



January 2025

Words of Worship

There is so much to be grateful for this Epiphany season but especially for the willing support of so many in making the church ready to celebrate Advent and Christmas 2024.

I would like to thank the many dedicated women and men who helped bring the beauty of the Christmas Season to life in our church.

Judy Vanica
Judith Robertson
Jane Ricks
Rosa and Raul Recio

Sandy and Richard
Schnare
Sue Ann Summers
Barbara Latin

Patty Franklin
Sandy Carroll

My thanks is also given to Molly Towers as she brought the children together to make the dear and precious ornaments that hang on the Children's Tree in the entry room of Fellowship Hall

A special acknowledgement is given to Beth Skewis and Judy Vanica for the wondrous display of nativities that were in the library's window case. Most of the small nativities were loaned by Judy Vanica and there is an African set that Rod brought back from Kenya which he and Marsae shared with us. We have the creativity and hard work of Beth Skewis to thank for this beautiful window. Truly, the library looked like a carpentry shop during the construction phase but the results were well worth the wait.

I would also like to thank Matt Best our Facility Manager who made himself available throughout the entire process of putting up the decorations. He was always ready to climb ladders, hang garland, shift furniture, install hooks and nails and practice patience in dealing with many women who often changed their minds.

What a glorious church we have, filled with generous and devoted people without whom our Advent and Christmas decorations would be less than they are. It was a joy and pleasure to work with each and every one of them. We hope our efforts helped you to enjoy a blessed Christmas.

Cathy Hilton, Worship Committee



For your Calendar

Sunday, January 26th following the 10:30 a.m. worship service there will be a called congregational meeting for the purpose of approving nominees for elder.

Sunday, February 9th during the 10:30 a.m. worship a service of ordination and installation for the new elders will be held. Following this service will be a congregational lunch and annual meeting in Fellowship Hall.

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Christmas Caroling

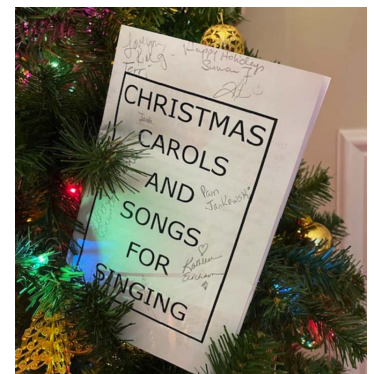
Caroling at Harry Vogt's



Caroling at Stu and Sue Brothers



Caroling at Ed and Kaye Ormsby



Caroling at Linda Mizell



CPC Decorated for Christmas



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New Members December 2024



Susanne and Chip Brown



Paul and Leann Dockins



Tony and Laura Hoel



Rongwen (Christy Rudin)



Marianna Singer

Reminder:

What used to be One Great Day of Service is now
A GREAT SATURDAY OF SERVICE or "AGSS"

On Saturday April 26

We work at Non-Profits in our community doing jobs they assign to us . . . painting, planting, cleaning, raking and go to their places in teams with leaders . . . we get bag lunches!

IF YOU WANT TO LEAD A BUNCH OF ENERGETIC Christians or be on a **TEAM** with energetic Christians or your family wants to join in, email to: akpotter428@earthlink.net

Chairman: Andy Potter with the Mission Committee



Children's Church

We have had a wonderful few weeks of learning together and the Thanksgiving and Advent season seemed to fly by! The Sunday before Thanksgiving we had a special lesson on thanking God for all He does for us. Our memory verse for this lesson was Psalm 136:1-"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." To start us off we played a quick gratitude game. I set the timer for 3 minutes and asked the kids to look around the room and say things they are grateful for. I loved hearing what the kids thought of. One girl said the window which brightens the room, another child mentioned the books that are in the classroom, while another mentioned the television that Pastor Rod got for us for our Bible videos. This was a good lesson that when we pay attention we can find things to be grateful for! We also played a fun game called Turkey Waddle Relay. I divided up the groups into two teams and they had

to walk to one side of the room and back holding a balloon between their ankles before passing it to the next person. This brought a lot of laughs! Our lesson focused on giving thanks to God in all circumstances.

Our Advent series this year was called: Journey to Bethlehem. Our first lesson was on Joseph and how he had to learn to trust God during a time of uncertainty and fear. Joseph was nervous when the angel visited him and told him that he would be a father! Our memory verse was Luke 2:10-11, "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'" We played some fun Christmas games with this lesson. One was Christmas Charades where the kids had to act out something Christmas related (example. drinking hot cocoa) and

we had to guess what it was! Another game we played was called Name that tune. One of us would say a line in a Christmas song and we had to guess which song it was!

Another one of our Advent lessons was on The Magi (Wisemen) who visited Jesus. We talked about how The Magi were looking for a sign and then they saw the Christmas star and knew they wanted to see Jesus and bring Him gifts! We also talked about how Jesus is the greatest gift of all and we can share the love of Jesus with others through our actions. On this specific Sunday we had an extra special game time because Adger Oakley made his own game to share with us! Adger even brought pieces from one of his games at home so that each of the children could play. They loved it and I love seeing how creative the kids are. I hope that Children's Church can always be an environment that the kids can share their ideas!

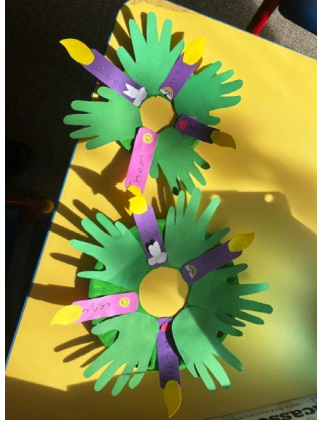


Nursery

I am grateful that Melissa Boone designed some wonderful Advent related crafts for the nursery children to enjoy! One of them was an Advent wreath that the children added to each

week. Melissa had each child's hand traced and those were the "leaves" on the Advent wreath. Each candle had a special sticker symbol that the toddlers could put on which was

so much fun for them! Thank you Melissa for the time and love you are putting into the preschool ministry!



Parent's Night Out

On Saturday, December 14th we enjoyed a Parent's Night Out planned by our Discipleship elder Sue Ann Summers. This was an opportunity for the parents to go to dinner or do some Christmas shopping while the kids had fun at church! Sue Ann

planned out each detail with love. The kids enjoyed a dinner followed by several Christmas crafts and a special dessert to end the night! What was special for all of the volunteers to see was the children being silly and having fun! We are grateful that they

feel comfortable to be themselves at CPC! A big thank you to those who volunteered their time to make this evening happen: Sue Ann Summers, Jack Summers, Christopher, Marsae Stone, Char Popson, Julie Pitts, and Emma Lassiter!



Feliz Navidad for CALL

Christmas for CALL was so blessed. The first week in December we had 23 volunteers wrap the gifts for the students. All the gifts were wrapped so each present would be a surprise when they were opened. The Community's Angel Tree was glorious and each child got an outfit, shoes and a coat. CALL extends our sincere thanks to the church for such thoughtful Christmas gifts. Your generosity reflects the spirit of the season, and we're grateful to be part of such a wonderful church.



Toys for Tots gave 3 toys to each student that was age appropriate. This is a wonderful mission in our community. Every Christmas for many years they have been doing this mission for many groups and always are so pleased to help all who have a need to give them this help. Gracias to Toys for Tots.

We begin 2025 on January 7th, Tuesday at 3pm in Everette House. Visitors are always welcomed to observe the students as they work with their tutors. Visit the CALL website and keep up with the many activities, www.fiestacall.com. Have a blessed New Year. Elizabeth Pope, Director of CALL.

Ushers and Greeters

For each worship service and other special events, we rely on Greeters and Ushers to welcome members and visitors as well as to help with the service.

Serving as an Usher or Greeter is a terrific way to meet members of our congregation and to help visitors experience CPC's hospitality.

We are currently looking for individuals, couples or families to join our 20 or so active Ushers and Greeters. Ushers and Greeters typically are assigned one Sunday service each month. We all have commitments that take us away from the Sunday service now and then, so we have about 10 experienced individuals who serve as substitutes in the event you are away or unavailable on your assigned Sunday.

To discuss this further, please contact either minister or contact me, Joe Franklin, Chair Membership Committee – (703) 244-4792, call or text; franklin.joe.t@gmail.com e-mail.

Thank you.

Anxious for Nothing – Designing Women Bible Study

When it comes to anxiety, depression, and stress-related illnesses, America is the frontrunner. Thankfully, Max Lucado provides a roadmap for battling with and healing from anxiety. Do you feel weighted down with worry? Does the uncertainty and chaos of life keep you up at night? Are irrational fears your constant companion? Could you use some calm? Meet with Designing Women each Monday, beginning January 6th at 4pm in Everett House. Books are in the main office, costs \$8.50.

Explore God's treatment plan for anxiety found in the most underlined verse in the Bible, Philippians 4:6-7: Be anxious for nothing, but in every

situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Does the uncertainty and chaos of life keep you up at night? Is irrational anxiety your constant companion? Let God help you with the war on worry and receive the lasting peace of Christ.

We all experience anxiety, but we don't have to let worry and fear control our lives. Anxious for Nothing, from New York Times bestselling author, Max Lucado, provides a roadmap for coping with and healing from anxiety.

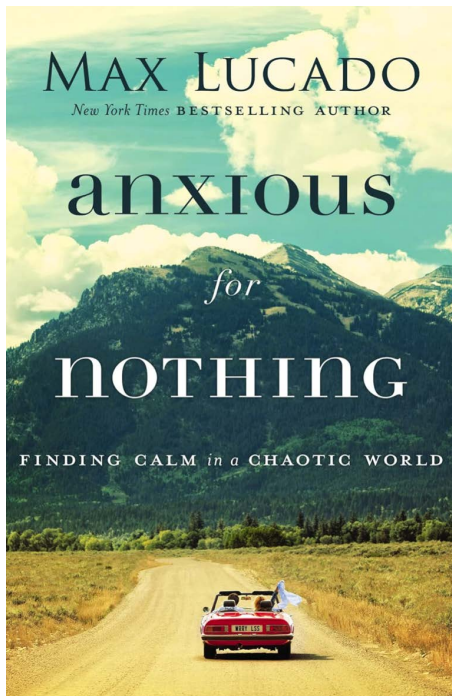
Complete with Lucado's signature storytelling and relatable anecdotes, Anxious for Nothing invites you to study Philippians 4:6-7—the most highlighted passage of the Bible and any book on the planet according to Amazon.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

You will experience CALM as Max encourages you to:

- Celebrate God's goodness
- Ask God for help
- Leave your concerns with God
- Meditate on good things

Stop letting anxiety rule the day. Join Max on the journey to true freedom and experience more peace, joy, clarity, physical renewal, and contentment by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Medical Supplies

Through the donation of many we have accumulated medical supplies like crutches, walkers, beside commodes, etc. Recently, thanks to the donation of Richard and Vicky Bryd we also have a motorized scooter.

These supplies are available to be loaned out. If you ever find yourself with a need for some medical equipment feel free to check with us. We may have what you need.



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Worship With Us!
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