



Worship for the Lord's Day

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024
9:30 am

Prelude	<i>Angels We Have Hear on High</i> <i>Greensleeves</i> <i>Coventry Carol</i>	Wilfred Moreau Traditional Traditional
Introit	<i>Rejoice (Gaudete)</i>	Anders Öhrwall
Scripture Reading	1 John 4:9-10	Kelly Bufton
Sinfonia		Anders Öhrwall
Words of Welcome		Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Opening Words

One: God, you are our salvation and trust.

All: Rejoice in the Lord, for our God is near.

One: You redeem your people; you restore our fortunes;

All: Rejoice in the Lord, for our God is near.

One: You have become for us our strength and salvation.

All: Rejoice in the Lord, for our God is near.

One: Let us sing to the Lord, who has done glorious things.

All: Let us offer joy, thanks, and praise this day. Hallelujah!

***Hymn 141 v 1-2**

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

PERSONENT HODIE

Lighting the Candles on the Advent Wreath

Tomisek Family: Dianna, John, Todd

Prayer of the Day

Warren Ali

God of good news, God of joy, your Spirit is always at work in our midst. Your nearness brings life and salvation. Help us join in the songs of our ancestors who have declared your mighty works through the generations. Let our praise arise with theirs as we rest in the joy of your arriving presence. We pray in the name of Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

***Hymn 141 v 3-4**

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

PERSONENT HODIE

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Warren

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

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.

***Sung Response 654**

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

Prayer for Inspiration

Warren

Anthem

In Dulci Jubilo

Anders Öhrwall

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-2, 9:6-7

Warren

Anthem

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Anders Öhrwall

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-14

Beth

Anthem

Glory to God in the Highest

Anders Öhrwall

Meditation

Beth

Anthem

To Us a Child has been Born Today

Anders Öhrwall

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:15-20

Warren

Meditation

Beth

Anthem

Let the Earth with Praise Resound

Anders Öhrwall

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Warren



Offertory *Fantasy on The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came (Basque Hymn)* Trad., arr. H. Hopson/R. Sacks

***Doxology** words 607, tune 606 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Warren

QRCode for Giving

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 106**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

March from The Nutcracker

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

** Please rise in spirit or body*

All speak emboldened type

LITURGIST: Warren Ali

GUEST ORGANIST / PIANIST: Robert Sacks

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Michele Vickery

USHERS: John Boxell, Joanne King

AV: Geneva Ali, Erich Kretchmer

Next Sunday in Worship, December 22

4th Advent

Micah 5:2-5a

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:46-55

Hope is Worth the Risk



Our Deepest Appreciation to the Chancel Choir for the offering of today's special music

Soprano

Maura Janton Cock
Betty Ann Morton
Barbie Polus
Wendy Wilhelm

Alto

Karna Bouton
Jean Libera
Ardes Poisson
Judy Johns Schloegel

Tenor

Barb Coop
Glenn Gabanski
Pat Garner
Gregg Morton
Marla Rainey

Bass

Kelly Bufton
Doug Newkirk
Larry Schulz
Fred Veenbaas

Guest Vocalists

Karen Rockett, soprano
Karen Archbold, alto
BJ Engelhardt, bass

Guest Instrumentalists

Cindy Fludala, flute
Lisa Targonski, flute
Dianne Ryan, bassoon

Conductor: Dr. Christopher M. Cock

Organist: Robert Sacks



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.**



COOKIES, COCOA & CRAFTS ADVENT CELEBRATION

Sunday Dec. 15 TODAY

10:30 am 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 to enjoy! All are welcome and encouraged to attend this festive event!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sun Dec 22

10:30

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday December 22 for the sole purpose of voting on the nomination of an Elder in the class of 2027.



This week at CPC:

Sunday, December 15

3rd Advent

Special Choir Music

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation - LL 6

10:30 am — Cookies, Cocoa & Crafts, fellowship hall

10:45 am — Adult Education; chapel / zoom

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

Monday, December 16

6:30 pm — Finance Committee; zoom

7:00 pm — Concert Series Committee; Zoom

7:00 pm — Deacon Christmas party @ Lindy Steeves'

Tuesday, December 17

1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel

7:00 pm — Stephen Ministry; Zoom

7:00 pm — Kids' Academy Board; Gathering Room

7:30 pm — CE-Y; Chapel

Wednesday, December 18

9:30 am — Circle of Voices; Gathering Room

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir; Sanctuary

Thursday, December 19

9:00 am — Read, Share, Pray; Hybrid

7:00 pm — Clarion Bells; Sanctuary

7:30 pm — MEO; hybrid

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

Sunday, December 22

4th Advent

Clarion Bell Choir

9:30 am — Worship

NO Faith Formation - Children remain in worship

10:30 am — Congregational Meeting; Sanctuary

NO — Cubes - HS & MS



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 in the

donation box in the narthex or in 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!

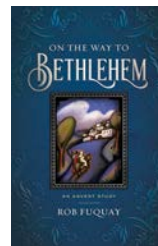


NURSERY CARE

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!



ADULT ED: Advent Book Study

DEC 15, 10:45 - 11:45

CHAPEL / ZOOM

[Zoom link](#)

This Sunday, Adult Education continues looking at Advent, discussing *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. In the third chapter, we move to Nazareth. Here, the angel visits Mary to invite her to be the

bearer of “the Son of the Most High.” We know the rest of that amazing story. Fuquay asks us to consider Nazareth, a backwater town where life is slow, where it might be easier to live a life of righteousness. He encourages us to find a Nazareth-like place in our home or neighborhood.

This week, we welcome Robin Randall as our leader. We will begin the class with a brief video by the author. Please join us!

We encourage you to read the third chapter of the book, to enhance your understanding and how this study could apply to your own journey. Books are available in the church office.



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 Zouifa 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

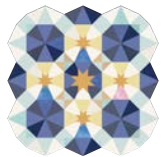
Food pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with non-perishable grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services.

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.



READ*SHARE*PRAY

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

Thursday, December 19

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



This is our final week reading and discussing *Words for the Beginning: Art, Poetry & Reflections for Advent*. Copies are available in the narthex or in the church office.



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.

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





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 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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