



Haitian Nativity

Service for the Lord's Day

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

December 30, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Where Are Those Happy Shepherds Going

Claude Balbastre

(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 and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Lauren Cochran

*Sung Call to Worship 145 (v 1)

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

*Opening Sentences (from Psalm 8)

Deb Helms

One: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth! You made your glory higher than heaven!

All: **From the mouths of nursing babies you have laid a strong foundation.**

One: When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made— the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—what are human beings that you think about them; what are human beings that you pay attention to them?

All: **You've made them only slightly less than divine, crowning them with glory and grandeur. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth! O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

A Time for our Youngest Disciples

Lauren

*Hymn 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

Call to Confession

Deb Helms

Let us confess our sins before God and one another, knowing that God promises love.

Prayer of Confession (adapted from a prayer attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson)

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate we may carry, and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts all our days. May every morning make us happy to be your children, and every evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

*Sung Response to Forgiveness 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

*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

Deb

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:15-21 (N.T. p. 55)

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

I Wonder as I Wander

arr. Thomas Coker

Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:4-7 (N.T. p. 178)

Lauren

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Part of the Family

Rev. Lauren Cochran

*Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

The Offering

Call to Offering

Deb

Offertory

Born in Bethlehem

Helmut Walcha

*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.**)

The Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

*Hymn 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

*Charge and Benediction

*Sung Response to Benediction 136 (refrain only) *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

Postlude

In dulci jubilo (BWV 729)

J. S. Bach

**Please rise in body or spirit*

GUEST ORGANIST: Mark Reynertson

SPECIAL MUSIC MEN'S QUARTET: Glenn Gabanski, Pat Garner, Doug Newkirk, Gregg Sewell
Autoharp: Ruth Karasek

LITURGIST: Deb Helms

USHERING THIS MORNING: Lindy Steeves, Donna Gabanski

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
January 6, 2019

Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages resumes

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers
Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12
Home by Another Way
Communion
Ordination / Installation of
Elder and Deacons



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 Suites 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 contact Joanna Petersen at 630-689-6754 or email 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 sponsored by The Chicago Presbytery and 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.

***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, Oct – March, Wednesdays at 5:30 – 7:45 p.m. (2nd–8th grades)
- 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 child care and early education for children ages 3, 4, & 5.
- Learning to Use My Bible for 2nd & 3rd grades 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 afternoons October - March
- Endeavor Choir (middle school youth), Wednesday afternoons 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**

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- **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



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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