

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.

The Community Church in Harrington Park

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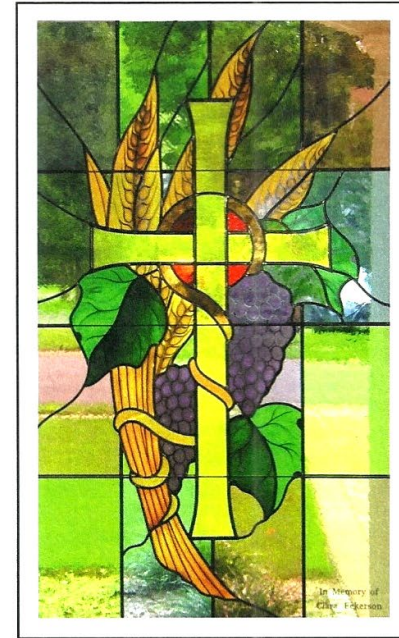
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The Rev. Steve Sayer, Pastor

The Rev. Charles P. Johnson, Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. George V. Kaden, Pastor Emeritus



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.



Order of Worship

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

January 7, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

"Thy Word"
Amy Duran, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 122

Leader: When they said, "Let's go to the house of God," my heart leaped for joy.

People: Friendly insiders, get along!

Leader: For the sake of my family and friends, I say it again: live in peace!

People: For the sake of the house of our God, God, I'll do my very best for You.

*HYMN

"We Three Kings"

#288

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You made us to be relational, Great God. We're created to be shoulder-to-shoulder with You. You've molded us to be close with each other. But we keep to ourselves. We isolate ourselves from other people. And we keep ourselves walled off from You. In doing so, we kind of rebel against our very nature. And so, we ask for Your forgiveness. But we also ask You, Spirit, to re-create us, to re-mold us, to fit who we're meant to be through Christ. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Epiphany"

Mark Wilson

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

#290

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12
1 Samuel 17:57-18:4

p. 2 (NT)
p. 262 (OT)

SERMON

"People Who Need People"

Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN

"Happy Our Home when God Is There"

#453

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"How Majestic Is Your Name"
Amy Duran, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

***Please stand if you are able.**

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian, the Search Committee.

THE UNITY PRAYER: God, may Your Holy Spirit guide us in a deliberate effort to draw closer to You and also give us a thirst for Your Word and for prayer in a renewed spirit of worship.

THE FLOWERS are given by the Lupfers in celebration of Lynne's and Amy's birthday today and in appreciation for all that Amy does for our music program.

WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES to Justin and Alissa Johnson on their daughter, Ally's, engagement to Jack Ansell. A mid-2025 wedding is planned.

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Puppets & Sunday School

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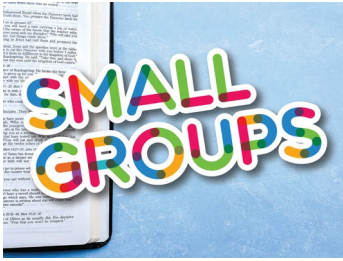
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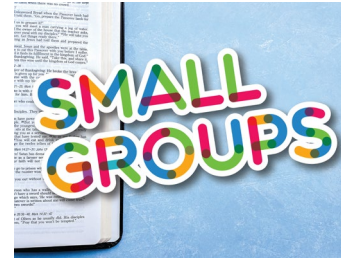
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