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All members of the congregation

The Worship of Our Lord

20th Sunday After Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025
9:30 AM

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

John Calvin stands as one of the most formidable intellects and spiritual leaders of the Protestant Reformation. His influence on Christian thought, ecclesiastical structures, and the development of the Reformed tradition remains unparalleled in many respects. John Calvin's spiritual transformation did not occur amid thunderclaps or existential crises, as was the case with Martin Luther. Instead, it unfolded more subtly. In his *Commentary on the Psalms*, Calvin later reflected that in either late 1533 or early 1534, "God subdued my heart," imagery that suggests not a mild philosophical shift but a decisive divine intervention, a surrender to the sovereign grace of God. Other personal journal entries note that "to God I surrendered a teachable heart." Following his conversion, Calvin became an increasingly public advocate for the Reformation. His alignment with Protestant ideals coincided with mounting tension in France between emerging Reformers and entrenched Catholic authorities. One pivotal moment was the infamous *Placard Affair* of 1534. This act of defiance was interpreted not merely as religious dissent but as political insubordination. In the ensuing crackdown, many Protestants, including Calvin, were forced to flee the country.

- Alan Strange, *Mid-America Reformed Seminary*

PRELUDE

Fughetta in D

Telemann

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Clare Rickert

WORDS OF WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Life of the Community Presbyterian Church including announcements and an invitation to sign the Friendship Pad in the pew. We are glad to welcome all as we gather to give God thanks and praise in our gift of worship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jason Salbego

Leader: Gather us together this Reformation Sunday, O God,

ALL: And inspire us in the continuing reformation of the church by Christ's Spirit.

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

ALL: Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely

Leader: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

ALL: Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

*HYMN #475

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, we offer our selves to You and confess those places

where we have missed the mark and have turned from living life as you intend it to be.

Grow our trust in you, and do not let us be disgraced, or publicly shamed.

Instead, show us the way to go.

Point out the right path for us to follow.

Guide us into Your truth—teach us—for You alone can save us.

Look upon us with mercy.

Do not remember the many things we have done wrong—

the poor choices and bad decisions we have made.

Instead, remember us in the light of Your unfailing love.

Forgive us. Restore us.

In Your mercy, lead us and guide us.

Teach us what is good and right,

so that we can live in ways that bring glory to Your name.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called to new life.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE #581

Glory Be To the Father

GLORIA PATRI

GROWING WITH GOD/TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Following our time together, all children are invited to go downstairs to LL6 with our volunteers to continue their Faith Formation.

SUNG RESPONSE (please remain seated)

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

Every child in every land, Jesus holds us in his hand.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jason Salbego

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 1:13-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

arr. Jason Krug

Clarion Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 25:1-12 Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Being Reformed Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

*HYMN #722 Lord, Speak To Me That I May Speak CANONBURY
Stanzas 1, 3 and 5

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD Rev. Dr. Nancy Kahaian

 Invitation to Offering
 Moment for Stewardship Robin Randall
 Offertory Tranquilly C. Hubert H. Parry
 *Offering Response #606 Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH
 *Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

 Joys and Concerns for Shared Prayers This Sabbath Day
 Pastor: Lord, in your mercy.
 ALL: Hear our prayer.

 The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (in unison, using "sins")
 Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, They 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 #275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN FESTE BURG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord Douglas Wagner

 May the gift of worship we offer today together honor God and remind you of God's presence in our midst.
 Large print hymnals are available from the ushers.
 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 and provides another option for creating an inclusive worship service.

WORSHIP LEADERS
 9:30 a.m. Jason Salbego and Nancy Kahaian

THE MUSIC TODAY
 9:30 a.m. Clarion Bell Choir
 Robert Sacks, Church Musician
 Christopher Cock, Director of Music Ministries

ALSO SERVING TODAY
 Acolyte: Clare Rickert **Ushers:** Darlene Campione and Mia Salbego
 Online Worship Host: Kathy Florence **AV:** Paul Abraham and Erich Kretchmer

WORSHIP NOTES

Online Friendship Pad QR Code



Financial Giving QR Code



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THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CLARENDON HILLS

Sunday, October 26

9:30am Worship — *Sanctuary*
9:45am Faith Formation — *LL Room 6*
10:45am Adult Education — *Chapel / Hybrid*
12:00pm WF Event — High School & Middle School Youth— *meet at CPC*

Monday, October 27

6:30pm Deacons — *Chapel / Zoom*

Tuesday, October 28

9:15am PW Circle 1 — *Gathering Room*
10:00am PW Circle 4 — *Oak Trace*
10:30am Staff Meeting — *Chapel/Hybrid*
1:00pm PW Circle 2 — *Gathering Room*
7:00pm PW Circle 1 — *Gathering Room*
7:00pm A&P — *Chapel/Hybrid*

Wednesday, October 29

8:30am Coffee with the Pastor— *Oak Trace*
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal—*Sanctuary*

Thursday, October 30

9:00am Read*Share*Pray — *Chapel/Hybrid*
7:00pm Clarion Bells Rehearsal — *Sanctuary*

Friday, October 31

3:30pm Kids' Academy Halloween parade



Community
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Clarendon Hills

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

What a wonderful talk by longtime member, Paula Cyphers during the “Moment for Stewardship” portion of last Sunday’s worship! Paula and her family are an integral part of CPC’s history and are foundational for CPC’s future. It’s all part of *Give Today, Grow Tomorrow* — in faith, service, and financially. You can listen to her talk by visiting the website at chcpc.org/stewardship. You can also view pervious talks on what CPC means to our members on the website.

As illustrated by the example of the widow, that’s told in the Book of Mark, Chapter 12, Verses 38 through 44, who gave what she could out of poverty, while many rich people threw in large amounts where the offerings were being taken — give as you can and give in a way that is reflective of your faith. Please pledge today and remember that **Pledge Dedication Sunday is November 9th!**

Our 2026 Campaign goal is \$557,000, which is equivalent to the giving total of the 2025 Campaign. Your giving is a manifestation of your faith. As we work on our faith today, we grow our faith in the future. So, it’s never too early in life to give and all gifts are welcome. If you have any questions about the “Give Now, Grow Tomorrow” Stewardship Campaign, we invite you to reach out anyone on your Stewardship Committee: Warren Ali - Chair, Stan Cook, Justin Crouse, Michael Fenstermacher, and Ardes Poisson

ADULT EDUCATION FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Presbyterian Polity 2

We continue our series on Presbyterianism this Sunday. We’re learning about polity - how the Presbyterian Church is organized, how we make decisions, and why we do things the way we do. If last Sunday’s class is any indication, it will be entertaining. Rev. Kenneth Hockenberry, Stated Clerk of Presbytery, is our teacher. Ken also teaches at McCormick Seminary. This topic is his specialty, and we are fortunate to be able to bring him to CPC. Contact Gregg Morton for more info.

CPC PROGRESSIVE DINNER NOVEMBER 8

We will meet at the home of Derek and Becky Rush (116 S. Prospect Ave. CH) from 5:00-6:00pm and then separate into smaller dinner groups of 6-8 people for the main dish and dessert. Proceeds from the ticket sales will go into the Deacon Dinner Fund which provides meals to our vulnerable neighbors during the holidays! We are in need volunteers to host dinner at your home for 6 to 8 people. All food will be provided!! We just need a table set! You can sign up during registration. Event cost: \$25 per person. Questions? Contact Julie Trowbridge | (630) 927-0796 | Jkshelden@aol.com For registration help on Realm, please contact Blake Harmet.

QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION FOR THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER



SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has issued a call for a congregational meeting on **Sunday, November 2** immediately

following worship for the purpose of receiving a report from the Nominating Committee. Please plan to be present for this important meeting to elect church officers.

ALL SAINTS DAY NECROLOGY

On **Sunday, November 2** during morning worship, we will observe our necrology from the past twelve months, a remembrance of "The Saints" who have entered the church triumphant. If there is someone you wish to be assured is included in the CPC necrology, please contact Shannon in the church office by Tuesday, October 28. Thank you.

STARTS TODAY THROUGH 11/9 CE-C MISSION FOR PEOPLES RESOURCE CENTER

New books and new games for children and adults is the special CE-C Mission for the next few weeks of fall. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity that helps us serve others in Christ's name!

ASSOCIATE PASTOR REVEREND DEAN CHOI ARRIVES NOVEMBER 3

Please be mindful to give a warm welcome to Reverend Dean Choi as he joins the church staff with his first day scheduled for **Monday, November 3**. The congregation looks forward to welcome him to worship on Sunday, November 9.

INTERIM PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF WELCOMES YOU TO COFFEE THIS WEEK

For the coming weeks, you're also invited to "Coffee with the Pastor" at 8:30am on Wednesdays. This week on **Wednesday, October 29 at 9am** we will gather at Oak Trace in Downers Grove and please enter through public entrance 270. Locations will include the surrounding towns, villages, and neighborhoods where you find CPC members and friends. There will be some additional adventures to note in the weeks to come, so stay tuned to the weekly e-newsletter and your Sunday bulletin.

PW LUNCHEON FOR NOVEMBER

Please join PW for lunch on **Tuesday, November 4** at 12noon in Fellowship Hall with a special presentation from Stephanie Rens-Domiano, Master Naturalist. Everyone is welcome.

ALL-CHURCH BRUNCH ON NOVEMBER 9

There are many reasons to celebrate and be grateful to God on November 9 and so we will enjoy an "All-Church Brunch". Please plan to stay after worship on **Sunday, November 9** as we give God thanks for the financial generosity of the congregation and our new Associate Pastor and for all the good that God provides.

MAKE AND TAKE THANKSGIVING CENTERPIECE

Sunday, November 16 at 10:30am following worship there will be a special arts and crafts faith formation experience for children and families: Make and Take Thankful Tree! Please see Kristin Duy, Director of Children and Families Ministries for more information.

2025-2026 CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

The calendar can be accessed through the church's website at www.chcpc.org, or you may email Kristin Duy at kduy@chcpc.org for additional information or to ask questions. You are welcome to 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 to encourage children in their journey with God.

NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed by our volunteers on Sunday, **November 9**. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor and is always open for us, even when not staffed by our volunteers. If you have any questions, please speak with one of our ushers.

