



Worship for the Lord's Day

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025
9:30 am

Prelude

O Perfect Love

Barnby, arr. Carter

Lighting the Christ Candle

Ellie Baron

Words of Welcome

Geneva Ali

*Opening Words:

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

All: Sing God's glorious name; shout out glorious praise.

One: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

All: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to your name. Come and see what God has done: tell of God's awesome deeds among all people!

*Hymn 335

The Foolish in Their Hearts Deny

MAPLE AVENUE

Call to Confession

Geneva

One: Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water (Hebrews 10:22) Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and gracious in all his works. The Lord is near to all those who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him. He also will hear their cry, and will save them. The Lord preserves all those who love him. (Psalm 145:17-20)

*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!

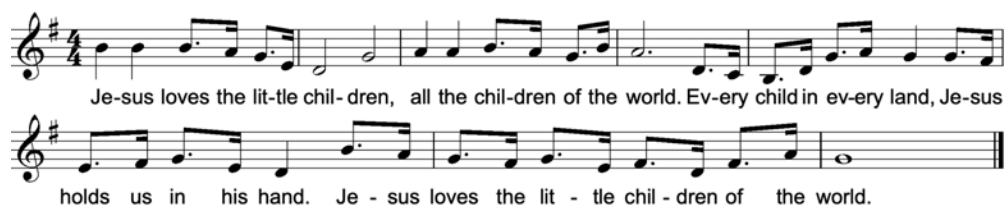
HALLE, HALLE

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 remain seated



Prayer for Inspiration

Geneva

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-18

Peter

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Perfectly Imperfect

Rev. Peter Park

*Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

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Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Geneva

QRCode for Giving

Offertory

Love Divine
Chancel Choir

Joel Ramey

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Church Tidings

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Geneva

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 754**

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARPMOTA

***Charge and Blessing**

Peter

***Postlude**

Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan

Walther

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

LITURGIST: Geneva Ali

USHERS: Doug James, Erin James

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Courteney Templeton

AV: Erich Kretchmer, Liz Monson

ACOLYTE: Ellie Baron

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 worshiping 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 21

15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

Guest Preacher: Peter Park



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.



Fall Kick-off Celebration

Following Worship today

Join us after worship for games, crafts, treats and fellowship!



THE INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE IS EXCITED TO INTRODUCE

The Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian, Interim Head Pastor

Starting at CPC Sunday, October 3rd

Nancy's congregation-based experience includes rural and suburban churches, capital city and small city congregations. For the past decade she has been an interim specialist in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), serving deep and wide as a Synod Executive in Mid-America, and as a Presbytery Executive in a variety of contexts and locations including Tampa Bay, Eastminster Presbytery in Ohio, John Calvin

Presbytery in Missouri and Cincinnati. She served as Chair of the General Assembly Council and was elected a General Assembly Commissioner, where she was appointed Chair of the Peacemaking and International Issues Committee.

Academic credentials include a Bachelor of Arts at Kalamazoo College, a Master of Divinity from Yale University Divinity School, and the Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary.

Nancy is involved in Meals-on-Wheels and mentoring. She enjoys riding her bike, culinary experimentation, and the companionship of her little white dog from West Virginia: Betty White.

We welcome Reverend Kahaian to CPC!

This week at CPC:

Sunday, September 14

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL RM 6

10:45 am — Adult Ed—Chapel / Hybrid

10:30 am — Fall Kick Off in the garden

3:00 pm — Jim Gill Family Concert; Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, September 15

6:30 pm — Finance Committee; Zoom

7:00 pm — Concert Series Committee; Zoom

Tuesday, September 16

10:30 am — PW CT meeting; Gathering Room

7:00 pm — Kids' Academy Board; Gathering Room

Wednesday, September 17

9:30 am — Circle of Voices; Gathering Room

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

7:30 pm — CE-Y; Chapel / Hybrid

Thursday, September 18

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

7:00 pm — Clarion Bells rehearsal; Sanctuary

7:30 pm — M,E&O; Zoom

Friday, September 19

Saturday, September 20

Sunday, September 21

9:30 am — Worship

10:45 am — Adult Ed—Chapel / Hybrid

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

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



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!



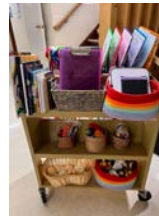
2025-2026 CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

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!



HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN

September 13-14

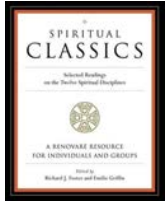
There is a lock-in for high school age youth September 13-14. Our WF event planning team has some exciting games and mini golfing scheduled! We will meet in the youth lounge at 2pm on Saturday, September 13, and our lock-in will end with the Fall Kick-off Celebration after worship on Sunday!

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.**

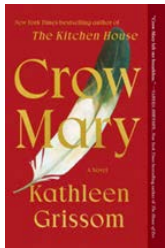




STUDY CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY WITH GREAT THINKERS OVER THE CENTURIES

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.

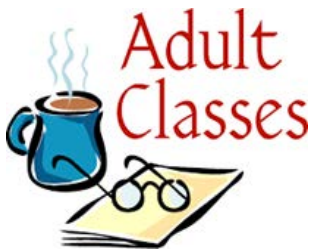


CIRCLE OF VOICES

Wednesday, September 17, 9:30am

Gathering Room

Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, September 17th at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is *Crow Mary* by Kathleen Grissom. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not finished or read the book. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library. Traditionally we enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. For more information contact Barb Coop.

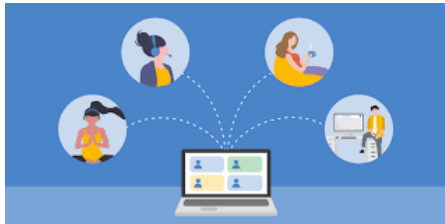


SEPTEMBER ADULT EDUCATION: PRESBYTERIAN CULTURE

Sunday, Sept. 14 and 21; 10:45 am

Chapel or Zoom

The Adult Ed theme this Fall is Being Presbyterian. Sandy Zeles will start this series with two classes, on September 14 and 21. Her topic is Presbyterian Culture, focusing on theology, education, and social justice. Sandy serves on the Commission on Ministry of the Chicago Presbytery. A Downers Grove resident, she attends St. Luke Presbyterian Church where she is Clerk of Session. She loves teaching about Presbyterianism. Please join us.



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 CIRCLES

Presbyterian Women will begin the 2025-26 Bible study next week 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.





**The CPC Concert Series and
Kids' Academy Present Jim Gill**

Free Concert

TODAY at 3:00pm

Fellowship Hall

Jim Gill is a musician and author known for celebrating active play. In concert, Jim strums energizing rhythms on his banjo while everyone sings, claps and dances along to his silly and inspiring musical games. Each concert is more than a show to watch – it is an opportunity for family play! Jim promises, in concert, to share a non-stop selection of sing-alongs, dance-alongs, finger plays and tongue twisters.

More about Jim at <https://jimgill.com/>

No livestream, concert will be held in Fellowship Hall



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

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

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