

DID YOU KNOW..... that we have a staffed infant and toddler nursery available for you to use during worship? Children through age 2 are welcome to come and play. There is also a curtained off corner in the nursery for those who may need some privacy which can be used for nursing or for soothing your child. Additionally, we have the TLC ministry for those who are 3 years old through Kindergarten where children may go after the Children's Lesson. The KFC program is for children in 1st - 3rd grades and leave after the Children's Lesson out the back of the sanctuary. Older children can find worksheets and coloring pages on a table in the Sanctuary near the side entrance. Any of our ushers or nursery workers will be glad to show you how to locate our nursery or children's ministries and supplies. We love having so many growing families in church!

His promises are true! The **Stewardship Pledge** collection continues through December 2nd (next Sunday). Cards can be turned into the office, or mailed to the office. If you need a pledge card they can be found on the clipboards at the end of the pews during service.

John 12:26 reminds us *"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am my servant will also be. My father will honor the one who serves me."* During this season of thanksgiving let's be especially thankful for the gifts God has given us for they are the pathway to a joyful heart!

Please pick up your **2019 Giving Envelopes** located in the greeting area. If you find that you do not have a box of envelopes and would like one, please write your name on the sheet provided.

A Note from Connections: Please continue your support for our *Students of the Month* - Mark Aukerman, Natalie McKinley, Ryan Okuda, Eric Rusnak and Tim Stewart. Just drop your correspondence in the basket on the Connections table and we'll do the rest! Finally, the due date for care package donations is December 2nd which is the same day Connections will have their packing party after worship!

Would you be interested in **sponsoring** the Sanctuary Christmas tree or the tree in the greeting area? The purchase of the trees can be funded in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Recognition will be noted each week in the bulletin during Advent. Please contact the church office (office@ccupc.org/724-776-5310) if you're interested in sponsoring one of these gifts.

Hey Bakers! The youth groups will once again be hosting their annual **Cookie Sale on Sunday, December 16th**. There will be trays of cookies for sale after the worship service. They will also gladly accept donations of cookies from the congregation of any kind (except chocolate chip). You can bring your cookies to the church office from Monday through Friday, December 10th - 14th from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, or Friday evening from 6:30 - 7:00 PM in the Greeting Area. All donations need to be turned in by 7:00 PM on Friday, December 14th. The youth group are assembling the trays that evening.

Attention to all those individuals that like to light things up! Come join the luminary guy on **Monday, December 24th at 9:30 AM to set the luminaries** around the church for Christmas Eve services. We will **"de-luminate"** on **December 26th at 9:30 AM**. Thank you very much for your support and consideration. We have gone to battery operated votives in the luminaries!

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

Sunday	11/25	<i>Pray for Seychelles</i> NO Sunday School	
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:05 am		Coffee Social Village F NO Youth Groups Tonight	Greeting Area
Monday	11/26	<i>Office is closed.</i>	
Tuesday	11/27		
8:30 am		Men's Breakfast/Bible Study	Conference Rm.
Wednesday	11/28		
6:15 pm		Kids' Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm		Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday	11/29		
11:30 am		Ladies Lunch & Learn	Hodges Home
Sunday	12/2	1st Sunday of Advent/Communion <i>Pray for Sierra Leone</i>	
9:00 am		Sunday School	Both Levels
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:05 am		Coffee Social Village G & Village H NO Youth Groups Tonight	Greeting Area

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- The Spiritual Growth Committee has a selection of **Advent devotionals** available on the table in the greeting area.
- The **Ladies Lunch & Learn** will meet at Nancy Hodges house on Thursday, November 29th for lunch and a movie. Contact Nancy for details.
- We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Communion** next Sunday. The Session will meet directly after worship. There is no Youth Group this night.
- The Youth Group will be selling **Cookie Trays** on Sunday, December 16th.
- The **Blue Christmas Service** will be held at Hope Lutheran Church on Rowan Road on Sunday, December 16th.
- Our **Christmas Eve services** will be at 5:00, 7:00, and 9:00 PM.
- The **church office is closed** on Christmas Day, and December 26th.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP **A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION**

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The Lord swore an oath to David, a sure oath he will not revoke: 'One of your own descendants I will place on your throne.'" Psalm 132:11

The Welcome and Announcements

A Stewardship Update

Tim MacFarlane

(Please sign the register pad, passing it down the row, then back to center aisle.)

The Prelude

The Worship Team

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him." Psalm 37:7

(If you have a prayer request, please fill out a green prayer card and pass it to the center aisle as they will be collected during the first hymn.)

The Call to Worship

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE

*A Hymn

"Lord, You Have My Heart"

(use screens)

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

*The Call to Confession

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

In these moments, forgiving God, we bring to You all the ways we have not lived as Your people: we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive; we cast our lots with those who worship power and success; we offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us; we scoff at Your words which call us to a different lifestyle.

Forgive us, God of mercy, for not knowing what we do to You, to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with Your tender mercy and gracious hope. Amen.

*The Assurance of Forgiveness

*Glorifying God

"We Will Glorify"

**We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.**

The Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of God’s People

The Lord’s Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

Our Invitation to Give

The Offertory The Worship Team
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Praising God #556 **“Praise God From Whom All Blessings”**

**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. Amen.**

The Prayer of Dedication

WE WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION

The Greeting *(Please share words of peace, encouragement, and hope.)*

The Children’s Lesson and Prayer *(The children may come forward.)*

Children 3 years old - Kindergarten may now leave for TLC out the back doors of the Sanctuary with Miss Gynni.)

Children in 1st - 3rd grades may now leave for KFC out the back doors of the Sanctuary.)

The Scripture Lesson (page 1072)
John 18:28-40

The Sermon Pastor James M. Moran
“OUT OF TOUCH?”

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

The Closing Hymn (use screens)
“How Great Is Our God”

The Benediction

The Postlude The Worship Team

Please stand as you are able.

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The vases of flowers are given by Dara Marnar, to the glory of God, and in celebration of her son Chuck on his birthday.

Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Amy (Becky), Elinor Dixon (Debbie Rossi), Lillian Grundler (CCUPC member), Janet Greer (Nancy Hodges), Margie Hornyak (Peggy Wetzel), Esther Jacobs (Melinda Marnar), Joseph Justus (Linda & Dave Schuman), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Steven Popson (Peggy Wetzel), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), David Rubinosky (CCUPC member), Dave Rusko (the Stewart family), Lois Saleone (Peggy Wetzel), Donny Santucci (Judy Weber), Letha Schwab (Melinda Marnar), Chris & Tracey Smith (Barb & Walt Smith), Gene Smith (Jeanne Smith), Dick & Carole Stewart (the Stewart family), Cheryl Storrs (CCUPC member), Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie), and Ricky Vargas (Brenda Prigg).

Lydia Horvath shares her THANKSGIVING to their CCUPC family for all the prayers and words of comfort upon the passing of her mom, Barbara Troilo.

Danielle Snyman shares her THANKSGIVING as she helps her mom celebrate her birthday.

The Giving Tree is up!! You will find tags from Mars Home for Youth, VOICE, The Pittsburgh Project and local families in need. Please help us make this Christmas a happy one for those in need! When you select a tag, please fill out the orange slip of paper with your name and phone number so that we can keep track of the tags. All gifts should be returned unwrapped by Sunday, December 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Dara Marnar (dlmarnar@zbzoom.net).

Blue Christmas. No one likes to be sad at Christmas time, and yet, so often, it can be hard to claim the joy of the season. Whether we’ve experienced the loss of a loved one, are separated from family, or things just aren’t the way we think they ought to be, sometimes joy is hard, and that is magnified at Christmas. And yet, Christmas is a time of promise and hope. In conjunction with Hope Lutheran Church, CCUPC will be participating in a special “Blue Christmas” worship service. This service is designed to help those who struggle, for whatever reason, while still pointing to the hope and peace that is ours through Christ. If you feel as though you could benefit from that service, we hope you will join us on **Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 PM** at **Hope Lutheran Church** on Rowan Road. Or, if you know of others who may find comfort from that kind of worship, we hope that you will extend the invitation to them. There are postcard invitations on the Spiritual Growth table in the Greeting Area for you to use.

It’s that time once again to recruit volunteers to help out in the **Infant/Toddler nursery** on **Christmas Eve** during the 5:00 and 7:00 PM worship services. Please prayerfully consider helping out with this most important ministry. We often have new families visiting our church, some for the very first time, and we can only offer a nursery if we have loving caregivers, like YOU! Sign up by writing “CE-5” or “CE-7” in the sign-up box on the registration sheet. Christina Taylor, the Nursery Coordinator, will then contact you.

If any youth are interested in singing or playing a **Christmas solo/duet** during worship on **Sunday, December 16th**, please talk with our music director Miss Mindy as soon as possible.

I WAS JUST THINKING. . . by Pastor Jim

Welcome on this last Sunday of the church year. As most of you are aware, the church calendar is not the same as the calendar we use in our everyday lives. Rather than beginning with January 1, the church calendar begins with Advent which begins next Sunday. Advent is, of course, when we celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world and anticipate His return at the end of time.

After we celebrate Jesus’ birth, the church calendar follows his life - beginning with Epiphany, His baptism, His temptation and the beginning of His teaching ministry. Then we enter the season of Lent when we begin focusing on His death, then His resurrection at Easter. That is followed by the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Then we, the church, seek to live out our lives following the teachings of Christ through the ordinary days of the church year until today, the last Sunday in the church year, when we reach a sort of climax with a celebration of the coming reign of Christ over all the earth. Then, next Sunday, we begin the cycle all over again as we enter once again into Advent. Today, however, we celebrate the reign of Christ over all humankind [sometimes called Christ the King Sunday].

There is a story of a little boy who was in a hospital in England in the days of King George V. George V was king of Great Britain from 1910 until his death in 1936. This was when marriage was used as a political tool among the royal houses of Europe. So George was a grandson of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert and the first cousin of both Tsar Nicholas II of Russia and Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany. And yet George was far less pretentious than many of history’s monarchs.

The patients in this particular hospital where the little boy in our story was being treated were told that the king was going to pay them a visit that day. So everybody put on their best clothes as they were lying in their bed, waiting for the king to come.

This little boy was eager to see the king. All day long there were a number of visitors, because it was visitor’s day. And along about 4 o’clock in the afternoon, a man came in with a number of other men with him. He spoke to some of the boys and girls. He even spoke to this young boy who was waiting so eagerly to see the king. He patted him on the head. He spoke very nicely to the boy and left.

That night, as he was being made ready for bed, the little boy spoke to the nurse. “Nurse,” he complained, “the king didn’t come!”

And she said, “Oh, the king did come. Don’t you remember that nice elderly man that came over to you and patted you on the head? And spoke so sweetly to you?”

And he said, “Yes, I do.”

She said, “Well, that was the king.”

The boy protested, “But nurse, he didn’t have on his crown!”

This is what most disappointed the people who came to see Jesus. He wore no crown...

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Our Christmas Eve services this year will begin at **5:00, 7:00, and 9:00 PM**. The 5:00 PM service will be geared towards families and young children, but all are welcome to come share in the joy of Christmas.