



Worship for the Lord's Day Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

9:30 am

Prelude

Come Just As You Are

arr. Mark Hayes

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

***Opening Words**

Kelly Bufton

One: God is our rock and salvation.

All: We wait to hear from God; our souls wait.

One: We depend on God alone;

All: we release what will pass away and rest in God's enduring mercy.

One: Though God calls us down difficult paths,

All: we answer, relying on God's help, for God keeps calling us to the work.

One: Let us worship God!

***Hymn 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Invitation to Prayer

Kelly

One: Friends, let us join our voices and hearts in a moment of prayer. In prayer we open ourselves to new possibilities and are willing to be vulnerable with God and one another because we know we are claimed as God's very own. And praying together we say...

Prayer of the Day

All: Great God, Jesus awakened the disciples to a new life-changing purpose that caused them to drop it all and follow him. You call us here from our everyday work in this very busy world. Have we dropped it all to follow you? Awaken us, we pray. Show us how to leave everything behind and with our lives to proclaim the good news —your kingdom is drawing near. Make us into vessels that carry your message of love, that we might, with others, turn around, see, and believe. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Hear and believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

All: Jesus leads us all to new life. Hallelujah, Amen.

*Sung Response 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Kelly

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

Beth

Following our time together, all children are invited to Faith Formation with leaders in room LL6.

Prayer for Inspiration

Kelly

Scripture Reading

Psalm 62:5-12

Kelly

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:1-5

Beth

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Called to Act

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Hymn 332 v 1, 2, 4

The Right Hand of God

LA MANO DE DIOS

Installation & Ordination of Elders and Deacons

Sentences of Scripture

Statement on Ordination & Installation

Constitutional Questions

Prayer for Ordination for Elders and Deacons / Laying on of Hands

Declaration of Ordination & Installation

Charge & Welcome

Deacons Installed

Ann Lorenz, class of 2026

Larry Schulz, class of 2026

Elder Installed

Phil Lorenz, class of 2026

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Kelly

Offertory

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

Chancel Choir

*Doxology words 607, tune 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

*Prayer of Dedication

Kelly



QRCode for Giving

*Hymn 761 v 1, 2, 3

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECH

*Charge and Blessing

Beth

*Postlude #339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson

"The Black National Anthem"

and John Rosamond Johnson

I invite you to sing along with all three verses of Hymn #399 if you would like, in solidarity with all who struggle for equity, equality, justice, and hope. With a Voice of Joy! - Jason

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand, True to our God, True to our native land.

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

USHERS: Ann Jaltuch, Kris Veenbaas

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Courteney Templeton

LITURGIST: Kelly Bufton

AV: Pat Garner, Scott Anderson

Next Sunday in Worship, January 28

4th Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 am

Ezekiel 37:11-14

Look Through the Eyes of the Spirit





JAZZ CONCERT: JEREMY KAHN

Sunday, Jan 21

3:00 pm

We are excited to welcome jazz pianist Jeremy Kahn, one of Chicago's busiest pianists, dividing his time between jazz venues, pit orchestras, and recording and teaching studios. He has performed on stage with Dizzy Gillespie, Joni Mitchell, Aretha Franklin, Branford Marsalis, the Chicago and Milwaukee Symphony Orchestras, and on screen with Madonna and Mary Wilson. Jeremy has played at many of Chicago's leading downtown and suburban theaters for shows such as *Wicked*, *Spamalot*, *The Lion King*, *Les Miserables*, *Aida*, and *Aladdin*.

Appearing with Jeremy will be Eric Schneider (sax and clarinet), Clark Sommers (bass), George Fludas (drums), and Paul Marinaro (vocals). They will sing and swing the great Standards, featuring composers like George Gershwin and Duke Ellington. Admission is free.

GUEST PREACHER AND TEACHER:

Rev. Dr. Barbara Wilson

Sunday, January 28

Rev. Dr. Barbara Wilson, Associate Executive Presbyter of the Chicago Presbytery, will be our guest preacher and Adult Ed Leader on Jan 28. Her sermon topic is: Look Through the Eyes of the Spirit with a focus on Ezekiel 37:11-14.

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. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul. . .Hebrews 6:19a NRSV



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 21

Installation of Deacons & Elder

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Rm 6

10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel/Hybrid

3:00 pm — Jazz concert; Sanctuary / Hybrid

Monday, January 22

7:00 pm — Communications; Zoom

Tuesday, January 23

9:15 am — Circle 1; Gathering Room

1:00 pm — Circle 2; Gathering Room

1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel/Hybrid

7:00 pm — Circle 3; Gathering Room

Wednesday, January 24

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

Thursday, January 25

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

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27

Sunday, January 28

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Rm 6

9:45 am — Bible Explorers; LL Rm 8

10:30 am — Congregational meeting; sanctuary / Hybrid

10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel/Hybrid

5:00 pm — High School Cube; 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 how Jonah traveled to Nineveh to proclaim God's message.



**CPC Youth are on Retreat!
Program resumes 1/28**

Our middle and high school students will be returning from retreat later this morning and will not meet tonight. CPC Youth on Sunday nights returns on 1/28 from 5-7:30 pm. We will be discussing images of God in scripture, Willem's cube will be making dinner and we will welcome our friends from Faith Youth Collective of Hinsdale! Looking forward to another great few weeks in youth ministry!



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



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT ED

January 21

10:45-11:45 am

Martin Luther King, Jr – in the Pulpit

Just about everyone knows about and has heard King's 'I Have a Dream' speech -- and maybe snippets from others. But King also served as a church pastor for many years. Sunday, we will explore some of King's sermons and see how they relate to us today. This class will be led by Kelly Bufton.

We will meet in the chapel and on Zoom at 10:45 on Sunday, January 21. [Zoom link](#)

News of THE AMOS GROUP

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. and what he stood for

We encourage you to listen, to read, and to study the teachings and example of Martin Luther King, Jr. One way to do that will be to attend CPC's Adult Ed class on Sunday, January 21. (See related post about Adult Ed). And, as a bonus, our preacher and teacher on January 28 will be Rev Dr Barbara Wilson from the Chicago Presbytery. (See related post about her topics.)

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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INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

Today, Jan. 21

Recently elected Deacons will be installed in mid-January. Be present to support their promises and bold YES to serve God and church. All formerly ordained Deacons, Elders and Ministers of Word & Sacrament will be invited to share in the laying on of hands.



The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Future of American Democracy A Program of Fourth Presbyterian Church

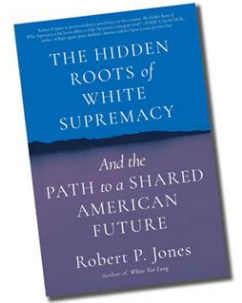
Wednesday, January 31

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, 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 22nd and gain understanding of this important mission. Christ calls us to care.



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 candied BACON, highlights of 2023 and a round of CPC Jeopardy!! This intergenerational event will have activities for kids and adults alike!

Get ready to play CPC Jeopardy!



PAJAMA PARTY ~ PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, February 9

All kids 4 yrs old thru 5th grade

6pm - 8:30pm

\$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](#)



COVID UPDATE

Information posted by CDC indicates the emergence of a new COVID variant and a rise in hospitalizations. DuPage County is currently designated at the Medium level for COVID. At this level, the CDC recommends those at high risk of getting very sick (e.g., immunocompromised, underlying health conditions) wear a mask when indoors in public, in addition to the general

guidance for all stay up to date with vaccinations, ventilate indoor spaces, wash hands frequently, and avoid contact with those who are infected.

At this time, there are no new recommended actions at CPC. We will continue to do things such as Passing the Peace and Communion in ways that minimize the opportunity for virus spread. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise of any needed adjustments.



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