

Lessons & Carols

January 1, 2023 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 (847) 885-1199

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

WELCOME ALL

Prelude	"It came Upon	the Midnight Clear" (arranged by	<i>Kevin G. Pace)</i> Dr. Robert K.
WORDS OF WELCOME Stu T.			
*CALL TO WORSHIP ¹ Str			
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 Lesso	n	Genesis 1:26-2:4; 5:1b-2	2 Judie T.
God blesses humankind and all of creation			
		CAROL NO. 121, VS 1-2, 4	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Second Les	sson	Genesis 9:8-18	Ken G.
God establishes the covenant with Noah			
	CA	ROL NO. 88, VS 1, 6-7	"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

CALL TO CONFESSION

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!**

Stu T.

Third Lesson 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

Fifth Lesson

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

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

"The First Nowell" (vs 1-2)

Isaiah 9:2. 6-7

Luke 1:26-35, 38

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

Sixth Lesson

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

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

"Irish Carol" (arranged by Anna Laura Page) **OFFERTORY** 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.

CAROL NO. 128

Luke 2:1-7

Ann M.

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

Seventh Lesson

CAROL NO. 113

Luke 2:8-16

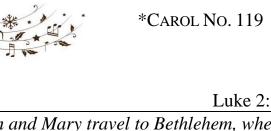
Charlie K.

Stu T.

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"



Cheryl W.

Marie R.

Pat G.

GTG #147

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

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

CAROL NO. 151, VS 1-4

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

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

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

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.**

*CAROL #136

Christ is Born! Alleluia! Amen!

*POSTLUDE "Postlude in G Major" (by Johann Sebastian Bach) Dr. Robert K.

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CCLI #2992287 / SongSelect® #11328105 CCLI Streaming License, #20364741 Stu T.

Stu R.

Fay M.

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Stu T.



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)



Sunday, January 1

Lessons & Carols

10 am – Worship Service 11 am – Coffee Hour

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.

11 am – 1 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet			
11am – Zoom gathering			
7 pm – Deacon meeting			
10 am – 12 noon ~ Lilies Clothes Closet Workday			
12 noon – Lunch with pastor Julie			
4 pm – 6 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet			
7 pm – Choir Rehearsal			
9am to 4 pm – Kenneth Young event			
10 am – Worship Service			
11 am – Coffee Hour			
11:45 am – Adult Sunday School			

May the faith of God be with you this year. May the peace of God surround you, Y and may you be blessed each day!





We need your help to ensure we have enough volunteers.

Volunteers will:

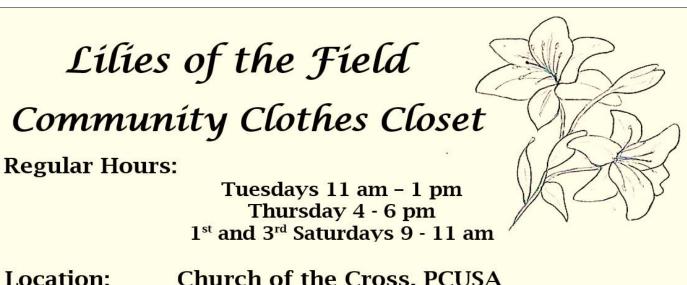
- Set up/take down
- Serve the catered lunch
- Assist with Lilies CCC
- Provide directions

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!



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



BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

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

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