



Join Us for Advent at



CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship
December 10 at 9:30AM

WORSHIP WITH US

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Pastor Erin Evans preaching



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For good.

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PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

MARK 1:3

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace. ~

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ADVENT

Sunday December 3rd: 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30am

Congregational Annual Meeting at 10:30am

& Adult Advent Series to follow

Sunday December 10th: 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30am

Adult Advent Series at 10:30am

Sunday December 17th: 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30am

Adult Advent Series at 10:30am

Sunday December 24th: 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30am

No Sunday School or Adult Advent Series



**SUNDAY
DEC. 24TH:
CHRISTMAS EVE
WORSHIP AT
7:00PM**

***Use this QR CODE
to give online and do
your part!***



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Advent Adult Education

Many of us know the story of Jesus' birth by heart. We grew up hearing the Nativity story, with Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the magi, the donkey, the angel choir, and the stable and manger. Perhaps we have heard the story so many times now that some of the wonder has worn off.

This, then, is a great time to take a step back and explore the story as if we are hearing it for the first time!

Seminarian Lindsie will be leading an adult Sunday discussion series based on Amy-Jill Levine's *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, in which we will explore the gospel stories of Christmas. **We will meet at 10:30AM** (following the 9:30 Worship Service) **on December 10th and 17th.**

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Staff Update

We announced at the Congregational Meeting on December 3rd that our Director of Music and Liturgy, Ed Kapsha, had submitted his resignation effective December 31. Our staff support committee will be meeting soon to begin the process of hiring a new church musician. Please keep Ed in your prayers and wish him well in his next ministry. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Erin or Pat Bauer, chair of the Worship and Music committee.

CALL COMMITTEE NEWS

We also announced at the Congregational Meeting that the Call Committee has been given the profiles of 2 pastoral candidates to interview. Please keep the committee and candidates in your prayers as they plan and discern.



COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome our new council members elected at our Congregational Meeting on December 3rd: *Pat Bauer, Morgan Boyd, Tina Galioto, and Jackie Marfisi.*

We give thanks for those out-going council members who have faithfully served and continue to serve the church: *Diane Curry, Tim Komoroski, Becky Nyren.*

Our council is a two year term with monthly meetings. Please consider this possibility in serving and leading your church!

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Christmas Present
Give-Away

Please see the flier below for details!
CLC members who wish to contribute or help may pick an ornament off the display in the narthex. However, any unopened toys may be donated! Let Pastor Erin know if you can help organize and set up for the 17th or the 18th!



CHRISTMAS PRESENT GIVE-AWAY

FOR KIDS UP TO 14 YRS. OLD
PARENTS OR FULL-TIME
CAREGIVERS ONLY PLEASE

CALL CLC AT 412-821-4300
TO REGISTER BY DECEMBER 10TH

PICK WHICH DAY TO "SHOP"
SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH 12PM-3PM
OR MONDAY DECEMBER 18TH 5PM-7PM

RECEIVE ONE PRESENT
AND ONE "STOCKING STUFFER"



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Second Sunday of Advent

New Beginnings

There are lots of ways to open a story, perhaps most famously “Once upon a time . . .” Similarly, the gospel-writer Mark starts out, “The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ,” even though his narrative lacks the birth, angelic announcements, and childhood stories Matthew and Luke tell about Jesus. And John’s gospel starts even farther back, at the beginning of creation, before skipping to Jesus’ adult years. What we can take from these varying opening narratives is that the story of Jesus does not have one beginning, but many beginnings—each a new entry point into the old, old story of God’s love breaking into the world.

Mark starts with an invitation to baptism, repentance, and forgiveness of sins. Even so, John the baptizer declares that another new start is coming, with the baptism of the Holy Spirit that Jesus will bring. What’s more, while his baptism by John is clearly not the first event in Jesus’ life, it marks a new beginning just before he heads off to the wilderness and then on to start his public ministry.

We celebrate Advent every year at this time, but each time is a new experience, a new beginning of the church year, a new chance to anticipate grace. What has changed for you since last Advent? What has changed for your family and community? What expectations or hopes do you have for God’s presence with us? What new beginning would be a blessing?

Every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection, and each time we take part in confession and forgiveness we experience a fresh start. Mark opens with baptism, which is a new beginning for each of us. Remembering our baptism offers us daily assurance of the new things God is always unfolding around us. Today as we worship, we pray for the Holy Spirit to stir up something new in, with, and among us. ~

CLC FOOD PANTRY

Donations are requested for

**Spaghetti
and
Spaghetti Sauce**



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

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This Week at CLC:



Sunday

December 10 -

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

Gathering Place Booked

Monday

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

3:30-7:30pm Violin

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Yoga

6pm Council Meeting, 6:30-8pm ESL Tutoring

Tuesday

December 12 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

5:30-8:30pm Violin, 6pm ESL Tutoring Library

Wednesday

December 13 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Community Counseling, 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

7-8pm Choir Practice, 6:30-8pm ESL Tutoring

Thursday

December 14 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162, 6pm ESL Tutoring Library

Friday

December 15 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

6-8pm Girl Scouts

7pm NA meets in the Library

Saturday

December 16 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

Sunday

December 17 - **3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:30am Sunday School

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Noon-3pm Toy Giveaway



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Upcoming Commemorations



Lucy, martyr, died 304

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

John of the Cross, renewer of the church, died 1591

Thursday, December 14, 2023

John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order, and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.

Las Posadas (LLC)

Saturday, December 16, 2023

This celebration, long popular in Mexico, takes its name from the "posadas," or lodgings, sought by Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Their search is reenacted in a neighborhood, unsuccessfully, until finally they are welcomed in, and a party commences.



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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LOST: Prescription
Men's Reading Glasses,
Dark Frame, left in church or
Toddler Sunday School
Room on Sunday, 11/26.



Have you seen me?



In case of emergency....



Did you know we have an emergency
defibrillator? It's on the wall, near the office
and food pantry check-in table.

Did you know we have Narcan available? With
the first aid kits in the narthex and in the office
too!

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