

Sunday, February 9, 2025
The Lord's Day | 5th Sunday of Epiphany

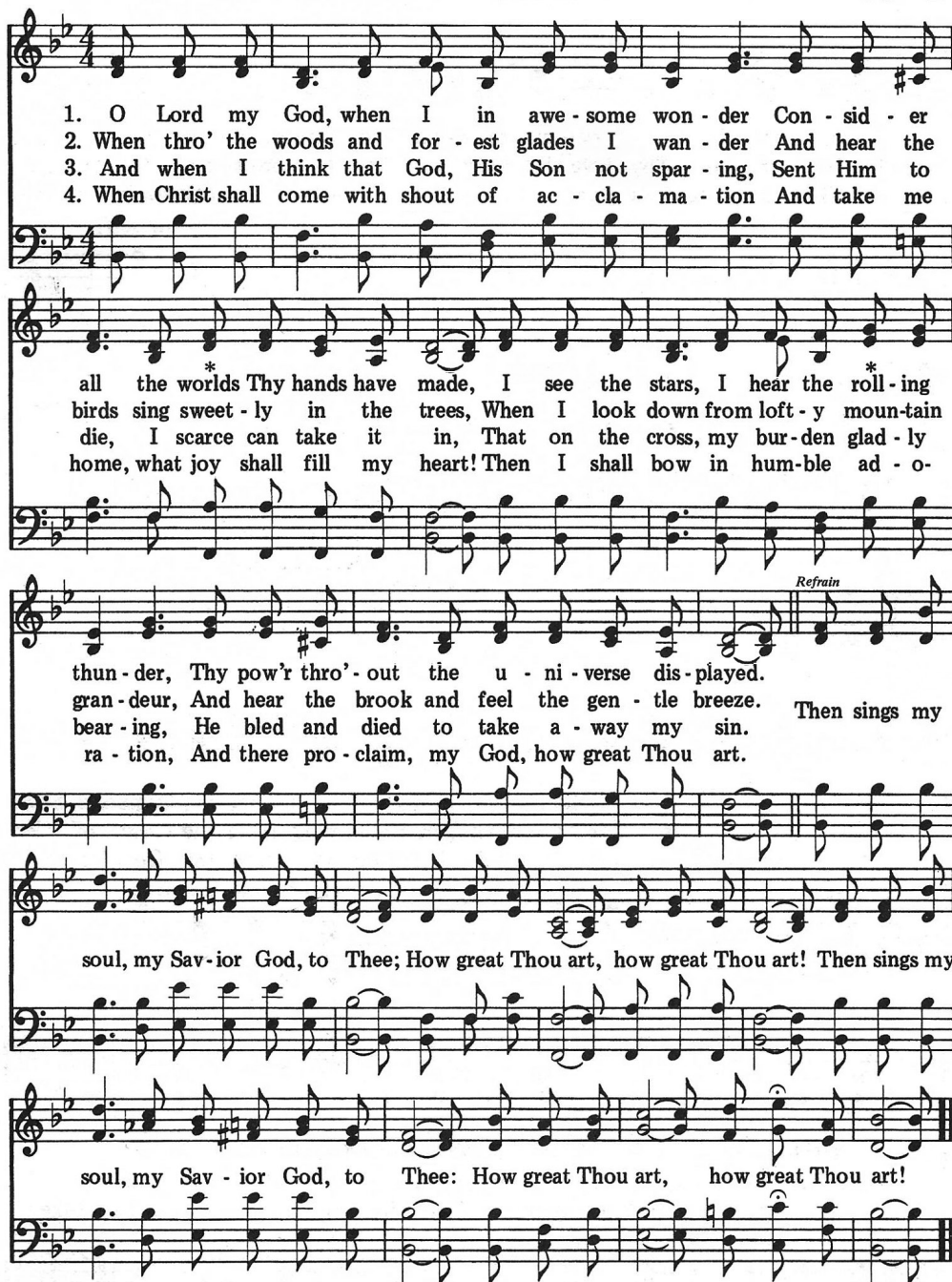
Welcome & Announcements		Pastor Timothy Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah - Hughes / Innes	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	Psalms 86:8-10 (Responsive)	Pastor Timothy Valentino Shirley Long
Opening Hymn	1: How Great Thou Art	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Pastor Timothy Valentino
Scripture Readings		
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The Response:	Psalms 138:1-8	Shawn Garman/Shirley Long
The New Testament Lesson:	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Shawn Garman
Worship in Giving	Luke 14:13-14	Pastor Timothy Valentino
Prayer Hymn	365: Nearer, Still Nearer (v.2)	Congregation
Prayer Led By Pastor		Pastor Timothy Valentino
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Sermon	From Forgiveness to Forgiving 4: Chuckling Your Spear	Pastor Timothy Valentino (1 Samuel 26:7-11)
Closing Hymn	338: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Timothy Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	Trumpet Tune - Jerry McCrory	Pat Shroff

Hospital Visitor This Week: Ruth Turner, 717-926-1543

Lector	Shawn Garman	Children's Church Leader	Sonya & Wendy Buffington
Responder	Shirley Long	Nursery	NEEDED
Organist	Pat Shroff	Narthex Greeters	Kaye & Dave Focht
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Flutist	Shirley Long	Video Technician	Andrew Valentino
Violin	Rebecca Sorg	Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Trumpeter, Pianist	Marcy Garman	Visitation Minister	Pat Strain
Trumpeter, Pianist	Sonya Valentino	February Counters	Pat Strain, Margo Fox
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How Great Thou Art 1



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

Refrain
 thun - der, Thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. Then sings my
 bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art.

soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

WORDS: Carl Boberg, c.1885; tr. Stuart K. Hine, 1949
 MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; arr. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

* Composer's original words are "works" and "mighty."
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Call to Worship: Psalm 86:8-10

⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.

⁹ All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.

¹⁰ **For you are great and do marvelous
deeds; you alone are God.**

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

The Response: Psalm 138:1-8

¹ I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your
faithfulness,**

for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.

³ **When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.**

⁴ May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD,
when they hear what you have decreed.

⁵ **May they sing of the ways of the LORD,
for the glory of the LORD is great.**

⁶ Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on
the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

⁷ **Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.**

You stretch out your hand against the anger of
my foes; with your right hand you save me.

⁸ **The LORD will vindicate me; your love,
LORD, endures forever— do not
abandon the works of your hands.**

The New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried,

that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Worship in Giving: Luke 14:13-14

¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

365 Nearer, Still Nearer

2. Near-er, still near-er, noth-ing I bring, Naught as an of-f'ring to Je-sus my King; On-ly my sin-ful, now con-trite heart, Grant me the cleans-ing Thy blood doth im-part, Grant me the cleans-ing Thy blood doth im-part. A-men.

WORDS and MUSIC: Lelia N. Morris, 1898

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Faith More Precious than Gold

We have suffered all kinds of grief
Tasted the bitter cup of defeat
Out of the bitter comes something sweet
Our faith more precious than gold

We have been tested by so many fires
Burned in the heat of what our hope requires
Find us here singing in a foolish choir
Our faith more precious than gold
Our faith more precious than gold

[CHORUS]

**Though we don't see you, we love you
When we don't feel you, we still sing
We've got a reason to trust you
Jesus in everything**

There is a secret we can only know
Walking through places we don't want to go
Cause in the dark we learn the song of hope
Our faith more precious than gold
Our faith more precious than gold

And though we don't see you, we love you
When we don't feel you, we still sing
We've got a reason to trust you
Jesus in everything
Jesus in everything

[BRIDGE]

*Tears on the altar from all we've lost
Following you no matter what it cost
May be a whisper, may be a roar
This is the sound of those who love you Lord
This is the sound of those who love you Lord*

[REPEAT BRIDGE 1X]

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

**Jesus in everything
Jesus in everything**

[REPEAT BRIDGE 3X]

*This is the sound of those who love you Lord
This is the sound of those who love you Lord
This is the sound of those who love you Lord
This is the sound of those who love you Lord*

Christ Be Magnified

Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from north to south and east to west
We'd hear 'Christ be magnified!'

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear 'Christ be magnified!'

[CHORUS]

**O! Christ be magnified!
Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
O! Christ be magnified!
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me**

When every creature finds its inmost melody
And every human heart its native cry
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing 'Christ be magnified!'

[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

I won't bow to idols,
I'll stand strong and worship You
And if it puts me in the fire,
I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too
I won't be formed by feelings,
I hold fast to what is true
If the cross brings transformation
then I'll be crucified with You
'Cause death is just the doorway
into resurrection life
And if I join You in Your suffering
then I'll join You when You rise
And when You return in glory
with all the angels and the saints
My heart will still be singing
and my song will be the same

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

338 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, For - give our fool - ish
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, Be - side the Syr - ian
 3. Drop Thy still dews of qui - et - ness, Till all our striv - ings
 4. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire Thy cool - ness and Thy

ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; In pur - er
 Sea, The gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, Let us, like
 cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our
 balm; Let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; Speak through the

lives Thy serv - ice find, In deep - er rev - 'rence, praise.
 them, with - out a word, Rise up and fol - low Thee.
 or - dered lives con - fess The beau - ty of Thy peace.
 earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm! A-men.

WORDS: John G. Whittier, 1872
 MUSIC: Frederick C. Maker, 1887

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CHILDRENS WORKERS TRAINING - Attend only **ONE**

Vacation Bible School is coming to Christ Community Church in JUNE!

So that we are fully equipped for this great opportunity, we are focusing on directing children's behavior while they are in our care. We will be having one-hour training times that give us tools for helping the children and our church family thrive during VBS. Listed below are options VBS helpers can choose from. (More may be added later.) Contact Sonya (call/text 484.269.4314 or email tim.sonya@comcast.net).

- **Sunday, February 16 @ 1:30 PM** at Church (following church lunch)
- **Sunday, March 2 @ 4:00 PM** at Church

Please Note that **ONE CLASS** of training is necessary for **ALL** who volunteer with children in any capacity at Christ Community Church throughout the year.

LOOKING AHEAD

* Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex

Monday, February 10 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING • Zinn Commons

Wednesday, February 12 @ 7:00 p.m. MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER via Zoom

Thursday, February 13 @ 7:00 p.m.
MEN OF ADVENTURE at the home of Kirby Keller
WOMEN OF FAITH in the Student Lounge

Sunday, February 16 @ 12 noon CHURCH LUNCHEON* • Zinn Commons

Sunday, February 16 CHILDREN'S WORKER TRAINING
 at Church (following church luncheon)

Saturday, March 1 @ 8:30a.m. CHURCH BREAKFAST* • Zinn Commons

HELPERS SOUGHT FOR GRASS CUTTING SEASON

The Property Committee is looking for some helpers to share in the seasonal responsibility of grass cutting on the church's property in 2025.

The congregation has approved the purchase of a zero-turn riding mower, and the Ministry Council will make such a purchase when a workable rotation of helpers is established. Please contact Gene Bugg or Mike Oswald if you have the time, energy, and skills to join the rotation. Thank you!

Gene Bugg: 717-673-6537 • Mike Oswald: 717-679-2252

THE SHARING CUPBOARD IS IN NEED OF

• SOUP • CEREAL

- Spaghetti Sauce • Corn • Peanut Butter
- Non spaghetti noodles • Snack foods • Chips
- Pretzels • Cookies • Crackers • Other personal care items including liquid & bar soap, and toothpaste.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

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SHUT-IN ADDRESSES VALENTINE'S DAY 2025



Remember our shut-ins in your prayers and with a card this Valentine's Day!
Valentines are available on the Information table.

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Mary Lou Darkes

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Warrington, PA 18976

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Lebanon, PA 17046

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