



## 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.



**Christmas Eve**  
**December 24th at 7PM**



# **WORSHIP WITH US**

## **Nativity of Our Lord**

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: 2:1-14 [15-20]

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

*"Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!"*

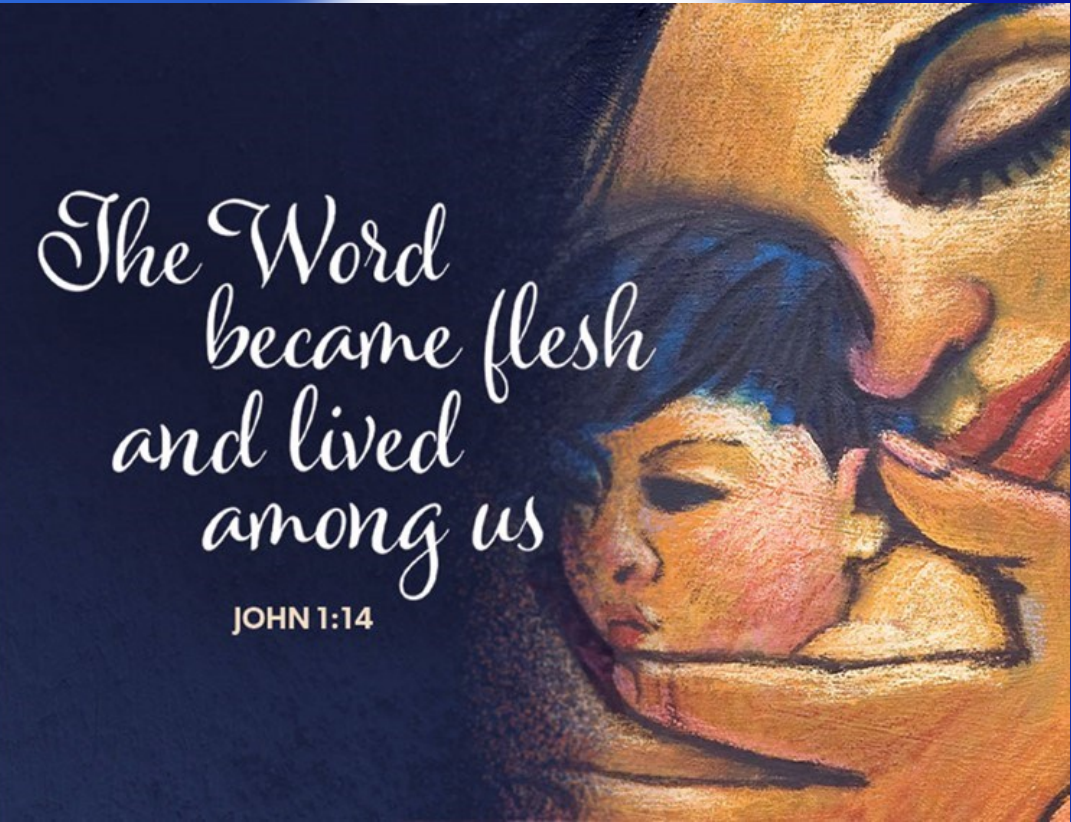
**DECEMBER 25, 2022 | 9:30AM  
LESSONS AND CAROLS  
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**917 EVERGREEN AVE MILLVALE**

*We are a safe space for anyone who needs a warm place to be on Christmas Day. Babies and children are welcome and included. We don't care what you believe in or don't believe in. Nobody will look at you funny if you cry, if you don't participate or if you sing your heart out.*

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*The Word  
became flesh  
and lived  
among us*

JOHN 1:14

As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore! ~



**Thank you to all who contributed, bought presents, wrapped presents, and gave generously!**

**We were able to provide Christmas presents for 32 families this year!**

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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 CLOSED between Christmas and New Years and will re-open with normal hours on January 2: Open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am, and on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

**Christmas Poinsettias**

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of SSG Nathaniel Nyren, by Becky Nyren.

Joan Killinger – in honor of our shut-ins.

Rhonda Pfeffer - in memory of Roch & Richter Families, in memory of Barb Martin & Dick Capone, and in honor of our shut-ins.

Mary Jane Cooper – in honor of a shut-ins.

Patricia Bauer – in honor of our shut-ins.

Beth Rios & Judy Stennett - in honor of our shut-ins.

Jansen Family – in memory of Alice & Joe Jansen, and Pat & Don Stephan. In honor of our shut-ins.

Jean & AL Thens – in honor of our shut-ins.

Linda Thens – in honor of our shut-ins.

Bob Gosnell – in memory of Jack & Gary Gosnell.

In memory of Lynn Campbell.

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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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## That Baby is God

Joseph Imhoff

In their book, *God is New Each Moment*, conversations with Edward Schillebeeckx, an imminent and often infamous teacher, priest and theologian having won the Netherlands' Erasmus Prize for Theology, Hub Oosterhuis and Piet Hoogeveen, open the first chapter with the question: When did you first hear about Jesus?

His family had an enormous manger scene set up in a corner of the drawing room, it remained with his sisters. Singing carols and the other things families do made Christmas appealing to him as a young boy, as did the manger. "And then, of course, there were all those human figures and, well, there is God — that baby is God!"

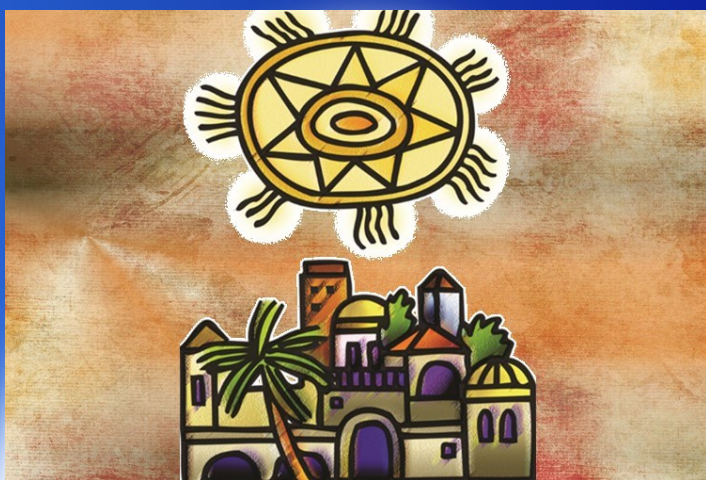
Did anyone tell you that — that baby is God?

"Yes, that was said. My father told me. He told the Christmas story to us children and told us what the figures represented — that is the black king Caspar and that baby is God."

'That baby is God' was the title of their first chapter and caught my eye immediately. When we are young we learn about the birth of Jesus and the stories from Matthew and Luke along traditions that have become attached to them. We know all about Jesus' life and death and Resurrection but at Christmas do we connect the baby with being God. Quite a concept to learn at a young age. Notice, he already separates the human figures from Jesus, "...and, well, there is God — that baby is God!"

Mary Did You Know? is an anthem the choir sings either during Advent or Christmas and runs parallel to the idea of Jesus, the baby, being God by asking Mary, his mother, if she is aware of her little one's destiny; from the insignificance of walking on water to being the Great I Am! The root of the unspoken Hebrew word for God, YHWH, יהוה, is the verb 'to be', 'I am' being the first person singular. Underscoring the anthem is the carol, What Child is This? The answer is simple enough, he has already been given the Hebrew title, Immanuel, God with us! ~





## The Way God Speaks

**It all begins with a word.** The author of John's gospel invites us to step back in time, all the way back to the very beginning, to the space before and beyond the binary poles of night and day, sea and sky, flying birds and swimming fish. When all creation was yet a formless void, God coaxed order and beauty into being with just the sound of a word. By a word, the world was created, and by the Word, the world is reconciled and restored.

God speaks—through the messengers on the mountains, “in many and various ways by the prophets” (Hebrews 1:1), and through John, the witness in the wilderness. God tells the world that it is created for good, that all things are made from and for love, and that “grace upon grace” (John 1:16) continues to abound and overflow from the trusted voice and hand of our creator. Are we listening?

The narratives of Advent and Christmas include a host of unlikely voices: divine messengers, childless women, shepherds, stargazers from foreign nations, a locust-eating prophet clothed in camel hair. All are preparing us to hear the hopes and dreams of God's kingdom from the voice of a carpenter and, later, from some fishermen and tax collectors.

**Who are the many and various voices through which God is speaking today?** Who are the witnesses to God's saving work in both the darkness and the light? It might not be the voices we would think. Can we trust that God speaks to us through a variety and diversity of voices, even the ones that disarm or challenge us the most?

**Listen.** Listen to the witnesses. Listen to the powerless and overlooked. Listen to the voices speaking words of liberation and love, despite desperate circumstances. These are the words of the Word creating a new world, the words of eternal life for all the children of God. ~

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Stephen, Deacon and Martyr Monday, December 26, 2022**

Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.

### **John, Apostle and Evangelist Tuesday, December 27, 2022**

The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.

### **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Wednesday, December 28, 2022**

This day commemorates the young children killed by Herod in Bethlehem in his jealous attempt to murder the baby Jesus, a sobering reminder of the evil that led Christ to be born for our salvation.

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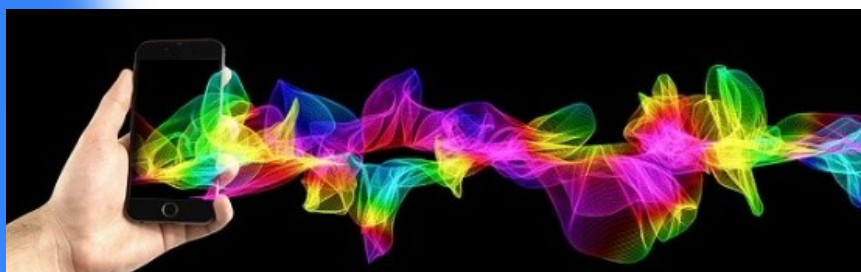
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