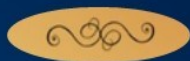




CLC Weekly Update - December 4, 2022
IN-PERSON WORSHIP
Today, December 4th at 9:30AM



WORSHIP WITH US

The Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Pastor Erin Evans preaching

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Worship with Us **2nd 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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A shoot
shall come out
from the stump
of Jesse

ISAIAH 11:1



At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near. ~

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Christmas Gifts for Kids

Once again with the help of your compassion and generosity, we'll be collecting gifts for local kids!

We'll have tags for you to pick up in the narthex. On each tag will be the first name and age of a child, and 1-3 suggestions for gifts. **PLEASE** do not feel like you must buy all three gifts. Ideally, we'd like to keep these under \$40- \$50 per child, so that we are able to provide as many children as possible a gift. **This year, please do NOT wrap gifts.**

If you can't go shopping, you can donate to support, and gifts will be purchased. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 18th.



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ONE STOP SANTA SHOP

Craft Fair & Vendor Show

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 2022
10:00AM - 2:00PM**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TURKEY TUESDAY THANK YOU!

We gave away groceries and turkeys to 80 families last Tuesday. Not only did we have 20 church members volunteering in various ways to make that day happen - we have the BEST neighbors and friends who donated and supported us!

To each of you that worked hard to feed our community - **THANK YOU!**

food pantry update

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WEDNESDAYS

5:00PM-7:00PM

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

MACARONI AND CHEESE



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



With deepest sympathy and hope in the promise of resurrection, we share that Susan Sabilla died on November 24th.

Please keep her family in your prayers.

Information about the viewing and funeral can be found at:

<https://www.neelyfuneralhome.com/obituary/Susan-Sabilla>

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Home Communion Training

Do you have a few hours once a month to make a visit to one of our homebound members or a member in a nursing home facility?



Pastor Erin would like to train a team of folks to make these visits and provide regular care and connection for these members who are unable to attend worship. Please plan to attend information sessions after worship on either Sunday, Dec. 4th or Sunday, Dec. 11th.



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

Sunday STEAM is a one room school house model for kids PreK through 6th grade. We share bible stories and incorporate STEAM lessons to go with the theme for the day. We have several main teachers to cover basics and provide consistency, along with special guest teachers covering things in their field or area of interest. We'll do science experiments, art projects, problem-solving and make music. Join us each week for some chemical reactions!

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NEW! 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 1ST

1PM - 4:30PM | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

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



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Advent 2, Martin Luther

Joseph Imhoff

“Graciously hurry the coming of that day. Bless and prepare us with the wisdom and strength that in the meantime we may walk wisely and uprightly. May we joyfully wait for the coming of your dear Son and so depart blessed from this valley of sorrow. Amen.”

Martin Luther used Luke 21:25-36 as the basis for his sermon, the coming of the Son of Man, to be watchful and alert. “Last Sunday you heard about his riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, minus all pretentious show. He had no place to call his own, not even a foot of space.”

Instead of focusing on the nearness of the coming Christmas, Luther describes how the Pope preaches a Christ who is a stern judge with whom we must be reconciled by our works then goes on to preach the comfort which is to be found in Christ’s final advent. “In this Gospel he teaches us differently, namely, that he will come not to judge and damn us but to redeem and save us, and to fulfill all for which we have petitioned him, and to bring us his kingdom.”

During this Advent season “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” has been chosen as the song to be sung for the lighting of the Advent Wreath, each week a different stanza represents one, then two, the third and finally all four candles. They reflect in a few short words what Martin Luther is saying.

“There is no one so well prepared for the judgement day as he who longs to be without sin. If you have such desire, what do you fear? You are then in perfect accord with the purpose of that day. It comes to set free from sin all who desire it, and you belong in that number. Return thanks to God and abide in that desire.

Luther urges his hearers to find joy in the glad announcement that “your redemption draweth nigh.” ~

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2nd Sunday of Advent - An Impossible Vision?

Today's image from the Old Testament reading of a world at peace—a peace so full and universal that it extends to every living creature—may feel as comforting as it does unbelievable, at least by our logic (Isaiah 11:1-10). Wolves and lambs aren't friends. Lions don't eat straw. Children should not play with snakes. In the animal kingdom—and we are animals—there are predators and prey. Whether we take it literally or metaphorically, “Eat or be eaten” is how we've been taught to survive in the wilderness.

And yet here, on this wilderness morning, we hear the prophet telling us that it does not have to be this way—indeed, that it will not be this way forever. In the new world God is coming to bring, we won't need to tear each other apart just to survive. Somehow we will be able to live together in peace.

No wonder that of all the ways God could have revealed the depths of holy love and brought reconciliation to the world, God chose to come as a little child, a child no one thought possible, a branch from a tree that was seemingly long dead.

Beholding this child moves us to repentance, turning us from all the ways we demonize and hurt each other, and calling us instead to offer peace. Rather than taking the bait set to keep us fighting, we come together to eat the bread and drink from the cup set at the Lord's table.

In the new creation, our identity is no longer defined by our lineage or status, as those who came to be baptized by John imagined, or by being enemies, prey, or predator. Instead, in Christ's baptismal waters we are given a new life as beloved kin. **With God all things are possible!** ~

Christmas Poinsettias

6" Poinsettias \$ 6.50 # _____ Red # _____ White

8" Poinsettias \$ 12.50 # _____ Red # _____ White

Total \$ _____

6" Poinsettias RED FOR SHUT-IN _____

You may take your poinsettia home after the
Christmas Service.

Name _____
(As you want it to appear in the bulletin)

In memory of :
_____.

In honor of:
_____.

PAYMENTS AND ORDERS MUST BE IN BY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th

THANK YOU!

To be filled in by the office.

Payment Date: _____ Payment Amount: _____ Payment method: _____

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This Week at CLC:

Sunday

December 4 - 8:30am Sunday STEAM

9:30am WORSHIP @ CLC

10:30am Communion Visit Training

Monday

December 5 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY;

5pm TOPS CLUB

Wednesday

December 7 - 4-7pm MILLVALE COMMUNITY COUNSELING

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

5:30pm Sewing

Thursday

December 8 - 5:30-7pm Boy Scouts

7pm Choir Practice

Friday

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

7pm NA

Saturday

December 10 - 10am to 2pm Vendor & Crafts Fair

9am AA Library

7pm NA Library

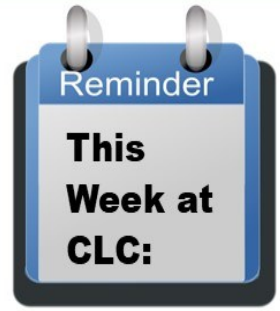
Sunday

December 11 - 8:30am Sunday STEAM

9:30am WORSHIP @ CLC

10:30am Communion Visit Training

Poinsettia Money Due



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Upcoming Commemorations

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749 Sunday, December 4, 2022

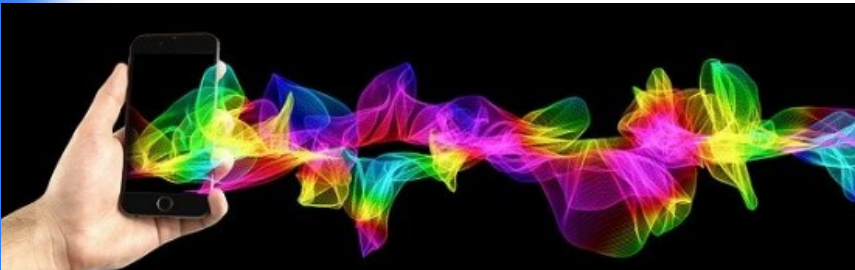
A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342 Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397 Wednesday, December 7, 2022

While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.



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