



Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018
10:30 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 89**
(refrain, v3, refrain)

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Karen & Mike Oliver

One: Each day, each week we move closer to the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

One: We are watching, preparing, and today we ask, "What then should we do?"

One: Filled with expectation we wonder, might this one be the Messiah?

One: (light three purple candles)

One: Let us pray:

ALL: Holy God, inspire us to joyfully welcome the startling news that you will baptize us with the Holy Spirit. As those who are baptized and called to serve, we know God requires us to produce good fruit. Fill us with expectation and deep trust in God's provision of time, place, skill and opportunity to live as disciples of the Messiah.

***Hymn 163**

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

ABERYSTWYTH

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Call to Confession

Kaki Schnieders

As John the Baptist called the people to repent, as Jesus calls us now, we turn to the one who is both judge and savior, trusting that repentance opens the door to new life, and that peace beyond all measure has been promised to us. Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

(time for silent confession). The Lord is near and hears us as we pray together saying...

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Afraid we are not good enough, afraid of the world and skeptical of neighbors. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all in the world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: In the name of the one God who lives and moves among us, we are forgiven.

All: **The Lord has taken away the judgments against us. We are free from worry. We rejoice in God's forgiveness.**

*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 Litany (on screens)

Isaiah 12:2-6 (O.T. p. 603)

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. Lloyd Larson

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:7-18 (N.T. p. 56)

Beth

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Great Expectations

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Hymn 71

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

FIRST SONG

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Ordination and Installation of Deacons & Elders

Beth & Lauren

The following people will be ordained and installed to the Class of 2021:

Deacons

Paul Abraham – ordain & install
Gloria Tartar – install
Daniel White – install

Elders

Gary Coop – install
Glenn Gabanski – ordain & install
Amy Glynn – ordain & install
Kathleen Kelly Schnieders – ordain & install

Sentences of Scripture (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: **There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord whom we serve.**

One: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

All: **Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

Statement on Ordination and Installation

***Declaration of Faith: The Apostles' Creed** (on screens)

Constitutional Questions to Officers

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

*Do we, the members of the church, accept these persons as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.***

*Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.***

Ordination Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

(all ordained Elders, Deacons and Ministers of Word & Sacrament are invited to come forward.)

Declaration and Charge to New Deacons & Elders

Welcome

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

What Child Is This

Kaki

Kevin Chunko

***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

Epistle Reading (Unison, on screens)

Philippians 4:4-7 (N.T. p. 187)

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 363** v. 1-3

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response to Benediction 363** v. 4

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

***Postlude**

Allegro Maestoso (Sonata II)

Felix Mendelssohn

**Please rise in body or spirit*

LITURGIST: Kaki Schnieders

USHERING THIS MORNING: Charlotte Krueger

HOSPITALITY: 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 in Worship

December 23
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers preaching on
Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:39-45
Expectant Joy



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

9:30 a.m. — Circle of Voices Parlor
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 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 with their leaders to their classroom after the sermon. Class dismisses at 10:15 a.m. **(RM 206)**

4th – 5th Grade 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 10:15 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 & 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. **WF** will be joining with the rest of the congregation for the special worship service *The Many* at 3:30 p.m.

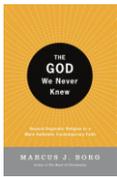
Cubes and WF will not meet during Christmas break and will resume **January 6th**.

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

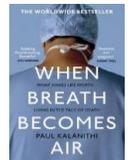
meets Tuesdays at 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. in the parlor. All men are invited for a "Bring Your Own Coffee" setting for discussion and fellowship. They are studying *The God We Never Knew* by Marcus J. Borg. Contact Bob Parsons at 708-588-1753 with questions.

THE PRESENT WORD

meets on 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 wwking06@gmail.com.

THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS

Will meet December 20th and then taking a break until January 10th. 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. – 12:00 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

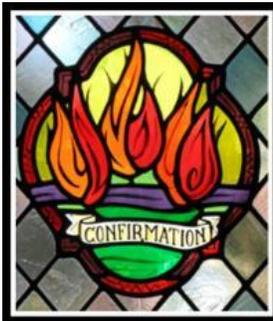
CPC and the Stephen Ministers are offering a special service on the longest night of the year, **Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.** This is a service for those who are suffering in any way during the holiday season (grief, depression, loneliness, family trouble, etc.). If you know someone who would 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

11:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols, Chancel Choir, Communion,
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.**

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