



Community
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of Clarendon Hills



Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, The Only Son of God, BWV 601

J. S. Bach

(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

*Sung Call to Worship 89 v, 1

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Herb Melin & Charlie Sallstrom (9:00) / Kelly & Carla Bufton (10:30)

One: Today is the first Sunday of Advent. In Advent we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah, the very son of God.

One: This preparation requires we move from fear to the certainty of hope, from dwelling in darkness to trusting in the light of God coming into the world. May we all dedicate ourselves to welcoming this time of preparation so that we are more fully open to receive the Prince of Peace.

One: (light one purple candle)

One: Let us pray: We dedicate ourselves to this time of deliberate preparation. We hold onto this light, trusting it is and always will be the light that overcomes all darkness. Amen.

A Time for our Youngest Disciples (9:00)

Lisa Henderson

(During the singing of the following hymn, children 1st Grade and younger may go to their Sunday School room with their leaders.)

*Hymn 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Call to Confession

Donna Gabanski / Paul Abraham

Believing that our prayers matter, and desiring to live in the light of Jesus, let us confess all that holds us back.

Prayer of Confession

Creator of all life, in this time of preparing, we struggle to make time for your coming. We have long lists of presents to get and forget your presence among us. With “so much” to do, we forget the mystery of your Being and are blind to seeing signs of your coming to us again. Slow us down. Loosen us up. Let us laugh at ourselves more freely and love each other more generously. In the midst of glitter and bustle, awaken us to the holiness of joy. We pray in the name of Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Friends, God bends to earth to be ever close. Search for the signs and trust in God’s righteousness.

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

*Sung Response to Pardon 583

Glory to God

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

*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

Scripture Reading: Prophets (unison) Jeremiah 33:14-16 (O.T. p. 694)

Scripture Litany (on screens) Psalm 25:1-10 (O.T. p. 475)

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

God’s Love Is Open to All

composed by: Endeavor Youth Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 21:25-36 (N.T. p. 80)

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Deliberate Watching

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Hymn 357

The Days Are Surely Coming

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(Children preschool – 1st grade return to their families for the celebration of communion.)

**Please rise in body or spirit*

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers and Rev. Lauren Cochran

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

(prayer continues)

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn 552

All Sing: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

One: Remembering your gracious acts... *(prayer continues)*

... With thanksgiving and hope we sing:

Hymn 553

All Sing: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**
(prayer continues)

The Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

All: **God of hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Commissioning of Young Disciples (9:00)

One: You have heard the Word proclaimed.

You have received the Sacrament of Communion.

Now may you go forth, ready to grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

(Young people in grades 6 – 8 may meet their leaders at the back of the sanctuary.)

**Please rise in body or spirit*

*This is the Lord's Table.
All who long to know Jesus
Christ are welcome at this table.*

Communion will be served in the pews.

In the basket you may choose to tear a piece a bread from the loaf or take a wafer* from the glass cup in the center of the basket. Please receive and eat the bread as it is passed to you.

Please hold the cup so that we may commune together after all have been served. The cups contain grape juice.

*The wafers are free from: gluten, soy, dairy, peanuts, tree nuts, wheat, corn, yeast & egg.

The Offering & Christmas Joy Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Wolcum Yole!

Donna / Paul
Benjamin Britten

Church Tidings

Lauren

*Hymn 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*Charge and Benediction

*Response to Benediction 543 v. 1

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

*Postlude

Praeludium in C, BWV 531 v1

J.S. Bach

**Please rise in body or spirit*

LITURGISTS: Donna Gabanski (9:00), Paul Abraham (10:30)

COMMUNION SERVERS: Ingrid Ellithorpe, Todd Petersen, Matt Vold, Sam Dammers (9:00)
Laura Folliard, Tom O'Brien (10:30)

COMMUNION BREAD BAKER: Petersen Family (Joanna, Todd, Abby, Andrew)

USHERING THIS MORNING: Stan Cook, Wendy Cook, Linda Cirillo, Rich Cirillo (9:00)
Jim Lindon, Linda Lindon (10:30)

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

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.

Next Sunday in Worship

December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

Rev. Lauren Cochran

**A special presentation from Chancel Choir:
Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*
with readings from the Gospel of Luke.**

Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* is a 20th-century choral masterwork. Our Chancel Choir and visiting singers present it on Sunday, December 9th, at our 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services,

with harp accompaniment by Beth Paré, who has played in the South Bend Symphony and the LaPorte Symphony Orchestras and appeared as a soloist with the South Bend Youth Symphony. Invite your friends to experience this most special celebration of the Advent season.



Harp soloist, Beth Paré

This week at CPC:

Today, Sunday, December 2

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

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
1:00 p.m. — Family Advent Festival Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. — Cubes
7:00 p.m. — WF

Monday, December 3

9:00 a.m. — A Beautiful Mess
6:30 p.m. — Advent by Candlelight Fellowship
8:00 p.m. — Advent by Candlelight Worship
7:00 p.m. — House & Grounds rm. 6-8

Tuesday, December 4

7:00 a.m. — Men's Group Parlor
12:00 p.m. — PW Tea Parlor
1:30 p.m. — Staff Meeting Chapel
4:30 p.m. — Memorial & Gifts Parlor
7:00 p.m. — Advent Worship Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. — Stephen Ministry rm. 6-8

Wednesday, December 5

1:00 p.m. — Al-Anon - Courage to Change Rm. 6-8
5:30 p.m. — Aspire & Endeavor LL
7:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 6

9:00 a.m. — Mission Sewing Rm. 6-8
9:00 a.m. — Morning Devotions
7:00 p.m. — Muslim / Presbyterian Dialogue & Dinner Chapel
7:00 p.m. — Clarion Bells

Friday, December 7

6:15 p.m. — Taizé Worship car pool departs

Saturday, December 8

9:30 a.m. — Benjamin Britten Dress Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. — PADS

Sunday, December 9

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

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. — Deacon's Christmas Party Luncheon
3:00 p.m. — Cube Leaders Meeting
5:00 p.m. — Cubes
7:00 p.m. — WF

Children & Youth

Nursery care is available each 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. Following the sermon their leaders will bring these children to the sanctuary, so they may celebrate communion with their families. (Rm 109)

Kindergarten and 1st Grade meet at their classrooms at 9:00 a.m. Following the sermon, leaders will bring these children to the sanctuary, so they may celebrate communion with their families. (Rm 205)

2nd & 3rd Grade join their families for worship and communion at 9:00 a.m.

4th & 5th Grade go directly to their classroom this Sunday 12/2 and Sunday 12/9 to work on the Christmas Pageant. Class dismisses at 10:15 a.m. (Rm 8)

MID-WEEK MINISTRY AT CPC: Aspire & Endeavor WEDNESDAYS AT CPC SESSION 2.

Sign up for Session 2 by going 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

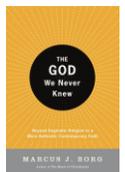
Cubes: Be in the Youth Lounge at 5:00 p.m. and stick around after our meal for WF (Westminster Fellowship) from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. This week at WF: Improve Games / Tie Dye

POST-DISCIPLES WINTER RETREAT

The PD Winter Retreat, for all sophomores, juniors and seniors, will be held at Stronghold Castle 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 God We Never Knew* by Marcus J. Borg. 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 wwking06@gmail.com.

TRACING OUR FAITH

Sundays, in the chapel at 10:30 a.m., 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.

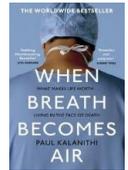


BEAUTIFUL MESS

This young-mom's Bible study led by Pastor Lauren meets at 9:00 a.m. at the Starbucks in Clarendon Hills on various dates. 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. The last day we meet this season will be Monday, December 3.

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!



THE 2 & A MEAL OFFERING will be collected today at the end of each service today. This monthly offering is distributed to The Presbyterian Hunger Fund (75%) and to our local Hinsdale Community Services (25%).



FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL TODAY! 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

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! All are welcome!

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. 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 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA is this Tuesday, December 4th.

This is an open house get-together, so stop in any time between noon and 2:00. Enjoy light refreshments and fellowship with friends old and new. EVERYONE is invited, men and women.

If you have not already dropped off your gifts for Association House, bring them to the Tea. Also, if you have old "career" clothes to donate to Association House, these will be used by learners in the career training program for job interviews. The staff there is very grateful for your gifts.

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 p.m. 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 if you are interested. This Friday, December 7th will be the next worship service.



DESIGNATE CPC AS YOUR AMAZON SMILE PARTNER

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.



Muslim-Presbyterian Dialogue & Dinner

The CIOGC (Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago) and the Presbytery of Chicago invite all to share in the Muslim-Presbyterian Dialogue being held on Thursday December 6, 7:00 – 8:30 pm at Community Presbyterian Church, Clarendon Hills, IL. All are warmly welcomed to join this evening of fellowship, food and conversation.

Theme for the evening: **What is the role of Mary in our faith traditions and what does the scripture say about Mary?**

Presenters are:

Professor Feryal Salem from American Islamic College

Rev. Leslie Weir from St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Downers Grove

We will start with dinner (vegetarian and halal dinner options will be provided) followed by presentations and then a time of Q & A. Please RSVP to Rev Beth Freese Dammers at beth.fd@chcpc.org.

SPECIAL ADVENT WORSHIP DECEMBER 16 3:30 P.M.

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.



THANK YOU TO ALL who supported the Child Care Center Tuition Assistance Fund with the purchase of a poinsettia. **If you ordered a poinsettia for your home, the plants will be ready for pick-up here at the church on Sunday, December 9.**

JOIN THE CPC KIDS in donating a gift of warmth! We are collecting hats, mittens or gloves, and scarves on our Mitten Tree this Advent! You'll find the tree set up in the back of the Sanctuary on the 4 Sundays of Advent. Donations will be given to Peoples Resource Center of Westmont.



ADVENT WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION will be held on Tuesdays, December 4, 11 and 19 (Longest night service) at 7:00 p.m. Advent devotional books are available in the narthex and on the credenza.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP Monday, December 24

3:30 p.m. Family Worship especially for the youngest children - Sharing the Christmas story, carols, prayers, Cherub Choir (4-year-old - 1st grade) sings

7:00 pm Family Worship with dramatic readings, Communion, Aspire Choir (2nd -5th grade) sings, carols, nursery care provided

9:00 pm Lessons & Carols, Chancel Choir, Candlelight

11:00 pm Lessons & Carols, Chancel Choir, Communion, Candlelight

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through the worship and programs at Community Presbyterian Church.*

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