

Worship for the Lord's Day
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage Sunday

November 17, 2024
9:30 am

Prelude

O Day of Peace

arr. by Marianne Kim

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Theodore Crouse

Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

***Opening Words**

One: Whether we are sure of God's work in the world or still waiting for a sign,

All: let us worship the Lord, encouraging one another in hope.

One: Whether we are confident in what the future will bring or
carry more questions than answers,

All: let us worship the Lord, strengthening one another in faith.

***Hymn 756 v 1, 2, 4**

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

Call to Confession

Warren Ali

**All: O God, we confess that the sin of racial hatred and prejudice distorts
your divine plan for our human lives.**

You created us in divine likeness, diverse and beautiful.

In every person, every race is your image.

But too often we fail to recognize your image in all.

Forgive us.

You created us in divine freedom, to be free.

In every decision, every choice is your possibility of justice.

But too often we fail to choose to advocate for your justice for all.

Forgive us.

You created us for divine abundance, to tend and share.

In every garden and every social structure is your seed of community.

**But too often we fail to create that community which includes all,
and gives to all equal access to your abundant life:**

Forgive us.

Open our eyes to distinguish good from evil,

Open our hearts to desire good over evil,

Strength our wills to choose good over evil,

So that we may create among us your beloved community. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Hear the good news: God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ forgives us and sets us free to live full human lives in community. We may go forth confident of the grace to see with new eyes beyond racial prejudice; to imagine with renewed fervor justice and mercy for all, and to create with a new will a community where all are given access to God's abundant life.

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**

Kris Veenbaas

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 291, refrain only**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

Growing with God

Kristin Duy

*Following Growing with God, all children are invited to go to Faith Formation class, return to Grace Space,
or sit in the pews with their families.*

***Sung Response 291**, refrain only

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Prayer for Inspiration

Kris

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:6-8

Kris

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

All: Thanks be to God!

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Ephesians 4:25-27; 29-32

Gregg Morton

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Pilgrim Meditations

Beth Freese Dammers

Gregg Morton

Kris Veenbaas

Sam Dammers

Betty Ann Morton

***Hymn 754**

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Warren

Offertory

Come ye Thankful People, Come

arr. Jason Krug

Clarion Bell Choir

***Doxology** words 607, tune 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Warren



QRCode for Giving

Church Tidings

Beth

Minute for Mission: Christmas Joy Special PC(USA) Offering

Gloria Tatar

Joys & Concerns

Beth

God's People Pray / The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 765**

May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

Recessional on "To God Be the Glory"

arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

** Please rise in spirit or body*

All speak emboldened type

ACOLYTE: Theodore Crouse
GUEST ORGANIST / PIANIST: Robert Sacks
ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Courteney Templeton

LITURGIST: Warren Ali
USHERS: Ann Jaltuch
AV: Geneva Ali, Liz Monson

Next Sunday in Worship, Nov 24
Reign of Christ Sunday

King of Truth

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37



VISITING CPC? WELCOME!

We believe feeling welcome is foundational for members and visitors to be open to the journey of lifelong faith formation and growth. If you've felt a sense of welcome at CPC and are curious in learning more about us, reach out to Ingrid Ellithorpe, Community Connector, to chat by email ingridellithorpe@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 630.452.2625.



MUGS AND KISSES

CPC Mugs Available for Purchase

Sunday, November 17, 10:30am

Fellowship Hall

You won't want to miss this opportunity! **Today**, Sunday, November 17, a limited supply of CPC mugs will be available for purchase for \$15 each. Cash, check, or Realm payment will be accepted.



KIDS' ACADEMY POINSETTIA PLANT SALE

Proceeds support Tuition Assistance

Orders Due: Sun Nov 17 TODAY

It's time to place your order for holiday plants and poinsettias while supporting the Kids' Academy Tuition Assistance Fund! A portion of each purchase benefits the fund, assuring that working families living on minimal income may have safe, quality childcare for their 3-12 yr. children from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at CPC.

Poinsettias may be ordered for yourself, to decorate the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas Eve, and to Share the Love. Ordering is now seamless online at gochcpc.org/KAholidayplantsale or by scanning the QR code. Be sure to order no later than **today**, Sunday, November 17th. Orders can be picked up on December 7th at the church.



This week at CPC:

Sunday, November 17

Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage Sunday

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Rm 6

10:30 am — Make & Take Thanksgiving Centerpiece

10:45 am — Adult Education; Sanctuary

5:00 pm — Cubes - HS & MS; Lower Level

Monday, November 18

6:30 pm — Finance; Zoom

7:00 pm — Concert Series Committee; Zoom

Tuesday, November 19

1:30 pm — Staff meeting; Chapel/Hybrid

3:00 pm — Presbytery General Assembly meeting;
Knox Presbyterian Church, Naperville

4:00 - 6:00 pm — Meet & Greet Kelley Lemley;
Gathering Room

6:00 pm — Pageant Rehearsal; Sanctuary

7:00 pm — Stephen Ministers; Zoom

7:30 pm — CE-Y; Chapel/Hybrid

Wednesday, November 20

9:30 am — Circle of Voices; Gathering Room

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

Thursday, November 21

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

7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

Friday, November 22

Church office closed

Saturday, November 23

11:00 — Jim Lindon Funeral

Sunday, November 24

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — NO Faith Formation - children remain
in worship

10:45 am — Adult Education; Chapel / Zoom

5:00 pm — Cubes - HS & MS; Lower Level

Haiku inspired by the Civil Rights Pilgrimage Written by Larry Schulz

Plantation hist'ry
No reward for black slaves yet still
Their spirit hopeful



SHARE THE SPIRIT COLLECTION

November 3 - December 8

For over 25 years, People's Resource Center's (PRC) Share the Spirit Program has invited our most vulnerable

neighbors throughout DuPage Co. to experience holiday shopping for their families at the DuPage Co. Fairgrounds. This year CPC is helping by collecting:

~New stuffed animals (12 ins. Or smaller)

~New, w/tags, crib or twin sized blankets

Drop off all donations in the baskets at door 5C or narthex



GRACE SPACE - A SPACE FOR ALL CHILDREN

All children 3yrs - 10yrs are invited to participate in the worship service in a space designed just for them. There are coloring & activity pages, books, puzzles, fidget items, streamers and

more for the children to use while worshipping right up front!



NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed by our volunteers on **Dec. 1**. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor and is always open

for use, even when not staffed by our volunteers.

Livestream of the service is on each week!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST SIGN-UP

**Dec. 8 during 9:30 am worship
service**

It is time once again to prepare for the Christmas Pageant. If your

child is interested in ANY role please click [HERE](#) to add their name to the cast list by choosing either a speaking or non-speaking role. There will be angels, shepherds, animals, Mary, Joseph, the Innkeeper, wise ones... and, of course, baby Jesus!

- Rehearsals: **Plan on attending at least 2 rehearsals**
 - Thursday, Nov. 14 @ 6:00pm
 - Tuesday, Nov. 19 @ 6:00pm
 - Thursday, Dec. 5 @ 5:45pm
- Pageant Date: Sunday, December 8 @ 8:30am

Emmet Till martyr
Killed for nought but a whistle
Difference spurs hate



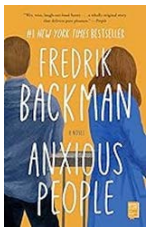
ADULT EDUCATION – Reports on the Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage

The Mission, Education and Outreach Committee is pleased to announce the Adult Education class for TODAY, November 17. Representatives from the October Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage will share pictures and stories of their trip – and will do their best to answer your questions.

We expect a large turnout for this class, based on prior experiences with reports following major excursions. To facilitate the larger group – and ensure that people can hear both onsite and online – this class will meet in the sanctuary.

Rather than using Zoom, we will use the Online Worship stream that we also use for Sunday worship. If you attend worship via stream you can stay connected after the service to join in for the class. We plan to start the class at about 10:45.

Please join us in the sanctuary or [ONLINE](#). If you join online, you will be able to submit questions using the Chat feature.



CIRCLE OF VOICES

Wednesday, Nov 20 9:30am

Gathering Room

Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, November 20th at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. We will be discussing **Anxious People: A Novel** by Fredrik Backman. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not finished or read the book. Traditionally we enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. For more information, contact Barb Coop.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS TEA

Tuesday, December 3, 12:30

All Invited

Our annual Christmas Tea is a great way to get in touch with old friends and with staff. Please come, men, women, children—everyone.

We'll have coffee and tea and delicious treats. You may, if you wish, contribute a small plate of cookies, sweet bread or other treats. Not necessary but certainly appreciated.

Hope to see you in the Gathering Room on the 3rd!



CHRISTMAS JOY

You will notice an insert in today's bulletin describing how funds dedicated to the Christmas Joy offering will be used. 50% of this annual special offering assists current and retired church workers in a time of need, while another 50% is used for Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Take this bulletin insert home with you and prayerfully consider what you will give. The Christmas Joy offerings will be collected on December 1.



LENDING LIBRARY IS OPEN

Are you looking for good books for your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or yourself?

Visit the Lending Library in the Narthex and check out a book!

There will be children's books, parenting books and general interest books. Simply complete the form for each book you take and enjoy for up to 2 weeks!

Check back often and watch our little library grow!

MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION

Food pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with non-perishable grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services.

The suggested menu is:

- Cereal and Pancake Mix
- Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Beans
- Rice
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Salad Dressing
- Paper Products



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.

THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR NEIGHBORS

Wednesday, Nov 27

NEED cooks, carvers, pies, folks to present at dinner tables

Your support of the Progressive Dinner allows the Board of Deacons to offer a free homemade Thanksgiving Dinner to any persons in need! Additionally, **many volunteers are needed to cook, carve, provide pies and sit at the table sharing conversation during dinner.** Can you help with:

- **Cooking Sides** Wed, Nov 27, noon - 5:00
- **Carving Turkeys** Wed, Nov 27, 5:15
- Bake or Buy a whole **pie** to donate. Deliver pies to fellowship hall kitchen on Tues, Nov 26 or Wed, Nov 27.
- **Share table fellowship.** Be present to eat the meal with our guests at 5:30 pm on Wed, Nov 27 and engage in conversation.
- **Spread the word!** Letters have been sent to local food pantries, inviting all in need to RSVP for a meal by calling the church office. Invite anyone you know who may need a meal OR pick up a meal and deliver it to a neighbor!

Contact **Kris Veenbaas** with any questions or to volunteer to help.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

will be packed on 11/24

Do you know any college age CPC alums? PLEASE help us send them some cheer by providing addresses so we can send them a care package. These are much loved! Send addresses to [Alyssa Woody](#). THANK YOU!



THANKSGIVING CENTERPIECE MAKE & TAKE

This Sunday @ 10:30

Fellowship Hall

Join us to make a festive turkey centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table.



Stewardship Campaign "Our Future Is Now"

Community Presbyterian Church is entering **the final stage** of our 2025 pledge campaign. So far, our congregation has pledged \$504,507 (83% of our \$606,718 target). We ask you to pledge now using the QR code to help us reach the finish line!



Every gift, no matter the size, will make a difference. Your pledge will:

- Celebrate God's abundant **gifts and blessings** in our lives.
- Fund our **vital ministries**.
- Support our **valued mission and outreach donations**.
- Compensate our **talented staff**.
- **Pay our bills** (insurance, utilities, building maintenance, etc.).

Invest in the future of CPC's Spirit-filled ministry, mission, and people. You will grow in generosity!

Your Stewardship Committee: Stan Cook (Chair), Kathy Adelman, Wendy Cook, Justin Crouse, Ingrid Ellithorpe, Pat Garner, Rev. Beth Freese Dammers (staff), Stephanie Rens-Domiano (staff)



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