



CLC Weekly Update - December 18, 2022
IN-PERSON WORSHIP
Today, December 18th at 9:30AM



WORSHIP WITH US

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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Worship with Us **4th Sunday of Advent**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Erin Evans

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Leonard Jansen, President
Ed Kapsha, Director of Music and Liturgy
Steve Slepecki - Seminarian
Pat Bauer - Children's Music Director
Patty Ellison - Office and CLC Kids Support
Sherrie Lane and Michelle Hilliard - Sextons



Join us here at CLC
in preparation for
the Birth of Christ
during the wonderful

Season of Advent

Christmas Worship Times

Saturday December 24th:

Christmas Eve Worship with
Holy Communion at 7:00pm.

Sunday December 25th:

Christmas Day Lessons and Carols
with Holy Communion
at 9:30am.

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In the neighborhood...
For good.

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She
will bear
a **SON**, and
you are to name
him **Jesus**

MATTHEW 1:21

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death. ~

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Our Council Members for 2023

Erica Strafalace	Tim Komoroski
Kurt Schreiber	Jean Thens
Lennie Jansen	Bud Worst
Becky Nyren	Ray Lardin
Diane Curry	Joe Imhoff

Council Meetings are normally the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm. Thanks to those who have served and all who share their time to lead our congregation!

OFFERING ENVELOPES and End of Year Gifts to the Church

Please have your gifts, offering, and tithe for 2022 into the church by the end of the calendar year. New Offering Envelopes are being sent to members, please do not use your NEW ones until 2023 to avoid confusion. Your generosity makes a difference; thank you for your continued financial support of the congregation. If you do not receive envelopes in the mail please speak to Pastor Erin or Treasurer Ray Lardin.



SUNDAY SCHOOL for PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 6
SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM

No Sunday STEAM
on Sunday December 25th or January 1st!
See you all again on January 8th for class!

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED: CANNED FRUIT



The Food Pantry is Open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am, and on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

Upcoming Commemorations

**Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552
Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.



The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. †

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Squirrel Hill Health Center Mobile Medical Unit at CLC

Do you need a local Dr. you can walk to? Need a quick check up or conversation and not sure where to go? The Mobile Medical Unit RV will be parked here on **NORTH AVENUE, TWICE A MONTH**, for all your primary care needs! See the Flier below for more information and dates.

SQUIRREL HILL

HEALTH CENTER



SHHC'S MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT IS COMING TO MILLVALE

Squirrel Hill Health Center's mobile medical unit provides primary healthcare services to Pittsburgh communities, regardless of patients' income level or insurance status. We treat patients of every age.

PAYMENTS AND INSURANCE: SHHC ACCEPTS ALL INSURANCES AND OFFERS A SLIDING FEE SCALE FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNINSURED.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SHHC, PLEASE CALL
(412) 904-5284**

CLINIC DATES:

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH



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Advent 4, Martin Luther

Joseph Imhoff

Lord Jesus Christ, hurry. Do not delay in bringing the blessed day when the hope of happy redemption will be fulfilled. For this reason you have asked us to pray: Thy kingdom come. Since you have so commanded us to pray, give us grace and help us to pray diligently, firmly believing that we shall finally come to such glory. Continually mortify this old body that we may finally receive a new body not so full of sin nor so inclined to all manner of evil as the life we now live. Give us bodies that will not become sick, nor suffer persecutions, nor die. Give us bodies redeemed from all temporal and spiritual misery, like your own glorified body, dear Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that the glad and blessed day of our redemption and glorification may come soon, and that we may realize it as we now hear and believe your word. Amen.

Martin Luther focuses this Fourth Sunday on John the Baptist being quizzed and prodded by the priests and Levites, the highest noble class of Pharisees, John 1:19-28. "And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent unto him from Jerusalem priests and Levites to ask him, Who art thou?" (1:19) When they could not have him admit to being the Christ they tried flattery with equating him with Elijah since Malachi had prophesied Elijah would return before the day of the Lord.

As we know from last week John spoke of himself as only being a messenger, the forerunner of the one to come and not a prophet although Jesus applies the Elijah designation to him.

To top this all Martin Luther gives us his own reading of what John might have told the crowd. "First I have, by my teaching, made you all sinners, have condemned your works and told you to despair of yourselves. But in order that you may not despair of God, behold, I will show how to get rid of your sins and obtain salvation. Not that you can strip off your sins...another man is needed for this; nor can I do it, I can point him out, however. It is Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. He, he, and no one else either in heaven or on earth takes our sins upon himself....all the sins of the world, be they great or small, many or few."

"Behold what God our Father has given us in Christ." ~



4th Sunday of Advent - Messenger in the Night

What did you dream about last night? Is there really any meaning in these vivid storylines that our brains assemble while we sleep? If you think dreams are essentially random firings of our neurons, you might just laugh them off. If you think they do tap into something real, you might try to unpack them. But almost no one makes important life decisions based solely on their dreams, right?

The stakes couldn't have been higher for Joseph and his dream, in which an angel tells him about Mary's unexpected pregnancy by the Holy Spirit. If he stays, he's got a story to tell that nobody is going to believe. But if he goes, if he "dismisses her quietly" as the gospel writer puts it, what's going to happen to her? What's going to happen to the baby?

It might seem that a message in a dream would be the worst possible way to make a decision as consequential as this. But if the purpose of our dreams is to put us in touch with what we already know, if it's to help us sort out our tangled-up emotions and give us some clarity, then perhaps a dream whose message is "Do not be afraid" is exactly what Joseph needs.

The dream-angel, in quoting the prophet Isaiah, helps Joseph connect his present reality with God's past faithfulness and promises. The angel reminds him that even in this terrifying situation, God is with him. We need such assurances as well when it feels like our world is falling apart: messengers to remind us who we really are and to whom we belong. Today we celebrate that Joseph trusted that message, and Mary before him. In them we see that God is faithful, and fear is cast out by the birth of this child. ~

This Week at CLC:

Sunday

December 18 - 8:30am Sunday STEAM

9:30am WORSHIP @ CLC

Monday

December 19 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY;

5pm TOPS CLUB

Tuesday

December 20 - Pick Up Gifts for Children

9am-1pm or 5-7pm

Wednesday

December 21 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint MILLVALE COMMUNITY COUNSELING

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

5:30pm Sewing

5:30pm Democratic Committee Meeting

Thursday

December 22 - 5:30-7pm Boy Scouts

7pm Choir Practice

Friday

December 23 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7pm NA, Library

Saturday

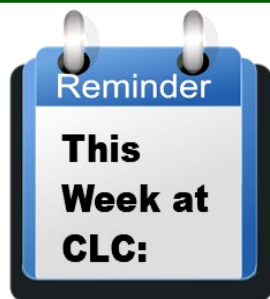
December 24 - 7pm Christmas Eve Service

9am, AA, Library

7pm NA, Library

Sunday

December 25 - 9:30am Christmas Day Service



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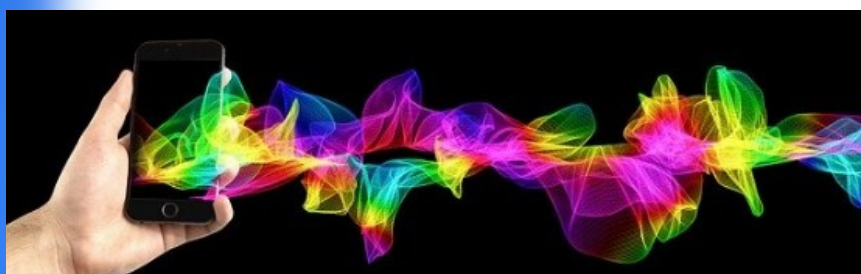
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PRAYER of the DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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