

Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	<i>Jesus Is Coming Again</i> <small>- J. Peterson / DeCou</small>	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 46:1-3</i> <small>(Responsive)</small>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino Shawn Garman
Opening Hymn	<b>3: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</b>	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson:	<i>Daniel 9:20-27</i>	Pat Strain
The Response:	<i>Psalm 1:1-6</i>	Pat Strain / Shawn Garman
The New Testament Lesson:	<i>1 Thessalonians 2:1-8</i>	Pat Strain
Worship in Giving	<i>Luke 21:1-4</i>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Prayer Hymn	<b>439: Prayer Is The Soul's Sincere Desire</b> <small>(verse 4 only)</small>	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Praise & Worship	<i>Days of Elijah / How Deep the Father's Love for Us</i>	Congregation
Sermon	<i>Excellence in Exile, Part 12: Behold He Comes</i> <small>(Daniel 9:24-27)</small>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Closing Hymn	<b>169: Christ Is Coming! Let Creation</b>	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Postlude	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i> <small>Luther/Chesterton</small>	Pat Shroff

<b>Organist</b>	Pat Shroff	<b>Hospital Visitor This Week:</b> Marlin Bohannon, 717-383-1153
<b>Pianist</b>	Shelley Miller	<b>Hymn Leader, Vocalist</b> Maureen Logan
<b>Flutist</b>	Shirley Long	<b>Children's Church</b> Tracy Farmer & Deb Smith
<b>Trumpeter, Pianist</b>	Sonya Valentino	<b>Greeters</b> Francy & Bob Lindenmuth
<b>Trumpeter, Pianist</b>	Marcy Garman	<b>Office Administrator</b> Maureen Logan
<b>Trumpeter</b>	Melanie Leedom	<b>Sound Technician</b> Bob Long
<b>Lector</b>	Patricia Strain	<b>Video Technician</b> Andrew Valentino
<b>Responder</b>	Shawn Garman	<b>Visitation Minister</b> Patricia Strain
		<b>Lead Pastor</b> Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 3



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing,  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,  
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

Our help - er He, a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing:  
 Were not the right Man on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing:  
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us:  
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sid - eth:

For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sab - a - oth His  
 The Prince of Dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en -  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may

great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
 name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.  
 dure, For lo, his doom is sure; One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er. A - men.

WORDS: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852; based on Psalm 46  
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529

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Call to Worship: **Psalm 46:1-3**

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God is our refuge and strength,  
**an ever-present help in trouble.**  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
**and the mountains fall into  
the heart of the sea,**  
though its waters roar and foam  
**and the mountains quake with their surging.**

The Old Testament Lesson: **Daniel 9:20-27**

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<sup>20</sup>While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill—<sup>21</sup> while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. <sup>22</sup>He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. <sup>23</sup>As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision:

<sup>24</sup>“Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.

<sup>25</sup>“Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. <sup>26</sup>After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. <sup>27</sup>He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

The Response: **Psalm 1:1-6**

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<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,  
<sup>2</sup> **but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.**  
<sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.  
<sup>4</sup> **Not so the wicked!  
They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.**  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.  
<sup>6</sup> **For the LORD watches over the way of the  
righteous, but the way of the wicked  
leads to destruction.**

The New Testament Lesson: **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

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<sup>1</sup> You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. <sup>2</sup> We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. <sup>3</sup> For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. <sup>4</sup> On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. <sup>6</sup> We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. <sup>7</sup> Instead, we were like young children among you.

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, <sup>8</sup> so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Worship in Giving: **Luke 21:1-4**

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<sup>1</sup> As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. <sup>2</sup> He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. <sup>4</sup> All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”



# 439 Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

4. Prayer is the Chris-tian's vi - tal breath, The Chris-tian's na - tive air, His  
watch-word at the gates of death: He en - ters heav'n with prayer. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1818  
MUSIC: Traditional American melody; arr. Robert G. McCutchan, 1935

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## DAYS OF ELIJAH

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days of Your servant Moses, Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days of great trials, Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord"

(CHORUS)

**Behold He comes riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call  
So lift your voice; it's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes**

And these are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of Your servant David, Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest, The fields are white in the world  
And we are Your laborers in Your vineyard, Declaring the Word of the Lord

(REPEAT CHORUS)

These are the days of the Exile,  
The righteous are taking their stand  
And these are the days of your prophet, Daniel,  
Pointing us home to the Land  
And these are the days of great empires,  
Where lions are hungry, yet tame  
And these are the days of the fiery furnace,  
Where saints can endure every flame

(REPEAT CHORUS)

These are the days of the exile  
The righteous are taking their stand  
And these are the days of your prophet, Daniel  
Pointing us home to the land  
And these are the days of great empires  
Where lions are hungry, yet tame  
And these are the days of the fiery furnace  
Where saints can endure every flame

(REPEAT CHORUS)

**Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.  
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

## HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He would give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no powr, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

# Christ Is Coming! Let Creation 169

1. Christ is com - ing! let cre - a - tion From her groans and tra - vail cease;  
 2. Earth can now but tell the sto - ry Of Thy bit - ter cross and pain;  
 3. Long Thine ex - iles have been pin - ing, Far from rest, and home, and Thee:  
 4. With that bless - ed hope be - fore us, Let no harp re - main un - strung;

Let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion Hope re - store and faith in - crease:  
 She shall yet be - hold Thy glo - ry, When Thou com - est back to reign:  
 But in heav'n - ly ves - tures shin - ing, They their lov - ing Lord shall see:  
 Let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus On - ward roll from tongue to tongue:

Christ is com - ing! Christ is com - ing! Come, Thou bless - ed Prince of Peace.  
 Christ is com - ing! Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.  
 Christ is com - ing! Christ is com - ing! Haste the joy - ous ju - bi - lee.  
 Christ is com - ing! Christ is com - ing! Come, Lord Je - sus, quick - ly come! A - men.

WORDS: John R. Macduff, 1853  
 MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday:** MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

**Sundays:** SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages @ 9:00 a.m.  
MORNING WORSHIP in Dech Chapel @ 10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, November 4:** CHURCH FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST  
 @ 8:30 a.m. in Zinn Commons

**Thursday, November 9:** WOMEN OF FAITH @ 7:00 p.m. in Zinn Commons

**Thursday, November 9:** MEN OF ADVENTURE @ 7:00 p.m. at the Keller home.

**Monday, November 13:** MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING  
 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

**Sunday, November 19:** CHURCH DINNER @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.  
 Please sign up to bring food.



**Sunday, November 19:** OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  
 boxes need to be returned today.

**Sunday, November 26:** FINAL DAY TO PLACE POINSETTIA ORDERS with Carol Keller

### MYERSTOWN HOLIDAY PARADE: Saturday, November 26

We need volunteers willing to walk in the parade and hand out bags to children.

Line is forming at 2:30 pm. Parade begins at 4 pm. See Steph Hammer for more details. (Let Steph know if you need a Santa hat to wear during the parade.)



## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Orders due to Carol Keller by November 26, 2023



FLOWER COLOR	PRICE x QUANTITY	PRICE
RED with gold foil	\$6.98 x _____	=
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT INCLUDED:</b> (Make checks payable to Christ Community Church)		\$

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

In **HONOR** of (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

In **MEMORY** of (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

The list of **Sharing Cupboard**  
 current food needs: • Snack food  
 • Chips • Pretzels • Cookies  
 • Crackers • Toiletries  
 • Other Regular Items.

**Prayer Requests:** If you have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at [pastortim@christcomm.church](mailto:pastortim@christcomm.church) or (484) 269-4313.

Dear Friends,  
 Sonya and I would like to thank you for the Pastor Appreciation gifts you shared with us last Sunday. We were so heartened by these kinds expressions of love and consideration. They were most appreciated. We are grateful for the love and grace that bind us together, and we look forward to stepping into the future that God has for all of us.  
 Blessings, Pastor Tim Valentino