



Worship for the Lord's Day First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024

9:30 am

Prelude

Silver Bells

arr. Jay Livingston and Ray Evans

Words of Welcome & Lighting the Christ Candle

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

***Opening Words:**

One: We have named our joy out loud, and it is clear —

All: God is in our joy.

One: God is in this room.

All: We have reason to celebrate.

One: We have a reason to sing.

All: Thanks be to God for the bright hope of this day.

***Hymn 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession

Gregg Morton

One: Friends, one of the most inherently joyful and beautiful moments in worship comes through the moment of confession. For when we are honest with God in the prayer of confession, we open ourselves up to receive God's grace and mercy. And that gift—that grace—is full to the brim with good news!

So join me in this prayer of confession, not out of shame or guilt, but because there is a joy on the other side of this prayer that will take your breath away.

Let us pray together; let us choose joy.

Prayer of Confession

One: Joyful God, you told us that in order to enter the kingdom of heaven, we must be like children.

All: Did you mean that like children, we must practice unhindered joy? Did you mean that like children, we should lean into laughter, release our cynicism, and open ourselves to delight?

One: In a world as broken and battered as ours, we admit,

All: this often seems easier said than done.

One: Forgive us, patient God, for the moments when we are so focused on the bad that we miss the good.

All: Forgive us for hearing the nativity story and staying in our seats instead of jumping for joy.

One: We know that even now you are sowing delight in our lives.

All: Open our hearts up to it. With gratitude we pray, amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: We are seen. We are loved. We are forgiven.

One: That is news worth celebrating! That is news that should make us want to cheer, laugh, cry with relief, dance, and sing all at the same time! So in response to God's goodness, I invite you to rise in body or spirit and join me in the sung response. Let us make a joyful noise for God's abundant mercy.

*Sung Response 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Prayer for Inspiration

Gregg

LESSON ONE

Listen for Joy

Luke 2:10; Isaiah 9:2-3

Gregg

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

All: Thanks be to God!

*Sing with Joy Hymn 136

Go Tell It On the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Practice Joy

Joy found in Scripture

Beth

LESSON TWO

Listen for Joy

Matthew 2:10, Psalm 148

Gregg

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

All: Thanks be to God!

*Sing with Joy Hymn 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Practice Joy

Joy Found in Community

Friends, the peace and joy of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pass joy and peace to one another.

LESSON THREE

Listen for Joy

Psalm 126:1-3; Isaiah 55:12-13

Gregg

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

All: Thanks be to God!

*Sing with Joy Hymn 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Practice Joy

Joy Found in Prayer & Giving

On the provided paper squares, write three prayers of gratitude for things that bring you joy. When you are finished writing, we encourage you to come forward and hang your written prayers along the twine that is strung on the south wall. We also encourage you to place your tithes and offerings in the plates on the Communion Table. If it is more graceful for you to remain seated, raise your hand and an usher will collect your prayers and offerings.

Special Music

Away in a Manger
Glenn Gabanski, organ

Michael Burkhardt

*Hymn 80

You Shall Go Out with Joy

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

Christmas Time is Here

Lee Mendelson and Vince Guaraldi

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

LITURGIST: Gregg Morton

GUEST ORGANIST / PIANIST: Robert Sacks

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Barb Coop

PRAYERS BY: Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

USHERS: Janice Bouchard, Steve Bouchard

AV: Geneva Ali

Next Sunday in Worship, January 5

Celebrating Epiphany

9:30 am

Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Following God's Lead



HELLO!

My name is

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.

LYRICS TO HYMNS FOUND IN HYMNALS

With a reduced staff and in an effort to use our human resources and valued volunteers judiciously, we are returning to using the hymnals for the singing of the hymns. Using hymnals, rather than having the lyrics for all hymns on the screens, will save us 2 - 3 hours of time each week. Thank you for your support.

LARGE PRINT hymnals are available from the ushers.



This week at CPC:

Sunday, December 29

First Sunday of Christmas

9:30 am — Worship

NO Faith Formation - children remain in worship

NO Adult Education

NO Cubes - HS & MS

Monday, December 30

Church office open 9-5

Tuesday, December 31

Church office open 9-5

Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year

Church office closed

Thursday, January 2

Church office open 9-5

NO Read * Share * Pray

Friday, January 3

Church office open 9-5

Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5

Celebrating Epiphany

9:30 am — Worship

NO Faith Formation - children remain in worship

10:45 am — Adult Ed: Chapel / Zoom

5:00 pm — Cubes - Movie Night

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!

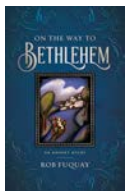
LENDING LIBRARY IS OPEN

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!



ADULT EDs: Epiphany Book Study

Jan 5, 10:45 - 11:45

CHAPEL / ZOOM

[Zoom link](#)

Adult Education resumes January 5, discussing *On the Way to Bethlehem*, by Rob Fuquay.

The book has had us looking at towns and cities that were key to the story of the birth of Jesus. In the epilogue, we turn to Persia, where tradition says that the magi came from. The magi are said to be the last group to seek out Jesus in Bethlehem. Their discovery of Jesus is what we call Epiphany. Then, after their visit, they return to their homes, enlightened now. Fuquay thinks of this as their re-turning. He prompts us to think about our times of re-turning after encountering God.

This week, Gregg Morton will be our leader. Please join us!

We encourage you to read the Epilogue of the book, to enhance your understanding and how this study could apply to your own journey.

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
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| Rice |
| Canned Tuna or Chicken |
| Salad Dressing |
| Paper Products |



Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC. Thank you for your generous donations.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be

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

closed Wednesday, January 1, 2025

open Thursday January 2 & Friday Jan 3, 2025 9:00 am - 5:00



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**

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. Click here to learn more about [Wendy & DB](#)

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. Click [here](#) to learn about Diversity and Inclusion in Art and preview the exhibit.



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