

**“Greetings, favored one. The Lord is with you.”**

It is mid-November and I am in the midst of an icon painting retreat. Twenty-six people have gathered to pray and paint in the tradition of Orthodox Christians. It is holy time, this time to paint and pray. Augustine said that the one who sings, prays twice. So it is with painting the icons. One prays in line and color. Every brush stroke is a prayer for closer unity with God.

We are painting an icon of the Annunciation, Gabriel's announcement to Mary that God has chosen her to bear the Christ child. The icon captures that moment when Gabriel waits for Mary's "yes." What was it like to be called to such a wonderful and daunting adventure? Was she still just young enough to believe in miracles? Mary joined God in a holy conspiracy to fill the universe with love. Mary was filled with joy, even as she would come to know the piercing of her heart.

In the icon we are painting, Gabriel looks at Mary, but Mary looks out at us. As if to ask each of us, "What will you answer when God calls you to bear Christ in the world?"

As we enter the season of Advent, we begin a new church year. It is the season of angel messengers, an-

nouncements of great joy, and the birth something new. At CCPC, we are just about to announce our new strategic plan. The Vision Task Force 2 has taken our Vision statement and outlined objectives and strategies. This month our boards and committees will be refining the details of each one's part of the plan. Then the Task Force will be asking questions such as,

"How will we know when we have made progress towards achieving our objectives?" "What resources will we need to accomplish the plan?" And most importantly, "Do we have the resources to accomplish the plan?"

As we consider the answers to all these questions, we do so knowing that God is working with us, in us and through us. By the Holy Spirit, God creates and calls into being. God calls forth life. God calls into being the light that will guide our way. Greetings, favored ones. The Lord is with you!



God's Blessings,

*Molly*

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*The deadline for January's Gateway is December 10*

- December 2**     **1st Sunday of Advent**  
**Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching*  
 The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated  
**MUSIC:**  
 9:30—*The First Service Singers*  
 11:00—*Chancel Choir*
- December 9**     **2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching*  
**MUSIC:**  
 9:30—*Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers*  
 11:00—*Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers and*  
           *Chancel Choir*
- December 16**    **3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
*The Rev. Jane Duffield will be preaching*  
 Hunger Offering  
 Children's Christmas Pageant  
**MUSIC:**  
 9:30—*Carol and Junior Choirs*  
 11:00—*Chancel Choir*
- December 23**    **4th Sunday of Advent**  
**Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching*  
 Christmas Joy Offering  
**MUSIC:**  
 9:30—*First Service Singers*  
 11:00—*Chancel Choir*
- December 24**    **Christmas Eve**  
**Services at 4:30, 7:30, and 11:00 p.m.**  
**Musical Prelude at 10:30 p.m.**  
**MUSIC:**  
 4:30—*Carol and Junior Choirs*  
 7:30—*Alumni Choir*  
 11:00—*Chancel Choir and Chevy Chase*  
           *Handbell Ringers*
- December 30**    **1st Sunday After Christmas**  
**Service at 10:00 a.m.**  
*The Rev. Jane Duffield will be preaching*  
**MUSIC:**  
 10:00 —*Holiday Family Choir*

# December Worship Schedule





# Choir News

## Wind Ensemble Forming!

The CCPC and Community Wind Ensemble is scheduled to participate in worship services on February 10. Please make yourself and your instrument known to the music staff!

Rehearsals are scheduled for Monday night, January 28, February 4 and Saturday, February 9.

CCPC ensembles are open to all! Please contact [julie@chevychasepc.org](mailto:julie@chevychasepc.org) to discuss your participation.

## Music is our Mission!

The Chancel Choir is participating in a concert for Black History Month entitled "Breaking the Boundaries". The concert, directed by Joshua Sommerville, will feature a combined gospel choir of over 100 people from various churches and communities. It will be held February 9, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Gaithersburg. Watch for the January Gateway article!

The 42nd Season  
of Chevy Chase Concerts  
presents  
**A CHEVY CHASE CHRISTMAS**

**Sunday**  
**December 16, 2012**  
**4:00 p.m.**

The annual tradition of the singing and ringing choirs of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church is sure to enhance your Christmas season. Anthems by Gardner, Tavener, Howells and others, plus audience carol singing. The Christmas spirit is sure to follow you and yours out the door!

*Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music and Organist*  
*Joann Moorer, Assistant Director of Music*  
*The Reverend Molly Blythe-Teichert, Senior Pastor*

One Chevy Chase Circle, NW 202.363.2202



*All concerts are free. Donations gratefully accepted.*

## Adult Education and Nurture at CCPC December 2012

### *Sunday Mornings*

**Faith Trek** (Meets from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Library, first floor, center building, alley side)

Faith Trek is a small group of CCPC adults who are curious about their faith and the world, and who want to explore in the company of a circle of friends. The circle expands easily, and we would be delighted to have you join us. In December the group will continue its discussion of *Speaking of Faith* by Krista Tippett, and invites new folks to join them for fellowship and conversation. Check with Margaret Chan (301-656-5034) if you have any questions.

**Open Forum** (Meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in Geneva Hall, second floor, Education Building, street side)

The Open Forum offers a forum for the discussion of a variety of topics on the intersection of faith and life. Join us in December for these discussions:

**December 2: Immigrant Ministries in National Capital Presbytery**

Immigrants come to the Washington area from many countries, and we live in an increasingly multicultural metro-area. Many of these newcomers identify with the Presbyterian Church but want to worship in their native language. Recognizing our cultural differences, immigrant ministry is a ministry of “hospitality to strangers” (Hebrews 13:2). Come learn about the immigrant congregations and ways individual churches can support and partner with them. Rev. Carla Gorell, associate general presbyter of National Capital Presbytery will be our speaker. She works in the areas of church development, immigrant ministries and mission.

**December 9: Jubilee Jobs, A Success Story**

One of the organizations CCPC supports through its Mission Committee, Jubilee Jobs has been a place of hope and support for disadvantaged job-seekers throughout metropolitan Washington. The organization provides compassionate, skilled job preparation, and placement services to people who need it most. Terry Flood, a founding member of Jubilee Housing and Co-Founder of Jubilee Jobs, will provide an update of the Jubilee Job’s current activities. Since the beginning in 1981, Terry has worked as a job counselor while simultaneously managing Jubilee Jobs.

**December 16, 23, 30 & January 6 - No Open Forum**

**The Bible in Context Class** (Meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in Room 350-B, third floor, Education Building)

***The Gospel of John.*** This year the class will be studying the *Gospel of John*, a narrative of “*the disciple whom Jesus loved.*” *John* includes material not found in the other three gospels and has a different account of the Crucifixion. The biblical text for the week will be closely read and examined in light of the 1<sup>st</sup> century historical setting.

**December 2** – John 7:1-24, Conflict in Jerusalem

**December 9** – John 7:25-52, Conflict in Jerusalem (cont’d)

**December 16** – John 8:1-30, Conflict in Jerusalem (cont’d)

**December 23** – John 8:1-30, Conflict in Jerusalem (cont’d.)

**December 30** – No Class; worship at 10:00 a.m.

**January 6, 2013** – No Class; Epiphany worship and communion at 10:00 a.m.

## Church School Notes

Church School classes for all ages continue on Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45. Children and youth are encouraged to attend worship with their family or with friends and then go to their classes after the Time with Children each week.

On December 16 the children of the Church School and members of the Carol and Junior Choirs will share the Christmas Story through a special Christmas Pageant during worship service at 9:30 a.m. Classes for Two's and Three's will be available and older children are encouraged to worship with the congregation that morning.

There will be no regular Church School classes on Sunday, December 23, 2012; a special Christmas Party will be held in Westminster Hall for children age 4 and up who do not attend worship. There are no Sunday School classes on Sunday, December 30 during 10:00 a.m. worship. Sunday, January 6, 2013 children are encouraged to attend our Epiphany celebration and Communion during 10:00 a.m. worship. There will be childcare for preschoolers and younger in Room 108 during single worship services at 10:00 a.m. Regular classes and schedules for children and youth will resume on January 13, 2013.



## Adult Education and Nurture at CCPC December 2012

### *Wednesday Mornings (Bi-Monthly)*

**The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group** is continuing to study together in the new year **twice a month** in Geneva Hall on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 10:00 – 12:00 noon**. We will begin a new study of the Gospel of Matthew on January 9. Contact Grace Hyslop or study leader, Lynn Jostes, for more details or to purchase a studybook. Come join us!

## Next Inquirers' Seminar Scheduled for February 2013

The next Inquirers' Seminar of the program year will be offered on **Sunday, February 10, 2013 from 12:15 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 250**

(Geneva Hall) at CCPC. This session is open not only to those persons who may have decided to become mem-

bers, but also to persons who exploring their call to Christian discipleship as members of this congregation. The format for the afternoon following lunch includes a brief overview of the basic history, beliefs, and traditions of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as an outline of specific opportunities for using your gifts with others in ministry at CCPC. Those choosing to join will do so on February 24. If you are interested in participating in the seminar on February 10 (or know someone who may be interested), please contact Associate Pastor Lynn Jostes at 202-363-2202 or [lynn@chevychasepc.org](mailto:lynn@chevychasepc.org) for more information or to sign up.

Come join with the disciples of The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church as we discover our gifts and answer our calling, and together serve our Lord.



## Adult Advent Devotions Available

Check out the table in the Narthex for devotional materials to guide your Advent preparations. These booklets for adults are offered by the Christian Education Committee for your use. Please take only what you will use so that everyone can benefit.



***Congratulations to Rev. Lynn Jostes  
on her 10 year anniversary at CCPC!***

## Weekday Nursery School Tours



The **CCPC Weekday Nursery School** began its 55<sup>th</sup> year with 150 children lovingly cared for by a staff of 25. Monday to Friday we have 14 classes of little ones 1-5 years old enjoying "learning through play".

We extend an invitation to all parents to tour our school on Wednesday or Thursday mornings at 9:30 from now until the end of January.

Please call the WNS Office, 202-363-2209, to schedule a tour or for more information.

## Books for Sale!



The Christian Education Committee is hosting a book sale on December 9 and 16 in Chadsey Hall following both worship services. A wide variety of religious books and Bibles (selected by Lynn Jostes and committee members) will be available for purchase for you and your family and friends. Proceeds of the sale will be used to purchase new books for our Church Library and there will be a donation box for new books for the Medical Clinic at Bread for the City.

Yes! We have a wonderful Library in the center of the first floor corridor (on the alley side!) Stop by and check out our collection of devotional, inspirational and research books for adults, a large children's collection, and videos/DVDs!! It's a great resource for everyone!

## Christmas Pageant

The Children of the Sunday School and the Carol and Junior Choirs are preparing for a special telling of the Christmas Story to be shared during First Service worship at 9:30 on December 16, 2012. All children of the church are invited to come to Sunday School and be part of the pageant!

### *Dates to Remember:*

**Sundays, December 2 & 9** – no music at the beginning of class; pageant rehearsal from 10:15 to 10:45 in Westminster Hall for 4s & 5s through Grade 6. Please pick up your children in Westminster Hall (first floor, street side in the Education Building.)

**Saturday, December 15** – Dress Rehearsal for everyone except 4s in the Sanctuary from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, December 16** – Christmas Pageant during 9:30 a.m. worship (Cast members, including 4s, should arrive by 9:00 to get costumes and rehearse.)





## Poinsettia & Wreath Dedications

The CCPC Flower Committee extends an invitation to members and friends of CCPC to participate in the Annual Christmas Flower Program. Your contributions make it possible to purchase poinsettias, flowers, and wreaths used to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Poinsettias are delivered to those in our church family who are hospitalized, recovering at home, grieving, or marking special life milestones. Anyone who wishes to contribute may do so to celebrate or honor a group or individual or as a memorial. Please complete the form and return it by December 16, 2012 to the Church Office along with a check. Additional forms are available in the Narthex, on bulletin boards, or from the Flower Committee, who will be Chadsey Hall during coffee hours on Sundays in Advent.

### Christmas Poinsettia Form

Please Check one:  in celebration of  in honor of  in memory of

These flowers are dedicated to the following persons:

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Given by:

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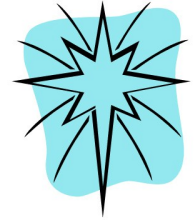
Telephone number or email address:

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Check attached for \_\_\_\_\_ dedications at \$15.00 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

*Make check payable to CCPC, noting Christmas flowers in the memo line.*

CCPC Flower Committee Chair: Norm Stant 301-942-6468



## Gifts of Hope Catalog 2012

Like other Christmas catalogs, the Gifts of Hope catalog offers an easy way to shop for gifts. But there the similarity ends, because this catalog offers alternative gifts— a donation to a charity made in the name of the person to be honored. The catalog features items that give a fresh start to needy persons, such as identification documents necessary for a job, a micro-loan to a Shikokho woman to start a business, and the restoration of sight to a person blinded by cataracts.

The market will be open in Chadsey Hall following services on December 2, 9 and 16. There you may make your selections and pick up Christmas cards describing your gift to send to the person you wish to honor in this special way.

		Cost	No.	Total
<b>Providing Humanitarian Relief</b>				
<p><b>Presbyterian Disaster Assistance</b>, the emergency relief ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA), works with local partners to care for victims of catastrophes in the U.S. and overseas.</p>	Relief and recovery for victims of Hurricane Sandy and Syrian refugees displaced by the civil war.	_____		
<b>Moving toward Self-Reliance</b>				
<p><b>Transition Assistance Program (TAP)</b>, CCPC's on-site outreach, helps 800 needy persons a year to obtain identity documents essential for jobs, referrals for eyeglasses, transportation to work, and emergency food and clothing.</p>	<p>One-week bus flash pass \$15            Duplicate birth certificate \$23            One-week Metro fare \$40            Where most needed _____</p>			
<p>Help women in Shikokho, Kenya start businesses through the <b>CCPC/WMI Microloan Fund</b>, an exciting new initiative in our church's eighteen-year partnership with the village. Businesses support better nutrition, education, health care and employment for the entire family.</p>	<p>Your donation will be combined to provide loans of \$150 or \$250. \$25            \$50            \$100            Towards a loan _____</p>			
<p>For 68 years <b>Heifer International</b> has been helping poor families worldwide through gifts of livestock and training in their care and in sustainable farming. Recipients pass on animal offspring to another needy family.</p>	<p>Tree seedlings \$10            Flock of chicks \$20            Honeybees and hive \$30            Goat \$120            Share of any of the above _____</p>			
				<b>(over)</b>

		Cost	No	Total
<p><b>Healing the Sick</b></p> <p>The <b>Medical Benevolence Foundation</b> carries on the historic overseas medical mission of the Presbyterian Church. Working with international partners, <b>MBF</b> supports over 100 mission sites in 30 countries, providing medicines, personnel, medical supplies and equipment, financial aid and training of indigenous medical personnel.</p>	<p>Medicine to treat malaria or TB \$5            Family bed net to prevent malaria \$10            Cataract surgery to restore sight \$30            Where most needed _____</p>			
<p><b>Educating for a Better Future</b></p> <p><b>Scholarships for Shikokho</b>            For 18 years CCPC has provided scholarships for students in this Kenyan village where it has established a medical clinic. Although education is free, many students are excluded because they can't afford uniforms and school supplies. Last year CCPC enabled some 50 secondary and over 175 primary students to attend school.</p>	<p><u>For one elementary student</u>            Uniform sewn by local women \$15            Textbooks &amp; supplies \$25</p> <p><u>For one secondary student</u>            Textbooks &amp; supplies \$70            Where most needed _____</p>			
<p><b>Alleviating Hunger</b></p> <p>\$50 will buy a <b>Christmas dinner</b> for a needy family in the D.C. metropolitan area. The groceries will be distributed by <b>Interfaith Works</b> in Montgomery County and <b>Bread for the City</b> in D.C.</p>	<p>Christmas groceries \$50            Towards a Christmas dinner _____</p>			
<p><b>Where Most Needed</b></p> <p>Can't decide? We'll choose for you!</p>	<p>Your gift will go where it really makes a difference. God is at work through CCPC, changing lives.</p> <p>_____</p>			
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

(You may also order by mail, by completing this form and sending it to the church with your check, made out to CCPC\*, with "Gifts of Hope" written on the memo line. Indicate if you would like gift cards mailed to you for forwarding and include your address. Please allow sufficient time.)

\*One Chevy Chase Circle, Washington, D.C. 20015

**Thank you for your contributions!**

## Christmas Joy Offering 2012

The holiday season is fast approaching. It is a time full of excitement, fun, and giving gifts to friends and family. This is also a time when we reflect on the year's passing and think about all of the gifts we have been given, especially God's greatest gift of love to us through Jesus Christ.

There are, however, many people who are still in need of additional support. The Christmas Joy Offering provides us with the opportunity to fulfill some of those unmet needs. For over 70 years, the Christmas Joy Offering has been shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, and Presbyterian-related schools who serve racial ethnic schools and colleges.

CCPC will collect our gifts for this offering throughout the Advent season and dedicate them on December 23. There will be special **Christmas Joy Offering** envelopes available in the pews for this purpose, or you can designate "Christmas Joy Offering" on the memo line of your check.

The Assistance program helps current and retired church workers, ministers, missionaries, and their families through a range of challenging circumstances. Some of the funds go to help those people who have dedicated their lives to the work of PC (USA) afford the basics from hearing aids to ongoing support helping them make ends meet during retirement. This program depends entirely on gifts and bequests with over 700 grants funded last year to individuals and families.



**1,644**  
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The number of students attending Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools (2010–2011), supported by the Christmas Joy Offering.

The Presbyterian-related schools and colleges support provides essential scholarship assistance for students and basic operating funds for schools and colleges. "All PC (USA)-related schools and colleges are open to any qualified student regardless of race." Some examples of the successful results of the financial support are; 1) the establishment of a training school for African American ministers, 2) educating Native Americans on reservations and other locations to become leaders in their communities, and 3) support for a school in Texas that primarily serves "Hispanic/Latino-a" students who live south of the border, who then return to their

native countries to become leaders in their communities.

"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48). Please consider supporting this cherished Presbyterian tradition by giving generously to The Christmas Joy Offering.

**98%**  
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The percentage of graduates from the Menaul School that go on to college.

# Christmas Eve

Worship with us at

4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 11:00 p.m.



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