

Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Sleepers, Awake!

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

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

Refrain, v 4, refrain

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Ann, Phil, David, Matthew, Julia Lorenz (9:00)

Nancy & Wayne Pritzel (10:30)

One: Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem, in a room out back:

All: The Messiah is coming. (light one purple candle)

One: Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph, who pondered and planed wood:

All: The Messiah is coming. (light one purple candle)

One: Not announced by priests, kings or town criers, but by two women, who were the first to know:

All: The Messiah is coming. (light one purple candle)

One: Nothing will be impossible for God, but when and where we least expect it, look among the straw and the stars:

All: The Messiah is coming. (light one purple candle)

One: Let us pray:

All: Holy God, inspire us to joyfully welcome the confounding news that you greet us as an infant child, innocent, poor, among animals in a stable and with no royal proclamation. Bless us with such belief that we always respond: "Come, let us go to Bethlehem." 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 119

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

*Please rise in body or spirit

Call to Confession

Gregg Morton / Wayne Pritzel

We say we believe that all things are possible with God but still we doubt the mysterious movement of God that shows up in an innocent baby with no power or status. Let us return to God, openly confessing our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Living God, you beckon us to wake from our sleep: to open our eyes to the goodness of your reign, the injustice of our world, and the gap in between. You call us to follow in the path of your love. Forgive us, O God, when we choose the easy way. Forgive us, O God, when we choose the selfish way, the fast way, the successful way, the nice way, the friendly way, the comfortable way. Convict us, awaken us, empower us, and enliven us to follow the way of justice and love. Inspire us to be more like Mary... saying yes, believing in the possibility and trusting in you, Holy God. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God hears our confession and forgives our sins.

All: We rejoice in God's forgiveness. Be filled with joy!

*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)

Micah 5:2-5a (O.T. p. 815)

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Every Valley

John Ness Beck

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-45 (N.T. p. 53)

Beth

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Expectant Joy

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.

Children in **grades 2 – 3** may meet their Sunday School leaders at the **front** of the sanctuary.
Young people in **grades 4 – 8** may meet their Sunday School leaders at the **back** of the sanctuary.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

***Hymn 98**

To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

ANNUNCIATION

The Offering

Call to Offering

Gregg / Wayne

Offertory

Christe, Redemptor Omnium

John Kriebel

***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

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 110**

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response to Benediction 646**

English, Latin, English

Sing Out, My Soul: Magnificat

MAGNIFICAT (TAIZÉ)

***Postlude**

Improvisation on Love Has Come

**Please rise in body or spirit*

LITURGIST: Gregg Morton (9:00 am), Wayne Pritzel (10:30 am)

USHERING THIS MORNING: Amy Choe, George Choe, Katherine Choe, Matt Vold (9:00 am)

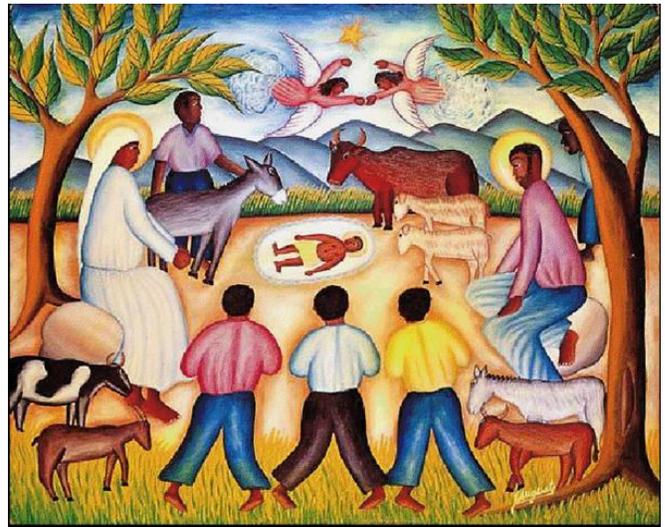
Elizabeth Abraham, Paul Abraham (10:30 am)

HOSPITALITY: The Mehrhoff Family (Lynn, Andrew, Paton, Morgan)

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 30
First Sunday of Christmastide
One Worship Service at 10:30 am
Rev. Lauren Cochran preaching on
Luke 2:15-21, Galatians 4:4-7
Part of the Family



Space for your reflections and doodles



This week at CPC:

Today, Sunday, December 23

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

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

Monday, December 24

Office Closes at Noon

Christmas Eve Worship:

3:30 p.m. — Family Worship, Cherub Choir

7:00 p.m. — Family Worship & Communion,
Aspire Choir

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

11:00 p.m. — Candlelight Worship &
Communion, Lessons & Carols
Chancel Choir

Tuesday, December 25

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Office Closed

12:00 p.m. — Young Adults Retreat Begins LL

Thursday, December 27

2:00 p.m. — Young Adults Retreat Ends

2:00 p.m. — Youth Lounge Wall Signing

Friday, December 28

Saturday, December 29

7:00 p.m. — PADS?

Sunday, December 30

Worship: One Service at 10:30

Nursery care for infants & toddlers provided

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).**

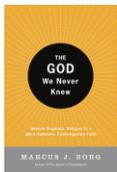
WEDNESDAYS AT CPC

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

HIGH SCHOOL

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

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.



MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP will resume January 8

The 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

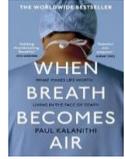
meets on Sunday, at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor. This adult education class will resume January 6th. For more information contact Walt King at wwkingo6@gmail.com.

TRACING OUR FAITH

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

THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS

Will take a break over Christmas and resume 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. Please contact Pastor Lauren with any questions. 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 are 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.

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

Thursday and Friday, December 27 and 28: open 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

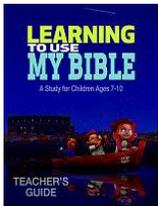
Tuesday, January 1, 2019: closed

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 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 28, 2018.**



4TH AND 5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

will begin a 6-week session called, "Learning to Use My Bible" on Sunday, January 13th. The children will explore God's word in dynamic and engaging ways, encouraging them to make their Bible a lifelong companion. This special class will meet during the Sunday School hour for 6 Sundays through February 17th and will be led by Lisa Henderson and the 4th and 5th Grade leader team.

America to Me

The Unitarian Church of Hinsdale's **Beloved Conversations Alumni** and **Black Lives Matter Initiative** are sponsoring a screening and discussion of the 10-part unscripted documentary series **America to Me**. It examines race, class and economic issues through the voices of students attending Oak Park River Forest High School.

The 10 episodes of this series will be screened and discussed over 7 Sunday afternoons, beginning January 13th, through February 24th, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The screenings will be held in Joshi Chapel at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, 17 West Maple Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521, and are open to the public.

ATTENTION ALL SKIERS (or those that like to sit next to a fireplace with a hot chocolate in hand)!!! It is that time of year again to book our 8th **Annual CPC Family Ski Trip!** What better way to enjoy this wintery time of year than to ski with your fellow church members. Afterwards, back at the hotel, we can enjoy the swimming pool and hot tub and have pizza, drinks and appetizers. **Save the Date for January 11th-13th!**

Similar to prior years, we will be skiing at **Cascade Mountain in Wisconsin**. It's about 3 hours away, near Portage, WI. Kids 12 and under ski free with a paid adult! They have great ski lessons and slopes for all types of skiers!

We will be staying at the Comfort Suite's and have booked a block of rooms. Please mention CPC to get the rate of \$99 for Friday night and \$104 for Saturday night. Some families go up on Friday while others go straight to the slopes on Saturday and just spend Saturday night.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Joanna Petersen at 630-689-6754 and email is jtwp1974@yahoo.com. We look forward to you joining us on this fun-filled CPC Family outing.

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 the past 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 3:00 p.m. 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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