



Worship for the Lord's Day

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

9:30 am

Prelude Be Thou My Vision ("Slane") arr. Hal Hopson

Lighting the Christ Candle Martin Cahill

Words of Welcome Judy Johns Schloegel

***Opening Words:** Rev. Peter Park

One: Turn us, O God,

All: Away from the world's temptations and distractions.

One: Return us, O God,

All: to the quiet calm of your presence.

One: Restore us, O God,

All: to the path you call us to follow.

Unison: Orient us, O God, to the hope of all that is possible through you.

***Hymn 301** *Let Us Build A House* TWO OAKS

Call to Confession Judy

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (John 1:8-9) In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God, our refuge, you lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless. Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us. God of us all, hear this confession. Receive it. We ask for your forgiveness. Amen

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Even in our moments of doubt, our lack of faith, and the blindness which means we fail to see God amongst us, God is still at work. God is still healing. God is still forgiving. Even when you fail to see God, God still sees you, and still loves you. Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven. Go in peace, and give praise to God!

*Sung Response 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another, let us share the peace with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

*Sung Response 591 refrain only

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Growing with God

Kristin Duy

Following our time together, all children are invited to Faith Formation in rm LL6 or return to their parents

*Sung Response 188 v 1 (remain seated)

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Prayer for Inspiration

Judy

Scripture Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

Peter

2 Kings 18:1-8

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Nehushtan: A Tale of Idolatry

Rev. Peter Park

*Hymn 776

O God, Be Gracious

TALLIS' ORIGINAL



Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Judy

QRCode for Giving

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision
Clarion Bell Choir

arr. Jason W. Krug

***Doxology** words 607, tune 606 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Church Tidings

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Judy

Joys & Concerns

One: We lift our prayers to God.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

God's People Pray / The Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

*Charge and Blessing

Peter

*Postlude

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Larson

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

LITURGIST: Judy Johns Schloegel

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Elizabeth Abraham

ACOLYTE: Martin Cahill

USHERS: Ann Jaltuch, Julia Trowbridge

AV: Paul Abraham, Gabe Ali

LARGE PRINT hymnals are available from the ushers.



Today's Guest Preacher:

Peter Park

The Reverend S. Peter Park, is an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA) with over 20 years of pastoral ministry experience, focusing on new worshipping communities and congregational revitalization across the PC(USA), UMC, and ECC traditions. He has also served in a limited capacity as bridge pastor, temporary pulpit supply, and leadership consultant.

In addition to his pastoral work, Peter brings more than a decade of experience in the financial industry, where he helps individuals, families, and organizations pursue their financial goals with clarity and purpose. He has a particular heart for serving pastors, ministry leaders, and nonprofit professionals, equipping them to achieve financial health. With a unique blend of spiritual insight and financial expertise, Peter is passionate about building resilient faith leaders and communities prepared to flourish in today's complex, challenging and beautiful community.

Next Sunday in Worship, September 28

16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

Guest Preacher: Rev. Joy Douglas Strome



VISITING CPC? WELCOME!

We believe feeling welcome is foundational for members and visitors to be open to the journey of lifelong faith formation and growth. If you've felt a sense of welcome at CPC and are curious to learn more about us, reach out to Erin James, Community Connector, to chat by email erinjames1@comcast.net or by phone at (630) 649-0151.



Please Join us on

**Sunday, October 5th for Reverend Nancy's first Sermon and
worship leadership with the CPC community.**

Come, celebrate and be a part of the future God is shaping here at CPC.

Welcome reception immediately following the service.

Scan qr code for Nancy's full bio



SAVE THE DATE:

CPC PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, November 8

Save the date for a fun night of fellowship, drinks and eats. Adults and Youth (6th-12th grade).

More details to follow

This week at CPC:

Sunday, September 21

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — NO Faith Formation children remain in worship

10:45 am — Adult Ed/Chapel / Hybrid

5:00 pm — Middle School Youth; LL Rm 8

5:00 pm — HS Cubes; Youth Lounge

Monday, September 22

7:00 pm — Deacons meeting; Chapel / Zoom

Tuesday, September 23

9:15 am — PW Circle 1; Gathering Room

10:00 am — PW Circle 4; Oak Trace

1:00 pm — PW Circle 2; Gathering Room

7:00 pm — PW Circle 3; Gathering Room

7:00 pm — Kids' Academy; Chapel / Hybrid

Wednesday, September 24

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

Thursday, September 25

9:00 am — Read*Share*Pray—Chapel / Hybrid

7:00 pm — Clarion Bells rehearsal; Sanctuary

Friday, September 26

Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 27

Sunday, September 28

9:30 am — Worship

10:45 am — Faith Formation; Rm 6

10:45 am — Adult Ed—Chapel / Hybrid

5:00 pm — Middle School Youth; LL Rm 8

5:00 pm — Cubes (high school youth); Youth Lounge



FALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE

Click [HERE](#) Or scan the QR code to get your kids, 3yrs - 5th grade all set for Sunday Faith Formation!

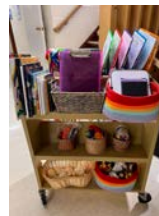


2025-2026 CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Click [HERE](#) to access the Faith Formation program calendar. Print and post or add the dates to your electronic calendar so that you do not miss out on any of the exciting things we have planned!

NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed by our volunteers **on October 5**. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor and is always open for use, even when not staffed by our volunteers.



BUILD YOUR OWN WORSHIP BAG

Children of God ages 2 - 92 can build their own worship bag to bring into the Sanctuary. This does not take the place of Grace Space...this is just another option for creating an inclusive worship service!

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION

Fall registration is still open for middle and high school! [Register here](#). We are looking forward to a year filled with excitement, friendship, laughter, fun, and so much more!

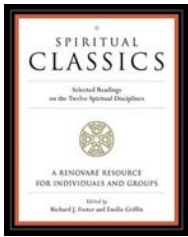


CE-C COMMUNITY MISSION PROJECT

September 28 - October 19

Each night in the United States, an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets. We want to show that even a small act of love, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors. This year our socks will be benefiting Metropolitan Family Services which runs the only Domestic Violence shelter in DuPage County. **During the drive, boxes will be in the Narthex for sock donations.**





STUDY CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY WITH GREAT THINKERS OVER THE CENTURIES

The Read * Share * Pray group began a study on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 9:00 in the chapel—or Zoom. of *Spiritual Classics: Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups on the Twelve Spiritual Disciplines*. Readings include topics such as Worship, Prayer, Confession, and Service, from thinkers ranging from Dorothy Day to Augustine to Thomas Merton to Charles and John Wesley.

We meet on Thursday mornings in the Chapel (and via Zoom) 9am–10:30. We start by sharing concerns and joys, for which we pray. Then the day's leader facilitates a discussion of that week's readings. If someone needs to arrive a bit late or leave a bit early, or even miss a week, no problem! Join us when it fits your schedule. To order a book, contact Gregg Morton.



ADULT EDUCATION: MORE PRESBYTERIAN CULTURE

Sunday, 21; 10:45 am

Chapel or Zoom

This Sunday we continue looking at Presbyterianism. This week's focus will be our approach to education and to social justice.

Sandy Zeles, a Presbyterian elder from nearby St Luke in Downers Grove, will lead this class. Sandy has a breadth of Presbyterian experience, from the local church level to the Presbytery level. Her class last week was a deep dive into the PC(USA) logo and what all of the parts of it represent about our beliefs. We also learned that she is a very able teacher.



Join us in the chapel or on Zoom at **approximately** 10:45.

NOTE: The Zoom link below is NEW for our Sunday morning Adult Education classes. None of the past links will connect you to the classes. [Zoom link](#)



GET A DRIVER'S SEAT PERSPECTIVE ON SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

The Mission, Education & Outreach Committee needs tech support people for the Sunday morning adult education hour. The tech lead connects class members in the Chapel with those online, using Zoom and the Owl camera in the Chapel.

Gregg Morton can teach you how to make things work. There is an Apple-based laptop available in the Chapel to use OR you may bring your own laptop (Apple or Windows). Adult Education classes start on September 14 and run from 10:45 to 11:45. Let Gregg Morton know if you would like to have a part in supporting our faith development in this way. Thanks!



Presbyterian Women Luncheon—Second Acts: Keeping Active While Aging

Tuesday, October 7, Noon

Fellowship Hall

Please join us on October 7 for another meaningful and uplifting program. We'll have a delicious lunch and share fellowship, then hear Dr. Irma Olmedo as she encourages us to keep active, even with the pitfalls brought by age and the changes retirement brings. In this session, we'll discover a variety of meaningful ways to stay active, engaged, and fulfilled throughout our lives.



Dr. Irma Olmedo is Associate Professor Emerita at the University of Illinois Chicago. Her work spans language, immigration, and education, with a special focus on children's bilingual development.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

Presbyterian Women will begin the 2025-26 Bible study on Tuesday, Sept. 23. New participants are welcome to join in “Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ.” The four circles typically meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Choose the time that works best for you: 9:15 am, 1:00 am, 7:00 pm—or 10:00 am at Oak Trace. Contact Linda Cirillo for more details.

WHO TO CALL UNTIL THE INTERIM PASTOR ARRIVES

CPC is a community that takes seriously our call to all be pastors for one another. You'll see this on the back of our worship bulletin: **Ministers: All the Members**. That's right, all of us are committed to offering care and support for one another. We are here for you! So, while we are in a time of transition and discerning our Interim Pastor, here's who to call:

Pastoral Care / Prayer Requests:

Barb Coop, (630) 728-8018

Questions about meetings / committees / activities:

Shannon Nyhart, (630) 323-6522

Questions about Session / Church Decisions:

Michele Vickery, Clerk of Session, (630) 240-7423

Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms:

Shannon Nyhart, (630) 323-6522



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