

Community Presbyterian Church

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January 10, 2021

Welcome to worship this morning!

*Bulletin Cue: **Bold** indicates congregational response.*

We hope to see you again soon!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God created the world, and God blessed it: "It is good."

In the beginning, God created light, and God blessed it: "It is good."

In the beginning, God created life, and God blessed it: "It is good."

**Since the beginning, God has not stopped creating,
calling us closer to all that is good.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 230

Joyful Is the Dark

vs. 1 and 5



1 Joy - ful is the dark, ho - ly, hid - den God,
5 Joy - ful is the dark depth of love di - vine,



roll - ing cloud of night be - yond all nam - ing:
roar - ing, loom - ing thun - der - cloud of glo - ry,



maj - es - ty in dark - ness, en - er - gy of love,
ho - ly, haunt - ing beau - ty, liv - ing, lov - ing God.



Word - in - flesh, the mys - ter - y pro - claim - ing.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing and tell the sto - ry!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nothing can be hidden from our God, maker of heaven and earth,
whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION

God whose spirit moved over the waters,
you claimed us as your own, bound us in community,
and called us to lives steeped in grace.

**Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived
as if we were your baptized people.**

We prioritize our own selfish interests.

We are slow to disrupt the status quo,
even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering.

Forgive us, O God, and in forgiving, transform us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Those who trust in the Holy Name will renew their strength.
They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Let the River Run
arranged by Craig Hella Johnson

Burnside HS Senior Chorale
Wellington, New Zealand

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 29

One Hebrew name for God for which we have no good translation, but which is commonly rendered LORD, occurs 18 times in this short psalm. When we hear a word that frequently, we can miss the power it originally held. For that reason, we speak it today in other words.

Ascribe to the Holy Name, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Holy Name glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Holy Name the glory due the name of God;
worship the Holy Name in sacred splendor.**

The voice of the Holy Name is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Holy Name, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the Holy Name is powerful;
the voice of the Holy Name is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Holy Name breaks the cedars;
the Holy Name breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Holy Name flashes forth flames of fire.**

The voice of the Holy Name shakes the wilderness;
the Holy Name shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Holy Name causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"**

The Holy Name sits enthroned over the flood;
the Holy Name sits enthroned as ruler forever.

**May the Holy Name give strength to the people!
May the Holy Name bless the people with peace!**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4–11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Word became flesh and lived among us. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Voice of God

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 850 In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness *vs. 1 and 3*



1 In a deep, un-bound-ed dark-ness, long be-fore the first
3 Joy trans-forms our lips to boast-ing on-ly in your match-



light shone, you, O God, be-yond all mer-it worked a
less grace, send-ing Christ to dwell a-mong us, Word made



won-der faith makes known: in your mer-cy, in your
flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav-ior, Friend and



mer-cy, you em-braced us as your own,
Sav-ior, in whose life we glimpse your face,



ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

vs. 1 and 5



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,
the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Holy Name forever.

Alleluia!

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me.

Amen

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, January 10

9:30 am Online Worship Service

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, January 11

7:00 pm Isaiah Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, January 12

12:00 pm Conference Call *

6:30 pm Building & Grounds Committee

Wednesday, January 13

6:30 am Prayer Group

Friday, January 15

12:00 pm Conference Call *

Sunday, January 17

9:30 am Online Worship Service

Coming Up

Monday, January 18

Annual Report Items Due

Sunday, January 31

Annual Meeting following Worship

Online Worship

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

* **Tuesday/Friday Conference Call**

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>

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Jane, Ed, Jenny, Elissa and

the Burgstaler grandchildren

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

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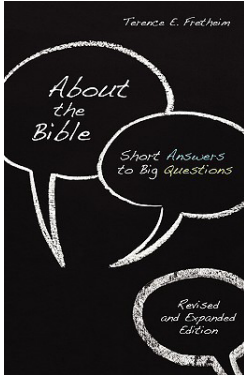
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About the Bible: Bible Study to begin Tuesday, January 19

The Bible is the backbone of our Christian faith, a chief source of our knowledge of God. But how much do we really know about the Bible itself? Who wrote it? And when? And why? How does it apply to life today?



Our winter/spring Bible study looks at these and other questions. Our primary resource is a book called *About the Bible: Short Answers to Big Questions*, by Terence Fretheim. We'll also take a look at passages used in our Sunday services.

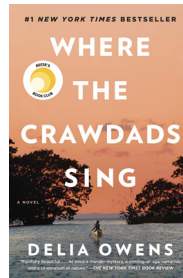
Those interested will meet virtually, Tuesdays at 10 am, starting on January 19, for 10 weeks. Contact Pastor Jan if you're interested in joining this discussion.



Annual Meeting Sunday, January 31 following worship

On Sunday, January 31st, CPC will have its annual meeting following worship (about 10:30 am). Presently, the plan is to hold this meeting virtually - so just stay online after worship! If that should change, you will receive notification ahead of time. All members of CPC are invited and encouraged to attend!

Submissions for the Annual Report are due on Monday, January 18.



The Book Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, January 24 following worship (Just stay online after worship!). The group will be discussing Where the Crawdads Sing. All are welcome, whether they've read the book or not!

St. Luke's Episcopal and Calvary Episcopal churches of Rochester, MN invite us to join



them in a zoom meeting, hosted by St. Luke's Episcopal, on Monday evening, January 11, at 7 p.m. The presenter will be Kathryn Lozada, ISIAAH's Southern Minnesota organizer. The meeting is to help our faith communities discern how we can continue the work against racism in our community.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 849 3307 5177

Passcode: 946891

Dial in by phone: 312-626-6799