

## Worship for the Lord's Day

First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023

9:30 am

Prelude

*Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

arr. Marianne Kim

Words of Welcome

Rev. Susan Tindall

Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*Opening Words

Robin Randall

One: Every year we celebrate Christmas.

**All: Every month we break bread.**

One: Every week we gather for worship.

**All: Every day we count our blessings.**

One: Every minute God is near.

**All: Yes, every minute God is near.**

One: These are the rituals of our faith.

**All: Let us worship Holy God.**

\*Hymn 33

*Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

LLANFAIR

Call to Confession

Robin

One: Church family, our faith is decorated with rituals and rhythms that help tie us to God. Confession is one of those rituals. Every week we gather in this space and tell the truth about our lives. And every week God hears our prayers and offers us grace. This holy dance of confession and mercy is one of the many rituals I could not live without.

So let us embrace this holy tradition together. Let us pray:

### Prayer of Confession

**All: God of rhythms, we confess: our faith would not be what it is without rituals. Unlike you, we depend on bread and water. We have to return to this space again and again to hear old, familiar stories. For if we stopped, we know it would not take long before we lost our way. Forgive us for our fragility, and thank you for giving us ordinary rituals and rhythms to hold onto. With grateful and humble hearts we pray, amen.**

### Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, it is not enough to hear once a month or once a year that you are forgiven. We need to hear it every single week. *Every single week* we need to be reminded that we are held in God's loving embrace.

So hear this good news: no matter where you are on your journey of life, love, or faith, and no matter what you have done or left undone, you belong to God. You are claimed. You are known. You are forgiven.

**All: This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**\*Sung Response 583**

*Glory to God*

GLORIA (Taize)

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Robin

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 468 v.1**

*In My Life*

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

**Prayer for Inspiration**

Robin

**Scripture Reading**

*Numbers 6:22-27*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music**

*American Noel*

Dave Carter

Gregg Morton, guitar and vocals

**Scripture Reading**

*Luke 2:21-38*

Rev. Susan Tindall

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*We root ourselves in ritual*

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe that faith is a journey  
marked by rituals and rhythms.**

**We come to worship.**

**We confess our sins.**

**We pass the peace.**

**We offer grace.**

**We hear the Word.**

**We baptize children.**

**We break the bread.**

**And we tell the story  
of a loving God.**

**And through these sacred rituals,  
we are reminded:**

**we are not alone.**

**God is near,**

**and we have work to do.**

**May this belief**

**shape the rhythm of our lives. Amen.**

**Hymn 654**

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

*Mary Did You know*

Buddy Greene and Mark Lowry

Gregg Morton, guitar and vocals

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

OLD HUNDRETH

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

*QRCode for Giving*



**Church Tidings**

Susan

**Joys & Concerns**

**God's People Pray**

\*Hymn 634

To God be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

\*Charge and Blessing

Rev. Susan Tindall

\*Postlude

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

\* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

USHERS: Janice & Steve Bouchard

LITURGIST: Robin Randall

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Michele Vickery

AV: Pat Garner

Prayers by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Next Sunday in Worship

January 7

Communion

9:30 am



This week at CPC:

Sunday, December 31  
9:30 am — Worship

Monday, January 1  
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2  
7:00 pm — Stephen Ministers; Chapel / hybrid

Wednesday, January 3  
7:00 pm — Worship & Music; Chapel / hybrid

Thursday, January 4

Friday, January 5

Saturday, January 6

Sunday, January 7  
Communion  
9:30 am — Worship  
No faith formation - Children remain in worship  
5:00 pm — Youth Movie Night—youth lounge



NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed on **January 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

No Faith Formation class this Sunday because of the holiday weekend. All children will remain in worship for the full service.

CPC Youth Movie Night!

01/07

5-7:00pm

While formal youth activities are on break, middle school and high school students are invited to meet up for a movie night in the youth lounge on January 7th!! Wear your comfy cozies and bring a blanket for a relaxing end to the winter break. Dinner will be served and snacks will be shared! Looking forward to seeing you in the new year!





**Bible Presentation Sunday  
Sunday, January 14**

Join us as we present Bibles to our 3rd graders during worship service. All kids in 3rd - 5th grade will then participate in our Bible Explorers group starting January 28. For 3 Sundays the kids will participate in this class that introduces/reinforces their use of the Bible.

**News of THE AMOS GROUP**

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



**Great Response to the Clothing Drive on Saturday, Dec. 16**

Fourteen volunteers – 7 from CPC and 7 from Hinsdale South – received and sorted donated clothes in Fellowship Hall. We filled about a dozen construction-sized plastic bags from donations that were dropped off. Hinsdale South Student Support Coordinator Ayesha Truman sends a huge THANKS. With your help, we are making a difference! Please send your questions, ideas or comments to Gregg Morton.

**Adult Education will return January 7, 2024**

**10:45 am**

**Chapel**

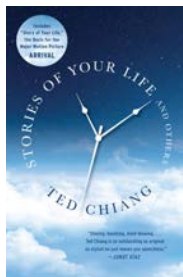
**Faith and Visual Arts**

Unleash your inner artist as Robin Randall leads us in an Art Therapy Workshop. According to *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity*- "Creativity is God's gift to us, using our creativity is our gift back to God" (Julia Cameron).



We will reflect on the power of creativity and discuss ways to channel it through many mediums. We will experiment with simple watercolors and note cards. Workshop led by Robin Randall – daughter of Nancy Turner Randall, 86, who became a professional watercolor artist in her 50's.

Join us in the chapel at 10:45, or join us online via [Zoom](#).



**CIRCLE OF VOICES  
January 17 9:30 am  
Gathering room**

Circle of Voices will meet January 17th at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is *The Stories of Your Life and Others* by **Ted Chiang**. 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.

## 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

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## KIDS' ACADEMY SAVE THE DATES

**NOW** - Registration for the 2024/25 School Year for current Kids' Academy families.

**Monday, January 15** - Open registration for the 2024/25 School Year for new families.  
Registration information will be updated to the Kids' Academy website shortly before that date.

**Saturday January 20, Noon - 2:00 pm** - Kids' Academy Open House



## JEREMY KAHN JAZZ CONCERT

**Sunday Jan 21**

**3:00 pm**

As part of the Concert Series, we welcome jazz pianist **Jeremy Kahn**. He will appear in a jazz quintet with three instrumentalists and a vocalist. They will swing and sing to the great Standards, featuring composers like **George Gershwin and Duke Ellington**. Admission is free.

## ANNUAL MEETING & ALL CHURCH BRUNCH

**Sun Feb 4 following worship**

Plan to be present to celebrate the joy and excitement! Following worship and communion, we'll delight in a homemade brunch, complete with Kris and Jack's candied BACON, highlights of 2023 and a round of CPC Jeopardy!! This intergenerational event will have activities for kids and adults alike!

**Did someone say BACON?**



## SAVE THE DATE

**February 11, Sunday: Youth Sunday**

Please join us as our high school youth lead worship and the senior class shares their meditations.



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