

# Sunday, March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent The Lord's Day

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Timothy Valentino

Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection

Passion Chorale Hassler / Parks O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go Peace / Hughes Pat Shroff

Call to Worship

Luke 5:24-27

Pastor Timothy Valentino

(Responsive)

Shelley Miller

Opening Hymn

273: I Stand Amazed in the Presence

Congregation

**Prayer of Adoration** 

Pastor Timothy Valentino

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament Lesson:

Exodus 20:1-17

Shirley Long

The Response:

The Gospel Lesson:

Psalm 19:1-4a, 7-10a, 14 **John 19:23-27** (Please stand) Shirley Long / Shelley Miller

Shirley Long

Worship in Giving

1 Timothy 6:17-18

Pastor Timothy Valentino

Prayer Hymn

148: King of My Life, I Crown Thee Now (v. 1 only)

Congregation

Praise & Worship

I Set My Hope on Jesus / Sanctuary

Congregation

Sermon

Thank God It's Friday, Part 4:

Pastor Timothy Valentino

The Word of Affection (John 19:23-27) 385: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Congregation

Benediction

Pastor Timothy Valentino

Organ Postlude

Closing Hymn

Love Found a Way Loes / DeCou

Pat Shroff

#### Hospital Visitor This Week: Marlin Bohannon, 717-383-1153

Lector Shirley Long Children's Church Leader Maureen Logan Responder Shellev Miller Jennifer Danielson Nurserv Pat Shroff **Narthex Greeters** Organist Dave & Kave Focht **Pianist** Shellev Miller Sound Technician Bob Long **Flutist** Shirley Long Video Technician Andrew Valentino Mel Leedom **Lead Pastor** Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino Trumpeter Trumpeter, Pianist Marcy Garman Visitation Minister Pat Strain Trumpeter, Pianist Sonya Valentino Custodian Gloria Graybill Hymn Leader, Vocalist, Office Administrator Maureen Logan **Director of Buildings & Grounds** Will Robertson

#### 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 the Sanctuary @ 10:30 a.m.

#### **BABY BOTTLES ARE NOW PAST DUE!**

All bottles need to be returned whether empty or full.

Please see Steph Hammer if you haven't returned your bottle yet.

Sunday, March 10: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Monday, March 11: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons

Thursday, March 14: WOMEN OF FAITH @ 7:00 p.m. in Zinn Commons MEN OF ADVENTURE @ 7:00 p.m. at the Keller home

Sunday, March 17: CHURCH DINNER @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons. Please sign up to let us know how many will be attending. If you plan to bring food, please add it to the sign-up sheet.

Sunday, March 17: ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING @ 1:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.

Monday, March 18: CHURCH FAMILY CARE MINISTRY MEETING from 6:15 to 9:00 p.m. in Zinn Commons

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING PACKETS

are now available for you to review before our meeting on March 17 @ 1:15 p.m.

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE IS INCLUDED ON A SEPERATE PAGE

The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs: **Prayer Requests:** If you have any prayer • Snack food • Spaghetti Sauce • Peanut Butter requests for distribution, please send them to • Chips • Pretzels • Cookies • Crackers Pastor Tim at pastortim@christcomm.church or (484) 269-4313.

• Toiletries • Other Regular Items

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to staff our nursery during Worship. Please note that we are still in need of willing helpers:

> Second Sunday of the Month: **NEEDED** (only once a month) **NEEDED** (only 4 times a year) Fifth Sunday of the Month:

**Prayer Walk for Our Neighborhood** Steph Hammer would like to begin a prayer walk program where we gather, walk, and pray for our community. If you are interested in more information or would like to join this group please sign the sheet in the narthex and Steph will contact you with more information.

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# Holy Week 2024 at Christ Community Church

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#### Sunday, March 24 • PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE (Join Us Online or in Person)

#### "THE WORD OF COMPLETION" (John 19:28-30)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and by Livestream

- Celebration Song Service & Pastoral Sermon
- · Distribution of "Hosanna!" Palms in the Sanctuary
- · Children's Egg Hunt at 12:30 p.m. on the Lower Lawn

#### Thursday, March 28 • MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE (Join Us Online or in Person)

#### "CLEANSED AND NOURISHED BY GOD" (John 13:1-17; Luke 22:14-23)

7:00 p.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and by Livestream

- Seasonal Devotionals (Bishop Randy Sizemore and Pastor Tim Valentino)
- Contemplative Hymns & Celebration of Holy Communion in Sanctuary
- Shuttle Service for Those Needing Evening Transportation

#### Friday, March 29 • GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE (Join Us Online or in Person)

#### "THE WORD OF TRUST" (John 19:28-30)

4:30 p.m. Showing of The Passion of the Christ Film in Zinn Commons\* 7:00 p.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and by Livestream

- A Cappella Song Service & Sermon (Pastor Tim Valentino)
- Shuttle Service for Those Needing Evening Transportation

#### Sunday, March 31 • EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION (Join Us Online or in Person)

#### "GRAVE ERRORS" (Luke 24:1-12)

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast in Zinn Commons (Fellowship Hall) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and by Livestream

- Light Fellowship Breakfast in Lieu of Sunday School Classes
- Celebration Song Service & Sermon (Pastor Tim Valentino)
- · Purchased Easter Flowers Available for Pickup

# Easter AGES 3 THRU 11 Egg Hunt

March 24, 2024 @ 12:30 p.m.

121 South College Street, Myerstown in Lower Parking Lot



PRE-REGISTRATION NECESSARY https://christcomm.church

RAIN EVENT WILL BE A DRIVE-THRU EGG HUNT.

# THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY, PART 3 THE WORD OF AFFECTION

John 19:23-27

*The cross of Christ establishes new relationships—with God and each other.* 

## What we learn from MARY, the mother of Jesus

Allow Jesus to reorient you and be who he really is rather than who you might want him to be.

Parents want the best for their children, yet there is nothing better than for them to obey God fully.

The sweetest love is sharing a good life together, and the hardest love is letting that life go.

Do not let your sorrow or disillusionment prevent you from continuing in God's will.

Mary's last recorded words in the Gospels are for all believers: "Do whatever he tells you."

Be content with the provisions you have received, regarding them as gifts from God.

If obedience to Christ leads you to suffering, obey him anyway.

### What we learn from JOHN, the disciple whom Jesus loved

Allow Jesus to restore you and assign you the responsibilities of his choosing rather than your own.

If you have failed at some point in following Jesus, repent and start following him again.

The acknowledgment of our helplessness can be a gift to the helpless.

Accept your commission from Christ as a sacred privilege and responsibility.

True spirituality does not allow us to ignore physical needs or the mundane chores of life.

The deepest relationships are often forged in the fires of suffering.

It's only when we're "near the cross" that we can hear the Savior whisper his will to us.

#### What we learn from JESUS, the Savior of the world

Allow Jesus to redirect you and show you how to love God completely, and your neighbor as yourself.

Jesus dies obeying the moral law of God.

Jesus dies preparing others for his departure.

Jesus dies tending to family obligations as well as his personal calling.

Jesus dies seeing and responding to the needs of broken hearts.

Jesus dies loving his heavenly Father above all.

Jesus dies bringing people into new relationships at the cross.