

Sunday, February 23, 2025

The Lord's Day | 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Timothy Valentino

Organ Voluntary

Love of God / How He Loves You and Me

Pat Shroff

& Quiet Reflection

- Arr. Leatherman

Call to Worship

Psalm 150:2, 6

Pastor Timothy Valentino

(Responsive)
63: Praise Him! Praise Him!

Holly Brubaker

Opening Hymn

Congregation

Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Timothy Valentino

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Maureen Logan

The Response:

Psalm 37:1-11 Maureen Logan/Holly Brubaker

The Gospel Lesson:

Luke 6:27-37 (Please stand) Maureen Logan

Worship in Giving

Pastor Timothy Valentino

Prayer Hymn

365: Nearer, Still Nearer (v. 4) Congregation

Prayer Led By Pastor

Pastor Timothy Valentino

Worship Hymns

Holy Forever / Make Us One Congregation

Sermon

From Forgiven to Forgiving 6: Pastor Timothy Valentino

Let's Get Together

Luke 6:38

(2 Corinthians 5:16-19)

Closing Hymn

332: Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Congregation

Benediction

Pastor Timothy Valentino

Organ Voluntary

Fanfare

Pat Shroff

& Ouiet Reflection

- Mouret / Broughton

Hospital Visitor This Week: Faye Hipkiss, 717-813-4638

Lector Maureen Logan Children's Church Leader Tracy Farmer & Deb Smith Responder Holly Brubaker Nursery Jennifer Heinsey Kaye & Dave Focht Organist Pat Shroff Narthex Greeters **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 Hymn Leader, Vocalist, Office Administrator Maureen Logan **Director of Buildings & Grounds** Will Robertson

1. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er! Sing, O 2. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er! For our sins He 3. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er! Heav'n-ly por - tals won-der-ful love pro-claim! Hail Him! hail Him! high-est arch-an-gels in glo - ry; suf-fered, and bled and died: He our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion, loud with ho -san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign-eth for - ev - er and ev - er; Strength and hon - or give to His ho - ly Like name! shep-herd Hail Him! hail Him! Je-sus the Cru-ci - fied. Sound His prais - es! Je - sus who Crown Him! crown Him! Proph-et and Priest and King! Christ is com - ing! o - ver the guard His chil-dren, In His arms He car-ries them all day long: bore our sor-rows; Love un-bound-ed, won-der-ful, deep and strong: Praise Him! praise Him! world vic - to-rious, Pow'r and glo - ry un-to the Lord be - long: tell of His ex-cel-lent great-ness; Praise Him! praise Him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

63 Praise Him! Praise Him!

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Call to Worship: Psalm 150:2, 6

² Praise him for his acts of power; **praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

⁶Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. **Praise the Lord.**

The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

The Response: Psalm 37:1-11

- ¹Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong;
- ² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.
- ³Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
- ⁴Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- ⁵Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:
- ⁶He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.
- ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
- do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.
- ⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.
- ⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.
- ¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.
- ¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

(PLEASE STAND)

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:27-37

²⁷"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Worship in Giving: Luke 6:38

³⁸ "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

365 Nearer, Still Nearer



Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship To sing the song of ages to the Lamb And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

[CHORUS]

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
And the angels cry, "Holy"
All creation cries, "Holy"
You are lifted high, Holy
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven, and if you've been redeemed Sing the song forever to the Lamb If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name Sing the song forever to the Lamb We'll sing the song forever, and amen

And the angels cry, "Holy"
All creation cries, "Holy"
You are lifted high, Holy
Holy forever
Hear your people sing, "Holy"
To the King of Kings, "Holy"
You will always be, Holy
Holy forever

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
Jesus-

[REPEAT CHORUS]

You will always be, Holy Holy forever

Make Us One

Make us one, make us one
Make us one, undivided body
Make us one, make us one
For the sake of Your name make us one

Make us love, make us love
Make us love so the world will know we love You
Make us love, make us love
For the sake of Your name make us love

Make us pure, make us pure
Make us pure and righteous. make us holy
Make us pure, make us pure
For the sake of Your name make us pure

Make us one, make us one
Make us one, undivided body
Make us one, make us one
For the sake of Your name make us one
For the sake of Your name till You come
For the sake of Your name make us one

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Sunday, February 23 <u>Ministry Council Reports</u> due to Maureen Logan today!

Wednesday, February 26 @ 7:00 p.m. MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER via Zoom

Thursday, February 27 @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH in the Student Lounge

Saturday, March 1 @ 8:30a.m. CHURCH BREAKFAST ★ · Zinn Commons

Sunday, March 2 @ 10:30 a.m. GUEST SPEAKER: REV. KEN SEARS

Rev. Ken Sears is an ordained elder of the EC Church and a commissioned missionary of the Global Ministries Community. He serves under European Christian Mission. Until recently, Ken served in Zaporozhzhye, Ukraine at Zaporozhzhye Seminary, where he was a teacher, preacher, administrator and translator. Since the war in Ukraine began, he has had to relocate to Poland, where he continues to teach online at Zaporozhzhye Seminary, and is involved with leading a church of Ukrainian refugees in Wroclaw, Poland.

Wednesday, March 5 @ 7:00 p.m. <u>ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE</u>
On Site in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 9 Baby Bottles due back

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

Tuesday, April 8 @ 5:30 p.m. <u>BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING</u>
Zinn Commons

Sunday, June 8 - Thursday, June 12 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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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VBS WORKERS ANNOUNCEMENT

"Lord, I pray for this dark world. Do something."
"I will use <u>you</u> as I reach the children."

Our whole church family is teaming up to join God as He reaches kids.

Our VBS begins **Sunday, June 8** and runs through **Thursday, June 12** in the evenings.

There are pre-VBS opportunites, helping during VBS, and after-VBS opportunities. Some ministries are kid-free. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so you can respond to how God is nudging you.

You can also contact Maureen Logan <u>mlart1@verizon.net</u> or Sonya Valentino <u>timsonya@comcast.net</u>

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

☐ In Memory of



Orders due to Carol Keller by March 30

Name

FLOWER	FLOWER COLOR	PRICE x QUANTITY	PRICE
LILIES (6" pot, 4-5 blooms)	WHITE	\$7.00 x	=
MUM (6" pot, florist, non-hardy)	YELLOW	\$6.00 x	=
MUM (6" pot, florist, non-hardy)	PINK	\$6.00 x	=
TOTAL PAYMENT INCLUDED: (Make checks payable to CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH)			\$
Name			
Phone Number			
☐ In Honor of Name			



VBS WORKERS ANNOUNCEMENT

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, 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.