



Lessons & Carols

January 1, 2023 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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Welcome all ~ Share God's Love ~ Offer Hope ... all in Jesus' name!

WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE “It came Upon the Midnight Clear” (*arranged by Kevin G. Pace*) Dr. Robert K.

WORDS OF WELCOME Stu T.

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Stu T.

Praise God! With the angels and hosts, we praise!

With the sun and moon, we praise!

With the fire and hail, we praise!

With the frost and snow, we praise!

With the mountains and valleys, we praise!

With the skies and the seas, we praise! Praise God!



*CHRISTMAS CAROL NO. 133

“O Come, All Ye Faithful

First Lesson Genesis 1:26-2:4; 5:1b-2 Judie T.

God blesses humankind and all of creation



CAROL NO. 121, VS 1-2, 4

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Second Lesson Genesis 9:8-18 Ken G.

God establishes the covenant with Noah



CAROL NO. 88, VS 1, 6-7

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

CALL TO CONFESSION Stu T.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

O God, in Christ you were born a humble child, love-made-flesh, God-with-us.

Forgive us when we fail to follow in your way of humility, love, and peace. Free us

to see your Light reflecting in the faces of friends and family, neighbors and

strangers, enemies and friends, and make us shine forth with your love.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS¹

We celebrate God’s steadfast love this day. No matter what we do,
no matter what we neglect to do, God’s love never changes, and we are forgiven!

Thank God for peace! Thank God for good news! Thank God for redemption!

*SUNG RESPONSE

“The First Nowell” (vs 1-2)

GTG #147

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Pat G.

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah



CAROL NO. 123, vs 1-2, 5

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Cheryl W.

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation



CAROL NO. 128

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Marie R.

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child



*CAROL NO. 119

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Ann M.

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Charlie K.

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields & announce the birth of the Messiah



CAROL NO. 113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Stu T.

OFFERTORY

“Irish Carol” (arranged by Anna Laura Page)

Dr. Robert K.

*DOXOLOGY (you are invited to use these words, or others more familiar to you) GTG #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Stu T.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Stu T.

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

Stu R.

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus



CAROL NO. 151, vs 1-4

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

Fay M.

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth



*CAROL #136

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Stu T.

The loving kindness of the Lord our God, the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior,
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Be with those we love. And with those no one loves.

Christ is Born! Alleluia! Amen!

*POSTLUDE

“Postlude in G Major” (by *Johann Sebastian Bach*)

Dr. Robert K.

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PRAYER
requests

We invite you to submit new prayer requests by filling out the card located in the pews or e-mail the requests to the Church Office/Pastor Julie.

Brenden (family of Laura D's co-worker)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Dr George A (friend of Adelaide)
Rev Charlie (Bob L's friend)
Beth B (Stu R's sister)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Susan B
Sushma B
Patrick C (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura's sister-in-law)
Tom C – Ann M's brother-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Patti C (Karen F's friend)
Sabina C (Adelaide's sister-in-law)
Chuck (Laura's brother)
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Karen F
Brian/Kim (Adelaide's neighbors)
Adelaide G
Allen G (friend of Glenna/Hank M)
Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)
Heather H (Mike/Chris L's friend)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
Jack H (friend of Mike/ Chris L)
Drew I (Mary/George R's son-in-law)
Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
Mary Ellen K (friend of Dave W)

Andy L (Mike L's brother)
Bob L
Karen L (Chris/Mike's daughter)
Michael L (Donna's son-in-law)
Phyllis L
Judy Mc
Ernie M (friend of Adelaide)
Fritz/Fay M
Crisann M (friend of Mike/Chris L)
Don M (Hank and Glenna's son)
Douglas M (Hank M's brother)
Gary M (friend of Cathy W)
Judy M
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Roberta M (Jim M's sister)
Steve M
Susan M
Opal (Donna H's mom)
Kevin O (Terri H's)
Tom R (Sue Li.'s brother)
Dave S (Jim B's friend)
Lowell S (Marie's cousin)
Judie T
Karen W (Judie T's friend)
Caregivers
People devastated by terrorism
Our world and all affected by COVID-19
Families who grieve losses

- **Mark/Karen Carlson family on loss of Mark's mother** (Sue Li's friends)



<p>Sunday, January 1</p> <p><i>Lessons & Carols</i></p>	<p>10 am – Worship Service 11 am – Coffee Hour</p>
<p>Pastor Julie will be on vacation from December 25th (after 1 pm) returning to the office on January 3rd. If you have a pastoral care emergency, please call any Deacon or Elder.</p>	
<p>Tuesday, January 3</p>	<p>11 am – 1 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet 11am – Zoom gathering 7 pm – Deacon meeting</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 4</p>	<p>10 am – 12 noon ~ Lilies Clothes Closet Workday 12 noon – Lunch with pastor Julie</p>
<p>Thursday, January 5</p>	<p>4 pm – 6 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>Saturday, January 7</p>	<p>9am to 4 pm – Kenneth Young event</p>
<p>Sunday, January 8</p>	<p>10 am – Worship Service 11 am – Coffee Hour 11:45 am – Adult Sunday School</p>





Kenneth
Young
Center

We need your help to ensure we have enough volunteers.

Volunteers will:

- Set up/take down
- Serve the catered lunch
- Assist with Lilies CCC
- Provide directions

January 7, 2023 @ 9 am – 4 pm

COTC will be hosting a day-long event in partnership with the Kenneth Young Center, to support immigrants bused to our area from the southern borders of our country. The event will provide these immigrants with much needed clothing from our Lilies of the Field Community Clothes Closet.

The event will have a rotation of activities for this day long event ~ Lilies CCC, dry haircuts, canvas painting, mini library reading, a gambling addiction presentation, and a catered lunch with the entertaining of folk lore dancing. All provided by the Kenneth Young Center staff.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to join in this opportunity to serve!

Lilies of the Field

Community Clothes Closet



Regular Hours:

Tuesdays 11 am - 1 pm
Thursday 4 - 6 pm
1st and 3rd Saturdays 9 - 11 am

Location:

Church of the Cross, PCUSA
475 W Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, IL
 ~ use lower Parking Lot Entrance ~

LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

Join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 12 noon for bible study. We discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join.

January 4	Matthew 3:13-17 Act 10:34-43
January 11	John 1:29-42; Isaiah 49:1-7

BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 11 - The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson (Sequel to The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek)

Wednesday, February 15 - Sold on a Monday by Kristina McMorris