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Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday

27th Sunday after Pentecost

November 24, 2024 9:30 am

Prelude Crown Him Lord of All (Diadem) arr. Mary McDonald

Lighting of the Christ CandleShelley Jaycox

Words of Welcome Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Opening Words

One: Through the power of God, Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth.

All: As we worship, may this truth guide our thoughts.

One: Christ our Lord sits on the throne of love.

All: May this love guide our hearts.

One: Let us worship our Lord who leads the way.

*Hymn 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Prayer of the Day Amy Hall

All: All-powerful God, as we recognize Christ's reign, we also recognize the earthly powers that compete for our loyalty. Guide us, Lord, as we engage in the ordering of these days. Train our hearts on your truth, that your voice might lead us in all that we do. Amen.

*Sung Response 263 v 3

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Amy

One: The reign of Jesus is built on love and peace. He is king, like no earthly king. In a broken world, let us be messengers of his peace. Let us share the peace of Christ with one

another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

*Sung Response 614, First 8 measures only

Great Are You, Lord

GREAT IS THE LORD

Growing with God Kristin Duy

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Beth, Kristin, Elder Fred Veenbaas

The Baptism of **Eleanor McDonald**

daughter of Colin McDonald & Stella Mun McDonald Godparents: Anthony Coriell and Tatiana Park Corbin

Presentation

Congregational Promise:

We do and we will. We commit to ensuring she has every opportunity to experience the love of God, the call of Jesus to discipleship and the enduring presence of the Holy Spirit. We pray you find a community to support you during your years in South Korea. We are blessed to pray with you, Eleanor!

*Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed, pg 17 of Hymnal

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

Hymn 486 v 1, 4 remain seated

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Prayer for Inspiration Amy

Scripture Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading John 18:33-37 Beth

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Sermon **Beth Freese Dammers**

*Hymn 347 v 1, 2, 4 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PICARDY

Offering Our Gifts to God **Invitation to Offering** Offertory

Rejoice, the Lord is King **Chancel Choir**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Amy

Mark Edwards

*Doxology words 607, tune 606 *Prayer of Dedication Amy

QRCode for Giving

Church Tidings Beth

Joys & Concerns

God's People Pray / The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 265 v 1, 4, 5 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun **DUKE STREET**

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude Lead On, O King Eternal (Lancashire) arr. Joshua Evanovich

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

ACOLYTE: Shelley Jaycox **LITURGIST:** Amy Hall

GUEST ORGANIST / PIANIST: Robert Sacks USHERS: Geneva Ali, Sam Dammers **ONLINE WORSHIP HOST:** Wendy Cook AV: Fox Ali, Erich Kretchmer

> Next Sunday in Worship, December 1 1st Advent Communion

You are a Blessing Luke 1:26-38; Isaiah 43:1-7



This week at CPC:

Sunday, November 24
Baptism

9:30 am - Worship

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

10:45 am — Adult Education; Chapel / Zoom 5:00 pm — Cubes - HS & MS; Lower Level

Monday, November 25

7:00 pm — Deacon meeting; hybrid

7:00 pm — Concert Series Committee; Zoom

Tuesday, November 26

10:00 am --- Circle 4; Oak Trace

7:00 pm --- A&P; Chapel / Zoom

7:00 pm -— PW Circle 3; Gathering Room

Wednesday, November 27

Noon — Cooking for Community Thanksgiving

5:15 pm — Carve Turkeys

6:00 pm — Community Thanksgiving Dinner;

Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 28 Happy Thanksgiving Church office Closed

Friday, November 29 Church office Closed

Saturday, November 30

10:00 — W & M decorates for Advent

Sunday, December 1

1st Advent

Communion

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SHARE THE SPIRIT COLLECTION

November 3 - December 1

For over 25 years, People's Resource Center's (PRC) Share the Spirit program has

invited our most vulnerable neighbors throughout DuPage to experience holiday shopping for their families at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. This year CPC is helping by collecting:

- ~New stuffed animals (12 in or smaller)
- ~New, with tags, crib or twin sized blankets.

Drop off in the basket at door 5C or narthex



NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed by our volunteers on **Dec. 1.** 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!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Sunday, December 8 During the 9:30 worship service

It is almost time for the Christmas Pageant. Join the angels, shepherds, donkeys, Mary, Joseph, the Innkeeper and the wise ones as

we celebrate the birth of Jesus!



TOY DRIVE ~ Dec 1 - Dec 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 in the donation

box in the narthex.



CHRISTMAS BRUNCH December 8 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.

ADULT EDUCATION Sun Nov 24 10:45 - 11:45

Chapel / Zoom

This Sunday, Adult Education begins looking at Advent -- a little early, but this allows us to get in the full study before Christmas. For our Advent study this year, we will read and discuss *On the Way to Bethlehem*, by Rob Fuquay.

The book helps us look at towns and cities that were key to the story of the birth of Jesus. We start in Rome, where "a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled." That decree, according to the Gospel of Luke, resulted in the journey of Joseph and a very-pregnant Mary to Bethlehem. The author prompts us to consider how a decision by a powerful leader in a distant place can impact the lives of distant people. Think about Moscow's decision to attack Ukraine; or the impact of decisions in Washington on our lives.

Please join us today to begin the journey to Bethlehem. We are pleased this week to welcome Tracy Sims as our leader. We will begin the class with a brief video by the author.

We encourage you to read the first chapter of the book, to enhance your understanding and the application of this study to your own journey. Books are available in the church office. **Zoom link**

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 DressingBeans 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.



THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR NEIGHBORS

Wednesday, Nov 27

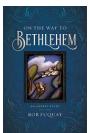
NEED cooks, carvers, pies, folks to present at dinner tables

Your support of the Progressive Dinner allows the Board of Deacons to offer a free homemade Thanksgiving Dinner to any persons in need! Additionally, many volunteers are needed to cook, carve, provide pies and sit at the table sharing conversation during

dinner. Can you help with:

- Cooking Sides Wed, Nov 27, noon 5:00
- Carving Turkeys Wed, Nov 27, 5:15
- Bake or Buy a whole pie to donate. Deliver pies to fellowship hall kitchen on Tues, Nov 26 or Wed, Nov
- Share table fellowship. Be present to welcome our guests at 5:30 pm on Wed, Nov 27 and engage in conversation. Dinner served at 6:00 pm.
- **Spread the word!** Letters have been sent to local food pantries inviting all in need to RSVP for a meal by calling the church office. Invite anyone you know who may need a meal OR pick up a meal and deliver it to a neighbor!

Contact Kris Veenbaas with any questions or to volunteer to help.







COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

will be packed on 11/24

Do you know any college age CPC alums? PLEASE help us send them some cheer by providing addresses so we can send them a care package. These are much loved! Send addresses to Alvssa Woody. THANK YOU!





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS TEA Tuesday, December 3, 12:30 All Invited

Our annual Christmas Tea is a great way to get in touch with old friends and with staff. Please come, men, women, children—everyone.

We'll have coffee and tea and delicious treats. You may, if you wish, contribute a small plate of cookies, sweet bread or other treats. Not necessary but certainly appreciated. Hope to see you in the Gathering Room on the 3rd!



CHRISTMAS JOY

The insert in today's bulletin describes how funds dedicated to the Christmas Joy offering will be used. 50% of this annual special offering assists current and retired church workers in a time of need, while another 50% is used for Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Take this bulletin insert home with you and prayerfully consider what you will give. The Christmas Joy offerings will be collected on December 1.

READ*SHARE*PRAY

Words for the Beginning: Art, Poetry & Reflections for Advent Thursdays; December 5, 12, and 19 9:00 - 10:30 am; Chapel / Zoom

For three Thursdays in December we will be reading the Words for the Beginning: Art, Poetry & Reflections for Advent. There will be many copies available in the church office. Please consider joining our lively group on Thursday mornings for these 3 weeks to lead you into this joyous season.





POINSETTIA PLANT PICKUP Sat Dec 7 10:00 - 11:30 am

You may pick up poinsettias ordered for personal use on Sat., Dec 7, or following worship on Sunday, Dec 8. Thank you for your support of the Kids' Academy Tuition Assistance Fund.

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.





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, please volunteer to make it happen? Contact Shannon Nyhart, Church Administrator, if you'd like to be responsible for this. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN "Our Future is Now"

Our congregation has pledged \$526,967 (87% of our \$606,718 goal) so far. To those who have already pledged, we thank you. If you haven't pledged yet, please do so now. Our Session leadership meets in early December to determine our church's 2025 budget. By pledging now, you help Session determine which of our valued ministries and missions can be funded next year.





Every gift, no matter the size, will make a difference. Your pledge is an investment in the future of our church and our faith community.

With gratitude, Your Stewardship Committee



Holiday Worship

Dec. 1 Communion & Choir

Dec. 8 Christmas Pageant followed by

All Church Brunch

Dec. 15 Special Choir Music followed by

Cookies, Cocoa, & Crafts

Dec. 22 Bell Choir

Christmas Eve

Christmas Dec. 24 3:00, 7:00, & 9:00 pm

Communion & Candlelight



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