



Worship for the Lord's Day

24th Sunday After Pentecost

November 12, 2023

9:30 am

Prelude

Deep River

arr. Ann Buys

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Shelley Jaycox

Words of Welcome

Rev. Susan Tindall

*Opening Words

Warren Ali

One: God sent God's self in the form of Jesus of Nazareth to teach, heal, minister and pray with us.

All: We gather here this day to worship Jesus and to learn the ways of Christ Jesus.

One: Jesus died. Jesus rose from the dead. And Jesus will come again.

All: We want to be ready. And, if we are honest, we have questions and doubts.

One: Bring your whole selves... with questions, doubts, and curiosity, for all are welcome here.

All: Make us ready, O God, for we long to see your light.

*Hymn 362

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

LLANGLOFFAN

Call to Confession

Warren

One: God longs to be in right relationship with us. God will never give up on us. Let us join together in the prayer of confession, trusting God hears, God knows, and God forgives.

Prayer of Confession

All: Patient God, forgive us when we grow weary and impatient. We can be a demanding bunch, waiting for it all, and wanting it now. Living in a world that has grown to expect instant satisfaction, we have allowed ourselves to be co-opted into believing in immediate gratification. Forgive our lack of discipline. Forgive us when we fail to be prepared for the perfect timing of your will, your way. Help us to trust your timing, to believe in your promises and to do our part by readying ourselves for the coming of your light into the world again. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, believe in the good news:

All: Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Hallelujah, Amen!

*Sung Response 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Warren

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

I'm Gonna Sing

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I'm goin' a sing when the Spir-it says sing,___ I'm goin' a sing when the Spir-it says". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "sing,___ I'm goin' a sing when the Spir-it says sing,___ and o-bey the Spir-it of the Lord." The lyrics are written below the notes.

Growing with God

Kristin Duy

Following our time together, all children are invited to return to Grace Space for the remainder of the service.

Prayer for Inspiration

Warren

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Ready & Waiting

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Hymn 349

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

WACHET AUF

Offering Our Gifts to God
Invitation to Offering
Offertory

Come Ye Thankful People Come
Clarion Bell Choir

Warren
arr. Jason Krug



*Doxology words 607, tune 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Warren

QRCode for Giving

*Hymn 509 v 1, 2

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

Holy Communion

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers & Rev. Susan Tindall

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 with all creation we sing your praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho -
san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho -
san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

One: *(prayer continues)*

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

(prayer continues)

Lord's Prayer (unison, 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**

*Ushers will invite you to come forward for the receiving of communion.
 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.
 Any with mobility challenges will be served in the pews.*

***Communion Hymn 525**

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for welcoming us at your banquet table. Open us to see your light in the world and to be your light for others. Help us to trust your timing in all matters and to be continually preparing ourselves for your coming again. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 543 v 1, 4, 5**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Cindy Berry

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

USHERS: Doug Jame, Erin James

LITURGIST: Warren Ali

ACOLYTE: Shelley Jaycox

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Michele Vickery

AV: Paul Abraham, Sam Dammers

Next Sunday in Worship, November 19

25th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5, 11

Judges 4:1-7



Stewardship Campaign 2024

“Our Future Is Now”

Our 2024 goal is within reach! As of November 8, our generous congregation has pledged \$510,307 (89% of our \$572,000 goal) and our average pledge increase is 15%! Heartfelt thanks to all those who have pledged so far!



If you haven't pledged yet, we urge you to make your 2024 pledge now. It is easy to make your pledge at <https://onrealm.org/cpc/AddPledge/annualpledge2024> or by scanning the QR code. You may also bring your pledge to the church office.

Your support will help us maintain our two-pastor model and support our important youth ministries. Please don't delay. As soon as we reach our 2024 goal, we can start the important process of calling a new Associate Pastor.

Your pledge will make a difference!

Your Stewardship Committee

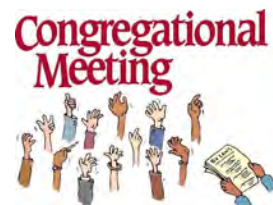
Kathy Adelmann, Stan Cook (chair), Wendy Cook, Justin Crouse, Rev. Beth Freese Dammers (staff), Ingrid Ellithorpe, Pat Garner, Stephanie Rens-Domiano (staff)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sun Nov 19

10:30, Sanctuary

Session is calling a Congregational Meeting for the sole purpose of electing one Elder to the class of 2026. The Nominating Committee recommends Justin Crouse to serve in this spiritual leadership position.



Elder Class of 2026: Justin Crouse

Nominations from the floor will be welcomed; however, it is common courtesy that you get permission from the person you wish to nominate; you may nominate yourself. Members present and online will be invited to make nominations and vote. Questions may be directed to any of the Nominating Committee members.

This week at CPC:

Sunday, November 12

Communion

9:30 am — Worship

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

10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid

5:30 pm — WF Event - Middle School & High School; Meet in parking lot

Monday, November 13

7:00 pm — Session meeting; Chapel/Hybrid

Tuesday, November 14

1:30 pm — Staff meeting; Chapel

4:00 pm — Presbytery Assembly Meeting; Zoom

Wednesday, November 15

9:30 am — Circle of Voices; Gathering Room

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

7:00 pm — Mission & Outreach; Zoom

Thursday, November 16

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

7:00 pm — Clarion Bells Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

7:00 am — CE-A; Zoom

Friday, November 17

Saturday, November 18

9:30 am - 2:00 pm — Blood Drive; Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 19

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL rm 6

10:30 am — Congregational Meeting; Sanctuary

10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid

5:00 pm — Middle School & High School College Care packages; LL rm 8



NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed this Sunday. 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 communion Sunday so all children will participate in the full worship service. Join us in Grace Space where the children will have several activities available related to the service.



CPC Kids is **seeking donations of magazines** for various projects throughout the program year. If you would like to share, simply drop off magazines in Kristin's office or the main office. THANK YOU!

CPC Youth

11/12 from 5:30-8:00pm

Middle school and high school students will be teamed up to take on escape rooms at Escape the Room in Oak Brook. We will meet in the CPC parking lot at 5:30 and finish our evening with ice cream! Looking forward to some off site fun with our CPC Youth today! Next week we will be putting together college care packages for our CPC Youth alums. Please email Pastor Susan to send some CPC care to your college age student!



NOVEMBER COMMUNITY OUTREACH ~ WINTER COAT DRIVE

As the weather turns colder there are children and adults in the area who need our help. Please consider donating a coat for children, teens or adults. New or gently used coats of all sizes will be accepted for the whole month of November and will be donated to the [People's Resource Center in Westmont](#). Coats can be placed in the boxes in the Narthex or main office starting November 1.



DINE AND DONATE

SUPPORT CPC YOUTH SUMMER CARAVANS



NOVEMBER 15, 4-10 PM



DINE IN OR CARRY OUT
NEAT KITCHEN & BAR

246 N. CASS AVE
WESTMONT

**PRESENT THIS FLYER OR DIGITAL VERSION
FOR 20% OF YOUR ORDER TO BE DONATED
TO CPC SUMMER YOUTH CARAVANS.
THANK YOU TO NEAT KITCHEN FOR
GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING CPC YOUTH!**

KIDS' ACADEMY HOLIDAY PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

November 1 - November 19

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 share the Love. Orders forms can be downloaded [here](#) and payment can be made online by scanning the QR code.

Order forms can be turned in to the church office or emailed to office@chcpc.org. Please return all order forms with payment by Sunday, November 19.



COOKIES, COCOA & CRAFTS

December 3

10:30am - 12:00pm

Join us in Fellowship Hall for our Advent holiday open house! We will have cookies to decorate...and eat, craft supplies to make

Christmas crafts and hot cocoa to enjoy! Drop in for a couple of minutes or stay for the whole time... and most importantly... this isn't just for kids! All are welcome and encouraged to attend this festive event! Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

O COME O COME EMMANUEL ~ A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 10

9:30 am Worship

"Emmanuel" means "God is with us." During the pageant we imagine what each of those present at the birth of Jesus, as recorded in the gospels of Luke and Matthew, would have experienced and felt.

There will be roles for children, youth and adults and a need for volunteers of all ages. Click [HERE](#) to view volunteer opportunities and sign-up.



NEWS OF THE AMOS GROUP

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



Be A Part of the Light

Saturday December 2, 10am - 2pm

8338 S King Drive

My Block My Hood My City is looking for volunteers to help light homes on South Martin Luther King Drive to brighten the lives of others.

We will drive down in the church van and can pick how many homes we choose to decorate. All decorations are supplied. Last year they decorated 500 homes and light poles and are hoping to increase this year. Please join The Amos Group in bringing Christmas joy to others! Contact Kris Veenbaas or Gregg Morton for more details.



ADULT ED – HOUSING IN DUPAGE COUNTY: PADS

Nov 12

10:45-11:45 am

Hybrid; Chapel or Zoom

This week, Adult Ed continues its series on the housing crisis in DuPage County with a presentation by Marlene Ceja, Director of Corporate and Community Engagement for PADS. Marlene will talk about how PADS is coping with the homelessness in DuPage and the difficulties that PADS has encountered due to the COVID 19 pandemic and its aftermath; and how PADS has changed in response. Finally, she will address what you can do to help PADS going forward.

The class will be presented live in the Chapel and simulcast on [Zoom](#), 10:45-11:45, and will be recorded. Our speaker will be onsite.

Note: This week's class returns to our 10:45 timeslot.



JOIN CPC CHOIRS FOR ADVENT

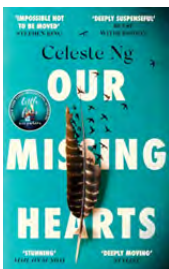
Seasonal Help Needed!

Do you have a song in your heart but nowhere to sing it? Consider joining the CPC Chancel Choir for a special limited time run this Advent season! Reach out to [Christopher Cock](#) on how to participate as seasonal help this Advent!

THE LITTLE HEARTS PROJECT

Veterans Day 11/11

The Little Hearts Project is designed to provide affirmation and information to those who may be considering ending their lives. An especially vulnerable population to suicide are our veterans who have served in the armed forces. As we approach the day we honor and celebrate our service people on November 11, please take a heart from the narthex and either give it to a veteran you know or display it somewhere visible in our communities. Affirmation and information go a long way and we hope you will join us in this initiative!



CIRCLE OF VOICES

November 15, 9:30 am

Gathering Room

Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, November 15th at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is *Our Missing Hearts: A Novel* by Celeste Ng. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not finished or read the book. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library. Traditionally we enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. For more information, contact Barb Coop.

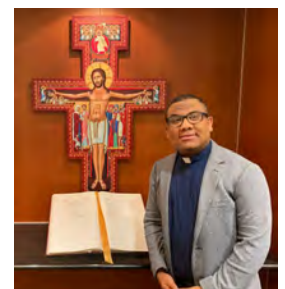
GUEST PREACHER: Seminarian Juan Manuel Arias Perea

Formerly a member of our sister church in Cuba:

Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada en San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba

Nov 26

Juan is now a third year seminarian at the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago. Early next year he will begin his one year student internship serving as pastor at an ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) in New Jersey. Come be inspired by his story and pastoral leadership.



BLOOD DRIVE
Saturday, Nov 18
9:30a-2:00p
Fellowship Hall

The CPC Membership Committee is partnering with Versiti-Blood Center of Illinois for a blood drive in November! Sign up for your time slot by [clicking on this link](#). Students as young as 16 are permitted to donate blood with parent/guardian consent. For more eligibility information, [click here](#). A pint of blood can save a life! Thank you for making time to serve our community in this way!



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