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CPC Sanctuary Choir to Present *Gospel Mass* on Easter Sunday

In commemoration of the risen Lord on Easter Sunday, March 31, the CPC Sanctuary Choir is excited to present Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass*.

Although he was a lifelong member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, composer Robert Ray was influenced greatly by his collaboration with Father Clarence Rivers, the first African American priest in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. He wrote the *Gospel Mass* in 1979 in an effort he once described as "experimental," but the piece garnered swift critical acclaim. Its six movements are energized by the skillful stylistic combination of jazz, rock, blues, funk and pop, and its harmonies and modulations convey a powerful musical message of both diversity and unity.

Robert Ray passed away in 2022 after a notable career at the University of Illinois-Urbana and later work with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. His musical legacy lives on to provide choirs with a uniquely fun and inspirational performance experience.

Please join us on Easter Sunday for an exciting musical presentation, and a festive and meaningful Easter celebration at CPC!

Upcoming Worship

Sunday worship services are in-person and accessible through Facebook Live ([facebook.com/claremontpres](https://www.facebook.com/claremontpres)) or Youtube ([youtube.com/@claremontpres](https://www.youtube.com/@claremontpres))

Sunday, March 3, 10:00 AM

Third Sunday of Lent
John 2:13-22
Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, March 10, 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Lent
John 3:14-21
Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, March 17, 10:00 AM

Fifth Sunday of Lent
John 12:20-33
Lee Ireland preaching

Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 PM

Village Dinner Church

Sunday, March 24, 10:00 AM

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday
Mark 15:1-39
Karen Sapio preaching

Thursday, March 28, 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday March 29, afternoon

Claremont Community *Good Friday*
Worship

Friday March 29, 7:00 PM

CPC/Haven Fellowship *Good Friday*
Worship

Sunday, March 31, 8:00 AM

Easter Sunday worship with Emmanuel
on the Front Lawn

Sunday, March 31, 10:00 AM

Easter Sunday
Gospel Mass by Robert Ray
Karen Sapio preaching

Maundy Thursday Communion

Let's gather at the table to remember Christ's commandment to love one another and to remember him. This service of music, communion, and quiet reflection will take place in our Sanctuary on March 28 at 7 PM.

Good Friday Worship and Prayer, Friday March 29

There will be two opportunities to observe this holy day together. The Community Good Friday service sponsored by the Christian faith communities of the Claremont Interfaith Council will take place in the afternoon (place/time TBD). That evening, CPC and The Haven New Worshiping Community will gather in our chapel at 7 PM for a service of Tenebrae and Communion.



Don't forget your Fish!

Our children and youth passed out our One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks with great fanfare on the first Sunday of Lent. We look forward to receiving them back on Easter Sunday full of donations to this special, annual offering of the Presbyterian Church.

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

If you still need a fish bank, they are available in the narthex or in the church office.

Stay Up to Date!

Subscribe to *the Latest* by going to claremontpres.org and scrolling to the bottom of the page. Here you can enter your e-mail and begin receiving our weekly email with all the most recent events and information.

First Tuesday Coffee and Conversation

At 9:30 AM on March 5, grab a cup of coffee to go from your favorite Claremont Village coffee shop and join friends in Laemmle Square for a time of conversation and building friendships. This is a great chance to get better acquainted with members of our community. Questions? Call the church office at 909-624-9693.

News from our Deacons

The Deacons would like to thank you for all the generous donations to the Deacons fund. Donations can be made at any time. You can use the envelopes in the pews or send or drop off donations at the church as well as using Zelle.

We also want to thank you for donations to the Red Wheelbarrow. Unfortunately, our Red Wheelbarrow Sunday ended up to be a very busy day with communion, a congregational meeting as well as the Super Bowl. If you forgot or didn't have time to donate to the Red Wheelbarrow or a monetary donation, they can be done any time. Lisa Frazier and Nora Quinn are happy to

take the donations to the Beta Center.

Remember, Easter is early this year. If you want to make a donation for Easter Lilies, see Delight at church or check the church's website under giving for a form. If you have any questions, Delight would be happy to answer them.



YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE INSTALLATION OF

Pastor
Brian Symonds

AT ALL PEOPLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY **10** MARCH
2024

3:00 PM

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Adult Ed Presents...

What does hope mean to chronically ill children, their families, and their caregivers? How does hope become a communal experience in the depths of suffering?

A soon to be released book by Rev. Dr. Duane R. Bidwell addresses these questions and more. The book's title is lengthy and descriptive: *After the Worst Day Ever: What Sick Kids Know About Sustaining Hope in Chronic Illness*. The research is based on 51 conversations with children who have renal disease or are in need of dialysis or organ transplants. The experiences shared offer encouraging perspectives on cultivating hope.

Members and friends are invited to a conversation with the author, one of CPC's own, on Sunday, March 17 at 8:45 AM (before Worship) in Room 1. Duane is a scholar, minister, and former hospital chaplain who is currently a faculty member of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The publisher's description of the book can be found at this link: [.beacon.org/After-the-Worst-Day-Ever-P2030.aspx](https://www.beacon.org/After-the-Worst-Day-Ever-P2030.aspx)

This program is part of the continuing Sunday morning engagement opportunities offered by the CPC Adult Education Committee.



Easter Lilies

There is still time! You have the opportunity to donate an Easter lily in memory of or in honor of someone special, or in celebration of an event. Your Easter lily donations will adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, March 31. The traditional white Easter Lily symbolizes purity, rebirth, new beginnings, hope and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In order to have your dedication listed in the Easter Sunday worship bulletin, please submit your donation and dedication not later than Wednesday March 20. Suggested donation per Easter lily is \$25.00. Donations and dedications may be submitted as follows: If you'd like to pay with PayPal or Zelle, go to claremontpres.org/lilies and fill out the form and make your donation. Paper forms are also available in the church office or in the narthex. Any questions? Email Delight Slotemaker de Bruine.

The Deacons greatly appreciate your support!

Worship Flowers

We are grateful for the generosity of those who provide the beauty of worship flowers for all of us to enjoy. We are mindful of those in whose memory or in whose honor the flowers are given. We join in celebration of special events and take this opportunity to enjoy getting to know our friends and lift them in prayer.

February 4 - given lovingly by Dorothy Whitham in memory of her beloved husband, Rick Whitham, on the ninth anniversary of his passing on February 28.

February 11 - kindly donated by Jean, Ron, and Trish Perry, in loving memory of Lynel L. Perry, husband, father, and grandfather on the anniversary of his passing on February 10 and February 14 memorial. The flowers on either side of the pulpit and lectern were generously shared by the Foothill Philharmonic Committee.

February 18 - chancel flowers graciously donated in loving memory of Leonaine Dixon by her children, Holly Lay, Mike Dixon, Randy Dixon, Lori Spencer, and Richard Dixon. "Too soon and forever in our hearts." Narthex flowers are given by Delight Slotemaker de Bruine in memory of her Tante Katie Voit, who died on January 25, and in honor of her daughters, Delight's cousins, Gabrielle and Edie.

Labyrinth Meditation for Lent

Rev. Dr. Tina Blair

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and faithful spirit in me” (Ps. 51:10).

The Path In

Lent is a time for deep self-examination, in company with Christ, who walks beside you, comforting you. In his loving presence, search your heart. Tell him your deepest feelings: of fear and anxiety, of remorse, of frustration. Let yourself feel and share your deepest longings with the God who knows and loves you deeply.

At the Center

Pause, taking some time for silence. Remember that you stand with God, surrounded by God’s love. Let go of the feelings that have emerged and give them to God.

The Path Out

Lent is a time for service, a time of giving. As you walk, celebrate the ways in which you have been giving and helping. Ask yourself if there are new ways you might be called to contribute to Christ’s mission during Lent. Know that Christ walks with you and will bless all that you do.



February 25 - shared by Teresa and Eric Bernal “in loving memory of Marilou Amores, sister of Teresa and sister-in-law of Eric Bernal, for what would have been her 65th birthday.”

Please email Delight Slotemaker de Bruine if you would like to make a donation for worship flowers.



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Wednesday, March 20
5:30 - 7:00 PM

You are invited...

- To relax with a meal that is already taken care of...
- To know that your family is cared for...
- To engage your faith with other people with similar questions...
- To learn how the Holy Spirit is at work in the community...
- And, to experience the wide and inclusive love of God.

Join us this month when our guest speaker will be Dr. Jim Elsasser Jr. from Claremont United School District. With a career in public education spanning more than 30 years, Dr. James Elsasser remains committed to excellence in education and is passionate about preparing students with myriad opportunities to thrive now and in the future through rigorous instruction, the integration of technology, and cultivating the development of the whole child.

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 01/31/2024	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$67,040.00	\$40,000.00
Other Income	\$6,038.40	\$10,920.83
Expenses	-\$56,159.01	-\$64,805.83
Variance	\$16,919.39	-\$13,885.00
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 01/31/2024	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$93,839.08	\$99,750.00
Expenses	-\$89,994.71	-\$96,061.75
Variance	\$3,844.37	\$3,688.25

Please Lift Up Your Prayers

For those who have died, may God wrap each one left grieving in love and peace: Leonaine Dixon, dear mother of her children, Holly Lay, Mike Dixon, Randy Dixon, Lori Spencer, and Richard Dixon, along with 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; Katie Voit, mother of Gabrielle and Edie, aunt of Delight Slotemaker de Bruine; Sally Hamilton, mother of Linda Hamilton; Joy Gross, Gennie Ransom's sister; Courtney Coleman; Robert Doebler Sr, Bob Doebler's father, Tracy Doebler's father-in-law; Midori (Inoue) Chu, Mike Wigton's.

For healing and comfort: David Frazier; Heather Chapman; Nancy Campbell-Crawford, Delight Slotemaker de Bruine's cousin; Scott Blair, Tina Blair's brother; Suzanne, Sally Lopez's sister.

For those for whom we wish the gentle soothing grace, wisdom, and comfort of the Holy Spirit as they navigate life at this time: Edda, Eric and Teresa Bernal's sister-in-law, and for her children; Pam and Roger House; Herb & Carlynn Christian; Phoebe Deville; the Perry family; the Hughes family; Catherine Lin and her mother, Patricia; Joyce Alexander; Corinne Tolles, David Frasier; Heather Chapman; Nancy Campbell-Crawford, Delight Slotemaker de Bruine's cousin, now resting at home.

For those living homebound or in retirement facilities and for all of those who may experience loneliness: We lift up our prayers of love and support for all of our friends and members in these living communities, and in this situation.

We also lift up all of those who remain unnamed here, but whose names and spirits are named within our hearts.

Please be assured that your CPC staff, along with your Congregational Care Coordinator and Deacons are praying and caring for each one of you.

Please contact delight@claremontpres.org for any prayer requests. Details will be shared only as you give permission. Otherwise, the CPC Staff and Deacons will lift up your confidential prayer requests.

See All That's Happening...

For the most up-to-date calendar of events, go to www.claremontpres.org/calendar.

Ways to Give

- Place offerings in offering box in narthex after worship.
- **Check:** We can receive contributions by checks mailed or dropped off at our church office.
- **Online:** You can make an online contribution to Claremont Presbyterian Church by navigating to our website at claremontpres.org/giving-2. or by scanning the QR code.
- **Autopay from your checking account:** Your bank should be able to help you set up an electronic payment directly to CPC.
- **Transfer money through your bank or the Zelle app:**
Send your money to: giving@claremontpres.org.





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Deadline for the April *Communicator* - March 15

Weekly Online Events

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - Daily Prayer (Facebook)

Sunday

10:00 AM - Worship (Facebook & Youtube)

Wednesday

4:00 PM - Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday

8:00 AM - Morning Meditation (Online Meditation Chapel)



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