Second Sunday of Advent  
Worship for the Lord’s Day  
December 4, 2022  
9:30 am

Prelude  
Angels  
arr. Jim Brickman

Words of Welcome  
Rev. Susan Tindall

*Opening Words  
Gregg Morton  
One: God’s vision of peace is a realm where all live together in harmony:  
All: enemies become friends, fear gives way to understanding.  
One: God calls us to be this community;  
All: let us gather together, those online and those in the sanctuary, to worship God.

Lighting of the Advent Candle  
Barb & Gary Coop

*Hymn 163  
Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice  
ABERYSTWYTH

Call to Confession  
Gregg  
One: John the Baptist’s cry echoes through the ages: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near! Let us present ourselves to God in humility and faith, confessing our sins.

Prayer of Confession  
Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess we too easily forget your incarnation. We use the excuse of “just not enough time,” as justification for our lack of living your way in all we say and do. Forgive our lip service to be your disciples. We do not see our neighbors as beloved children whom you have made. Rather first we see all the ways
they are different from us. We fizzle ourselves with preparations while neglecting to prepare our hearts for your coming again. Forgive us, we pray, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us lasting peace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace
One: The reign of God has come near; the repentant will be judged with righteousness.
All: We are forgiven. Let us be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ to bring us new life. We rejoice and believe.

*Sung Response 583
Glory to God

*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
God Incarnate, We Are Waiting

A Time with Youngest Children
Kristin
Following our time together, all kids are encouraged to go with our Sunday School volunteers to Rm LL6 on the lower level for faith formation. Please pick-up your child there immediately after worship.

Prayer for Inspiration
Gregg

Scripture Reading
Matthew 3:1-12
One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 95 Sung twice
Prepare the Way of the Lord

Sermon
Looking Through a New Lens
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers
Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering  
Gregg

Offertory  
Glory (Let There Be Peace) by Christ Stevens, Matt Maher, & Rachel Taylor Popadic
Julia Lorenz, Willem Marginean, Robert Monson, Abby Petersen, Tristin Rush

*Doxology words 607, tune 606  
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Minute for Christmas Joy Offering  
Doug James

Reception of New Members  
Ingrid Ellithorpe, Susan and Beth

Presentation: James (Jimmy) Davy & Lee Davy

*Profession of Faith

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome

Holy Communion  
Rev. Susan Tindall and Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

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 give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)...therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Great is the mystery of faith:

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.
The Breaking of the Bread

*Communion of the People
Ushers will invite you to come forward for the receiving of communion.
All are invited to come to the table using the center aisle and return via the outside aisles.
The center station offers allergen free wafers and prepackaged communion elements.

*Communion Music 507  Come to the Table of Grace

Prayer Following Communion
God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn 515 v 1-3, 5  I Come with Joy

*Charge and Blessing
Beth

*Postlude  O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
arr. Cindy Berry

* Please rise in spirit or body
All speak emboldened type

USHERS: Gloria Tatar, Lindy Steeves
LITURGIST: Gregg Morton
COMMUNION SERVERS: Todd Petersen, Ann Jaltuch
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS: Barb & Gary Coop
ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Robin Randall

Next Sunday in Worship, December 11
Third Sunday of Advent

Twas the Night Before Christmas:
A Very Special Christmas Pageant

STEWARDSHIP 2023 PLEDGES

Your generosity allows the ministries of CPC to flourish! Thank you for your prayerful consideration of what you may pledge to the church in 2023. We continue to receive your pledges in the church office or you may pledge online at https://onrealm.org/cpc/AddPledge/annualpledge2023
COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE
DuPage County (and all of the Chicago metro area) are now at Medium Community Transmission level. For CPC the main difference for Medium, which is based on CDC guidance: Those at high risk for getting very sick are encouraged to consider participating in the worship service or meetings remotely or wearing a well-fitting mask if attending in person. The normal CDC guidance of vaccination, ventilation, and vigilance continues.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING
DECEMBER 11
The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930’s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. In 2021, $1.1 million in gifts was used to provide critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. The Christmas Joy offering will be collected and dedicated on December 11. You can make your donation online via Realm or with the envelope provided in the pews. More information is available in the Narthex.

COCOA, COOKIES & CRAFTS
TODAY, Dec 4
10:30 am
Join us in Fellowship Hall for a holiday open house! We will have cookies to decorate... and eat, craft supplies to make Christmas ornaments and hot cocoa to enjoy! Drop in for a couple of minutes or stay for the whole time... and most importantly... this isn’t just for kids! All are welcome and encouraged to attend this festive event!

TOY DRIVE
Nov. 20 – Dec. 4
Last year Kids’ Academy donated toys to the children who live at Mooseheart in Batavia. They were so appreciative of this wonderful gesture. This year CPC is partnering with them to bring smiles to the children. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for kids birth to age 10 and drop in the donation box in the narthex.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS TEA
December 6; 12:30 pm
EVERYONE IS INVITED to the Presbyterian Women’s Open House Christmas Tea December 6, starting at 12:30 in the Gathering Room. Come on in and mingle and enjoy light refreshments.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
Save these dates
Sun Dec 11: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Receiving Christmas Joy Special Offering, Christmas Pageant, Adult Ed: Holy Disruption
Sun Dec 18: 4th Sunday of Advent; Adult Ed: Holy Disruption
Sat Dec 24: Christmas Eve Worship at 3:30, 7:00 and 9:00, communion at all worship services
Sun Dec 25: Christmas Day Worship at 9:30 am with Communion
This week at CPC:

**Sunday, December 4**
- **Communion**
- **Second Sunday of Advent**
  - 8:45 am — Chancel Choir warm-up
  - **9:30 am — Worship**
  - 9:45 am — Sunday School; LL6
  - 10:30 am — Crafts, Cookies & Cocoa Family Event; Fellowship Hall
  - 10:45 am — Adult Education; Chapel/Hybrid
  - 12:00 pm — Elder / Deacon Training; Chapel

**Monday, December 5**
- 7:00 pm — House & Grounds; Gathering Room
- 7:00 pm — Worship & Music; Chapel / Hybrid

**Tuesday, December 6**
- 10:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Hybrid
- 12:30 pm — PW Tea; Gathering Room
- 7:00 pm — Stephen Ministry; Chapel / Hybrid

**Wednesday, December 7**
- 7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Chancel

**Thursday, December 8**
- 9:00 am — Thursday Morning Devotions; Chapel/Hybrid
- 3:45 pm — Pageant Rehearsal; Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Rehearsal; LL8

**Friday, December 9**

**Saturday, December 10**

**Sunday, December 11**
- **Christmas Pageant**
- **Third Sunday of Advent**
  - 8:15 am — Pageant Rehearsal; sanctuary
  - 8:45 am — Chancel Choir warm-up; sanctuary
  - **9:30 am — Worship**
  - No Sunday School for children
  - 10:45 am — Adult Education; Chapel/Hybrid
  - 1:00 pm — Concert Series Committee; Zoom

**NURSERY CARE: Available TODAY**
The Nursery will be staffed the first Sunday of the month. Families can drop off their little ones to be cared for by our volunteers. We use a pager system in case a parent is needed. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**
*kids 3 yrs - 5th grade*
During worship, students can pick up a kids’ bulletin or coloring page from the Narthex. Following “A Time with Youngest Children,” all kids will be invited to go with our volunteers to Rm 6 on the lower level for faith formation. Please pick up your child there immediately following worship service. **This week our focus is on Isaiah 11:1-9.** The children will talk about the coming of the Prince of Peace and the importance of living in harmony and goodwill with all of God’s creatures.

**CPC YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!**
**Sunday, 5-7 pm**
Middle School students will be out of the building having dinner and shopping for their families! High school students will be talking about the Christmas story and enjoying a cozy movie time after dinner. If you would like to be connected to youth ministry, please contact **Pastor Susan.**

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**HOLY DISRUPTION**
**Sunday AM Adult Ed**
**10:45-11:45 am, Hybrid**

Today, the CE-A committee invites you to mark the time of Advent during our series on Sunday mornings using Tracy Daub’s book titled *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark.* The sessions present a fresh understanding of the holiness of Christmas grounded not in a conventional, cozy message but through Mark’s disquieting gospel, which invites its readers to experience God’s disruptive but transformative love for us and our world. Each week a new facilitator will present a chapter from the book and have a conversation about various readings from Mark. Today’s leaders are Linda Cirillo and Ann Hamman. Join us in the chapel or online via Zoom. If you would like a copy of the book, contact Pastor Susan.
News of THE AMOS GROUP

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24

Helping Love Christian Clearinghouse
Some of us are volunteering to help schedule toy pickups for people who have asked Love Christian Clearinghouse for help to make their children’s Christmas special.

Movies That Matter
Be part of the discussion to help understand and end racism. Join Edward McNulty, editor and film reviewer at Visual Parables, and Ken Bedell, founder of Ending-Racism.org, for a lively and thoughtful discussion of Movies that Matter.
December 6: I Am Not Your Negro
January 3: A Jazzman’s Blues
February 7: Hidden Figures

Pre-Registration is Required. Registration is necessary only once for all three sessions.
Tue, Dec 6, Jan 3 and Feb. 7 at 1:00 - 2:00pm CST
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsf-2trTgIhtY9iZVvFLkzy9NGtsoMIUam

OR
Tue, Dec 6, Jan 3 and Feb. 7 at 7:00 - 8:00 pm CST
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckcu2tqDotGNYLXbYVLWO4I7mbEGMTYDD

These discussions are intended for anyone who wants to explore racism as it exists and consider – with others – the implications for our lives. Diversity of backgrounds and experiences will enrich the discussions.

Please send your ideas and your comments to Gregg Morton.

CIRCLE OF VOICES
Wednesday, December 14

Circle of Voices will meet this month only on the 2nd Wednesday, December 14th at 9:30 am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is The Personal Librarian, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library. We are celebrating that the Circle of Voices was established 30 years ago. We will enjoy lunch together at Ruth Lake Country Club. If you would like to join us, please contact Barb Coop.

SING-ALONG MESSIAH
Second Presbyterian Church, Chicago
December 11
3:30pm

Free admission with a reception to follow.
For more information, visit their website at 2ndpresbyterian.org.

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