

## Worship for the Lord's Day Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

9:30 am

Prelude

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Mark Hayes

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Max Fenstermacher

Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

\*Opening Words

Gregg Morton

One: Wait for the Lord.

**All: Our souls wait and hope in God's word.**

One: Hope in the Lord.

**All: With God there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem.**

One: Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

**All: More than those who watch for the morning.**

\*Hymn 772

*Live into Hope*

TRURO

Call to Confession

Gregg

One: Christ is nearer to us than we can imagine. Jesus' power is not just for a distant past and a far-off future. Jesus is here for us here and now. Because there is forgiveness with God, let us call upon the Lord.

## Prayer of Confession

**All:** God of resurrection, we know the power of death. We have seen its works, we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair, and felt like there was no chance for life. We question your power to resurrect. We doubt your power to redeem our pain, and fashion something beautiful in this world. Forgive us. We cry from the depths—however faint our call may be, we pray you hear our voices.

## Assurance of God's Grace

One: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in us,

**All:** the Spirit of God will be our life and the grace of God will be our righteousness.

One: And if the Holy Spirit dwells in us, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead,

**All:** will also give life to us! This is the good news!

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## \*Sung Response 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

## \*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 468 v 1

*In My Life*

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

## Growing with God

Kristin Duy

*Following our time together, all children are invited to remain in Grace Space or join the Faith Formation teachers in Rm LL6 downstairs.*

## Introducing Guest Preacher

Gregg

## Prayer for Inspiration

## Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## Sermon

*Look Through the Eyes of the Spirit*

Rev. Dr. Barbara Wilson

## \*Hymn 286

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

## Offering Our Gifts to God

### Invitation to Offering

#### Offertory

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Clarion Bell Choir

Gregg  
arr. Jason Krug

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

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\***Prayer of Dedication**

Gregg



QRCode for Giving

### Church Tidings

Susan

### Joys & Concerns

Beth

### God's People Pray / Lord's Prayer

\***Hymn 100**

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

\***Charge and Blessing**

Barbara

\***Postlude**

*When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

arr. Carol Tornquist

## Congregational Meeting to elect Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

\* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

**ACOLYTE:** Max Fenstermacher

**USHERS:** Amy Hall, Ann Jaltuch

**LITURGIST:** Gregg Morton

**ONLINE WORSHIP HOST:** Kathy Florence

**AV:** Paul Abraham, Pat Garner

### Next Sunday in Worship, February 4 **Annual Meeting**

9:30 am

Isaiah 40:26-31; Mark 1:29-39

*Renewed Strength*



#### **GUEST PREACHER AND TEACHER**

**Rev. Dr. Barbara Wilson**

Rev. Dr. Barbara Wilson, Associate Executive Presbyterian of the Chicago Presbytery, is our guest preacher and Adult Ed leader today.

Her Adult Education Session is titled ***Finding & Being Hope: Restorative Practices for Building Resilience***. Resilience is the ability to thrive, adapt and cope despite tough and stressful times. Let's learn concepts and practices that can restore and recenter us, increasing our resilience for living, mission and ministry, and community building.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Electing Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC)

Sun Jan 28

10:30 am

Session has called for a meeting of the Congregation on Jan 28 immediately following worship for the sole purpose of electing members to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). The Nominating Committee will present the slate and nominations will be taken from the floor. This committee will interview and discern candidates for the pastoral position of Associate Pastor with an emphasis on Youth Ministry. Nominating is recommending the following persons to serve on the APNC: Amy Campbell, Val Cooper, Kendall Florence, Alison Kocoras, Teagan Manning, Ken Monson and Gianni Salbego.

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

#### **Sunday, January 28**

##### **9:30 am — Worship**

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Rm 6

10:30 am — Congregational Meeting

10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel/Hybrid

5:00 pm — High School Cube; Youth Lounge  
Middle School Youth Group; LL Rm 8

#### **Monday, January 29**

7:00 pm — H & G; Gathering Room

7:00 pm — Deacons; Chapel/Hybrid

#### **Tuesday, January 30**

1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel/Hybrid

7:00 pm — Mission & Outreach; Zoom

#### **Wednesday, January 31**

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

#### **Thursday, February 1**

9:00 am — Read • Share • Pray; Chapel / Zoom

7:30 pm — Amos Group; Zoom

#### **Friday, February 2**

#### **Saturday, February 3**

#### **Sunday, February 4**

##### **Communion**

##### **9:30 am — Worship**

9:45 am — No Faith Formation - Children remain in worship

10:45 am — Annual Meeting

10:45 am — APNC Orientation; Chapel

5:00 pm — High School Cubes; Youth Lounge  
Middle School Youth Group; LL Rm 8



### **NURSERY CARE**

The Nursery will be staffed on **Sunday, Feb. 4**. 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 is offered in the Nursery.**

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

After Growing with God, all children are invited to join our leaders in faith formation class where they will learn about Psalm 111 by participating in a game, doing a craft and watching a video.



### **CPC Youth on Sunday Nights!**

**5-7:30 pm**

Middle School and high school will meet on Sunday night beginning at 5:00 pm in the youth lounge! High school cubes will be discussing different images of God found in scripture. Middle School will be looking at the role of a prophet and looking at people in our history who have spoken to us in a prophetic way. Willem's cube will be making dinner and the WF team is planning for Dutch Auction! From 6-7:30 pm, our friends from different churches in Hinsdale will be joining us! Looking forward to welcoming new friends and sharing quality time with known friends this week!





### BIBLE EXPLORERS GROUP

Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 17 & April 28

During Sunday worship service

All kids in 3rd - 5th grade are encouraged to participate in our Bible Explorers group. These sessions will be exciting, engaging and experiential. Kids will get a chance to interact with their friends and their bibles in ways that equip and inspire them to read their Bibles regularly at home.

### PAJAMA PARTY ~ PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, February 9

All kids 4 yrs old thru 5th grade

6pm - 8:30 pm

\$5.00 per child, payable at the door

Drop the kids off for a pajama party complete with pizza, games, a craft and a movie!

Space is limited so sign up today by clicking [HERE](#)



### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT ED

January 28

10:45-11:45 am

Adult Education welcomes a friend and guest this week. Rev Dr Barbara Wilson will lead our Adult Education class this Sunday. (Please see the Guest Preacher and Teacher notice for her picture and more information.)

We will meet in the chapel and on Zoom at 10:45 on Sunday, January 28. [Zoom link](#)

### NEWS OF THE AMOS GROUP

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



Please Join Us to Hear Barbara Wilson at Adult Education this Sunday

Our preacher and teacher on January 28 will be the Rev. Dr. Barbara Wilson from the Chicago Presbytery. She has met with the Amos Group regarding how our work is going – and where we want to go from here. Sunday's class is her message back to all of us at CPC. (Adult Ed timing and locations are cited in the Adult Ed notice.)

Please send your questions, ideas or comments to Gregg Morton.

### MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION

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

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## The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Future of American Democracy

A Program of Fourth Presbyterian Church

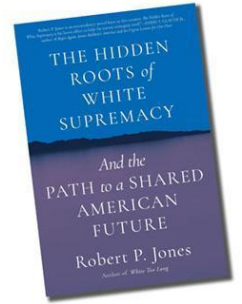
Wednesday, January 31

6:30 p.m.

Chapel

We'll gather in the chapel to livestream this adult ed program from Fourth Pres.

Come to hear **Robert P. Jones**, author of the New York Times bestselling book *The Hidden Roots of White*



*Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future*.

In a presentation moderated by Fourth Church member Cynthia Johnson, Mr. Jones will explain how the founders of the United States could build the philosophical framework for a democratic society on a foundation of mass racial violence — and why this paradox survives today in the form of white Christian nationalism.

Through stories of people navigating these contradictions in three communities, Jones illuminates the possibility of a new American future in which we finally fulfill the promise of a pluralistic democracy.



**Robert P. Jones** is the president and founder of Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) and writes regularly on politics, culture, and religion for the Atlantic, TIME, Religion News Service, and other outlets.

He is frequently featured in major national media, such as CNN, MSNBC, NPR, the New York Times, the Washington Post, and others. He is also the author of *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*, which won a 2021 American Book Award, and *The End of White Christian America*, which won the 2019 Grawemeyer Award in Religion.

Jones writes weekly at [robertpjones.substack.com](http://robertpjones.substack.com), a newsletter for those dedicated to the work of truth-telling, repair, and healing from the legacy of white supremacy in American Christianity. He holds a Ph.D. in religion from Emory University and an M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



EXODUS REFUGEE TRAINING COURSE

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, February 22, 6:30 p.m.

We are excited to be sponsoring a training course right at Community Presbyterian Church! This training prepares volunteers to engage with refugees. It offers in-depth learning and activities to broaden understanding of who refugees are, how they get to the U.S., and what help they receive when they arrive. Learn about the culture(s) of many refugees who are arriving and how to navigate cross-cultural communication and friendship. Come if you want the chance to meet a refugee family or even if you are curious to know more about the program.

The world refugee crisis is increasing dramatically, and people are fleeing from beleaguered countries all over the world. CPC will soon be preparing another Welcome Pack to bring to a family as we did last year, and there are other ways to volunteer. You will hear about those. There is no cost and no obligation, so please come on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and gain understanding of this important mission. Christ calls us to care.

**YOUTH SUNDAY**

**February 11**

**9:30 am**

Our high school students will be designing and leading worship on Sunday, February 11. We look forward to hearing from our students and supporting them by attending worship that morning! We hope you will join us and share in this special tradition!



**You're Invited!**

**CPC Annual Meeting and Celebration**  
**Sunday, Feb 4, 2024**  
Coffee at 9:30 am Worship  
Communion will be served  
Annual Meeting/Party at 10:30am

**Homemade Brunch**  
**2023 Good News Stories**  
**CPC Jeopardy**  
**Activities for Kids**

RSVP Appreciated for Food Planning purposes but you are welcome even if you don't RSVP  
Please use link below

## ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS SEASON OF LENT

Wed Feb 14

7:00 pm worship

Share in a contemplative worship to set our focus on the journey of Lent. This evening we remember God formed us from the dust of the earth. Our lives are finite, so we want to spend every moment in tune with God, living whole, abundant lives—the kind of lives we were created to lead. And so in recognition of our origins in the earth, in acknowledgment of our finite days, we come to receive ashes and remember: dust we are, and to dust we shall return.



### LENT

Feb 14 - Mar 30

Figuring out Faith with Peter

This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.



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