

## Worship for the Lord's Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

9:30 am

### Prelude

*Carol of the Bells*  
*What Child is This*  
Faye Seeman, Harp

Bernard Andres  
arr. Megan Metheny

### Procession

*Hodie Christus Natus Est*  
From A Ceremony of Carols

Benjamin Britten

Hodie Christus natus est	Today is Christ Born
Hodie Salvator apparuit	Today the Savior has appeared
Hodie in terra canunt Angeli	Today the Angels sing
Laetantur Archangeli	The Archangels rejoice;
Hodie exsultant iusti, dicentes:	Today the righteous rejoice,
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia!	Glory to God in the highest.

### Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

### \*Opening Words

Amy Hall

One: Our God can part the sea.

**All: God can bring water from a rock, and provide bread in the desert.**

One: Our God can walk on water.

**All: He can heal the sick, and turn water into wine.**

One: Our God sets the stars in the sky.

**All: God hears our voice when we cry, and is closer than our own breath.**

One: There is nothing our God cannot do.

**All: Let us stand in awe. Let us worship God with wonder.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Berrie, Jason, Mia Salbego  
Nikki Salbego & Michael Pavone

**Call to Confession**

Amy

**One:** If you spend any time with a child, you will quickly notice that children see the world differently. For a child, a ladybug is a miracle. A pine tree is a wonder. Curiosity is a love language, and water is not only for survival, but for joy. As adults, we forget this language of awe and wonder, and when we do, we distance ourselves from God. In confession, we have the opportunity to close that distance. So let us return to God with hearts wide open. Let us return to God in prayer.  
Join me in the prayer of confession:

**Prayer of Confession**

**All:** Holy God, Somewhere in our childhood we face pressure to outgrow awe. We turn into adults who obsess over data and facts. We praise those who have answers, and assume that wonder is an answerless game. Forgive us for closing that door to you. Remind us that the kingdom of God belongs to children. Teach us the ways of awe and wonder, so that, like Mary, we may respond, YES! with hearts open wide, we pray.  
Amen.

**Assurance of God's Grace**

**One:** Family of faith,  
Just as we marvel at mountains and newborns, at sunrises and sunsets, God marvels at us. There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could prevent God from loving you. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:  
**All:** We are forgiven. We are loved. We belong to God. Amen.

**\*Sung Response 583**

*Glory to God*

GLORY (Taizé)

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Rev. Susan Tindall

**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 88 v 6**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

**Growing with God**

Beth

*Following our time together, all children are invited to go with leaders to Faith Formation to LL 6, return to Grace Space or sit with their parents / guardians.*

**Prayer for Inspiration**

Amy

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:26-38

**Anthem**

*There is No Rose*

Benjamin Britten

From *A Ceremony of Carols*

*There is no rose of such virtue, as is the rose that bore our savior Jesus.*

*Let us follow this marvelous thing, this birth, with joy.*

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:39-45

Susan

**Anthem**

*O Magnum Mysterium*

Daniel Pinkham

From *Christmas Cantata*

O magnum mysterium  
Et admirabile sacramentum,  
Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,  
Jacentem in praesepio.

O great mystery  
And wonderful sacrament  
That animals see the newborn Lord,  
Lying in a manger!

Beata virgo, cujus viscera  
Meruerunt portare  
Dominum Christum.

Blessed is the virgin whose womb  
Was worthy to bear  
Christ the Lord.

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:46-55

Beth

**Anthem**

*Canticle of the Turning*

arr. John Ferguson

**Meditation**

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

**Anthem**

*Wolcum Yole*

Benjamin Britten

From *A Ceremony of Carols*

Welcome our heavenly King! Born in one morning and to whom we shall sing.

**Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 2:14-16

Susan

**Anthem**

*Angels' Carol*

John Rutter

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Invitation to Offering**

Amy

**Offertory**

*Interlude*

Benjamin Britten

**\*Doxology** words 607, tune 606

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Amy



QRCode for Giving

God’s People Pray / Lord’s Prayer

\*Hymn 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

\*Charge and Blessing

Recessional

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\*Postlude

A Christmas Celebration

arr. Phillip Keveren

The First Noel \* Go, Tell It On the Mountain \* O Come, All Ye Faithful

\* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak **emboldened type**

**USHERS:** Mark Schloegel, Christian Schloegel

**LITURGIST:** Amy Hall **AV:** Teagan Manning, Tristan Rush

**ADVENT WREATH:** Salbego Family, Michael Pavone

**ONLINE WORSHIP HOST:** Wendy Cook

Next Sunday in Worship, December 24

4<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9:30 am

Luke 1:26-38

We Find Joy in Connection



Henry Ossawa Tanner, "The Annunciation," 1898

Our Deepest Appreciation to the Chancel Choir for the offering of today’s special music

**Soprano**

Maura Janton Cock  
Julia Lorenz  
Betty Ann Morton  
Barbie Polus  
Wendy Wilhelm

**Alto**

Karna Boulton  
Ruth Karasek  
Jean Libera  
Ardes Poisson  
Judy Johns Schloegel

**Tenor**

Barb Coop  
Glenn Gabanski  
Pat Garner  
Gregg Morton

**Bass**

Kelly Buffton  
Ken Monson  
Doug Newkirk  
Larry Schulz  
Fred Veenbaas

**Guest Vocalists**

Karen Rockett, soprano  
Sean Watland, tenor  
BJ Engelhardt, bass

**Musicians**

Faye Seeman, Harp  
Jason Hill, Piano / Organ

**Conductor:** Dr. Christopher M. Cock

### **This week at CPC:**

**Sunday, December 17**

**Advent Choir**

**9:30 am — Worship**

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL rm 6

10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid

5:00 pm — Middle School & High School; LL rm 8

**Monday, December 18**

**Tuesday, December 19**

1:30 pm — Staff meeting; Chapel

7:00 pm — Stephen Ministers; Zoom

**Wednesday, December 20**

6:30 pm — Clarion Bells Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

**Thursday, December 21**

7:00 pm — CE-A; Zoom

**Friday, December 22**

Noon — Office closes

**Saturday, December 23**

**Sunday, December 24**

**Communion**

**9:30 am — Worship**

7:00 pm — Christmas Eve Worship

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**Monday, December 25**

Office Closed

**Tuesday, December 26**

Office Closed



### **NURSERY CARE**

The Nursery will be staffed **Sunday, Jan. 7**. 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 and is always open and available for use, even when not staffed by our volunteers.

**Live stream of the worship service in the Nursery is now available!**

### **CPC KIDS ~ 3yrs thru 5th grade**

Join us in Grace Space for the beginning of worship service. After Growing with God all children are invited to go to the Faith Formation classroom on the lower level to create a special ornament gift.



### **CPC Youth Celebrate Christmas! 12/17 from 5:00-7:30 pm**

The WF team has prepared a special celebration for our middle school and high school students including food, games and more! Take a break from your end of semester busyness to enjoy the season and to celebrate another wonderful year in youth ministry! Text your cube leaders if you aren't sure what they are doing prior to the Christmas Party! Please email Pastor Susan if you have any questions about youth ministry!!



### **KIDS' ACADEMY SAVE THE DATES**

**Monday, December 18, 2023** - Registration for the 2024/25 School Year for current Kids' Academy families.

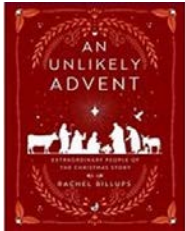
**Monday, January 15, 2024** - Open registration for the 2024/25 School Year for new families. Registration information will be updated to the Kids' Academy website shortly before that date.

**Saturday January 20, 2024 12pm-2pm** - Kids' Academy Open House

## DEACON HOLIDAY MEAL

12/21, 4-6pm

In collaboration with Jewel-Osco on 55th street, the Deacons will be passing out meals to our vulnerable neighbors for Christmas. We are looking for your help to make the season bright by donating Christmas desserts: cookie trays, brownies or even a Yule Log! Let your baking creativity run wild! Donations will be due on or before Thursday, December 21. For more information, contact Kris Veenbaas.



### ADULT ED – Magi AND Shepherds this Sunday

Sunday, December 17

10:45 am

Chapel/Hybrid

This Sunday, December 17, we will conclude our study of An Unlikely Advent, written by Rachel Billups.



For this week, we'll have two leaders, Linda Cirillo (magi) and Cyndi Frost (shepherds). Rachel Billups considers the magi to be "curious people" who are welcomed by God. For the shepherds, people on the fringes, God "shows up." There is hope for ALL of us, and that's welcome news.

Rachel will join us via video, providing an excellent overview and a stimulus for the discussion that we will have.

Join us in the chapel at 10:45, or join us online via Zoom. [Zoom Link](#)



### NEWS OF THE AMOS GROUP

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

#### Last Call! Help Connect Gifts and Children in Struggling Families

Time's running out to help Toy Express provide gifts for kids to brighten their holidays. They need volunteers to phone registered families, to schedule an appointment for them to pick out toys for their kids. Calls are made out of Love's Clearinghouse office in

Westmont. Toy Express has a form prepared for each family, making the calls quite easy. Volunteers can help essentially any time for a couple of hours - ideally Tuesday afternoons, Thursday morning or afternoons, or Friday afternoons (or any day after 4pm).

If you can help, please contact Becky Bewley Rush by email at [executivedirector@love-cc.org](mailto:executivedirector@love-cc.org) or [becky@love-cc.org](mailto:becky@love-cc.org) -- or by phone at 630.512.8673. Recruit a couple of friends to go with you!

Please send your questions, ideas or comments to [Gregg Morton](#).

## CPC YOUTH ALUMNI WINTER REUNION

Fri, Dec 29 Beginning at 4:00pm

Youth Lounge

One of the best parts of the holidays is reconnecting with friends and family! We are so excited to welcome back our college aged students and hope you can join us for a winter reunion on December 29th. Join us for painting in the youth lounge, food and a time to simply be together. We look forward to seeing you! Contact Pastor Susan or Riley Roca with any questions!







### MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION

#### PLEASE RETURN DONATION BAGS TO THE FAR END OF THE GATHERING ROOMS FOR DECEMBER

Food Pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services. Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC. Thank you for your generous donations.

The suggested menu is:

- Cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tuna or chicken
- Fruit Cups or Applesauce
- Canned Vegetables

Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or credenza in the hallway outside of the sanctuary, or use your own bag and return to CPC, placing it in the **GATHERING ROOM DURING THE REMAINDER OF DECEMBER**. Thank you for your generous donations.

### THE CHURCH OFFICE will be

closed Friday, December 22 at noon – Tuesday, December 26, 2023

**open Wednesday, December 27**

**open Thursday, December 28 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**open Friday, December 29; 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

closed Monday, January 1, 2024

**open Tuesday, January 2, 2024**



### 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 2023 or providing a year-end gift, all gifts are important and deeply appreciated.

To ensure your donations are credited to your 2023 giving please:

- Mail donations with a postmark no later than December 31
- Give on-line by December 28 at <https://onrealm.org/cpc-/form/give/now>
- Bring your donation to church office by **noon, Friday Dec 29**
- NOTE: Office closed Mon Dec 25, Tues Dec 26

### LOOKING AHEAD to 2024

Jan 7	Baptism of the Lord Sunday	Baptism and New Members join, Communion
Jan 14	3rd Grade Bible Sunday	Ordination & Installation of Elders and Deacons
Jan 21	Ordination & Installation of Deacons and Elders	
Jan 28	Guest Preacher / Teacher: Rev Dr Barbara Wilson	
Feb 4	Annual Meeting of the Congregation following worship, Communion	
Feb 11	Youth Sunday	
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 pm, Communion	

## ANNUAL MEETING & ALL CHURCH BRUNCH

Sun Feb 4 following worship

Plan to be present to celebrate the joy and excitement! Following worship and communion, we'll delight in a homemade brunch, complete with Kris and Jack's candied BACON, highlights of 2023 and a round of CPC Jeopardy!! This intergenerational event will have activities for kids and adults alike!

*Did someone say BACON?*



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