



Worship on Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Prelude

(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 119 (v 1)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Ed, Courtney, Keira, Landon Burton

One: *(light one purple candle)* On this holiest of nights,

All: we come, joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.

One: *(light one purple candle)* On this most silent night,

All: we come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.

One: *(light one purple candle)* On this night of mystery and miracle,

All: we come, our paths all leading to one place like the wise men who traveled so far.

One: *(light one purple candle)* On this night of carols and candlelight,

All: we come, our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.

One: *(light the Christ candle)* More important than our arrival, is the coming of Christ,
the newborn king.

All: Our Emmanuel! God is with us here! Let us praise God!

*Hymn 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Unison Prayer

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Lord, tonight we thank you for the birth of your son Jesus. We celebrate his birth and rejoice in his continued presence in our hearts. We celebrate the meaning of his life for our world and rejoice at his involvement in it. We thank you for that moment so long ago, and for this moment, and for those to come, when the miracle happens again, and the unseen, unheard, but not unknown occurs, and Jesus is here and with us yet again. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-6 (N.T. p. 54)

Beth

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Silent Night, Holy Night!
Aspire Choir

STILLE NACHT

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:7-20 (N.T. p. 54)

Kate Roca

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Christmas Meditation

Beth and Lauren

***Hymn 123 vs 1 & 5**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

Our Offering on Christmas Eve

Beth

Call to Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Breath of Heaven

Amy Grant

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Beth and Lauren

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 give our thanks and praise.**

One: Lord we greet you this happy night... (*prayer continues*)
... And so with the faithful of all the ages, we sing the praise and glory of your name:

All Sing: (refrain from Hymn 113) **Gloria in excelsis deo! Gloria in excelsis deo!**

(*prayer continues*)

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

**Communion will be served by
intinction.**

Please walk up the center aisle to reach any of the stations, tear a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and receive. The cups are filled with grape juice. Please return to your seat via the outside aisles.

At the center station you will find wafers free from: gluten, soy, dairy, peanuts, tree nuts, wheat, corn, yeast & egg.

**Pastors will serve in the pews
for any who desire to remain
seated.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

*During the Communion of the People please join in singing
and find the words on the screen:*

Hymn 133 vs 1 & 4 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymn 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 134 v 1 & 4

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*Charge and Benediction

Lauren

Postlude

**Please rise in body or spirit*



Reader: Kate Roca

Aspire Choir

Rachael Henderson, soprano

COMMUNION SERVERS: Jason Salbego, Berrie Salbego, Sam Dammers, Lynn Mehrhoff

COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS: Dan & Mary Youngman

USHERING THIS EVENING: Betsy Roca, Kate Roca, Riley Roca, Boo Roca

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.

*During this holy and joy-filled season, we extend to you
a warm welcome and invite you to a deeper life with God
through the worship and programs at
Community Presbyterian Church.*

Worship:

- **Sundays at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.**
- Communion celebrated at least monthly
- Childcare for young children at 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.
- Weekday evening worship during Advent and Lent

Adult Education and Spiritual Formation:

- *The Present Word* Bible Study, Sundays, 9:00 a.m.
- *Tracing Our Faith* Bible Study, Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- *Men's Discussion Group*, Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m.
- *Thursday Morning Devotions* (book and discussion group), Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
- *Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles*, 4th Tuesday, various times & locations
- *Beautiful Mess Bible Study*, (discussion group for young moms) Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m., twice a month at Starbucks
- Special Adult Education classes, discussion groups and retreats are held throughout the year.

Children:

- Sunday School for 3 year olds through 8th graders on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
- Aspire and Endeavor program, October–March, Wednesdays at 5:30 – 7:45 p.m. (2nd–8th)
- Vacation Bible School, Summer 2019
- CPC Preschool, weekdays for children ages 2 ½, 3, 4, and 5
- Child Care Center, before/after school care for children ages 5–12, every day school is in session and some holidays; 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **NEW for 2019 – 2020 school year:** extended full-day care and early education for 3, 4, & 5-year olds.
- Learning to Use My Bible for 2nd & 3rd Grade Class October – November annually.
- Advent Festival, Rally Day Celebration, Family Camp and more, plus family mission opportunities throughout the year.

Youth:

- 9th grade Confirmation class (called Disciples) Sundays, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
- 10th–12th grades youth group (called Post-Disciples) Sundays, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
- Fellowship, Games and Service projects for 9th–12th grades (called Westminster Fellowship) Sundays at 7:00 p.m.
- Middle School weekend retreat March 1 – 3, 2019
- Two High School weekend retreats each year
- High School Youth Mission Caravans 2019:
 - West Virginia building work trip—June 8-15
 - Camp Courageous #1: working with special needs teens—June 30-July 6
 - Virginia building work trip—July 13-20
 - Camp Courageous #2: working with special needs teens August 4-10

Music:

- Chancel Choir, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
- Clarion Hand Bell Ensemble, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
- Aspire Choir (2nd – 5th graders) Wednesday evenings October - March
- Endeavor Choir (middle school youth), Wednesday evenings October - March

Support and Concern:

- Stephen Ministry (providing one-to-one confidential compassion and prayer for people experiencing difficulty or change)
- Older Adult Ministries (assistance for older adults and their families to provide resources and support)
- Caregiver's Support Group, last Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
- Pastoral Care with pastors
- Homebound Communion

Fellowship:

- Presbyterian Women Luncheon, 1st Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.
- Mardi Gras, All-Church picnic, Progressive Dinner, Thanksgiving Dinner (sponsored by the Board of Deacons)
- "50+ Friends" Luncheons, held quarterly following worship
- Circle of Voices Women's Book Group, 3rd Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
- Family Camp Summer 2019: Lake Geneva

Mission:

- Public Action to Deliver Shelter (P.A.D.S.). (every Saturday night Oct. to May — CPC staffs 2nd Saturday).
- Women's Mission Sewing Circle, Thursday, 9:00 a.m.
- Partnership with Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada Church in San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba
- "Meal-a-Month" bags, Association House, LOVE Christian Clearinghouse, Hinsdale Community Services, People's Resource Center and more.
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance adult work trips to rebuild communities post natural disasters.

THE CHURCH OFFICE

will be

open Monday, December 31

closed Tuesday, January 1, 2019

open Wednesday, January 2

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 December 31.
- Or give on-line by December 31 at www.chcpc.org.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP will resume January 8

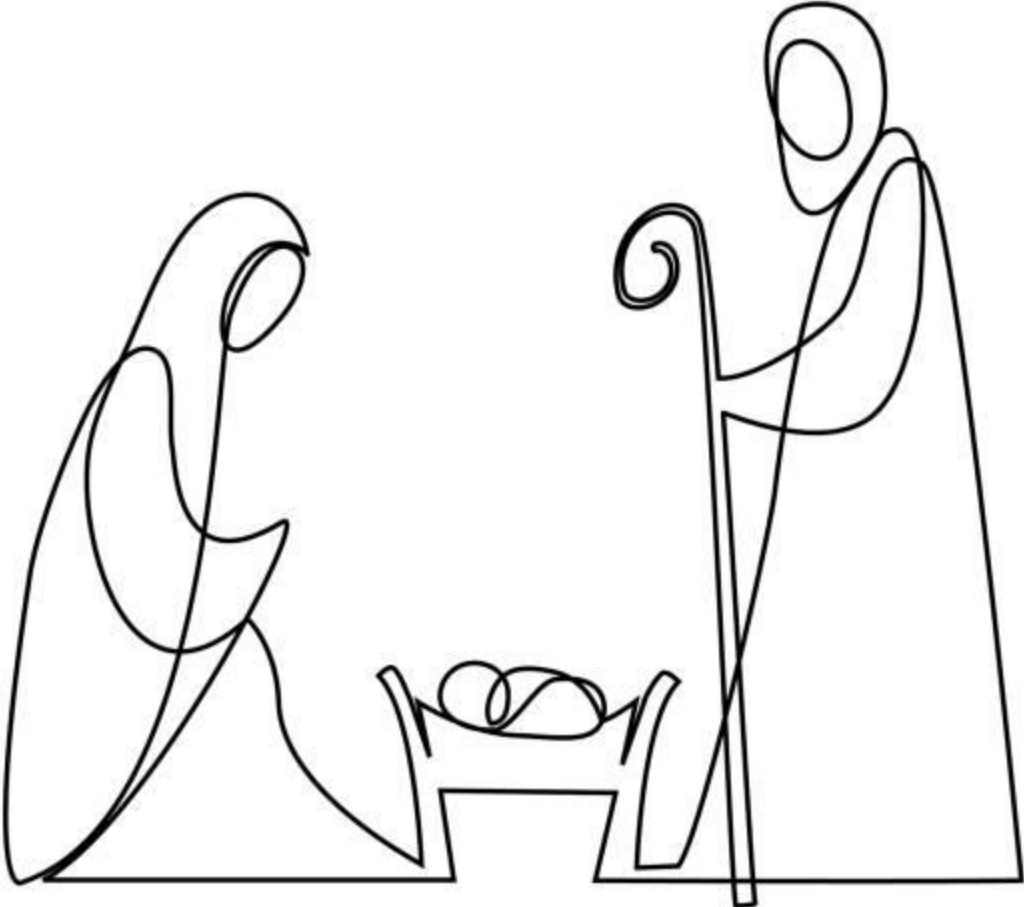
meets Tuesdays at 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. in the parlor. All men are invited for a "Bring Your Own Coffee" setting for discussion and fellowship. They are studying *The God We Never Knew* by Marcus J. Borg. Contact Bob Parsons at 708-588-1753 with questions.

Save the dates:

- **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 brunch. Don't miss this opportunity to gather with the church family and review last year and our plans for the future.
- **February 3, Sunday: Youth Sunday**
Please join us as our high school youth lead worship and the senior class shares their meditations.
- **April 30th and May 8th, 7:00 p.m., Inquirers class for people interested in membership at CPC.**



This space for your reflections and doodles



Vision of Community Presbyterian Church (CPC):

Living the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, community and our journey of faith.

Mission of CPC:

Community Presbyterian Church is a fellowship of believers who seek God's purpose, share life's passages, and strive to live out Christ's teachings. Through God's grace, all are welcomed and may find respect, nurture and refuge as we live out our love for service to each other, the greater community and the world.

Strategic Pillars of CPC:

We are a welcoming church.
We are dedicated to lifelong faith formation.
We are committed to service.
We are good stewards of the gifts God has given us.

For more information about our programs,
please visit our website at
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