



Sunday, January 4, 2026

The Lord's Day • Second Sunday
of Christmas

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Tim Valentino

**Organ Voluntary
& Quiet Reflection**

Reflections - Donald Lee Moore
We Three Kings - Hopkins / Whitworth

Pat Shroff

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-3
(Responsive)

Pastor Tim Valentino
Faye Hipkiss

- ¹ Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.
- ² Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.
- ³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Opening Hymn **115: As With Gladness Men of Old** Congregation

Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Tim Valentino

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

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| Lector | Shirley Long | Children's Church Leader | Deb Smith |
| Responder | Faye Hipkiss | Nursery | Christie & Dave Dennis |
| 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 | PALS Director | Sharon Wenger |

Bread: Tim Valentino • Cup: Kirby Keller • Cup: Pat Strain
Communion Ushers: Gene Bugg and Mike Oswald

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115 As with Gladness Men of Old

1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing
2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly
3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man - ger
4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day Keep us in the

star be - hold; As with joy they hailed its light,
man - ger bed, There to bend the knee be - fore
rude and bare, So may we with ho - ly joy,
nar - row way; And when earth - ly things are past,

Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most gra - cious
Him Whom heav'n and earth a - dore, So, may we with
Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest
Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no

Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led to Thee.
will - ing feet Ev - er seek the mer - cy seat.
treas - ures bring, Christ, to Thee our heav'n - ly King.
star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide. A - men.

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1858
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838

DIX
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The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:10-14 Shirley Long

- ¹⁰ “Hear the word of the LORD, you nations;
proclaim it in distant coastlands:
‘He who scattered Israel will gather them
and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’
¹¹ For the LORD will deliver Jacob
and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they.
¹² They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion;
they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD—
the grain, the new wine and the olive oil,
the young of the flocks and herds.
They will be like a well-watered garden,
and they will sorrow no more.
¹³ Then young women will dance and be glad,
young men and old as well.
I will turn their mourning into gladness;
I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.
¹⁴ I will satisfy the priests with abundance,
and my people will be filled with my bounty,”
declares the LORD.

The Response: Psalm 84:1-5, 8-12 (Responsive) Shirley Long/Faye Hipkiss

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD Almighty!
² **My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.**
³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
⁴ **Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.**
⁵ **Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.**
⁸ Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.

- ⁹ Look on our shield, O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.
¹⁰ **Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.
¹² **LORD Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you.**

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a Shirley Long

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship ⁿ through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves....

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Worship in Giving: Matthew 2:11 Pastor Tim Valentino

¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Apostles Creed

Congregation

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Doxology

556: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Congregation

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.**

Praise & Worship

Here I Am to Worship

Congregation

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness.
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart, adore you.
Hope of a life spend with you.

Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my god.
You're altogether lovely,
All together worthy.
All together wonderful to me.

King of all days oh so highly exalted.
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor.

Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my god.
You're altogether lovely,
All together worthy.
All together wonderful to me.

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin up on that cross
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Praise & Worship

What a Beautiful Name

Congregation

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
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Death could not hold You,
the veil tore before You
You silence the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring,
the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name, above all names

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Sermon

Visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12)

Pastor Tim Valentino

Prayer led by Pastor

Pastor Tim Valentino

MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

Pastor Tim Valentino

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise,

Pastor: For he has given us his Son. Hallelujah!

Sanctus (sung)

**All: 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.**

**Hear Your people sing, "Holy."
To the King of kings, "Holy."
You will always be
Holy, holy forever.**

Memorial Acclamation

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Words of Institution, Fraction, and Pouring

Pastor: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took the bread, and he gave thanks. "Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth."

And when Jesus had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Pastor: And after the supper, Jesus took the cup, and he gave thanks. "Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, who brings forth fruit from the vine."

And when Jesus had given thanks, he poured the cup, and gave it to his disciples, saying. "Take and drink. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for the remission of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Pastor: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer Led by Pastor

Pastor Tim Valentino

**People: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Commune

- The Bread of Holy Communion
- The Cup of Holy Communion

Prayer & Invitation Led by Pastor

Pastor Tim Valentino

Closing Hymn

116: We Three Kings

Congregation

Benediction

Pastor Tim Valentino

Organ Postlude

Go Forth in Faith

Pat Shroff

- Franklin Ritter

116 We Three Kings of Orient Are

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, In - cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume, Breathes a life of
5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and

trav - erse a - far Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain,
crown Him a - gain, King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er
De - i - ty night; Prayer and prais - ing, all men rais - ing,
gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing,
Sac - ri - fice; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain
Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
O - ver us all to reign.
Wor - ship Him, God on high. O star of won - der,
Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Peals through the earth and skies.

star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward
lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

WORDS and MUSIC: John H. Hopkins, 1857

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
8.8.4.4.6 Ref.

LOOKING AHEAD

* Sign-up Sheet
in the Narthex

TODAY @ 10:30 a.m. SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION • Sanctuary

TODAY @ 1:00 p.m. EPIPHANY PARTY at the Valentinos
221 West Jackson Avenue, Myerstown

Wednesday, January 7 @ 7:00 p.m. SPECIAL CONCERT OF PRAYER • Sanctuary

Thursday, January 8 @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH • Student Lounge
MEN OF ADVENTURE • home of Kirby Keller

Monday, January 12 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING • Zinn Commons

Sunday, January 18 @ noon CHURCH DINNER • Zinn Commons *
Please sign up to attend and/or bring food.

*Memorial Service for **Barbara Seifret**: January 10 @ 2 p.m.
StoneRidge Retirement Community, Meier Room*

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.

PASTOR'S DAY OFF EACH WEEK Wednesday is Pastor Tim's day off, spending precious time with his grandsons. We would like to honor his schedule and not contact him that day, unless it is a dire emergency. Please email Maureen Logan at office@christcomm.church, or call her at 717-304-0116 if necessary on Wednesdays. Otherwise, hold your communication until Thursday. Pastor Tim will faithfully contact you then.

Continue collecting for VBS Crafts & Decorations:

- Paper towel rolls • Toilet paper rolls • Wrapping paper rolls

Read Through the Bible plans are available in the narthex.

They include 25 days a month and are presented in 4 reading options:

1. Reading through the **New Testament**
2. Reading through the **Old Testament**
3. Reading through the **New Testament, Psalms & Proverbs**
4. Reading through the **Entire Bible**

Join us as we travel through God's Word in 2026!