

Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Prelude *Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 660* 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. Lauren Cochran

Sung Call to Worship *Silent Night* Aspire Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candles Abby and Andrew Petersen

One: Joy is the celebration given by God through the light of the world.

All: Joy is the celebration given by God at the birth of the Christ Child.

One: Joy is the celebration when the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest."

All: Let us dance and sing and shout for joy. Christ is coming again.

(Light three purple candles)

One: Let us pray:

**All: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your life-giving joy.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Sung Response Hymn 89 *For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits* MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS
(refrain, verse 3, refrain)

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Lisa Henderson

One: With gladness, God is praised in word and song, for the gift of grace brings joy.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

One: In sharing the peace of Christ, we express the reconciliation, unity, and love that come only from God, and we open ourselves to the power of God’s love to heal our brokenness and make us agents of that love in the world.

All: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Let us exchange the peace of Christ with our neighbors.)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:6-7 (O.T. p. 600)

Robert Monson

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Unison Prayer

Lisa Henderson

Long-awaited Savior, you are the promise of the prophets, and we are witnesses to your work— vision, movement, healing, music, new life, good news. Enlighten and enliven us, send us out to spread the word so that all may see and hear and know and believe that you are the coming of God, the Messiah. Amen.

Special Music

Away in a Manger

Preschool 3’s, 4’s, K & 1st Grade

(Children ages 3, 4, Kindergarten and 1st grade are invited to come forward to sing and to sit on the floor near the chancel for the pageant presentation)

The Christmas Message

The Very Important Christmas Pageant

(The congregation is invited to sing all hymns. Words will be projected on screens. Please remain seated until Hymn 134, Joy to the World)

On screen	<i>Love Came Down at Christmas, v 1</i>	WHITNEY
Hymn 123	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, v 1-2</i>	CAROL
Hymn 121	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem, v 1,4</i>	ST. LOUIS
Hymn 88	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v 7</i>	VENI EMMANUEL
Hymn 147	<i>The First Noel, v 1-3</i>	THE FIRST NOWELL
*Hymn 134	<i>Joy to the World, v 1,4</i>	ANTIOCH
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Church Tidings

Lauren

The Offering		Beth
Call to Offering		
Offertory	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	arr. Lloyd Larson
*Doxology		OLD HUNDREDTH
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.</i>	
*Prayer of Dedication		
Pastoral Prayer		Beth
The Lord's Prayer (using "sins")		
*Charge and Benediction		Lisa
*Response to Benediction 119 (v 1)	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	MENDELSSOHN
	<i>Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king."</i>	
*Postlude	<i>Allegro Maestoso (Sonata II)</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
<i>*Please rise in body or spirit</i>		

The Very Important Christmas Pageant:
presented by the 4th & 5th Grade Sunday School Class

Pageant Directors
Kathy Florence, Joanna Petersen,
Mariel Pain, Nikki Salbego

ASPIRE Choir, Cherub Choir
Clarion Bells

USHERING: Amy Choe, Matt Vold, Dan Youngman, Mary Youngman

HOSPITALITY / COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Christian Education-Children Elder, Liz Monson
Todd Petersen, Milly Lebeda

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

December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers preaching on

Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:39-45

Expectant Joy



This space is for your reflection

This week at CPC:

Today, Sunday, December 16

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

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery – 8th Gr.
9:00 a.m. — *The Present Word* Parlor
9:00 a.m. — *A Very Important Christmas Pageant*
11:30 a.m. — Finance Chapel
3:30 p.m. — *The Many* Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. — Reception Narthex
5:00 p.m. — Cubes

Monday, December 17

6:30 p.m. — Preschool Program 4's Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. — Concert Series Committee Chapel
7:30 p.m. — CE-C Parlor

Tuesday, December 18

7:00 a.m. — Men's Group Parlor
10:00 a.m. — Preschool Program 3's Fellowship Hall
1:30 p.m. — Staff Meeting Chapel
7:00 p.m. — Longest Night Worship Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. — Membership Chapel
7:00 p.m. — Stephen Ministry rm 6-8

Wednesday, December 19

1:00 p.m. — Al-Anon - Courage to Change Rm. 6-8

No Aspire & Endeavor

7:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 20

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

Friday, December 21

Saturday, December 22

7:00 p.m. — PADS

Sunday, December 23

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

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

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 will join their families in worship at 9:00 a.m. and remain with their family for today's Christmas pageant.

Kindergarten – 1st Grade will join their families in worship at 9:00 a.m. and remain with their family for today's Christmas pageant.

2nd – 3rd Grade join their families in worship at 9:00 a.m. and will remain with their family for today's Christmas pageant.

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 pageant. Class dismisses at 10:30 a.m. **(Youth Lounge)**

WEDNESDAYS AT CPC

ASPIRE & ENDEAVOR will not meet during Christmas break and will resume on January 9th.

HIGH SCHOOL

Cubes meet tonight. Be in the youth lounge by 5:00 p.m. **Cubes and WF will not** meet during Christmas break and will resume on **January 6th**.

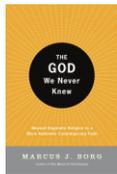
WF tonight: Will join the rest of the congregation in the sanctuary for a special worship *The Many* at 3:30 p.m.

POST-DISCIPLES(PD) WINTER RETREAT

The PD Winter Retreat, for all sophomores, juniors and seniors, will be held at Stronghold Castle January 11-13. The cost of the retreat is \$175. Retreat forms and funds need to be turned in to the church office by **tomorrow, December 17**. Full or partial scholarships are available; contact Ed for information.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT FOR COLLEGE AGES 18-25 will be held on December 26 at 12:00 p.m. through December 27 2:00 p.m. Please contact Alyssa Woody (alabrash21@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending. See the flyer in the narthex for more information.

CIRCLE OF VOICES, the women's book group, will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, in the parlor to discuss *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg. After the discussion, all are invited to go to lunch at Ruth Lake Country Club. New members are always welcome. For more information, call Ann Hamman at 630-651-6254.



MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP will resume January 8

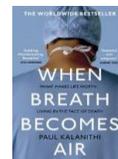
meets Tuesdays at 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. in the parlor. All men are invited for a "Bring Your Own Coffee" setting for discussion and fellowship. They are studying *The God We Never Knew* by Marcus J. Borg. Contact Bob Parsons at 708-588-1753 with questions.

THE PRESENT WORD

meets every Sunday, at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor. This adult education class met today and will resume January 6th. For more information contact Walt King at wwkingo6@gmail.com.

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!



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.

TRACING OUR FAITH

will resume January 6. Questions may be directed to Ron Eshleman at reshleman@vi-institute.org or (630) 292-0857.

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 People's Resource Center of Westmont.



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

Monday, December 31: open 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019: closed

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.**

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.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 27: 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 to review last year and discuss our plans for the future.

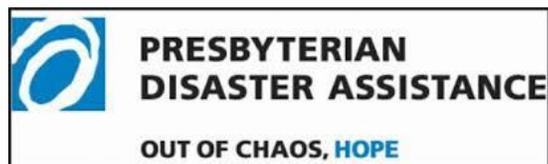
CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR GROWN UPS



Do you ever wish that you could go back in time and take Confirmation Class again? Wouldn't it be fun to spend time learning about your faith and what it means when your parents aren't 'making you go?' Here is your chance!

Join Pastor Lauren for a weekend at CPC to refresh your confirmation knowledge from Friday, February 8th to Sunday, the 10th. Friday night we gather for snacks and our first plenary session, Saturday morning we have a continental breakfast, alternate between small groups and large lectures, have lunch, and then wrap up by 3 pm. Sunday morning we worship together and then head out for optional lunch.

There is a minimum of 10 registrations for this event, and you must register by emailing Pastor Lauren (lauren.cochran@chcpc.org) by January 16th. This event is open to anyone, but we will focus on Presbyterian theology and polity. Cost is \$40 dollars per person (food and materials), \$65 for a couple.



Consider joining Lisa Henderson & Beth Freese Dammers on a **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) mission trip in Spring 2019.** We are headed to **Kinston, NC** for a week of disaster clean up and rebuilding. We will fly into Raleigh-Durham and then drive to the site.

Dates: Sunday March 31 - Saturday April 6, 2019 cost: \$700 (inclusive of airfare, van rental, food and lodging) **Please email Pastor Beth (beth.fd@chcpc.org) to sign up.**

JOIN THE COMMISSION ON ANTIRACISM AND EQUITY (CARE) for a 2-day introduction to Systemic Racism workshop on **Monday & Tuesday, February 18 & 19, 2019.** This **anti-racism** training workshop is led by Chicago ROAR (Chicago regional organizing for antiracism). Information for sign-up can be found in the narthex and on the credenza. The cost is free, with parking, meals & snacks included.

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 p.m. Family Worship with dramatic readings,
Communion, Aspire Choir (2nd -5th grade) sings, carols,
nursery care provided

9:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols, Chancel Choir, Candlelight

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Candlelight



**Live audio streaming for all services will be available. Please contact Shannon Nyhart
(shannon.nyhart@chcpc.org) or by calling the office for streaming link.**

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

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