

Welcome to Worship at CPCC

It's a joy to welcome you to worship this morning! We worship the LORD with our heart's affections and mind's attention focused on His glory and His grace. Take a moment to preview *the order of worship* in the bulletin. **We're glad you are here!**

Sunday Worship

Today is the beginning of **Advent**, the four weeks prior to Christmas Day, when we celebrate the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Today we begin our Advent series, *The Gifts of God at Christmas*, with a sermon on "**The Gift of HOPE**" from *Isaiah 9*. May we all recognize and receive the gifts of God in Christ.

If the Spirit of God is working in you today, calling you to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, repent of sin, or otherwise respond to the Word of God, then please take a moment to speak with one of our Elders (in the front of the room) after this morning's service.

Children in Worship

All children are welcomed and encouraged to be in worship as parents train them to praise the Lord and to listen to God's Word. As needed, the **church nursery** is ready for infants & toddlers.

Visiting Today?

We're glad you're here! If you need a Bible during the service they are available at the ushers' stations in the back of the sanctuary. Help yourself. ***All first time visitors** should pick up a **Welcome Gift Bag** from the ushers' station after the service — and then enjoy some light refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School hour

Sunday School classes for *everyone* are from 11 AM to Noon. The adult class has a study on **Relationships**—"**KEEP RIGHT.**" The Bible presents our many and various relationships as God's good design. See how the Bible addresses our relationships and directs Christians how to conduct themselves.

Evening service schedule

Normally CPCC has an evening worship service, but after today's Advent Festival we are not meeting. We will have a regular evening service on Dec. 8th & 15th. On Dec. 22nd, we have our annual Caroling event in the evening. See the *Holiday schedule flyer* to see the whole CPCC schedule on one page.

Prayer meetings this week

CPCC has three regular times for corporate prayer in Room #8: **Sunday Mornings @ 9:15 AM**; and **Wednesdays at 10:00 AM**, and again in the evening at **7:00 PM** (also on Zoom). For the prayer meeting devotionals, we're doing "Praying the Promises."

The "Book Rack"

The Book Rack has many new titles for sale — for gifts or for your own spiritual growth. Purchases are "self-service" (using envelopes & collection can); see Deacon Chad for help.

Opportunity: Serve a City Mission Meal

CPCC folks regularly volunteer at the Schenectady City Mission on the second Monday of the month. Young & old are all welcome to help serve the hot evening meal, and tidy up afterwards on any convenient day. Be there by 4:30 PM to pray together. To help, you must **FIRST** visit the website and *sign-up* — cpccmchurch.citymissionofscheneectady.volunteerhub.com/

www.cliftonparkcommunitychurch.org

THE WEEK AHEAD @ CPCC —

Tuesday:	8:00 AM The Arbor homeschooling coop meets
	7:00 PM Joint Elder/Deacon Boards meeting
Wednesday:	8:00 AM CBS — women's Bible Study meets
	10:00 AM Morning Prayer meeting at CPCC
	7:00 PM Evening Prayer meeting (CPCC & Zoom)
Next Sunday:	9:15 AM Sunday morning Prayer (Room #8)
	9:30 AM Advent Sunday Morning Worship
	11:00 AM Sunday School Classes (for all)
	6:00 PM <i>Evening worship</i> and Bible lesson

Scheduled Volunteers: (TODAY)	(NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 8TH)
• Coffee: Ron & Jennifer Wilk	Nancy French & Ashlee Schultz
• Nursery: Marion Leggett & Ashlee S.	Harjit Earnest & Sheryl Schonberg

Advent Festival today

CPCC has our annual "**Advent Festival & Luncheon**" **today at Noon**. We'll enjoy a **hot meal*** & fellowship and fun activities. There is plenty for all, so visitors are welcome to stay and enjoy the meal and festivities with us. Many thanks to Marion Leggett & her volunteers for all their work on this event.

Free advent devotional book



For the season of Advent, CPCC is giving away a daily Advent devotional book: "**Let Earth Receive Her King**" by Alistair Begg (one for each household). The readings start on December 1st, so pick up your copy today!

Toy drive for City Mission ends

Today is the final day to bring UNWRAPPED toys for both boys & girls, for the families served by the Schenectady City Mission. Thanks to everyone who has contributed!

CP Community Chorus **Christmas Concert**

On Saturday, December 14th, at **3:00 PM**, CPCC hosts the *Clifton Park Community Chorus'* annual **Christmas Concert**. Mark your calendar, and invite your friends. This joyful event is a wonderful opportunity to serve our neighbors — and to connect them with the church. Volunteers will be needed that day too.

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, Dec. 22nd, is our annual **CHRISTMAS CAROLING EVENT** in lieu of our regular evening service. Come to church at 6:00 PM, dressed for the weather! We will organize ourselves, pray, then carpool to a local neighborhood to sing (and invite folks to church) for an hour, then return to CPCC for refreshments! *
A coordinator for the refreshments is needed; see the Pastor to help.

Upcoming Calendar items...

- ★ Tues., Dec. 3rd — Elder/Deacon Joint Boards meeting
- ★ Sunday, Dec. 8th — Pastor Brian Spivey preaching
- ★ Monday, Dec. 9th — Serve at Schenectady City Mission
- ★ Sat., Dec. 14th — 3 PM, *Comm. Chorus Christmas Concert*
- ★ Sat., Dec. 21st — 10 AM, Camaraderie & Coffee at CPCC
- ★ Sunday, Dec. 22 — 6 PM, **Christmas Caroling Event** (outside)
- ★ Tuesday, Dec. 24th — **Christmas Eve service**, @ 6:00 PM
- ★ Wednesday, Dec. 25th — **Christmas Day** (no prayer meetings)
- ★ Wednesday, Jan. 1st — **New Year's Day** (no prayer meetings)

"...the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish." Psalm 1:6 esv