



## Worship for the Lord's Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

9:30 am

**Prelude**

*Sweet Little Jesus Boy*

arr. Melody Bober

**Words of Welcome**

Kristin Duy

**\*Opening Words**

Justin Crouse, Krista Kocoras

Reader 1: When life is messy and not going well,  
Reader 2: remember that God is with you and come to worship.  
Reader 1: When people are blaming you for something you haven't done,  
Reader 2: remember that God is with you and come spend time in God's community.  
Reader 1: When you step in the muck or hit your thumb with a hammer,  
Reader 2: take a deep breath and remember that God is with you.  
Reader 1: Come find comfort today in this gathering of God's people.  
**All: We know that God is with us. That's why we're here to worship!**

**\*Hymn 136**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Deacon Andrew Petersen, Deacon Teagan Manning  
Elder Willem Marginean, Elder Isaac Schloegel

**Prayer of the Day**

Justin

**All: Compassionate God,**  
Sometimes life is messy. Sometimes we feel frightened, angry, confused, excited or frustrated, happy or sad, delighted or nervous, and sometimes discombobulated. Sometimes we don't know what to feel. Give us a sign that it won't last forever. Remind us that a feeling is just a temporary thing, but you are always there for us, no matter what we are feeling, no matter how messy life gets. You are our God, and we are not alone. Thanks be to you, forever and ever. Amen

**\*Sung Response 583**

*Glory to God*

GLORY (Taizé)

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Justin

**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 88 v 1 & 2**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

**O COME, O COME EMMANUEL**

**Christmas Pageant**

**Prayer for Inspiration**

Krista Kocoras

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:26-38

Maeve O'Donnell

Mary's Monologue

Sabrina Ryan

Sheep

Krista

**Hymn 99 v 1, 2**

*My Soul Gives Glory to My God*

MORNING SONG

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 1:18-25

Gabriel Ali

Joseph's Monologue

Fox Ali

Sheep

Krista

**Hymn 121 v 1 & 4**

*O Little Town of Bethlehm*

ST. LOUIS

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:8-16

Mia Salbego

Shepherd's Monologue

Emily Jaycox

Sheep

Krista

**\*Hymn 133 v 1, 3, 4**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 2:1-12 Bill Vickery  
Wise One's Monologue Shelley Jaycox  
Sheep Krista

**Hymn 145 v 1, 3** *What Child Is This* GREENSLEEVES

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:1-7 Olivia Rickert  
Innkeeper's Monologue Roy Rickert  
Sheep Krista

**Invitation to Join the Nativity Scene** Justin, Kristin

**\*Hymn 115** *Away in a Manger* MUELLER  
Sheep speaks Krista

**Offering Our Gifts to God**  
**Invitation to Offering** Justin

**Offertory** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* arr. Phillip Keverin



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

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Justin

QRCode for Giving

**Church Tidings** Susan

**Joys & Concerns**

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

**\*Hymn 132 v 1 & 2** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

**\*Charge and Blessing** Justin, Krista

**\*Sung Response 134 v 1 & 4** *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

**\*Postlude** *The First Noel* arr. Marianne Kim

\* Please rise in spirit or body  
All speak emboldened type

## Pageant Cast

**JOSEPH:** Fox Ali

**MARY:** Sabrina Ryan

**LEAD SHEPHERD:** Emily Jaycox

**LEAD WISE ONE:** Shelley Jaycox

**INNKEEPER:** Roy Rickert

**SHEEP:** Krista Kocoras

**BABY JESUS:** Grace Swedlund

**ANGELS:** Olivia Docter, Claire Docter, Caroline Crouse, Maeve O'Donnell,  
Lucy Cahill, Ty Skupien, Libby Coriell, Hannah Konar

**SHEPHERDS:** Martin Cahill, Charlie Swedlund, Theodore Crouse, Oscar Konar

**WISE ONES:** Oliver Swedlund, James Coriell, Gabriel Ali

**SCRIPTURE READERS:** Mia Salbego, Olivia Rickert, Bill Vickery, Gabriel Ali, Maeve O'Donnell

**ANIMALS:** Clare Rickert, Jake Skupien

**USHERS:** Lindy Steeves, Kris Veenbaas     **LITURGISTS:** Justin Crouse, Krista Kocoras

**ADVENT WREATH:** Elder Willem Marginean, Deacon Teagan Manning, Deacon Andrew Petersen, Elder Isaac Schloegel

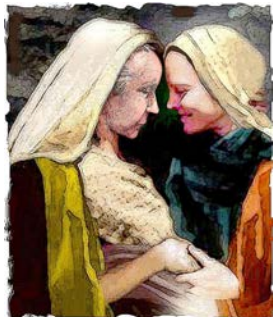
**ONLINE WORSHIP HOST:** Courteney Templeton     **AV:** Paul Abraham, Andrew Petersen



### CHRISTMAS BRUNCH TODAY

Fellowship Hall Following Worship

Following worship **everyone** is invited to brunch in Fellowship Hall! We will continue celebrating our faith formation Christmas Pageant around the tables together, eating a delicious spread. All ages welcome. Even if you did not sign up, please just come. Thank you to the Deacons and Older Adult Ministries for organizing this special meal!



### Next Sunday in Worship, December 17

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9:30 am

Chancel Choir, Guest Soloists and Harp

Luke 1:26--53, Ephesians 2:14-16

The Chancel Choir is pleased to offer a number of special music anthems for worship. They will be accompanied by harpist Faye Seeman and Jason Hill. Music will include selections from Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, *O Magnum Mysterium* from Daniel Pinkham's *Christmas Cantata*, *Canticle of the Turning*, and *Angel's Song* by John Rutter.



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

#### **Sunday, December 10**

**9:30 am — Worship - Christmas Pageant**

9:45 am — **NO** Faith Formation; Children remain in Worship

10:30 am — Christmas Brunch for ALL; Fellowship Hall

5:00 pm — Middle School & High School; Youth Lounge

#### **Monday, December 11**

7:00 pm — Session meeting; Chapel/Hybrid

#### **Tuesday, December 12**

1:30 pm — Staff meeting; Chapel

#### **Wednesday, December 13**

9:30 am — Circle of Voices; Gathering Roomy

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

#### **Thursday, December 14**

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

3:00 pm — Staff Christmas Party / Office closed

7:00 pm — Clarion Bells Choir rehearsal; LL rm 8

#### **Friday, December 15**

4:00 pm — Kids' Academy Holiday Sing; Sanctuary

#### **Saturday, December 16**

10:00 - 2:00 Clothing Drive

#### **Sunday, December 17**

**9:30 am — Worship**

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL rm 6

10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid

5:00 pm — Middle School & High School; Youth Lounge



#### **NURSERY CARE**

The Nursery will be staffed **Sunday, Jan. 7**. 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 in the Nursery is now available!**

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

It is the Christmas Pageant so all children will participate in the full worship service.



**CPCkids**

#### **CPC Youth**

**12/10 from 5:00-7:30 pm**

**Grades 6-12; Youth Lounge**

We are having a fantastic time celebrating Advent in youth ministry! This Sunday, our high school cubes will be having some conversations about peace while coloring. Middle school students will have their own project to work on while talking about Advent. All groups will come together for some homemade chicken pot pie followed by an ultimate spoons tournament! Students are welcome any time and we look forward to seeing you in the youth lounge at 5:00pm!



**CPC YOUTH**  
Connect • Explore • Serve



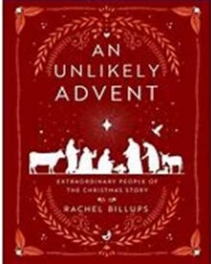
#### **DECEMBER COMMUNITY OUTREACH ~ TOY DRIVE**

Nov. 27 - Dec. 17

Once again we are collecting toys to be donated to the children who live at Mooseheart in Batavia. They are so appreciative of this wonderful gesture. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for kids birth to age 10 and drop in the donation box in the narthex.

#### **THANK YOU**

As always, your generosity is immensely appreciated! We were able to donate **40** coats to The People's Resource Center in Westmont.



## ADULT ED – AN UNLIKELY ADVENT

### No Adult Education Class on Sunday, December 10

Our Advent study will take a Sunday off so that ALL OF US can attend the Brunch organized by the Deacons and Older Adult Ministries. We hope to see you there!

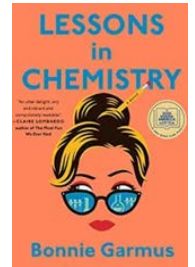
We will conclude our Advent study on Sunday, December 17.

## CIRCLE OF VOICES

December 13 9:30 am

Gathering room

Circle of Voices will meet this month only on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus. You will need to get the book on your own as it is available at the Clarendon Hills Library only per person, not as a group. We will enjoy lunch together at Ruth Lake Country Club. If you would like to join us, please contact Barb Coop.



## News of THE AMOS GROUP

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

### Help Connect Gifts and Children in Struggling Families

Our own Becky Bewley Rush, Executive Director of Love Christian Clearinghouse, has reached out to us on behalf of a wonderful charity.

Toy Express gathers gifts for kids to brighten their holidays.

**They are seeking volunteers to make phone calls to registered families, to schedule an appointment for them to pick out toys for their kids.** The calls are made out of Love's Clearinghouse office in Westmont. Toy Express has everything organized for each family, making the calls quite easy. Dates and hours are very flexible. Volunteers can help essentially any time in the next few weeks for a couple of hours - ideally Tuesday afternoons, Thursday morning or afternoons, or Friday afternoons (or any day after 4pm).



Toy Express Children's Charity

If you can help, please contact Becky by email at [executivedirector@love-cc.org](mailto:executivedirector@love-cc.org) or [becky@love-cc.org](mailto:becky@love-cc.org) -- or by phone at 630.512.8673. Recruit a couple of friends to go with you!

### Contribute or Sort Clothing at CPC on December 16

CPC will be one of several drop-off sites for a community-wide clothing drive on December 16, from 10AM to 2PM. The drive is a joint effort of State Senator John Curran and several local faith organizations. Ayesha Truman, Student Support Coordinator at Hinsdale South High School, will make these clothes available to students and families in need. Gregg Morton will be organizing a team to be in Fellowship Hall that day to help. Please sign up for a shift on one of the sign-up clipboards.

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

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 CHURCH OFFICE** will be

closed Friday, December 22 at noon – Tuesday, December 26, 2023

**open Wednesday, December 27 – Thursday, December 28 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**open Friday, December 29; 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

closed Monday, January 1, 2024

**open Tuesday, January 2, 2024**



## 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 2023 or providing a year-end gift, all gifts are important and deeply appreciated.

To ensure your donations are credited to your 2023 giving please:

- Mail donations with a postmark no later than December 31
- Give on-line by December 28 at <https://onrealm.org/cpc/-/form/give/now>
- Bring your donation to church office by **noon, Friday Dec 29**
- NOTE: Office closed Mon Dec 25, Tues Dec 26

# Join us for Holiday Worship!

## Advent Sundays

Dec. 10 9:30 am Christmas Pageant  
10:30 am Christmas Brunch  
Dec. 17 9:30 am Advent Choir and Harp  
Dec. 24 9:30 am Carols, Bells and Communion

## Christmas Eve

7:00 and 9:00 pm - Candlelight, Carols  
and Communion



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