

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

About Community Christian Church

How do I find out more information about Community Christian Church?

Answer: You'll find all kinds of information on our website. If you have other questions, you can call us (847-945-8824) or email us (Office@CCCLincolnshire.org).

Can I visit the church anytime?

Answer: Yes. Our office hours are Monday - Friday, 9am - 1pm. You can also call to make an appointment with the church secretary or the Ministers.

What do you offer for babies and toddlers?

Answer: We have a staffed and equipped nursery for both age groups. Our Infant Nursery, located in Friendship Hall, has a changing table and several cribs, and is staffed by a trained and highly skilled caregiver. Our Toddler Nursery, located right below the sanctuary in Thompson Hall, offers a spacious play area with plenty of toys - and supervision by an experienced childcare worker who is a member of our church. We also have a Quiet Room for parents who need time alone with their child. That room is also in Friendship Hall, right next to the Infant Nursery. (Temporarily on hold during the pandemic)

Do you do any kind of community mission work?

Answer: We are passionate about mission work in the community and around the world. Once a month we serve at a Waukegan soup kitchen. We tangibly support the work of PADS Lake County and Erie Family Health Center for women and their children, providing food at Thanksgiving, presents at Christmas and many other needs. Each year, several youth and adults go on a summer mission trip.

What kind of things do you do in your worship services?

Answer: We strive to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere at CCC. We greet each other before and after worship so everyone feels welcomed; we sing and listen to music; we share our joys and concerns and lift them to God in prayer; we read the Bible and talk about it through the sermon; we collect any offerings to further God's work; and we take communion weekly. (COVID precautions currently in place)

What do you offer for children on Sunday morning?

Answer: Children are a special part of our congregation. Our children share their gifts by singing regularly during our 10 am worship service. Also, during that worship service, we have a Children's Sermon, after which the children (up to 6th grade) leave for Sunday School. Our Sunday School classes are led by faithful, wonderful volunteers from the church. (Programming being adapted during pandemic)

How big is the church?

Answer: Our church, founded in 1964, has grown into a healthy and vibrant congregation. We currently have almost 200 active members and regular attenders. Our 8 am service averages around 18 people (Temporarily on hold); our 10 am service usually has between 65-85 in attendance. We're big enough to support a wide range of programs and ministries, but small enough to greet each other by name on Sunday morning.

What other programs and ministries do you offer?

Answer: In addition to our Sunday morning activities, we have other ways for people to serve and get connected. There are both active women's and men's groups. We have Youth Groups for junior and senior high youth that meet on Sundays from 11:30am-12:30pm. We have a dedicated prayer ministry. We have several fellowship events, a few special events during the year (like our Community 5K), and active committees that carry out God's work in the church. We also have a Stephen Ministry program. (Some activities, such as choir, on temporary hold)

Who are the Disciples of Christ?

Answer: We are a mainline Protestant denomination with almost 1 million members in the United States and Canada. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. We believe God speaks through the Bible, and we give each person the freedom to responsibly interpret the Bible for themselves. We believe in working with all other Christians to do God's work here on earth. For more about who we are, <u>click here</u> or go to <u>www.disciples.org</u>.

What time is your Sunday worship service?

Answer: We meet for worship at 10 am every Sunday, and services are held in the sanctuary and virtually.

Who goes to your church?

Answer: We have quite a mixture of people at CCC. Our congregation truly spans the ages, from newborns to folks in their 80s. You'll find just about every type of person here - married, single, divorced, widowed - professionals, workers, retired - doctors, lawyers, construction workers, and stay-at-home moms, young families with children and young adults!

Do I have to belong to your denomination to attend?

Answer: Not at all! Much of our congregation comes from a church background other than the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We have many former Catholics, Lutherans, Presbyterians, and Methodists. We are a "patchwork" church people with widely different church backgrounds "woven together" by God's grace.

Do you have to dress up to attend your worship service?

Answer: No! Not only is it not required, but it's also not expected. Some do choose to wear their "Sunday best," but you are just as likely to find someone in golf shirt and slacks, or even jeans.

Can a visitor take communion?

Answer: We take communion each week as a tangible reminder of God's gift to us in Jesus Christ. We believe in open communion - that means that anyone who believes in Jesus Christ is welcome to take communion, whether they are a church member or not.