Online Blended Worship

Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent - Hope

Public Facebook Page: Christian Community Presbyterian Church - CCPC
Live at 10:00 AM

Welcome and thank you to Sharon Youngdahl for being today's liturgist

Order of Service

Prelude—"Sleepers, Awake!" The Voice is Calling!—Bach

Welcome—Pastor Susan Graceson

Advent Candle Lighting—The Gedrich Family

Hymn #9—O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Prayer of Invocation—Sharon Youngdahl

O God, our Redeemer, all creation sings your praise! You are justice and mercy, judgment and grace. Following our Lord Jesus Christ, we seek to be faithful, ever sustained by your Spirit that we might stand blameless at the last with Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Announcements—Pastor Susan Graceson

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Prayer of Confession—Pastor Susan Graceson

God of Mercy, we confess that we have not been obedient sons and daughters. We have grown idle in the work of discipleship and weary in

doing what is right. We have been selfish in our actions and insistent in claiming our rights. We have not honored the tradition of the apostles or imitated the example of your saints. Forgive us, we pray. Show us the way of repentance, free us from our idle ways, and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray.

Time of Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri—*Greatorex*

Song—We are a People of Hope

Children's Message—Karin Rice

Song—Living Hope

Prayer of Illumination—Sharon Youngdahl

Almighty God, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, reveal to us the way of salvation by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may not grow weary in doing what is right. Amen.

Scripture Readings—Luke 21:25-36—Sharon Youngdahl

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all

times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Sermon—Pastor Susan Graceson

Special Music—*Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*—Leavitt—Olivia MacMillan, Becky Pfarrer, Marty Sippel, Trudy & Richard Neff, Sharon & Jon Youngdahl

Time of Offering

An Invitation to Give—Sharon Youngdahl

We hope that you will want to support the ministry of CCPC in a great variety of ways. To offer your financial support, you may use the QR code in the bulletin, donate through our website, or mail a check to the church office. Please do give. We need your support to continue this vibrant ministry.

Prayer of Dedication—Sharon Youngdahl

Loving God, before we give to you, you have given to us. All we offer we have received from you. We thank you for your goodness, and we praise you for your bountiful works, through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer—Pastor Susan Graceson

Closing Hymn #1—Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Benediction

Postlude—"Sleepers, Awake!" The Voice is Calling!—Walther

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Daily Activity!

A reading of the daily lectionary followed by prayers is available for members each day except Sunday at 7:15am. You can access the readings here:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/71854500515,

or here: http://ccpc.bowiemd.org/news-for-members/announcements--info.html.

Weekly Activities!

Children's Sunday School (K - 5)

Sundays at 11:30am

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81867470301

Meeting ID: 818 6747 0301

One tap mobile: +13017158592,,81867470301# US (Washington DC)
Dial by your location: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Adult Education

Sundays after Worship Service

In-person at Church or virtually via Zoom (Meeting ID: 830 3598 0751)

Come join us after Sunday service!

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Meeting ID: 830 3598 0751

One tap mobile: +13017158592,,83035980751# US (Washington DC)

+16465588656,,83035980751# US (New York)

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keG3sXB9IR

In The Beginning: God + Science

TODAY! 11/28/21: Mary Brock "Genesis Part II"

Adult Ed Classes for December:

12/5/21: Kevin Maxwell "Community Nonprofits" 12/12/21: Ann Fleming "Meditations for Advent" 12/19/21: Gladys Ayuketah "Churches in Africa" 12/26/21: NO ADULT ED, Merry Christmas!

Straight from the Source Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:30pm on Zoom (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83257508911)

All Church Gathering/Prayer Gathering

Thursdays at 7:30pm on Zoom (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87310740246)

Alternative Christmas Gift Market!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

CCPC's 2021 Virtual Market begins November 7 and continues through November 30. Rather than browsing the tables in Dodds Hall for the best gift for your hard to shop for person, this year you will scroll through the videos and websites of CCPC's favorite recipients. Here's how:

Go directly to the <u>Alternative Christmas Market</u> webpage. If that link doesn't work for you, go to the CCPC Home page: http://ccpc.bowiemd.org/. Below the picture at the top there is a menu of links that begins with "Home." The last word is "Missions." Hold/hover your mouse over "Missions". A menu drops down and the second choice is Alternative Christmas Gift Market. Select it, and you should be on the right webpage: http://ccpc.bowiemd.org/missions/alternative-christmas-market.html.

Once there you will see introductory videos at the top. You can scroll down and see the chart with each of 16 organizations listed in the right-hand column and their logo to the left. Click on the name and you will see a video with someone (many are our church members) explaining where your donation will be used. Click on the logo and it will take you to the organization's website and tell you more about what they do.

When you've decided where you would like to make your donations, scroll down to Instructions. There you will read about the various ways you can make your donation. Each requires that you use the <u>price sheet (or Checkout form)</u> which can be found on that page.

1) There will be paper copies that you may pick up in the Atrium near an Alternative Christmas Gift Market poster board. 2) You can download the copy from the website page, fill it in digitally and print it out. 3) You can hit the word Donate and it will take you to the Donate page on the website. Log in and under Alternative Christmas Gift Market, you should see lines for each participating organization. Fill in the lines with the amounts from your Checkout form. When you are finished, your selections will be paid according to how you have set up your online giving. If you choose to mail your checkout form, please accompany it with a check and write "Alternative Christmas Market" in the memo section of the check.

Your gift will help one or more of the organizations which include local, national and international assistance. The person on your list who has everything will be pleased to know you have helped others in need as their Christmas gift; so fitting for the true meaning of Christmas. If you have any questions, you can call Marty Sippel, Kris Ross or Sharon McNamara. Happy shopping!

CCPC Cool Story Share!

Do you have a cool experience to share about how God has shown up in your life? Any memories of CCPC and how it's been a blessing to you and your family? We want to hear it! Please send your story to Robin at ccpcbowie@verizon.net!

Christmas Poinsettias!

Christmas poinsettias will be here soon!
We will have 7" pots with 30 reds, 6 whites, 6 pinks, and 12 marble.
The price is \$16.50 each.

Orders must be in by Monday, December 13

Any questions, please contact Judyann Feinstein at judith.a.glazener@gmail.com or 240-351-4121.

Christmas Post Office!

The Christmas Post Office Is Open!

To help facilitate the sorting and delivery of your Christmas cards to CCPC members and friends, we ask that you observe the following courtesies:

- 1. Please place your cards in alphabetical order by last name and put in the appropriate box.
 - 2. Please do not bring cards for out of town or shut in members. We do not mail cards.
- 3. Please pick up your cards by January 31st or ask Robin to hold them in the church office.

 Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Prayer Team!

We hope you were able to enjoy fellowship and prayer with us during the September Prayer Challenge. We invite you to come to an informational meeting on **Tuesday, November 30** at **8:30 pm** after Bible Study to discuss formalizing a church prayer team! Come be one of the "two or three who are gathered" https://us02web.zoom.us/i/86458478955

Virtual Concerts!

All concerts are held via Facebook at 4:00pm. For details, please visit our website.

December 5—A Celtic Christmas

Pipers Randy Welch and Michael Binnie with percussionist Robert Murray and Celtic harper Mary Fitzgerald return with a program of seasonal music from the British Isles.

Volunteer Openings!

Lights! Camera! Video Switcher! Soundboard! Action!

The Tech Booth Team is actively seeking some new hands and hearts to help us continue to serve both our in-person and online church community. There are many different positions needed, both simple and more technical, and we are eager to teach you! Contact Sam Guillermo or Dan & Olivia MacMillan to schedule a time to come hang out hands-on in the booth and see if this ministry is right for you!