



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

February 2, 2025  
9:30 am

**Prelude**

*The Gift of Love*

arr. John Carter

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Emily Jaycox

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

**\*Opening Words:**

One: In you, O Lord, let us take refuge,

**All: so we might never be put to shame.**

One: In your righteousness, O Lord, let us find deliverance,

**All: so we might experience your saving power.**

One: In your present, O God, let us place our trust,

**All: so we might find confidence in you alone.**

One: You are our rock and our refuge, our fortress and shield.

**All: We turn to you again this day. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 409**

*God Is Here!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

**Call to Confession**

Ingrid Ellithorpe

One: God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others but also to ourselves.  
Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God,  
who desires to deliver us and to cast out our fear.

## Prayer of Confession

**All:** God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We hoard love for but a few as if love is in limited quantities. We have allowed love to end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

## Assurance of God's Grace

**One:** God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end.

**All:** Therefore, we do not fear, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new.

## \*Sung Response 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

## \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Ingrid

**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 399

*God Welcomes All*

THEMBA AMEN

## Growing with God

Kristin Duy

*Following Growing with God, all children are invited to return to Grace Space, or sit in the pews with their families.*

## Sung Response 399 remain seated

*God Welcomes All*

THEMBA AMEN

## Prayer for Inspiration

Ingrid

## Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## Sermon

*Greatest Gift is LOVE*

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

## \*Hymn 693

*Though I May Speak*

GIFT OF LOVE

## Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Ingrid



Offertory

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky

arr. Jason Krug

Clarion Bell Choir

\*Doxology words 607, tune 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDETH

\*Prayer of Dedication

Ingrid

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Holy Communion

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

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 we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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!

## 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.

## 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.  
The other two stations offer bread and grape juice.*

### Communion Music

*Just as I Am*

arr. Joel Raney

### Prayer After Communion (unison)

**Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all the company of your people in heaven and on earth. In your mercy we have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been empowered by your Holy Spirit. Let us go out as disciples of our Lord, following in his way, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world. Amen.**

### \*Hymn 547

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

AR HYD Y NOS

### \*Charge and Blessing

### \*Postlude

*Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan*

Johann Gottfried Walther

\* Please rise in spirit or body

**All speak emboldened type**

**LITURGIST:** Ingrid Ellithorpe

**USHERS:** Joanne King, Julia Trowbridge

**ONLINE WORSHIP HOST:** Linda Cirillo

**AV:** Erich Kretchmer, Liz Monson

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Sam Dammers, Joanna Petersen, Jason Salbego, Mia Salbego, Larry Schulz

**ACOLYTE:** Emily Jaycox

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

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Next Sunday in Worship, February 9

**Youth Sunday**

1 Corinthians 13

**Senior Meditations**





### 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

### This week at CPC:

#### Sunday, February 2

##### Communion

##### 9:30 am — Worship

NO Faith Formation - children remain in worship

10:30 am — Annual meeting; Sanctuary/ livestream

5:00 pm — MS & HS Cubes; LL Rm 8, Youth Lounge

#### Monday, February 3

7:00 pm — Worship & Music; Chapel & Zoom

7:00 pm — House & Ground; Gathering Room

#### Tuesday, February 4

1:30 pm — Staff Meeting, Chapel / Zoom

7:00 pm — Stephen Ministry; Chapel & Zoom

#### Wednesday, February 5

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir; Sanctuary

#### Thursday, February 6

9:00 am — Read \* Share \* Pray

7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

#### Friday, February 7

#### Saturday, February 8

#### Sunday, February 9

##### Youth Sunday

##### 9:30 am — Worship

NO Faith Formation - children remain in worship

10:30 am — Pick up LOVE Inc. Pizza; Fellowship Hall

10:45 am — Adult Ed: Chapel/ Zoom

No Youth Group Activities



### NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed by our volunteers **this Sunday**. 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~ *What the Crow Saw Below*

Every day, the elder crows warn of dangers far below their branches. At first, the littlest crow joins their warbling, warning wails. But soon she begins to wonder: What's really going on

below the treetops? Is everything dangerous? What might happen if she looks up? With rollicking rhyme and vibrant illustrations, *What the Crow Saw Below* invites readers to look beyond the boundaries of one's own world, balancing a bit of caution with a sense of adventure and discovery.

***What the Crow Saw Below* is available in the Lending Library...check it out!**



### VALENTINE'S FEST

**Next week! Sunday, February 9**

**10:30am**

Join us in Fellowship Hall after worship on February 9 to celebrate Valentine's Day! We will have crafts, games and treats for all ages.

### CPC Youth will meet tonight to plan Youth Sunday!

**5:00 - 7:30 pm**

Middle School and high school activities will meet this evening to plan for our service next week! We look forward to seeing both groups back in the youth lounge tonight for food, fun times and positive vibes!

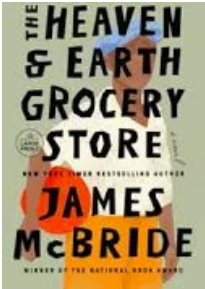


**CPC YOUTH**  
Connect • Explore • Serve



**ADULT ED:  
UNDERSTANDING OUR CONNECTIONS – THE QUR’AN AND THE BIBLE  
NO class this week**

The series will resume on February 9.



**CIRCLE OF VOICES  
Wednesday, February 19  
9:30am  
Gathering Room**

Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, February 19th at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. We will be discussing *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store: A Novel* by James McBride. 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.



**KIDS' ACADEMY NEW FAMILY ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!**

CPC Kids' Academy is a preschool for children 30 months to 5 years and an after-school program for kids in kindergarten thru 5th grade. The Academy has been in the Clarendon Hills community for more than 50 years and is VERY proud to be NAEYC accredited!



New families are invited to learn more about the Academy by contacting the Director Kelley Lemley at [kelly.lemley@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.lemley@gmail.com) to schedule a tour.

**Enroll your child by February 10 to receive \$150 off your first month's tuition!**



**DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN ART**

**Art Exhibit at CPC  
Last Day Today**

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. Thank you to **Robin Randall** who curated this exhibit for us!



**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.





**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.

**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.



**CONCERT: KAIA STRING QUARTET**

**Sunday, February 16**

**3:00 pm**

**Sanctuary**

From the tango of the Rio de la Plata to the string quartets of Silvestre Revueltas, the KAIA String Quartet is an ensemble devoted to promoting the rich and colorful music of Latin America.

The concert is titled "**Song and Dance: Celebrating Latin American Culture.**" The program will include a variety of music based on South American songs and dance. Come hear how diverse the string quartet repertoire can be through the masterful writing of composers like Astor Piazzolla, Joaquín Turina, and Clarice Assad.

The musicians are Victoria Moreira (violin), Naomi Culp (violin), Susan Bengtson Price (viola), and Hope Shepherd DeCelle (cello).



**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

**TODAY**

**Sunday Feb 2**

**10:30 am**

**Sanctuary**

**50+ BRUNCH**  
**Sunday, Feb 16**  
**10:30**

All who self-identify as age 50 or over are warmly invited to attend this homemade brunch! It is a time of fellowship, conversation and connecting with friends, as well as making new friends!



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