



Worship for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024
9:30 am

Prelude *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying "Wachet auf"* arr. Johann Gotfried Walther

Words of Welcome Kristin Duy

***Opening Words** Kristin

One: In a world that is lonely,

All: we will save a seat for you.

One: In a world that is anxious,

All: we will light candles against the gloom.

One: In a world that is weary,

All: we will sing songs of joy and truth.

One: I am not alone.

All: We are not alone.

One: For here in this place, God is weaving us together.

All: Light the candles! Sing with joy! We are a three-cord strand, not easily broken.

***Hymn 82** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Lighting the Candles on the Advent Wreath Katie Stanek, Cici Stanek, Amy Campbell

Call to Confession

Robin Randall

One: Family of faith, one of the beautiful things about the prayer of confession is that it is often prayer we say together. There are times when we close our eyes, bow our heads, and exchange private words with our Creator. But there are other times when praying out loud as a community allows us to right our relationship with God and with one another as well.

This is one of those moments.

So as a community, please join me in our call and response prayer of confession.

Join me in speaking the truth of our lives. Join me in practicing grace.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of God's Grace

One: I have tried to make my own way. I have tried to lace my own shoes, to build my own house, to kindle my own faith. I have said a thousand times, "Turn back," as if I am fine on my own. But the days are long and I am forgetful. I need your help. Can you remind me?

All: We will remind you of this everlasting truth: You are not alone. Where you go, God goes. You are held in grace. Trust in this good news.

One: Thanks be to God! I remember. I believe.

All: Now we need your help. We, too, have tried to make our own way. We have tried to lace our own shoes, to build our own houses, to kindle our own faiths. We have said a thousand times, "turn back," as if we are fine on our own. But the days are long and we are forgetful. We need your help. Can you remind us?

One: I will remind you of this everlasting truth: You are not alone. Where you go, God goes. You are held in grace. Trust in this good news.

All: Thanks be to God! We remember. We believe. Alleluia! Amen.

*Sung Response 583

Glory to God

GLORIA (Taizé)

*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 654

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

Away in a Manger ~ A Retelling of the story of the birth of Jesus

Listen for the Music Angel to invite all to sing Christmas hymns throughout the pageant

Pageant Introduction

Luke 2:4-7

Kristin

*Hymn 133 v 1, 3

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Scene 1; Mary and Joseph

***Hymn 115 v 1, 2**

Away In a Manger

MUELLER

Scene 2; Shepherds and Angels

***Hymn 119 v 1, 3**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Scene 3; Some people are missing

***Hymn 151 v 1, 2, 5**

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

Scene 4; The Wise Ones

***Hymn 122v 1, 2**

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

Scene 5; EVERYONE!!

***Hymn 134 v 1, 2, 4**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Cast:

Speaking Roles

Angel Gabriel	Bill Vickery
Music Angel	Shelley Jaycox
Star Angel	Ellie Baron
Narrator Angel	Savannah Jungers
Mary	Emily Jaycox
Joseph	Roy Rickert
Innkeeper	Theodore Crouse
Shepherd	Arthur Feng
Wise Person 1	Sean Coriell
Wise Person 2	Max Fenstermacher

Non-Speaking Roles

Donkeys	Ty Skupien, Lucy Cahill
Shepherds	Jack Baron, Ben Fenstermacher
Angels	Clare Rickert, Caroline Crouse, Liliana Feng, Libby Coriell, Maisie Jungers
Angel Gabriel's Helper	Jake Skupien
Baby Jesus	Ezekiel Domin

With thanks to Kristin Duy, Liz Monson, and all of the parents for supporting the children!

And a very special thanks to Dave Butts for building a stable frame that will be used by CPC for many years!

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering



Offertory

Christmas Medley

***Doxology** words 607, tune 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

Robin Randall

selections by R. Sacks

OLD HUNDREDTH

Robin

Church Tidings

Beth

Joys & Concerns

God's People Pray / The 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 107 v 1, 4**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

REJOICE, REJOICE

***Charge and Blessing**

Kristin

***Postlude**

Prelude on "Regent Square"

arr. Hal Hopson

** Please rise in spirit or body*

All speak emboldened type

LITURGIST: Robin Randall

GUEST ORGANIST / PIANIST: Robert Sacks

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Amy Hall

USHERS: Jancie & Steve Bouchard

AV: Pat Garner, Erich Kretchmer, Liz Monson

Next Sunday in Worship, December 8

3rd Advent

Chancel Choir & Musical Guests

***Gaudete* by Anders Öhrwahl**



HELLO!
We mean it

Visitor

VISITING CPC? WELCOME!

We believe feeling welcome is foundational for members and visitors to be open to the journey of lifelong faith formation and growth. If you've felt a sense of welcome at CPC and are curious in learning more about us, reach out to Ingrid Ellithorpe, Community Connector, to chat by email ingridellithorpe@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 630.452.2625.



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 our *Share the Love* program.

Decorating our sanctuary:

Given by the Monson Family In thanks to our CPC Family

Given by the Fenstermacher In honor of Bob and Anita Fenstermacher, In honor of Ray and Marian Chapman, In honor of Beverly Nagy, In honor of Lou and June Dempsey, In honor of Edith Fenstermacher, In memory of Bernard and Norma Rice (white one)

Given by Glenn and Donna Gabanski In Memory of our parents

Given by Ann Hamman In Memory of Henry Hamman our grandson

Given by Wayne and Nancy Pritzel In Memory of our parents

Given by Doug and Erin James In Memory of Mary Jane Fitzpatrick

Given by Robin Randall In honor of Emma and Rory Devine, In honor of Kate and Luke Kazmer

Given by the Cahill family In honor of the Karsh and Cahill families

Given by Derek White In memory of Harold and Lois White

Given by Derek, Ruth and Sarah White In memory of Martin Ohrenberg

Given by Derek, Ruth and Sarah White; In memory of Alvin and Nina Ohrenberg

Given by Larry Schulz In Memory of Ed and Marge Schulz

Given by Courteney Templeton In honor of Nadia and Aunt Jean

Given by Lindy and John Steeves In honor of Sue Van Zandt

Given by Colleen Hall In honor of the staff and teachers at CPC Kids' Academy

Given to Share the Love program:

Elizabeth Monson

Sarah Fenstermacher

Robin Randall

Lindy Steeves

Annie Cahill

Derek White

Larry Schulz

Courteney Templeton

Petersen Family

John Gavin





CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

December 8: TODAY

Sponsored by CE-C and Older Adult Ministries

Following worship on December 8, **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. Thank you to the Deacons for organizing this special meal!

CPC CERAMIC MUGS FOR SALE DECEMBER 8

Stop by for Mugs and Kisses in the Narthex after Worship on December 8!
Pick up your limited edition CPC mug for only \$15 – we know you'll love it a latte.



This week at CPC:

Sunday, December 8

2nd Advent

Children's Pageant

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — NO Faith Formation -
children remain in worship

10:30 am — All Church Brunch

10:45 am — NO Adult Education

4:00 pm — Middle School Christmas Shopping

5:00 pm — Cubes - HS; Lower Level

Monday, December 9

7:00 pm — Session; Chapel/Hybrid

Tuesday, December 10

9:15 am — PW Circle 1; Gathering Room

1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel

Wednesday, December 11

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir; Sanctuary

7:00 pm — Manse Task Force; Chapel

Thursday, December 12

9:00 am — Read, Share, Pray; Chapel/Hybrid

3:45 pm — Church office closes for staff Christmas Party

Friday, December 13

Church Office Closed

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

Saturday, December 14

Sunday, December 15

3rd Advent

Chancel Choir & Musical Guests

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation - LL 6

10:45 am — Adult Education; chapel / zoom

5:00 pm — Cubes - HS & MS; Lower Level



TOY DRIVE FOR MOOSEHEART

December 1- 20

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 it into the donation box in the narthex or the basket near door 5C.



GRACE SPACE - A SPACE FOR ALL CHILDREN

All children 3yrs - 10yrs are invited to participate in the worship service in a space designed just for them.

There are coloring & activity pages, books, puzzles, fidget items, streamers and more for the children to use while worshipping right up front!



NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed by our volunteers on **Jan. 5**. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor and is always open

for use, even when not staffed by our volunteers.

Livestream of the service is on each week!



COOKIES, COCOA & CRAFTS ADVENT CELEBRATION

Sunday Dec. 15

10:30am Fellowship Hall

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.



ADULT EDUCATION

See you on Dec 15

This Sunday, Adult Education will NOT meet. We encourage all to attend the all-church brunch in Fellowship Hall.



CIRCLE OF VOICES

Wed Dec 18

9:30 am

Circle of Voices will meet in the Gathering Room at CPC. We will be discussing *As Long as the Lemon Tree Grows* by Zoufka Katouh. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not finished or read the book. Traditionally we enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant.

For more information, contact Barb Coop.



LENDING LIBRARY IS OPEN

Are you looking for good books for your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or yourself?

Visit the Lending Library in the Narthex and check out a book!

There will be children's books, parenting books and general interest books. Simply complete the form for each book you take and enjoy for up to 2 weeks!

Check back often and watch our little library grow!

MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION

Food pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with non-perishable grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services.

The suggested menu is:

- Cereal and Pancake Mix Rice
- Mac & Cheese Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Peanut Butter & Jelly Salad Dressing
- Beans Paper Products



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.

CHANCEL CHOIR OFFERS GAUDETE BY ANDERS ÖHRWAHL

Sun Dec 15

9:30 am

Accompanied by a trio of woodwinds and joined by guest singers, the Chancel Choir will sing movements from the lovely work, *Gaudete*. The Swedish composer and conductor, Anders Öhrwal has created charming arrangements of familiar tunes for Advent and Christmas. The musical selections will be framed by scripture and meditations. Please join us on the third Sunday of Advent for a service that will heighten our anticipation of Jesus coming to earth to redeem all humankind.



READ*SHARE*PRAY

Words for the Beginning: Art, Poetry & Reflections for Advent

Thursdays; December 12, and 19

9:00 - 10:30 am; Chapel / Zoom

Thursdays in December we will be reading the *Words for the Beginning: Art, Poetry & Reflections for Advent*. Copies are available in the narthex or in the church office. Consider joining our lively group on

Thursday mornings for two more weeks to lead you into this joyous season.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be

closed Tuesday, December 24 at noon - Sunday Dec 29

open Monday Dec 30 & Tuesday Dec 31 9:00 – 5:00

closed Wednesday, January 1, 2025

open Thursday January 2, 2025 9:00 am - 5:00





LUMINARIES AT CPC

Volunteers Needed

Clarendon Hills has a long tradition of placing luminaries along sidewalks on Christmas Eve. This practice reminds us that Christ is the Light of the World. Volunteers are needed to secure the supplies, set up the bags and light the candles. If you'd like this tradition to continue, might you please volunteer to make it happen? Contact [Shannon Nyhart](#), Church Administrator if you'd like to be responsible for this. Thank you.



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 2024 or providing a year-end gift, all gifts are important and deeply appreciated.

To ensure your donations are credited to your 2024 giving please:

- Mail donations with a postmark no later than December 31
- Give on-line by December 27 at <https://onrealm.org/cpc/-/form/give/now>
- Bring your donation to church office by **noon, Monday Dec 30**
- NOTE: Office closed Wed Dec 25 - Fri Dec 27



SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday Feb 2

10:30 am

Sanctuary

JOSIE FALBO JAZZ QUINTET

Sunday, January 12

3:00 pm

We welcome the Josie Falbo Jazz Quintet. Josie is one of Chicago's busiest and most frequently heard studio singers for over 35 years. Vocally she can deliver the Gospel power of Mahalia Jackson, rock as hard as Pat Benatar, Be-Bop with the best of them, or perform today's contemporary hits with a style and sound that will amaze and impress any audience.

The program, "Swinging Ladies of Jazz," will incorporate songs made famous by the most revered female jazz singers and others.

Josie will be joined by Jeremy Kahn (piano), Eric Hochberg (bass), Bob Rummage (drums), and Eric Schneider (saxophone).

This concert was originally scheduled for October 6 but had to be rescheduled to January 12.



FAMILY CONCERT: WENDY and DB

Sunday, January 26

3:00 pm

Sanctuary

This concert will feature singer/songwriting team Wendy and DB - a multicultural, award-winning children's music duo. They write their songs with inclusion, diversity, love, kindness and family values, and their themes examine the world with curiosity. This interactive musical event is suitable for the whole family, young and young at heart.

The CPC Concert Series is pleased to partner with CPC's Kids' Academy to offer this fun, family concert.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN ART

Art Exhibit at CPC

Jan 12 - Feb 2

Embracing Our Differences is a nonprofit organization, based in Southwest Florida along Florida's Cultural Coast, that uses the power of art and education to celebrate and promote our individuality and common humanity. They accomplish this through an annual, large-scale, juried exhibition and a

comprehensive series of educational initiatives, programs, and resources designed for educators and students. Smaller canvas-sized art pieces are coming to CPC!

Join us to expand our horizons of what makes us human and what brings us together through 25 pieces of art created by children from around the world. Click [here](#) to learn about Diversity and Inclusion in Art and preview the exhibit.



Holiday Worship

Advent Sundays 9:30 am	[Dec. 8 Christmas Pageant <i>followed by</i> All Church Brunch
		Dec. 15 Special Choir Music <i>followed by</i> Cookies, Cocoa, & Crafts
		Dec. 22 Bell Choir
Christmas Eve]	Dec. 24 3:00, 7:00, & 9:00 pm Communion & Candlelight



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