



We live in a world where we keep so busy, yet we wonder if we're getting anything done – if there's meaning in any of it.

Christ pours meaning into our lives by showing us who we are created to be.

We live in a world with such a frenetic pace, where we are anxious and uncertain.

Jesus brings us peace by showing us how deeply we're loved.

We live in a world where we're surrounded by people and yet we often feel alone.

Christ calls us into a loving community.

Here, in this church, we are in the process of discovering the meaning, peace, and life-giving love of Jesus Christ.

We invite you into that journey with us.

The
**Community
Church**
in
Harrington
Park

Order of Worship

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.

1st Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

"Gabriel's Message" Traditional Basque Carol
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME

Pastor Sayer

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 122

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Leader: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

People: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

Leader: For the sake of my relatives and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you."

People: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

*HYMN

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

#797

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, there is cynicism all around us. The good doesn't matter; rather, only winning does. There is anxiousness. Rudeness and unfriendliness, even cruelty. Sometimes it descends into violence. We look at it all and shake our heads. We don't know what to do about it, or if there's anything to do about it. And so we succumb to a sense of hopelessness. We despair of Your Spirit stepping into the world again to give us guidance and to straighten us out. We confess our hopelessness and ask that You inspire us to live as though You're already doing something about it. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Pond Family

Leader: We light this first Advent candle. It's a candle of hope.

People: Whenever we light a candle, it's a hopeful act. We see the flame move from faint flicker to growing glow. It casts light and a sense of warmth. And we can use that flame to light other lights.

Leader: The coming of the Savior into the world is also an act of hope.

People: This One Who's coming we celebrate will teach us how to live, how to be. He will move us from where we are to true humanness, becoming the people God always meant for us to be.

Leader: There will be difficulty on the way. He will be ignored, dismissed, scorned, whipped, crucified.

People: Yet, He will also move us toward salvation, toward true, authentic, forever life with God. We celebrate the Savior Who comes in hope.

CHANCEL CHOIR *"Advent Gift"* Liebergen

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN *"In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him"* #796

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 2:1-5 p. 631 (OT)

SERMON *"Room for Hope"* Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament (Responsive) insert

Invitation

Communion Prayer (Responsive) insert

Communion

Communion Thanksgiving (Responsive) insert

Our Response to God

OFFERING

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* #245

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Prepare the Way, O Zion"* Psalmbooken

Meaning of the Sacrament

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

People: **We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.**

Leader: By His death, resurrection, and ascension He established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by Him.

People: **We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.**

Leader: In the breaking of the bread He makes Himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal.

People: **In the cup of blessing He comes to us as the Vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.**

Leader: We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when His kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold Him, made like unto Him in His glory.

People: **Since by His death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.**

Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: . . . With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore Your glorious name.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: . . . Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

People: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Communion Thanksgiving

Leader: Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at His Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: and do not forget all His benefits

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity,
People: Who heals all your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the Pit,
People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
People: so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;

Leader: As far as the east is from the west,
People: So far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children,
People: So the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

Leader: Who did not spare His own Son,
but gave Him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with Him.
**People: Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the
praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore.
Amen**

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lori Anders, Lynn Baker; Christian Brueck; Deanna & Roger Carman; Marilyn Clark; Harold Friedeman; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Chris Lombardi; John McGlade, Ed Serrano; Richard Smyth; Craig Terjanian.

THE UNITY PRAYER: As we celebrate and rejoice in the Advent season and the birth of our Savior, Jesus, may our hearts use that joy to renew our stewardship and service to the Lord.

THE FLOWERS are given by Wini Kinkele with praise and love for this wonderful church family and by the Lupfer family in loving memory of Lois Robinson.

FLOWER ENVELOPES are in the pews for your convenience in contributing to our Christmas poinsettia display. You may place them in the offering plate along with your regular offering.

THIS WEEK

Today:	COURIER DEADLINE
	11:15 Children's Choir
	11:14 Worship Committee Meeting
Monday	7:45 Bell Choir
Thursday	7:30 Chancel Choir
Saturday	9:30 Women's Ministry Breakfast

Sunday, December 4, 2022 – Courier Deadline

2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Chancel Choir

10:00 AM Worship

Puppet Club and Sunday School

11:15 - Children's Choir

TODAY IS THE COURIER DEADLINE. Please submit your articles to cchp@verizon.net by the end of today.

LIVE NATIVITY POSTERS are on the table in the narthex. Please take a few and this week place them in local businesses, libraries, supermarkets, etc. On the paper provided, list where you are putting them. Thank you for your help.

FOOD AND CRAFT FAIR/CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING--Please join the Harrington Park community on Dec 4th from 3-6 for a food and craft fair. CCHP will have a table set up for children. Get your picture taken with Santa, enjoy free hot chocolate, lots of craft vendors as well as delicious food. This is an outdoor fair and takes place on LaRoche Avenue between Lynn and Carmen. The event culminates with the annual tree lighting!

COOKIE BAKERS WANTED! We are looking for Christmas cookie bakers to bake 1 – 3 dozen cookies for the Live Nativity on December 18. Cookies can be dropped off at the church on the morning of the 18th. Storebought or bakery cookies are welcome too. Look for the sign-up sheet or contact Liz Budinich at liz@southave.net.

Welcome!

The Community Church in Harrington Park was established in 1908 as part of the Reformed Church in America, the oldest denomination in the United States of America (www.rca.org).

Welcome to the Community Church in Harrington Park!

We are glad you are here today. Here are a few things that might be helpful to you.

Nursery care is available for children, infant through 3 years of age. **Sunday school classes** are for children ages 4 through high school. The children are dismissed to their classes during the Passing of the Peace.

At the end of our worship hour, **refreshments** are served in Founders' Hall at the other end of the building. We hope you will stay so we can get to know you.

Large print hymnals are available as well as **hearing assistive devices**. Please speak to an usher.

Restrooms are just outside the sanctuary in the main hallway opposite the office.

It would be a big help to us if you would either fill out one of the white pew cards in front of you and place it in the offering plate or sign the guest book on your way out.

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