Christ Community CHURCH
AN AFFILIATE OF THE E.C. CHURCH

Sunday, December 7, 2025

The Lord's Day • Second Sunday of Advent

Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	***1. Berceuse*** *- Kufferath / Ritter* ***2. Heavenly Gift*** *- Juliet Calkins*	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	***Isaiah 9:6***	Rev. Tim Valentino Rev. Kirby Keller
Hymn	***165: Hail to the Lord's Annointed***	Congregation
Lighting of the Second Advent Candle (Peace)		Ruby Boyer and Sheri Davis
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Reading	***Isaiah 11:1-6***	Pat Strain
The Response	***Psalm 72:1-8, 17-19***	Pat Strain/ Rev. Kirby Keller
The New Testament Reading	***Romans 15:7-13*** *(with Musical Refrain)*	Pat Strain
The Gospel Reading	***Matthew 3:1-12***	Pat Strain
Worship in Giving	***Isaiah 60:5-6***	Rev. Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	***167: Who is This Whose Silent Advent***	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Tim Valentino
Praise and Worship	***Hope Has a Name / You Keep Your Promises***	Congregation
Sermon	***I Believe, Part 2: Believing Means Trusting*** *(Romans 15:4-13)*	Rev. Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	***328: I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus***	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Tim Valentino
Postlude	***From God the Father, Virgin-Born*** *- Joseph Prentiss*	Pat Shroff

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Lector	Pat Strain	**Children's Church Leader**	Tracy Farmer & Maureen Logan
Responder	Rev. Kirby Keller	**Nursery**	Julie Barskey & Jennifer Danielson
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, Vocalist	Marcy Garman, Sonya Valentino	**Visitation Minister**	Pat Strain
Guitarist	Scott Auchenbach	**Counters (December)**	Shirley Long, Grace Miller
Vocalist	Susie Auchenbach	**Director of Buildings & Grounds**	Will Robertson
Hymn Leader, Office Administrator	Maureen Logan	**Acolyte**	Ruby Boyer & Sheri Davis

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165 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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Call to Worship: **Isaiah 9:6**

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
And the government will be on his shoulders:
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government
and peace there will be no end.

The Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 11:1-6**

1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear
of the LORD—
3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions
for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his
mouth; with the breath of his lips he
will slay the wicked.
5 Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
6 The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

The Response: **Psalm 72:1-8, 17-19** (with Musical Refrain)

1 Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.
2 May he judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.
3 May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.
4 May he defend the afflicted among the
people and save the children of the needy;
may he crush the oppressor.

Musical Refrain:

> ***Immanuel, our God is with us***
> ***And if God is with us***
> ***Who could stand against us?***
> ***Our God is with us, Immanuel***

5 May he endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.
6 May he be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.
7 In his days may the righteous flourish
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.
8 May he rule from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends
of the earth.

Repeat Musical Refrain

17 May his name endure forever;
may it continue as long as the sun.
Then all nations will be blessed through him,
and they will call him blessed.
18 Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel,
who alone does marvelous deeds.
19 Praise be to his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled
with his glory.
Amen and Amen.

Repeat Musical Refrain

The New Testament Reading: **Romans 15:7-13**

7 Accept one another, then, just as
Christ accepted you, in order to bring
praise to God. 8 For I tell you that Christ
has become a servant of the Jews on behalf
of God's truth, so that the promises made
to the patriarchs might be confirmed 9 and,
moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify
God for his mercy. As it is written:
"Therefore I will praise you among
the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of your name."
10 Again, it says,
"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."
11 And again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol him."
12 And again, Isaiah says,
"The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule
over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope."
13 May the God of hope fill you with all
joy and peace as you trust in him, so that
you may overflow with hope by the power of
the Holy Spirit.

PLEASE STAND:

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 3:1-12**

1 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness
of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come
near." 3 This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:
"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.' "
4 John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather
belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.
5 People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the
whole region of the Jordan. 6 Confessing their sins, they were
baptized by him in the Jordan River.
7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees
coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of
vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Produce
fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not think you can say
to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that
out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 10 The
ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not
produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.
11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes
one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy
to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His
winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor,
gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with
unquenchable fire."

Worship in Giving: Isaiah 60:5-6

5 Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
6 Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian, and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

167 Who Is This Whose Silent Advent

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Hope Has A Name

There is a song I know it well
A melody that's never failed
On mountains high In valleys low
My soul will rest
My confidence In you alone

[CHORUS]

Hope has a name
His name is Jesus
My saviors cross
Has set this sinner free
Hope has a name
His name is Jesus
Oh Christ be praised
I have victory

There is a light Salvations flame
Christ undefeated
Trampled the grave
See now the cross Be lifted high
The light has come
The light has won
Behold the Christ

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

There'll be a day my hope complete
Now home In glory
Your face I'll see
My pain no more
My fear will cease
I bow my life I fix my eyes
On Christ my king
I bow my life I fix my eyes
On Christ my king

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

Oh Christ be praised
I have victory

You Keep Your Promises

It is written: You're my refuge and strength
Though the earth may pass away, You will remain
It is written: You provide every need
Everywhere that You will lead, You will sustain

[CHORUS]

You keep Your promises.
Your goodness never ends
from generation to generation.
You keep Your covenant.
We've seen Your faithfulness
from generation to generation.

It is written: We're redeemed by Your blood
All the old has passed away, the new has come
It is written: It's not by power or might
But by the spirit of the Living God in us

[REPEAT CHORUS]

We will trust You and believe.
As it's written, let it be.
You alone will be a firm foundation.
What You've spoken is enough.
It's the ground we're standing on.
You are God, and we will not be shaken.

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[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

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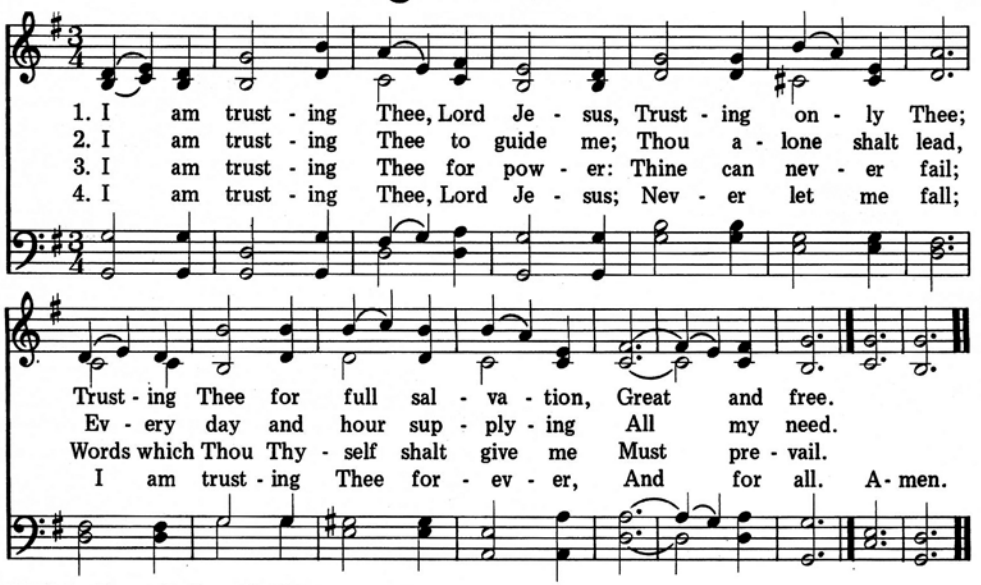

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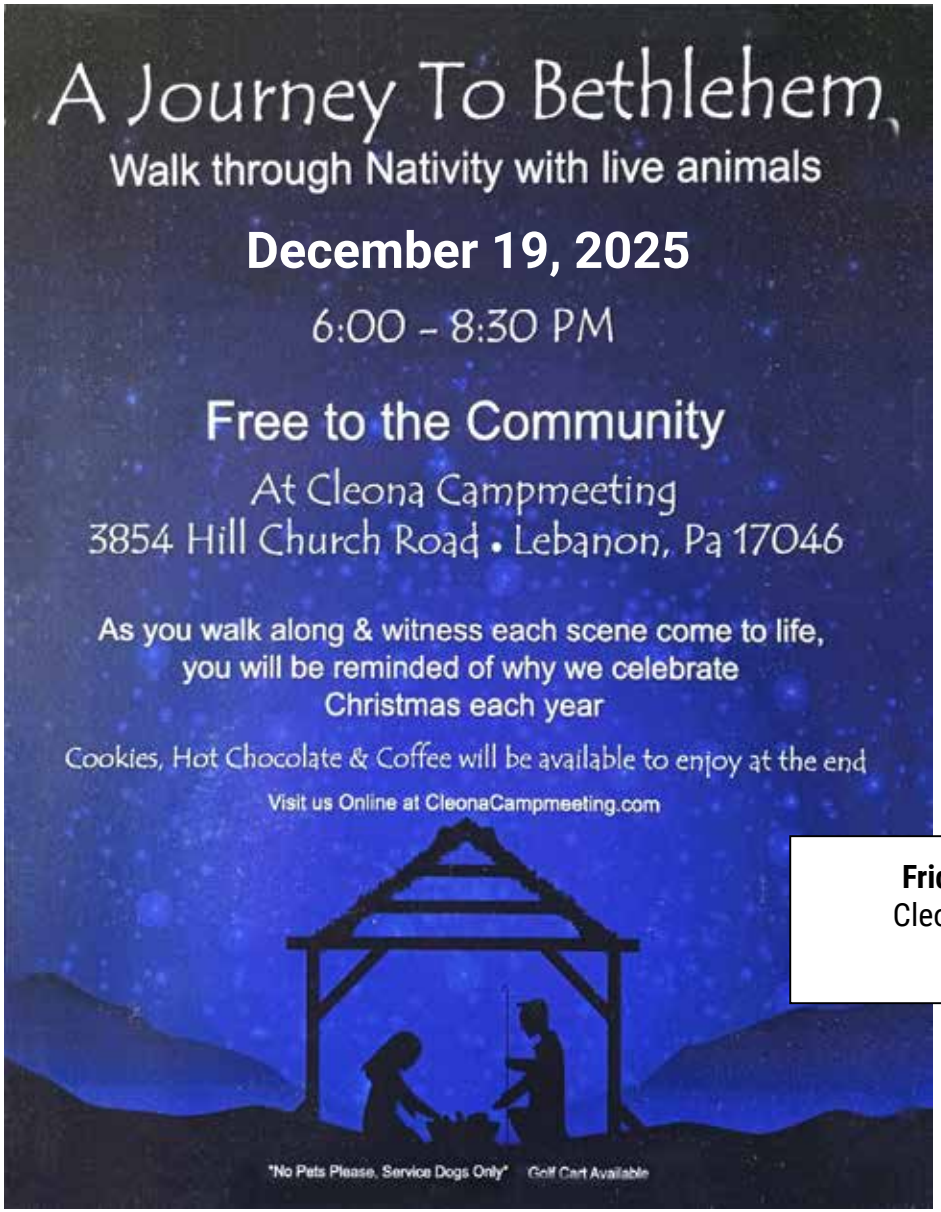

CHRISTMAS CARD DROP BOX: $AVE ON POSTAGE

Save money on postage this year with the Christmas card drop box, which is located in the church narthex. Place your cards to other church members in the box, and they will be sorted on Sunday, **December 14** and made available for pick up in Zinn Commons during the Church Family Luncheon. If you have any questions about the collection and distribution, please see Tracy Farmer.

* *Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex*

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 7 after worship. CHOIR PRACTICE • Sanctuary

Monday, December 8 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING • Zinn Commons

Calling all to Prayer

Wednesday, December 10 @ 7:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER • **BOTH** on-line & in Zinn Commons

Thursday, December 11 @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH in the Student Lounge
MEN OF ADVENTURE at the home of Kirby Keller

Sunday, December 14 CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.*

Wednesday, December 24 @ 7:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE in the sanctuary. Invite a friend! (Organ prelude begins at 6:45 p.m.)

Sunday, December 28 @ 9:00 a.m.The CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND COOKIE SHARING in Zinn Commons.

Friday, December 19, 2025 • FIELD TRIP through **Journey to Bethehem**
Cleona Camp Grove • For Christ Kid's Church students and their families.

Please contact Tracy Farmer ay 717-507-3208 with any questions or to sign up.

SHARING CUPBOARD NEEDS

• Spaghetti Sauce • Canned Fruit • Soup • Cereal
• Snack Foods • Peanut Butter • Corn • Chips & Pretzels
• Cookies & Crackers • Spaghetti • Liquid & Bar Soap
• Toothpaste • Women's Care Items

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

Start collecting for VBS Crafts & Decorations!
• Paper towel rolls • Toilet paper rolls • Wrapping paper rolls

Invite your friends and neighbors

Christmas Eve Invitation Postcards available in the narthex.

Please join us for our Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE December 24 @ 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The Christmas Eve candlelight service at Christ Community Church is one of the highlights of our church year. Our theme this year is **"I'll Be Home for Christmas"** from **Luke 15:11-14**. The prelude begins at 6:45 p.m. and the service will be held at 7:00 p.m. We feature traditional Christmas carols, brass, an inspiring message, and the lighting of candles during "Silent Night."

Plates for a **benevolence offering** will be available at the back of the sanctuary to **help needy families in our community**. Invite a friend to come find hope and encouragement in the good news of Jesus Christ at Christ Community Church.

We are looking for a volunteer or two to provide a **nursery** during the candlelight service. Please see **Pat Shroff** if you are willing to volunteer.

DECEMBER 29 - SPECIAL GATHERING

There will be **no Sunday school classes** on December 29, so our teachers will enjoy a much-needed day off. However, all are invited to gather in Zinn Commons at 9:00 a.m. for a time of informal fellowship and snacks. **Bring your leftover Christmas cookies and holiday treats**. Coffee and water will be made available as always.

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