Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2023
9:30 am

Prelude
Breath on Me, Breath of God
arr. Phillip Keveren

Lighting of the Christ Candle
Shelley Jaycox

Words of Welcome
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Opening Words
Kelly Bufton
One: In baptism God claims us and names us Beloved.
In baptism Christ joins us to himself and to one another.
In baptism the Spirit is poured out upon us.
Remember your baptism and be thankful!
All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 409
God Is Here!
ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Confession
Kelly
One: God has made a covenant with us and with our ancestors: to be a light to the nations,
to bring freedom to captives, and to declare new and glorious things!
In faith, let us confess our sin.
Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, heave mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.

Assurance of God’s Grace
One:  As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, and likewise, God speaks to us: “You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.”
All:  In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response 582  Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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*Sharing the Peace of Christ
Susan
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 582  Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Gifting of Bibles
Kristin Duy
Following our time together, all kids are encouraged to go with our Sunday School volunteers to Rm LL6 on the lower level for faith formation. Please pick-up your child there immediately after worship.

Prayer for Inspiration
Kelly

Scripture Reading
Isaiah 42:1-9
One:  Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All:  Thanks be to God!
Scripture Reading
Matthew 3:13-17
Beth
One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon
Claimed
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Hymn 688 v 1, 4, 5
Spirit of God,Descend upon My Heart
MORECAMBE

Thanking Pat Garner, Interim Director of Music Ministry
Barbie Polus

Offering Our Gifts to God
Invitation to Offering
Kelly
Offertory
The Call
Ralph Vaughan Williams
Christopher Cock, Director of Music Ministry

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

Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion
Invitation to the Table
Rev. Susan Tindall and Rev. Beth Freese Dammers
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:

Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication
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

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.

Communion Music

Deep River

arr. Ann Buys

Prayer Following Communion

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 408

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*Charge and Blessing

Beth

*Postlude

On Jordan’s Stormy Banks

Arr. Mark Hayes
* Please rise in spirit or body  
All speak emboldened type

**USHERS:** Linda Cirillo, Kris Veenbaas  
**ACOLYTE:** Shelley Jaycox  
**LITURGIST:** Kelly Bufton  
**ONLINE WORSHIP HOST:** Courteney Templeton  
**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Todd Petersen, Joanna Petersen

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**Next Sunday in Worship, January 15**  
2nd Sunday after Epiphany  
**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Joe Morrow  
9:30 am

**THE REV. JOE MORROW, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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.

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**COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE**

CPC follows COVID guidelines as periodically issued by the CDC and reviewed by Session. The guidelines depend on COVID Community Level, which is updated weekly by the CDC for each county. As of 12/30/22, the COVID Community Level is Medium. The important differences among the three levels relative to activities at CPC are as follows:

- **High:** Everyone is highly encouraged to wear a well-fitting mask if attending in person or to consider participating remotely.
- **Medium:** Those at high risk for getting very sick due to being immunocompromised or having underlying health conditions are highly encouraged to wear a well-fitting mask if attending in person or to consider participating remotely.
- **Low:** No masking or attendance guidelines beyond staying up to date on vaccination, conducting indoor meetings in rooms with air purification or fresh air supply, and staying vigilant with respect to hand sanitizing.

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**ORDINATION / INSTALLATION OF DEACONS & ELDERS**  
**SUNDAY, JAN 22**

Share in the ordination / installation of Elders & Deacons as we pray with them and lay hands on them as a blessing for their leadership and calling.
**This week at CPC:**

**Sunday, January 8**
- **Communion**
- **9:30 am — Worship**
- **9:45 am — Sunday School; LL6**
- **10:45 am — Adult Education; Chapel/Hybrid**
- **5:00 pm — CPC Youth (9-12th grade); Youth Lounge**

**Monday, January 9**
- **7:00 pm — Session; Chapel / Hybrid**

**Tuesday, January 10**
- **1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Hybrid**
- **7:00 pm — Kids’ Academy Board Meeting; Zoom**

**Wednesday, January 11**
- **7:00 pm — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary**

**Thursday, January 12**
- **9:00 am — Thursday Morning Devotions; Chapel/Hybrid**
- **7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Rehearsal; LL8**

**Friday, January 13**

**Saturday, January 14**
- **10:00 am — W & M take Christmas decor down**

**Sunday, January 15**
- **9:30 am — Worship**
- **9:45 am — Sunday School; LL6**
- **9:45 am — 3rd - 5th Grade Bible Class; LL8**
- **10:45 am — Adult Education; Chapel/Hybrid**
- **5:00 pm — WF Event for 6-12th grades at Sky Zone Elmhurst**

**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 LL6 on the lower level for faith formation. Please pick up your child there immediately following worship service. This week our focus will be centered the Bible presentation to our 3rd - 5th Graders.

**CPC YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS RESUMES TONIGHT! 5-7 p.m.**

CPC Youth Activities resume today! 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 not meet this week but will jump back in on January 15th by attending the WF event at Sky Zone Elmhurst. Dinner is included so come on by at 5pm! If you would like to be connected to youth ministry, please contact Pastor Susan.

**BIBLE Presentation**
3rd, 4th & 5th Graders!
Bible Gift Sunday; today during 9:30 worship. Bible Classes are 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
Help District 86 Class of 2023

It’s time again to gather items for seniors at Hinsdale South who will be going to college next year – but could use some help getting items because their resources are strained. These items will be stored until May by Ayesha Truman, Student Support Coordinator. This is our second collection of the school year. In October, we gathered laundry and personal care items. In April, we will collect school supplies.

Our focus for January is Bedding and Towels. Here is a list of suggested items:

- Bedsheets (normally, Twin XL-size sheets fit college dorm beds)
- Comforters or quilts
- Mattress pads
- Pillows and pillowcases
- Throw blankets
- Towels (including hand and bath towels, along with washcloths)

Please bring your items to the church office no later than Sunday, January 29. If you order items online, you could arrange for them to be delivered directly to the church.

Thanks in advance for helping us to make a difference for these students!

Please send your ideas and your comments to Gregg Morton.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

10:45-11:45 am
Hybrid: Chapel or Zoom

Today, we 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 and showed that she has a wealth of information to share – and is an excellent teacher. She says that the Second Temple period could be considered the most important for Jewish history. During that period, they 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). Her title for this week is “Was Second Temple Judaism Sectarian? A Look at the Sources.”

Please join us on this journey. We will meet on Sunday mornings in the chapel or online via Zoom.

CIRCLE OF VOICES

Wednesday, January 18, 9:30am
Gathering Room

Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, January 18th at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is The Rose Code, by Kate Quinn. 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.

REGISTER NOW FOR KIDS’ ACADEMY 2023 - 2024

Kids’ Academy enrollment for the 2023/24 school year is underway. Current families have until Friday, January 6th to send in their application. On Monday, January 9th any remaining spots will be open to the public. All of the forms are located on our website. If you have any questions regarding enrollment, please call the Kids’ Academy office at 630-654-4014 or email Jane Hudgins, Director at jane.hudgins@chcpc.org.
CONCERT: JANUARY 29
CHAI COLLABORATIVE ENSEMBLE
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!

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.

YOUTH SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 12
9:30 PM
Join us for a special worship service led by our youth on February 12!! Our class of 2023 seniors will share their reflections and highlight the amazing ministry being done with them and for them at CPC. Save the date; we look forward to sharing this Sunday with you!

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