Christmas Day
Worship for the Lord’s Day
December 25, 2022
9:30 am

Prelude

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain
arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

Words of Welcome
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Opening Words
Pat Garner

One: The angel has announced it:

All: Jesus, our Savior, is born!

One: Like the shepherds, let us share the good news:

All: Jesus, our Savior, is born!

One: Like the angels, let us praise God, saying:

All: Jesus, our Savior, is born! Glory to God in heaven and on earth peace among those whom God favors!

*Hymn 107 v 1, 2, 4
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
Rejoice, Rejoice
Call to Confession
Pat Garner
One: It is tempting to stay in the joy of Christmas morning, to ignore all that makes us uncomfortable. But it is right for us to greet this day by acknowledging how much we need salvation to be born.

Prayer of Confession
We confess, Holy Creator, that we care more for ourselves than for this world you made. We confess, Newborn Savior, that we focus on our own wants at the expense of the needs of others. We confess, Abundant Spirit, that we push you aside, doubtful you are actually at work in this world. Forgive us and guide us as we celebrate your birth, and shape us to be more like you. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace
One: Hear this good news of great joy:
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response 583
Glory to God

*Sharing the Peace of Christ
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
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

A Time with Youngest Children
Beth

Prayer for Inspiration
Pat

Scripture Reading
Isaiah 9:2-7
One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!
Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Beth & Sam Dammers

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Shepherd School

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Hymn 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Pat

Offertory

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Arr. Phillip Keveren

*Doxology words 607, tune 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Pat

Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: (prayer continues)...therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord, (prayer continues)...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Lord’s Prayer (using “sins”)

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

*Communion of the People

All are invited to come to the table using the center aisle and return via the outside aisles.
The center station offers allergen free wafers and prepackaged communion elements.

*Communion Music

Welcome to Our World

Communion Music

Prayer Following Communion

God our hope, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May the meal we have shared strengthen us in love, embolden us to tell your story and inspire us to be your faithful shepherds. We pray this in the name of the newborn Christ. Amen.

Call out your favorite Christmas Carol

*Hymn 134 v 1, 4

Joy to the World

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

Joy to the World

arr. Phillip Keveren
* Please rise in spirit or body
All speak emboldened type

LITURGIST: Pat Garner
CANTOR: Pat Garner
USHER: Sam Dammers
COMMUNION SERVER: Sam Dammers, Pat Garner

Next Sunday in Worship
January 1

The Aftermath
Isaiah 63:7-9
Matthew 2:13-23

COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE
DuPage County (and all of the Chicago metro area) are now at Medium Community Transmission level. For CPC the main difference for Medium, 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 continues.

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 2022 or providing a year end gift, all gifts are important and will help us end the year with a balanced budget.

To ensure your donations are credited to your 2022 giving please:
● Mail donations with a postmark no later than December 31
● Give on-line by December 29 at https://onrealm.org/cpc/-/form/give/now
● Bring your donation to church office by noon., Friday Dec 30
● NOTE: Office closed Mon Dec 26, Tues Dec 27

On Sunday, January 29, we will welcome CHAI Collaborative Ensemble, a Chicago-based collective engaging with communities through performances of mixed vocal and instrumental chamber music. The ensemble offers beloved classics in the chamber music canon alongside underperformed works from the past and present. Expect to be inspired by the experience!
This week at CPC:

**Sunday, December 25**
9:30 am — Worship

**Monday, December 26**
Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, December 27**
Church Office Closed

**Wednesday, December 28**
Church Office Open

**Thursday, December 29**
Church Office Open

**Friday, December 30**
Church Office Open

**Saturday, December 31**

**Sunday, January 1**
9:30 am — Worship
No Sunday School for children or adults

**Monday, January 2**
Church Office Closed

NURSERY CARE:
There will not be volunteers staffing the nursery for the first Sunday in January. We will resume staffed care on the first Sunday in February.
You are welcome to utilize the room with your infant - 2 yr old as needed. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
kids 3 yrs - 5th grade
Sunday School is on break. We look forward to welcoming you back on January 8.

CPC YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!
Sunday, 5-7 pm
CPC Youth Activities resume on January 8th! Our high school students will be discovering their spiritual gifts and how they might apply them in their daily lives. Our middle school students will be working on a project for local pet shelters. Dinner is included so come on by at 5pm! If you would like to be connected to youth ministry, please contact Pastor Susan.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION
10:45-11:45 am
Hybrid: Chapel or Zoom

On January 8, we will begin a four-session study of Second Temple Literature, led by Dr. Malka Simkovich. Dr. Simkovich is Director of Catholic-Jewish Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Last year, she led us in an introduction to early Judaism. This year, the topic will be focused on the Second Temple period which could be considered the most important for Jewish history. Jews worked out how to survive destruction and exile, helping to ensure their survival when they no longer lived in one region. The course will take us through some of the intertestamental books (also known as the Apocrypha). Please join us on this journey. We will meet on Sunday mornings in the chapel or online via Zoom.

BIBLE GIFT
3rd, 4th & 5th Graders!
Bible Gift Sunday; January 8 @ 9:30 AM / Bible Class; January 15, 22, 29 & February 5 @ 9:45 AM

All 3rd - 5th graders are invited to participate in this 4 week Bible class that, when completed, will give them the tools to confidently read their Bible! The CEB Deep Blue Bible uses Common English Bible text throughout with words and phrases that sound natural and conversational for today's reader. With this edition, children will read a Bible that sounds more like how we talk! Email Kristin at kduy@chcpc.org to RSVP for Bible Gift Sunday.
THE REV. JOE MORROW, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAN 15

Joe Morrow joined the Fourth Church staff in May 2018 in an interim role, as Minister for Evangelism, also serving as the primary pastor for the Jazz at Four. On Sunday, September 27, 2020, we were delighted to elect him as our Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement.

Prior to his joining the Fourth Church staff, Joe served as Campus Engagement Manager for Interfaith Youth Core and prior to that was Youth Director at Edgewater Presbyterian Church. He also served in denominational leadership, as the chair of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and as a member and vice-chair of the Mission Responsibility Toward Investment (MRTI) committee of the denomination, which works to ensure that the denomination’s extensive investments reflect its values and are socially responsible by utilizing various methods of shareholder engagement and leveraging ecumenical and interfaith relationships.

Joe holds degrees from North Park Theological Seminary and Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. He is husband to Sung Yeon and father to Ella.

News of THE AMOS GROUP

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

**Advent thoughts**

Jesus’ family was poor. They had no steady home at first, so they were refugees.

Mary’s pregnancy was a potential source of stigma, like unwed mothers of our day. As we wait for the re-birth of Jesus into our hearts, let us consider those in our communities who lack financial stability, housing stability, and social stability. Are we called to do something different on their behalf?

For example, imagine the difficulty that refugees from the southern hemisphere must be having as they arrive in winter in a strange country. You could get involved with [Exodus World Service](#), a local agency working to help them get settled. **Contact Pastor Susan Tindall** to express your interest in supporting a refugee family.

Or maybe you’d like to volunteer to help [Love Christian Clearinghouse](#) support people in the surrounding communities. When people seeking help call in, Call-in Center volunteers assess their needs and refer them to places that can help. Some of those callers may be unwed pregnant girls, like Mary was. And there are certainly poor families, like Jesus’ family was, who call for assistance. CPC member Becky Bewley Rush is now the Executive Director of Love Christian Clearinghouse and would be pleased to hear from you.

Please send your ideas and your comments to **Gregg Morton**.
SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL MEETING FEB 5

Plan to remain following worship for the Annual Meeting with reports from church leaders, information on the church budget and a look to the mission and ministries of 2023.

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