First Sunday of Advent
Worship for the Lord’s Day
November 27, 2022
9:30 am

Prelude
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
arr. Mark Hayes

Words of Welcome
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Opening Words
Robin Randall
One: Let us go into the house of the Lord!
All: Let us meet God with joy!
One: God builds us up like a great city.
All: May peace be within our walls.
One: Let us seek the goodness of God;
All: let us go into the house of the Lord!

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Hymn 107
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
REJOICE, REJOICE

Call to Confession
Robin
One: In this season of waiting, in this time of preparation, we long to draw closer to God, as a comfort and as our savior. So often, we get in our own way; we make choices that trip us up as we move toward God. So then, let us make our confession.
Prayer of Confession

Holy God, our hearts are breaking, and we don’t know whether to shout in rage or keep silent in fear. We take our rage and fear and regret and grief out on others, and we know that is wrong. We act selfishly; we consume and hoard and haggle, and we know that is not what you ask of us in this sacred time. Help us. Mend our hearts. Hear our voices. Comfort us in our grief, and open our hands so that we will share in our sorrow and joy, in our hope and despair. Come to us again, we pray, and make us ready to receive you. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: Beloved, know this: the God of Presence, the God of Transformation, the God of Hope, hears our prayers and gives us power to love.

All: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response 583

Glory to God

GLORIA (Taizé)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Beth

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

Susan

Following our time together, all kids are encouraged to stay in the worship service this week. Sunday school will resume next Sunday.

Prayer for Inspiration

Robin

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

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

All: Thanks be to God!
Sermon  
The Leftovers  
Rev. Susan Tindall

*Hymn 88 v. 1, 2, 7  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
VENI EMMANUEL

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Offertory  
Keep Your Lamps!  
Chancel Choir

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

Prayer of Dedication

Church Tidings  
Susan

Joys and Concerns  
Beth

God's People Pray.

One:  We lift this prayer to God.

All:  Lord, hear our prayers.

Lord's Prayer

All:  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.

*Hymn 384  
Soon and Very Soon  
SOON AND VERY SOON

*Charge and Blessing  
Susan

*Postlude  
Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow  
arr. Marianne Kim

* Please rise in spirit or body
All speak emboldened type
Next Sunday in Worship, December 4
Second Sunday of Advent
Communion
Special Music by TWAJ
Looking Through a New Lens
Matthew 3:1-12

STEWARDSHIP 2023 PLEDGES
Please pledge by Dec 1
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. The Stewardship Committee is connecting with members who have not yet pledged. You may pledge online in your Realm profile or at https://onrealm.org/cpc/AddPledge/annualpledge2023
Please make your 2023 pledge by Dec 1 so that Session will have this information when determining what staffing positions and ministries we may afford in 2023 and beyond.

COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE
DuPage County (and all of the Chicago metro area) changed from Low to Medium Community Transmission level on 11/11 then back to Low on 11/18; the county may flip-flop between these designations weekly. For CPC, the main difference for Medium versus Low, 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 continue.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING
DECEMBER 11
The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. 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.
This week at CPC:

Sunday, November 27
First Sunday of Advent
NO FAITH FORMATION ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH OR CHILDREN
8:45 am — Chancel Choir warm-up
9:30 am — Worship
10:45 am — Adult Education; Chapel/Hybrid

Monday, November 28
7:00 pm — Communications; Zoom
7:00 pm — Deacons’; Zoom

Tuesday, November 29
1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Hybrid
7:00 pm — Endowment; zoom

Wednesday, November 30
No Chancel Choir rehearsal this week.

Thursday, December 1
9:00 am — Thursday Morning Devotions; Chapel/Hybrid
No Clarion Bell Rehearsal - Resumes December 8
7:00 pm — A&P; Chapel/Hybrid
7:30 pm — The Amos Group; Zoom

Friday, December 2
Church office closed
Annual Reports due to Stephanie

Saturday, December 3

Sunday, December 4
Communion
Second Sunday of Advent
8:45 am — TWAJ 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

NURSERY CARE
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 Luke 1:68-79. The children will talk about waiting and preparing for someone special to come and how excited we can get when they finally arrive.

CPC YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!
Sunday, 5-7pm
We will not meet on Sunday, November 27th. Next week, the middle school students will be having dinner and going Christmas shopping. The high school students will be talking about the Christmas story and having a cozy WF movie time! If you would like to be connected to youth ministry, please contact Pastor Susan.

MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER
Food Pantries are in desperate need! Fill a bag with grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services. The suggested menu for November and December is:

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Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC any time in November and December. Thank you for your generous donations in October.
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 (2:00 - 3:00pm EST)

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsf-2trTgiHtY9iZVvFLkzy9NGts0MIUam

OR

Tue, Dec 6, Jan 3 and Feb. 7 at 7:00 - 8:00pm CST (8:00 - 9:00pm EST)

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.

ART FOR ALZHEIMERS

Delores Freudenberg’s hand-made quilled greeting cards will be featured at an Art and Craft show benefiting the Alzheimer’s Foundation at Yogurt Beach, 3027 English Rows Avenue, Naperville starting November 5th though December 2nd. Please share with anyone interested.

COCOA, COOKIES & CRAFTS

Sunday, December 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!

Click HERE to RSVP

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.

This year we are donating Christmas gifts to People’s Resource Center in Westmont. The Tea will be too late to bring gifts as PRC needs them by November 28. If you wish you may bring gifts to the Gathering Room before November 28 and place them in the marked box. We will get them delivered. **No toys or mittens this year, but NEW games, books, blankets, and stuffed animals** will be appreciated. Or you may donate online using the links provided at [https://www.peoplesrc.org/share2022/](https://www.peoplesrc.org/share2022/)

CIRCLE OF VOICES
Wednesday, December 14
CIRCLE OF VOICES will meet on Wednesday, December 14th at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is *The Personal Librarian*, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not finished or read the book. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library. Traditionally we enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. For more information, contact Barb Coop.

SHOWER BEV BRIGGS WITH BIRTHDAY LOVE
Bev has moved to a new home in assisted living in Columbus, IN. Mary and Dan Youngman, Bev’s neighbors for over 20 years, will be visiting her on Dec 3. Let’s shower Bev with some CPC Love through our birthday cards to her. She will celebrate her birthday on Nov 30. Please send or drop off your cards for Bev’s birthday in the church office by Dec 1.

HOLIDAY WALK IN CLARENDON HILLS
Fri Dec 2
5:00 - 9:00 pm
The Membership Committee needs your help decorating our CPC and Kids' Academy tree in downtown Clarendon Hills! Take a candy cane kit from the Narthex and bring it back before 12/2. Then, come by and visit our decorated tree during the holiday walk on Friday, December 2nd from 5-9 p.m! We look forward to continuing this tradition and representing CPC and Kids’ Academy at this community event! Our tree will be in front of the Learning Express toy shop all season long!

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. Our first leader is Robin Randall. Join us in the chapel or online via Zoom. If you would like a copy of the book, contact Pastor Susan.
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Save these dates

Sun Dec 4: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Communion, Youth Quartet (TWAJ) sings, Cookies, Cocoa, Carols & Crafts, Adult Ed: Holy Disruption
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 all worship services
Sun Dec 25: Christmas Day worship at 9:30 am with Communion

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