:15 a.m. **(RM 206)**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** join their families in worship at 9:00 a.m. and will be sent after the sermon with their leaders to their classroom to rehearse the Christmas Pageant. Class dismisses at 10:15 a.m. **(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 or go to the Church Office **(RM 104)**.

### **CALLING ALL 4TH & 5TH GRADE KIDS!**



The 4th & 5th Grade Sunday School class has begun reading through this year's Christmas Pageant, **The Very Important Christmas Pageant**. All 4th & 5th Graders are welcome to be a part of it. The rehearsal schedule is as follows: Sundays during our regular Sunday School time today & 11/25. Sundays for the entire 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. hour on 12/2 & 12/9. **Saturday, 12/15** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary. This pageant will be a portion of the 9:00 a.m. Worship on **Sunday, December 16**.

### **MID-WEEK MINISTRY AT CPC: Aspire & Endeavor**

**Wednesdays at CPC (formerly Logos) Session 2 begins November 28!** Sign up for Session 2 by going [www.chcpc.org](http://www.chcpc.org) to download a registration form or pick one up in the narthex after the service. **ASPIRE**, for 2nd - 5th grade, & **ENDEAVOR**, for 6th-7th-8th grades, meet Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. All are welcome!

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

Cubes are in full swing! Be in the Youth Lounge at 5:00 p.m. and stick around after our meal for WF from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Tonight at WF: Young Adult Care Packages / Gutter ice cream Sundae.

## **POST-DISCIPLES WINTER RETREAT**

The PD Winter Retreat, for all sophomores, juniors and seniors, will be held at Stronghold Castle will be on January 11-13. We encourage you to make any arrangements you'd need to make with work or other activities, so you can come to this amazing weekend experience! You won't want to miss it. The cost of the retreat is \$175. Retreat forms and funds need to be turned in to the church office by December 17. Full or partial scholarships are available; contact Ed for information.





### MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

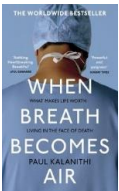
meets Tuesdays at 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. in the parlor. All men are invited for a "Bring Your Own Coffee" setting for discussion and fellowship. They are studying the book of Hebrews. Contact Bob Parsons at 708-588-1753 with questions.

### THE PRESENT WORD

meets 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.

### TRACING OUR FAITH

Tracing our Faith is viewing *The Apocalypse: Controversies and Meaning in Western History* by Professor Craig R. Koester of Luther Seminary. The study presents an in-depth review of Revelation and other apocalyptic literature. Professor Koester has some interesting positive interpretations of Revelation. The three-quarter 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 or (630) 292 0857.



### THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS

We are reading *When Breath Becomes Air*, by Paul Kalanithi. This memoir on death and dying, but more importantly on living, is a moving read, and you are invited to join our class as we discuss it. Cost of the book is \$13; please contact Pastor Lauren if you would like for her to purchase you a copy. See you at 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays in the Chapel!

### TRY YOUR HAND AT BELLS!

Ever wondered what it's like to ring a handbell? Here's your chance to try it just for fun! The Clarion ringers will host a "Try It Out" demonstration after the 9:00 a.m. worship service today. Come up to the Chancel, and we'll show you how to hold and ring a handbell. No commitment. It's just for fun!



### ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER



The Board of Deacons warmly invites you to their **Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m.** Sign-up to volunteer and/or cook in the narthex or by using this sign-up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4caaaa22a46-cpcthanksgiving1>. Contributions of side dishes are most welcome. Questions, contact Lynn Mehrhoff: almehrhoff@gmail.com.

### CHILD CARE CENTER POINSETTIA SALE

Please support the Tuition Assistance Fund of the Child Care Center through your purchase of poinsettias for your home or the sanctuary. The Tuition Assistance Fund of the Child Care Center assures that working families living on minimal income may have safe, quality child care for their elementary aged children from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **The need for tuition scholarships is very high this year.** Help decorate the sanctuary for the seasons of Advent and Christmas by donating a poinsettia plant for use in worship. You may take your donated plant home with you at midnight on Christmas Eve, at the conclusion of all Christmas Eve worship services. Final orders must be received by **next Sunday, November 25.** Thank you for your support of the Poinsettia Sale.



### FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 2, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Advent wreath making, Advent Bingo, and a homemade gift to give to a neighbor or friend with an invitation to Christmas Eve Worship at CPC! We will wrap up our celebration with a Christmas story. This will be an afternoon filled with family fun and a wonderful way for us to enter into the Season of Advent! Please register your family's attendance by mailing Lisa.Henderson@chcpc.org or on the signup sheet in the narthex on Sunday mornings.



### ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

This fabulous evening for women of the church will be held on Monday, December 3, with fellowship starting at 6:30 p.m., and worship beginning at 8 p.m. Women are invited to sign up to be a table guest, a hostess, a co-hostess, or just attend worship. Sign up in the Narthex. Our theme for this year is from Luke 21, "Sun, Moon, & Stars." Additionally, at this time together, we will be collecting diapers for the Westmont People's Resource Center to help support other women in need. Please contact Pastor Lauren with any questions.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA** will be on December 4, noon, in the Parlor. This is an open house, and all are invited to stop in to mingle and enjoy light refreshments. Contributions of small dishes of appetizers or sweets are appreciated. This Christmas Tea benefits Association House, one of our mission partners. Association House is a settlement house that provides social services to its largely Hispanic community. A WISH LIST for the annual **Association House toy drive** is provided in the Narthex. Donations of **UNWRAPPED** gifts may be brought to the Tea. If you wish to bring your gift earlier, there is a marked box in Charlotte's Closet for this purpose. Gift cards may be brought to the office. Association House will distribute the gifts at their annual Christmas party for children. The staff there is very grateful for your gifts.

### DESIGNATE CPC AS YOUR AMAZON SMILE PARTNER and get ahead of your Black Friday shopping.

Instructions are available in the narthex. Use the easy instructions available in the narthex, to designate CPC as your favored charitable organization. Amazon donates .5% of eligible smile products to your designated charity. **Note that you must enter the Amazon site via the Smile URL (<https://smile.amazon.com/>) for your purchases to count in this program.** The donation program uses your same Amazon account number, so no changes there. Only purchases and resulting donations made via the Amazon Smile URL will find their way back to CPC. So, change your bookmark for Amazon today – look for the smile icon and click away.



### SPECIAL ADVENT WORSHIP DECEMBER 16 3:30

This is an afternoon for young and old. For those in the "Christmas spirit" and for those looking for it.

Come join us to sing favorite songs of the season and learn some new ones. To hear stories and remember wonder. To find comfort and maybe even joy. Oh, and also, possibly encounter... a giant angel...

**The Many** is an indie folk / gospel, liturgically-grounded new kind of worship band, an intentionally diverse collective creating music for people to sing together. Songs that bring more truth, hope and beauty into the world.

### CPC GOES TO CUBA

Join Pastor Lauren and Elder (and retired Spanish teacher) Joanne King on the trip of a life time! From March 23 through April 1 (exact dates TBD) we will be visiting our sister church in San Antonio de los Baños to worship, visit, take supplies, and spend time together. At the end of our trip we will also visit Havana. Cost of the trip is \$1800 per participant (including airfare, transportation, lodging, food, visa costs, and other expenses). There will be fundraising opportunities to lower the cost of the trip. There are limited spaces, so to sign up, please contact Pastor Lauren and **submit a \$500 non-refundable deposit by November 25.** If you are interested in the trip and have more questions, contact Lauren.



## NEW MEMBERS JOINING TODAY!



### Welcome Ann Jaltuch!

Ann joins us from First Presbyterian in Downers Grove. She has been married to her husband, Robert, for 34 years. Last year they adopted their dog, Tommy. Recently, Ann retired and has since brought her talents and passions to several organizations as a volunteer. She spends time working at Project Cure, an organization that provides medical equipment to developing countries, the Morton Arboretum, and the Brookfield Zoo.



### Welcome Gene and Sheri Henderson!

Gene and Sheri were married here at Community Presbyterian! They raised two sons and live here in Clarendon Hills where they enjoy spending time in their yard gardening – they especially love the Mexican sunflowers – and koi-keeping in their pond. Gene also enjoys beer brewing and Sheri loves trying out new recipes in the kitchen.

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*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](http://www.chcpc.org) or follow us on Facebook!

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### The Ministers: All the Members

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Gregg Sewell  
Kevin Chunko  
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Kris Veenbaas  
Laurie Scola  
Shannon Nyhart  
Stephen Ministers

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Associate Pastor  
Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Nursery Attendant  
Director of Child Care Center  
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