



Service for the Lord's Day Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Prelude *Laet ons met herten reijne (Let Us With Pure Hearts)* John Bull
(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, 2** *For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits* MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Vold Family (9:00) / The Helms Family (10:30)

One: Today is the second Sunday of Advent.

All: **In Advent we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah.**

One: *(light two purple candles)*

Today we prepare our hearts by praising God with song. Repeating what the choir will soon sing, we "shall praise thee evermore with songs sweet unto thy glory."

All: **Let our voices be a joyful noise to God, and let our lives be an expression of our joy in this season.**

A Time for our Youngest Disciples (9:00) Rev. Lauren Cochran
(During the singing of the following hymn, children 1st Grade and younger may go to their Sunday School room with their teachers.)

***Hymn 99 (vs. 1, 2, 5)** *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* MORNING SONG

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Unison Prayer:

Dan Youngman / Pete Hanlon

The voice of one comes crying out in the wilderness “Prepare the way of the Lord.” For the prophets of old have spoken, announcing the breaking open of the dawn, guiding our feet in the way of peace. Merciful God, forgive us for all the things we have done wrong, and for all the things we have left undone. Forgive us, heal us, and speak through us, that we may be transformed, and that our hearts may prepare the way for the Christ child to be welcomed among us in joy. We praise you for the redemption you offer us through Jesus Christ who loves and forgives all. Alleluia, Amen.

Scripture Readings

Baruch 5: 1-9
Luke 1:78-79 (N.T. p. 54)
Luke 3:1-6 (N.T. p. 56)

Dan & Lauren/ Pete & Lauren

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Introduction

Lauren

Special Choir Presentation

A Ceremony of Carols

Benjamin Britten

Reflection

Rev. Lauren Cochran

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Galiarda

Dan / Pete
William Byrd

Church Tidings

Beth

*Hymn 87 (vs. 1 & 2)

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

*Charge and Benediction

Lauren

*Response to Benediction 87 (v. 3)

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

*Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.*

*Postlude

Improvisation on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

*Please rise in body or spirit

LITURGISTS: Dan Youngman (9:00), Pete Hanlon (10:30)

HOSPITALITY: Walter Florence

HARP SOLOIST: Beth Paré

USHERING THIS MORNING: Mark Schloegel, Christian Schloegel, Isaac Schloegel (9:00); Laura Folliard (10:30)

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 16

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Worship: A VERY Special Pageant
Presented by Fourth & Fifth Grade Students



10:30 a.m. Rev. Beth Freese Dammers preaching on
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

Ordination and Installation of Elders & Deacons



Sermon: *Expectations*

3:30 p.m. *The Many* ~ A special worship Service: Stars & Angels & Singing



THIS SPACE IS FOR YOUR REFLECTION:



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We would like to thank the following people for their generous donation of poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary:



*Paul and Elizabeth Abraham to the Glory of God in memory of Yohan Abraham,
Ivan Verghese and M.A. Paul*

Karna Bouton in memory of Lois and Dick Bull

Bev Briggs in memory of Dick Briggs

Bob Butterfield in honor of Mary, Phil, and Bruce; and in memory of Vitor Westhelle

Laura Connolly, wishing a Merry Christmas to the CPC community

Beth Freese Dammers to the glory of God

Jan Fleming and Lori Alessio in memory of their parents: Florence and Frank Gabanski

Jim and Laura Folliard in honor of our parents

Donna and Glenn Gabanski in memory of their loved ones

Fred and Ann Hamman in memory of Henry Hamman, our grandson

Nancy and George Hamouz to the glory of God

Annabelle Hanke to the glory of God

Lisa and Doug Henderson to the glory of God

Evelyn Kapicka in memory of Robert B. Kapicka and Kathy Ford Kapicka

Alison Kocoras in memory of Richard Lester

Charlotte Krueger in memory of Charles, Jr., Virginia, and Charles III Dunbar

Missy and Dave LaBrash in memory of their parents

Linda and Jim Lindon to the glory of God

Lorenz Family in memory of Mary Kidd and Virginia Lorenz

Heather Manning in memory of Harper May Balfour

Liz and Ken Monson in honor of Alene Monson, Bob & Carol Gafvert

Thomas O'Brien and Grace Miao in memory of Grace's mother Qinhe Miao

*Catherine and Zoltan Olah in memory of loving parents, Catharine & Harold Miller,
Gregory & Rozalia Olah*

Bob Parsons to the glory of God

Robin Randall in honor of our amazing daughters Emma & Kate Harrison

Sarah Ryan in memory of her mother Carol Norris

Nancy and Wayne Pritzel to the glory of God

Judy Johns Schloegel in honor of Gregg Sewell & Kevin Chunko

The Schnieders Family in memory of Ray Kelly

Barb Smiles to the glory of God

Lindy and John Steeves in honor of Brady & Brynn Howes and Lily & Anna Van De Wege

The Stone Family in memory of Arthur & Anna Settles and Sandra Witt

Dharati Szymanski in memory of Usha L. Mahisekar & Lily Szymanski

Courteney Templeton in honor of our parents and grandparents

*Ruth White in honor of Dave & Louise Powell
and in memory of Alvin & Nina Ohrenberg and Harold and Lois White*

Mike and Sue Van Zandt in honor of the Thursday Morning Devotions class

Matthew and Hadley Vold in memory of Robert Illiff

Wendy Wilhelm in memory of their loving parents, Vi & Roy Wilhelm

This week at CPC:

Today, 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 Leader Meeting
5:00 p.m. — Cubes
7:00 p.m. — WF

Monday, December 10

7:30 p.m. — Session Chapel

Tuesday, December 11

7:00 a.m. — Men's Group Parlor
12:00 p.m. — Staff Christmas Lunch
7:00 p.m. — Advent Worship Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. — Child Care Center Board Parlor

Wednesday, December 12

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 13

9:00 a.m. — Mission Sewing Rm. 6-8
9:00 a.m. — Morning Devotions
9:30 a.m. — Sanctuary Guild Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. — Clarion Bells
7:30 p.m. — Youth Leader Christmas Party

Friday, December 14

Saturday, December 15

9:00 a.m. — A Very Important Pageant Rehearsal Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. — PADS

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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. — **The Many** Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. — Reception
5:00 p.m. — Cubes
7:00 p.m. — WF

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

2nd – 3rd Grade join their families in worship at 9:00 a.m. and will be sent after the reflection with their leaders to their classroom. Class dismisses at 10:15 a.m. **(RM 206)**

4th & 5th Grade go directly to their classroom to work on 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)**

WEDNESDAYS AT CPC

ASPIRE, for 2nd - 5th grade, & **ENDEAVOR**, for 6th-7th-8th grades, meet Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. All are welcome!

Sign up for Session 2 by going www.chcpc.org to download a registration form or pick one up in the narthex after worship.

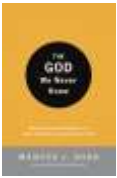
HIGH SCHOOL

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: Gargon / Dark Games

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, 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

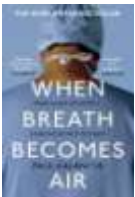
meets Tuesdays at 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. in the parlor. All men are invited for a “Bring Your Own Coffee” setting for discussion and fellowship. They are studying *The God We Never Knew* by Marcus J. Borg. Contact Bob Parsons at 708-588-1753 with questions.

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 wwkingo6@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.



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!

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 0.5% 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 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.



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 four Sundays of Advent. Donations will be given to Peoples Resource Center of Westmont.



A BEAUTIFUL MESS



This young-mom's Bible study led by Pastor Lauren continues through the winter, meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Starbucks in Clarendon Hills on various dates. We continue studying stories of motherhood in the Bible using a curriculum written by Pastor 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: Tue 1/8, Tue 1/22, Tue 2/12, and Tue 2/26.

YEAR-END GIVING

As we approach the end of the year, please consider additional financial gifts to the church. Whether you are completing your pledge for 2018 or providing a gift to honor the season, all gifts are important and will help us end the year with a balanced budget.

To ensure your donations are credited to your 2018 giving:

- please mail donations with a postmark no later than Dec. 31, 2018;
- or give on-line by Dec. 31, 2018;
- or bring donations to the church office **no later than noon on Friday, December 28, 2018.**

ADVENT WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION will be held on Tuesdays, December 11 and 18 (Longest night service) at 7:00 p.m. Advent devotional books are available in the narthex and on the credenza.



LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

CPC and the Stephen Ministers are offering a special service on the longest night of the year, **Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.** This is a service for those who are suffering in any way during the holiday season (grief, depression, loneliness, family trouble, etc.). If you know someone who would benefit from a service like this, invite them to come with you. If you have more questions about this service, talk to one of the pastors.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will have limited office hours for the holiday.

Monday, December 24 open 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 and 26: closed

Tuesday, January 1, 2019: closed

SAVE THE DATE:

JANUARY 27, SUNDAY: ANNUAL MEETING & BRUNCH

We will have one worship service at 9:00 a.m. with Communion followed by our Annual Meeting and all church brunch. Don't miss this opportunity to gather with the church family and review last year and our plans for the future.

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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