



## Worship for the Lord's Day Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025  
9:30 am

**Prelude**

*Choral Prelude: Caswall*

Peter Hurford

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Theodore Crouse

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers & Warren Ali

**\*Opening Words:**

Warren

One: The Prophet Micah told us that the LORD requires us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. As we celebrate Martin Luther King's witness, let us be called to worship by some of the prophets of the Civil Rights Movement.

In 1963, in his challenging letter to complacent white clergy in the South, Dr. King wrote, "We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

**All: O God, we pray, transform our silence into action, our fear into courage.**

One: President John F. Kennedy in an address that led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 said, "The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities; whether we are going to treat our fellow Americans as we want to be treated."

**All: O God, we pray, help us to love you and to love others as ourselves.**

One: Rosa Parks said, “You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right. I have learned over the years that when one’s mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.”

**All: O God, we pray, remind us that you did not give us a spirit of fear.**

One: Ann Braden, a white Southern activist and ally of the Civil Rights movement wrote, “In every age, no matter how cruel the oppression carried on by those in power, there have been those who struggled for a different world. I believe this is the genius of humankind, the thing that makes us half divine: the fact that some human beings can envision a world that has never existed.

**All: O God, we pray, help us to envision and struggle for a world where justice will roll down like water, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

**\*Hymn 733**

*We All Are One in Mission*

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**Call to Confession**

Beth

**Prayer of Confession** (adapted from a quote from Dorothy Day)

**All: God of justice, we confess that in the pursuit of our own dreams and desires, we have not always been civil, not always humane, not always right. Guided by your Spirit, what we would like to do is change the world – make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as you intended them to do. Help us to be your witnesses, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, the poor, of the destitute – the rights of the worthy and the unworthy poor, so that we can, with your help, change the world. Enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, and to love our enemy as our friend. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of God’s Grace**

One: Believing in the grace of God and the witness of the Holy Spirit to empower us to change,

**All: We rejoice in the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*Sung Response 582**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

**\*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 699 refrain only**

*Fill My Cup*

FILL MY CUP

**Growing with God**

Beth

*Following Growing with God, all children are invited to go to Faith Formation class in LL6 or sit in the pews with their families.*

**Sung Response 699** refrain only, remain seated

*Fill My Cup*

FILL MY CUP

## Prayer for Inspiration

### Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

### Sermon

*Activism from a Foundation of Christ*

Warren Ali

### \*Hymn 761

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

## Offering Our Gifts to God

### Invitation to Offering

Beth

### Offertory

*Great is thy Faithfulness*

arr. John Helgen

Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology** words 607, tune 606

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*Prayer of Dedication**



QRCode for Giving



## Church Tidings

*Use this QRCode to sign into the friendship pad*

## 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 301

*Let Us Build a House*

TWO OAKS

### \*Charge and Blessing

Warren

### \*Postlude

*Prelude in D Major, BWV 925*

Johann Sebastian Bach

\* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

**LITURGIST:** Beth Freese Dammers

**USHERS:** Julie Trowbridge

**ONLINE WORSHIP HOST:** Courtney Templeton

**AV:** Erich Kretchmer, Liz Monson

**ACOLYTE:** Theodore Crouse

\*The Opening Words are written by Rev. Eric Thomas, Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn and a Ph.D. student at Drew University.

**LARGE PRINT hymnals are available from the ushers.**

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**Next Sunday in Worship, January 26**

Psalm 19, Luke 4:14-21

*Jesus' Call; Our Call*



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**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](mailto:ingridellithorpe@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at 630.452.2625.

Let us know you are here!



**HELLO!**  
My name is

**Visitor**

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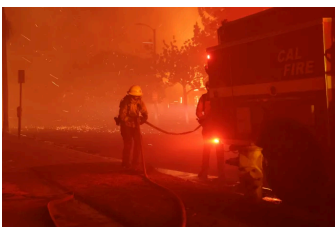


**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

Sunday Feb 2

10:30 am

Sanctuary



**CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE ASSISTANCE**

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) (PDA) is working to provide necessary resources to support the congregations and communities that have been affected by the wildfires in Southern California. To support that disaster relief work, you can [make an online gift to PDA](#).

We join in praying for all who are affected, for swift containment of the fires, and for the safety of first responders.



## ***This week at CPC:***

**Sunday, January 19**

**Guest Preacher: Warren Ali**

**9:30 am — Worship**

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Room 6

10:45 am — Adult Ed: Sanctuary/ zoom

1:00 - 3:00 pm — Art Open House; sanctuary

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

**Monday, January 20**

8:00 am - 3pm — KA Staff Professional Development

7:00 pm — Kids' Academy Open House; KA classrooms

7:00 pm — Concert Series Committee; Zoom

**Tuesday, January 21**

10:30 am — PW Coordinating Team; Gathering Room

1:30 pm — Staff Meeting, Chapel / Zoom

7:00 pm — CE-Y; Chapel / Zoom

7:00 pm — KA Board Meeting; Gathering Room

**Wednesday, January 22**

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir; Sanctuary

**Thursday, January 23**

9:00 am — Read \* Share \* Pray

7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

**Friday, January 24**

**Church Office Closed**

**Saturday, January 25**

9:00 am — Youth group departs for Retreat

**Sunday, January 26**

**9:30 am — Worship**

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Room 6

10:45 am — Adult Ed: Sanctuary / Zoom

11:30 am — Youth group returns from Retreat

3:00 pm — Family Concert - Wendy & DB; Sanctuary



## **FAITH FORMATION CLASS ~ KINDNESS**

Join us this Sunday for a lively lesson on the 5th Fruit of the Spirit; Kindness.



## **NURSERY CARE**

The Nursery will be staffed by our volunteers **Feb. 2**. 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.

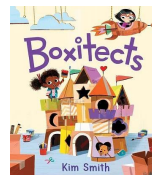


## **BIBLE EXPLORERS**

**February 23, March 23 & April 27**

**During Sunday worship service**

All kids in 4th - 6th grade are encouraged to participate in our Bible Explorers group. These sessions will be exciting and engaging. Kids will get a chance to interact with their friends and their Bibles in ways that equip and inspire them to read their Bibles regularly at home.



## **LENDING LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT**

### **BOXITECTS**

Meg is a brilliant and creative boxitect. She loves impressing her teacher and classmates with what she makes out of boxes. But there's a new kid at Maker School: Simone.

Simone is good at everything, and worst of all, she's a boxitect, too. When the annual Maker Match is held, Meg and Simone are paired as a team but can't seem to stop arguing. When their extraordinary project turns into a huge disaster, they must find a way to join creative forces, lift each other up, and work together.

***Boxitects is available in the Lending Library...check it out!***



## **ADULT ED:**

### **UNDERSTANDING OUR CONNECTIONS – THE QUR'AN AND THE BIBLE**

**Jan 19, 10:45 - 11:45**

**Chapel / Zoom**

[Zoom link](#)

We talk about three religious traditions as Abrahamic, or “People of the Book.” These are Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. We are somewhat familiar with the primary religious text for Judaism, which we call the Old Testament (or Hebrew Bible.) But most of us aren't very familiar with the Qur'an. Nor do we know how much the Qur'an and the Bible have in common.

Let's learn something new together! ME&O will be offering four classes in January and February focusing on the origins of the Qur'an and its intersections with the Bible. The first three classes will be taught by Sheikh Hassan Mostafa Aly, a noted Muslim scholar -- and a longtime friend of CPC. The fourth class will be a discussion between Sheik Aly and Reverend Doctor Robert Cathey. Dr. Cathey is a retired professor of theology from McCormick Seminary. All of these classes will be offered hybrid during our regular Adult Education hour.

## KIDS' ACADEMY

Open Enrollment began Thursday Jan 16

Open House Monday Jan 20, 3pm-5pm

New families are invited to enroll their students, ages 2.5 - 5th grade, to enroll for preschool education and / or after-school care. Attend the Open House on Monday, January 20, 3:00 - 5:00 pm to meet the staff and see the class rooms. Contact Director Kelley Lemley at [kelley.lemley@gmail.com](mailto:kelley.lemley@gmail.com) with any questions.



### 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 with 25 pieces of art created by children from around the world. Scan the QR code to learn about Diversity and Inclusion in Art and preview the exhibit.



### 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
- Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Beans
- Rice
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Salad Dressing
- 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.



**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.



"Martin Luther King Jr., April 4, 1968"

by Gwendolyn Brooks

A man went forth with gifts.

He was a prose poem.

He was a tragic grace.

He was a warm music.

He tried to heal the vivid volcanoes.

His ashes are  
reading the world.

His Dream still wishes to anoint  
the barricades of faith and of control.

His word still burns the center of the sun  
above the thousands and the  
hundred thousands.

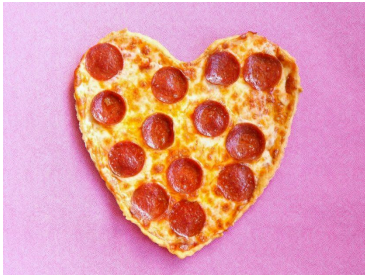
The word was Justice. It was spoken.

So it shall be spoken.

So it shall be done.

Gwendolyn Brooks is one of the most influential and widely read 20th-century American poets. The author of more than 20 books, she was highly regarded even during her lifetime and had the distinction of being the first Black poet to win the Pulitzer Prize. A lifelong resident of Chicago, Gwendolyn Brooks was appointed Poet Laureate of Illinois in 1968, a position she held until her death 32 years later. She was also named the U.S. Poet Laureate for the 1985–86 term.





### LOVE INC. PIZZA FUNDRAISER

**Order by Wednesday, February 5th**

**Pick-Up at CPC February 9th**

Support long-time CPC mission partner Love, Inc and eat yummy Home Run Inn pizza. Choose from a variety of Take N' Bake pizzas made fresh at the restaurant daily and ready to be cooked in your home oven whenever you want delicious pizza. Round or heart shaped pizzas available as well as a variety of salads and desserts. Celebrate the Super Bowl or Valentine's Day or save for a busy night when there is no time to cook!

All orders must be placed by February 5th to be picked up at CPC on Sunday, February 9th after worship between 10:30 and 11:30 am. 30% of all orders benefit Love, Inc, supporting their vital mission to mobilize the local church to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ. Love is a partnership of many local Christian churches, working together to unify the church around our neighbors in need in the Western Suburbs and CPC Member Becky Bewley Rush is the Executive Director.



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