Third Sunday of Advent  
Worship for the Lord’s Day  
December 11, 2022  
9:30 am

Prelude  
Still, Still, Still  
arr. Jerry Ray

Words of Welcome  
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Opening Words  
Liz Monson

One: Each week we move ever closer to the God of joy.  
All: We feel our hearts quickening with excitement at the approach of Jesus’ birth.  
One: May our souls magnify you, as Mary’s did.  
All: May our lives point to yours, as John’s did.  
One: May we remain patient, listening for your Word and your Spirit,  
even as we prepare for the Christmas celebration.  
All: Let us worship the God of hope, peace, joy and love.

Lighting of the Advent Candle  
Audrey, Justin, Theodore, Caroline Crouse

*Hymn 106  
Prepare the Way, O Zion  
BEREDEN VÅG FÖR HERRAN

Call to Confession  
Liz

One: Let the desert rejoice, and let the dry land be glad, for God has come to save us.  
Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession  
God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your way. Amen.
Assurance of God's Grace
One: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption!

All: Let sorrow and sighing be no more. 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

God Incarnate, We Are Waiting

Prayer for Inspiration

Liz

Children’s Pageant

Twas the Night Before Christmas: A Very Special Pageant

In order of appearance:

Reader No. 1 Krista Kocoras
Ms. Mouse Shelley Jaycox
Reader No. 2 Sabrina Ryan
Angels Henry Konar, Hannah Konar, Libby Coriell, Caroline Crouse, Lucy Cahill, Maeve O’Donnell
Angel Gabriel Emily Jaycox
Innkeeper: Sean Coriell
Shepherds Savannah Jungers, Martin Cahill, Theodore Crouse, Henry Cooper, Caden Cooper
Mary Maisy Jungers
Joseph Oscar Konar

*Hymn 115
Away in a Manger

*MUELLER

*Hymn 113 v 1, 3
Angels We Have Heard on High

*GLORIA

*Hymn 122 v 1, 2
Silent Night

*STILLE NACHT

*Hymn 134 v 1, 4
Joy to the World

*ANTIOCH
With thanks to Kristin Duy, Liz Monson, Audrey Crouse, Kathy Florence, Valerie Cooper, Tracy Sims, Allison Kocoras and all of the parents for supporting the children of God

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering & PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering

Offertory

* Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Church Tidings

Joys & Concerns

God’s People Pray

One: We lift our prayers to God.
All: Lord, hear our prayers.

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.

*Hymn 100 v 1-3  
My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

* Please rise in spirit or body
All speak emboldened type

USHERS: Lynn Mehrhoff, Kathy Adelmann
LITURGIST: Liz Monson
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS: Audrey, Justin, Theodore, Caroline Crouse
ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Courteney Templeton
Next Sunday in Worship, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Spoiler Alert
Psalm 80:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

STEWARDSHIP 2023 PLEDGES

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 and/or online in your Realm profile or at https://onrealm.org/cpc/AddPledge/annualpledge2023

COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE

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.

PC(USA) CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING RECEIVED TODAY

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.
CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
We would like to thank the following people for their generous donation of poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for the holiday season & donations for Share the Love program.

Richard Bennett in memory of Carol Bennett
Beth Freese Dammers & Sam Dammers in honor of CPC’s amazing staff
Kristin Duy in memory of Skippy, Elfrieda & Kathy
Donna and Glenn Gabanski in memory of their loved ones
Erin & Doug James in honor of the dedicated staff of Kids’ Academy
Cathy Kappos
Kristin Konar
Liz and Ken Monson
Linda Murphy
Joanna Petersen
Nancy & Wayne Pritzel in memory of their parents
The Rush Family
Tracy Sims
Ruth & Derek White in memory of Martin Ohrenberg, Alvin & Nina Ohrenberg and Harold & Lois White
Wendy Wilhelm
This week at CPC:

Sunday, December 11
Christmas Pageant
Third Sunday of Advent
8:15 am — Pageant rehearsal; sanctuary
8:45 am — Chancel Choir warm-up; chancel
9:30 am — Worship
No Sunday School
10:45 am — Adult Education; Chapel/Hybrid
1:00 pm — Concert Series Committee;
Hybrid: chapel/zoom
5:00 pm — CPC Youth Christmas Party

Monday, December 12
7:00 pm — Session; Chapel & Zoom

Tuesday, December 13
9:15 am — Circle 1; Gathering Room
10:30 am — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Hybrid
7:00 pm — Stewardship; zoom

Wednesday, December 14
9:30 am — Circle of Voices; Gathering Room
7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Chancel

Thursday, December 15
9:00 am — Thursday Morning Devotions; Chapel/Hybrid
7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Rehearsal; LL8

Friday, December 16
4:00 pm — Kids' Academy Holiday Sing:
sanctuary/fellowship hall

Saturday, December 17
Sunday, December 18
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:45 am — Chancel Choir warm-up
9:30 am — Worship
9:45 am — Sunday School; LL6
10:45 am — Adult Education; Chapel/Hybrid
1:00 pm — Finance; Zoom

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. No Sunday School this week. All kids are encouraged to participate in the Christmas pageant!

CPC YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!
Sunday, 5-7pm

Our 6-12th grade students will be celebrating Christmas a little early this Sunday beginning at 5pm! The WF Team has an awesome celebration planned along with a few surprises! You will not want to miss our last event of 2022 on December 11. CPC Youth Activities resume on January 8th. If you would like to be connected to youth ministry, please contact Pastor Susan.

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
**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 rebirth 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?

Please send your ideas and your comments to [Gregg Morton](mailto:gregg.morton@cpc.org).

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed**

**Advent Series: Holy Disruption**

10:45-11:45 AM

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 leader this week is Pastor Susan. Join us in the chapel or online via Zoom.

**CIRCLE OF VOICES**

Wednesday, December 14

Circle of Voices will meet **this month only on the 2nd Wednesday, December 14**th **at 9:30am** in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is *The Personal Librarian*, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library. We are celebrating that Circle of Voices was established 30 years ago. We will enjoy lunch together at Ruth Lake Country Club. If you would like to join us, please contact Barb Coop.

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**Thank you for completing your 2022 Pledge**

**Year End Gifts Appreciated**

 Churches and nonprofits depend on year-end giving to meet their financial goals. CPC is no different. Thankfully, our big-hearted congregation has given generously at year-end in the past.

In gratitude for all that God has provided us, we hope that you will prayerfully consider making an incremental holiday gift to CPC during this Christmas season. Your extra gift will help ensure CPC’s overall financial health and support our many important CPC ministries in the coming year. You may make your CPC Christmas Offering on Realm (https://onrealm.org/cpc/give/now) or with the Christmas Offering envelope that was mailed to your home in early December.

As we approach the end of 2022, we also ask all who are able to pay any remaining balances on your 2022 pledge by year end. This will help close our remaining 2022 budget gaps. These payments can also be made on Realm (https://onrealm.org/cpc/give/now) or by contacting our Financial Administrator, Laurie Scola, at http://Laurie.Scola@chcpc.org.

Thank you in advance for recognizing God’s abundant blessings in our lives and responding with gratitude during this season of great joy.

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
Save these dates

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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