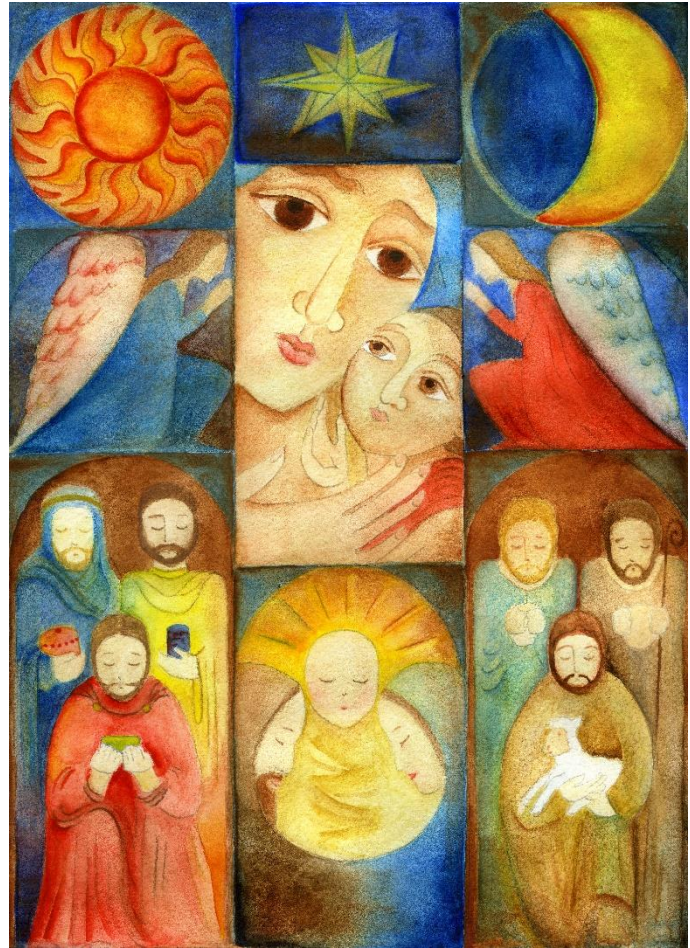




Community
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of Clarendon Hills



Worship on the Eve of our Savior's Birth

A Service of Lessons & Carols

December 24, 2018

11:00 p.m.

Prelude

Sleepers Awake!
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

J. S. Bach
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Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

***Hymn 133** v 1, 3, 4

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Elizabeth & Paul Abraham

One: In the season of Advent we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah. We notice the sun setting sooner each day and long for the light of the world. (light one purple candle)

One: The Prophet Isaiah said: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. (*Isaiah 60:1*) (light one purple candle)

**Please rise in body or spirit*

- One: The Priest Zechariah said before John's birth: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness, to guide our feet into the way of peace. (*Luke 1:78-79*) (light one purple candle)
- One: God's love comes to earth to live and teach among all humankind. Emmanuel, God with us. (light one purple candle)
- One: John the Evangelist said: What has come into being in him was life, and the life is the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (*John 1:3-5*) (light the Christ candle)
- One: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named:
- All: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to all on whom his favor rests. Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

Hymn 143 v 1-2 (remain seated) *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

First Scripture Lesson **Jeremiah 33:14-16** (O.T. p. 694) Beth
Yahweh God promises to fulfill promises of justice and righteousness.

Hymn 109 v 1 (remain seated) *Blest Be the God of Israel* MERLE'S TUNE

Second Scripture Lesson **Zephaniah 3:14-15, 17, 19-20** (O.T. p. 826) Rev. Lauren Cochran
God is in our midst. There is nothing to fear.

Hymn 109 v 2-3 (remain seated) *Blest Be the God of Israel* MERLE'S TUNE

Third Scripture Lesson **Micah 5:2a, 4-5a** (O.T. p. 815) Anna Ellithorpe
Out of insignificant Bethlehem comes one who will rule. He will shepherd his flock and be a peacemaker.

Anthem *He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child* arr. John Leavitt

Fourth Scripture Lesson **Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9** (O.T. p. 602) Rebecca Biernacki
The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.

Hymn 123 v 1 & 5 (remain seated) *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

Fifth Scripture Lesson **Luke 1:26-35, 38** (N.T. p. 53) Beth
An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.

***Hymn 119** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Sixth Scripture Lesson	Luke 2:1-7 (N.T. p. 54) <i>Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.</i>	Lauren
Hymn 115 v 1-2 (remain seated)	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	MUELLER
Seventh Scripture Lesson	Luke 2:8-16 (N.T. p. 54) <i>Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.</i>	Anna
Anthem	<i>Do You Hear What I Hear?</i>	arr. Harry Simeone
Meditation		Rev. Beth Freese Dammers
*Hymn 113	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	GLORIA
Eighth Scripture Lesson	Matthew 2:1-11 (N.T. p. 1) <i>Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.</i>	Rebecca
Hymn 151 v 1, 5 (remain seated)	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	KINGS OF ORIENT
The Offering		
Prayer of Dedication		Anna
Offertory	<i>O Holy Night</i>	Adolphe Adam
Celebrating Holy Communion		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 offer thanks and praise.		
<i>(prayer continues)</i>		
... who forever sing to the glory of your name:		
Hymn 552		
All Sing:	Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.	
	Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.	

**Please rise in body or spirit*

One: Remembering your gracious acts... (*prayer continues*)
... With thanksgiving and hope we sing:

Hymn 553

**All Sing: Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**
(*prayer continues*)

The Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

All: God of grace and peace, as you have shared your life with us through the child in the manger and this simple meal together, let us share your life with others as the body of Christ in the world; through Jesus, bread of heaven. Amen.

*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.

Ninth Scripture Lesson

John 1:1-4 (N.T. p. 86)
*The word of God becomes flesh
and lives among us, full of grace and truth.*

Rebecca

***Hymn 122**

Silent Night, Holy Night!
Sharing the light of Christ – lighting of the candles

STILLE NACHT

(The worship leaders will take the light from the Christ Candle and bring the lighted candle to the end of each row. Please hold lit candles upright while tipping unlit candles to receive the flame.)

***Charge and Benediction**

Beth

***Hymn 134** (v 1, 2, 4)

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

***Postlude**

What Star is This, With Beams So Bright

Aaron David Miller

**Please rise in body or spirit*

LITURGISTS: Rebecca Biernacki, Anna Ellithorpe

VOCAL SOLOIST: Jake Youngman

COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS: Dan & Mary Youngman

COMMUNION SERVERS: Laura Folliard, Donna Gabanski, Tom O'Brien, Dianna Tomisek

USHERS: Alyssa Woody, Dave LaBrash, Missy LaBrash, Kelly LaBrash

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

Nursery care provided – no Sunday School
Children's activity bags will be available



*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 am
- Aspire and Endeavor program, October–March, Wednesdays at 5:30 – 7:45 pm (2nd–8th)
- Vacation Bible School, Summer 2019
- CPC Preschool, weekdays for 2 ½, 3, 4 and 5-year-olds
- Child Care Center, before/after school care for 5–12 year-olds, every day school is in session and some holidays; 7:00 am – 6:00 pm.
- **NEW for 2019 – 2020 school year:** full day child 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
- 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
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THE CHURCH OFFICE

will be closed Tuesday, December 25 & Wednesday December 26

open Thursday December 27 & Friday December 28

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
- Or bring donations to the church office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday December 28

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 pm, Inquirers class for people interested in membership** at CPC.



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,
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