

**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 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

**This is What's Happening TODAY at CCUPC:**

- ◆ The **Youth Groups Cookie Sale!** There are trays of beautifully packaged homemade cookies for sale in the Greeting Area. The proceeds from the sale benefit the youth groups and help support our various trips and activities. Stop by and grab a tray for your own enjoyment or as a gift. **Cookies are priced at 3 dozen for \$15 and 6 dozen for \$30.** Thank you to everyone who donated or purchased cookies. (For those that donated in re-usable containers, your clean container can be picked up outside of the kitchenette.)
- ◆ **Food Bank Sunday.** We are collecting non-perishable food items and paper products for the residents of VOICE (Victim Outreach Intervention Center). The *Items of the Month* are pasta and pasta sauce. All items should be *un-opened* and *non-perishable* (not requiring refrigeration or freezing, and no produce). If you have any questions, please check with a member of the Mission Committee, one of the pastors, or the office staff. Forgot to bring it? No worries! You can drop it off in the office Monday - Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 2 PM. Supporting local people who are struggling is just one way that CCUPC is trying to make a difference and to spread the love of God.
- ◆ The **Giving Tree** gifts are **DUE back today!!** All gifts should be returned unwrapped. If you have any questions, please contact Dara Marner ([dlmarner@zbzoom.net](mailto:dlmarner@zbzoom.net)).

**In Giving, We Receive.** As 2018 quickly comes to an end, please consider whether your pledge is current for the year. If you would like to find out where you stand in regards to your pledge, please call Kim Pugh (Financial Secretary) at the church office and she can help you out with this. You can improve your tax position by making a year-end donation. What better way to help yourself than by helping your church. Please note that year-end donation gifts must be postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to be included in this year's giving records.

**DON'T FORGET** that the **Scrip Gift Card Center** is open every Sunday before and after worship in the Greeting Area. You can purchase retail gift cards from the inventory, or place orders for specific cards that can be picked up the following week. Scrip cards allow you to support the mission of our church without spending any additional money. Order forms are available on the scrip table and in your bulletin!

Come join the "luminary guy" (Tom Bell) on **Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM** to **set up the luminaries** around the church for the Christmas Eve services. The **luminary clean-up** will be on **Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 9-30 AM** Come on out and give us a hand!!

**THIS WEEK AT CCUPC**

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| <b>Today</b>  | <b>12/16</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent/Youth Groups Cookie Sale</b><br><i>Pray for Slovakia</i> |               |
| 9:00 am       |              | Sunday School   | Both Levels   |
| 10:00 am      |              | Worship/Food Bank   | Sanctuary     |
| 11:05 am      |              | Coffee Social   | Greeting Area |
|               |              | Village N & Village R   |               |
| 6:00 pm       |              | Blue Christmas Service @ Hope Lutheran Church   |               |
|               |              | <u>NO</u> Youth Groups this evening   |               |
| <b>Monday</b> | <b>12/17</b> |   |               |
| 7:00 pm       |              | Worship Team Rehearsal  | Sanctuary     |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>12/23</b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br><i>Pray for Slovenia</i>                          |               |
| 9:00 am       |              | Sunday School   | Both Levels   |
| 10:00 am      |              | Worship   | Sanctuary     |
| 11:05 am      |              | Coffee Social   | Greeting Area |
|               |              | Village P   |               |
|               |              | <u>NO</u> Youth Groups this evening   |               |

**A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:**

- The **Youth Group Cookie Sale** is today! You can purchase your cookie tray before or after worship. More information in the bulletin.
- Today is our **Food Bank** collection! The *Items of the Month* are pasta and pasta sauce. More information is in the bulletin.
- The **Blue Christmas Service** is this evening at Hope Lutheran Church at 6:00 PM.
- **Luminary Set-Up** will be on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.
- **Lighting the Luminaries** will begin at 5:00 PM on Christmas Eve.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** will be at 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 PM.
- **Luminary Clean-Up** will take place on Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.
- The **Unhanging of the Greens** will be on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM.
- The **Men's Breakfast Group** will meet Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.
- We will serve **Communion** on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

The administrative expenses for the Presbyterian Church (USA) are covered by Per Capita funds. The **2019 Per Capita amount is \$40.69 per confirmed member.** Our Session has chosen to designate the total amount of per capita received for the work of Beaver-Butler Presbytery unless you specify otherwise. If you have any questions you may talk with Pastor Jim.

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.

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December 16, 2018

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

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

**IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord Himself, is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation."* Isaiah 12:2

The Welcome and Announcements

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

The Prelude

Ayden Wood

**"We Three Kings"**

*"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 Carol

**"One Small Child"**

(use screens)

**WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER**

\*The Call to Confession

\*The Unison Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, You have called us into covenant, yet our commitment is shallow and our love is weak. We place lesser concerns high on our list of priorities and give You whatever time is left. Forgive our sin, O God, and turn us again toward Your purposes. Reform our lives by renewing our dedication to You. By Your Holy Spirit, give us a new sense of our calling, a new zeal in our faithfulness, a new compassion toward neighbors in need, and a new appreciation for Your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. May we always be open to the reforming and refreshing wind of Your Spirit. 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 Adam & Alasdair Smith  
**“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”**

‘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 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grades may now leave for KFC out the back doors of the Sanctuary.)*

The Scripture Lesson (page 935)  
Zephaniah 3:14-17

The Sermon Pastor James M. Moran  
**“CAN YOU HEAR IT?”**

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

‘The Closing Hymn #92 (use screens)  
**“Joy to the World”**

‘The Benediction

The Postlude  
**“How Great Our Joy!”**

*‘Please stand as you are able.*

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Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Max Benzel (Rick & Carol Martin), Anthony Conti (Rick & Carol Martin), Elinor Dixon (Debbie Rossi), Lillian Grundler (CCUPC member), Janet Greer (Nancy Hodges), Joseph Justus (Linda & Dave Schuman), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), the family of Lee Mahoney (Charlotte Markivich), Harriet Murray (Bill Murray), Steven Popson (Peggy Wetzel), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), David Rubinosky (CCUPC member), Lois Saleone (Peggy Wetzel), Donny Santucci (Judy Weber), Gene Smith (Jeanne Smith), Cheryl Storrs (CCUPC member), Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie), and Ricky Vargas (Brenda Prigg).

Brandon Lynd (one of our Connections students) shares his THANKS for the care package to help him through finals.

Gene and Jeanne Smith share their THANKSGIVING that Gene is doing well after receiving a pacemaker. They give thanks to God and for all of the continued thoughts and prayers from their CCUPC family.

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*The Christmas tree in the Sanctuary is given by a family in our church to the glory of God, and with thanks for the blessing of Pastors Jim and Dena and to all who serve CCUPC in so many different ways.*

*The Christmas tree in the greeting area is given by Howard Eklund to the glory of God, and in loving memory of his wife, Marietta.*

*The luminary candles that will be displayed and lit on Christmas Eve are given by a family in our church to the glory of God.*

Our next **Family Mission Day** will be **Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** immediately following worship. Join us as we make chicken noodle soup and a dessert for our friends who are experiencing homelessness. The soup that we make will be donated to **L.I.V.I.N.G. Ministry** and will be served through the North Side Homeless Alliance and the Allegheny County Winter Weather emergency shelter. This ‘pop up’ shelter will see hundreds of men and women come through its doors for a warm meal and place to sleep during the cold winter days. We will have jobs for a variety of ages and abilities - from cleaning vegetables, slicing chicken, cracking eggs, mixing, and even washing dishes! This event may take a bit of time, so come when you can, and leave when you must. If you would like to contribute to this project you may sign up to bring one or more of the ingredients on the list which is on the bulletin board in the greeting area, or we will gladly accept Giant Eagle gift cards. Please clearly mark them “Family Mission Day.” If you have questions about this event, please see Pastor Dena.

Are you struggling to find joy this season? Join us for our **Blue Christmas worship service** of wholeness and healing **tonight at 6:00 PM** at **Hope Lutheran Church** on Rowan Road. Christmas is a time of reflection on our memories and our hopes. But memories can be bittersweet, and our hopes can disappoint us as we mark another year without a yearned for child, job, or relationship. It is easy to be discouraged, melancholy, and overwhelmed. But God hears you. And God welcomes you to come and worship. Feel free to invite others! *All are welcome.*

**I WAS JUST THINKING. . . by Pastor Jim**

I have always be one interested in how things work. Lynn and I will look at a modern structure and her focus will be on the colors and the creative appointments. Mine will zero in on how the structure was constructed and the integrity of its design. I have always had a fascination with architecture and I believe that could have been my calling had God not put forward another plan!

I was reading about the famous American architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. Over fifty years ago I visited Fallingwater, in Fayette County, the home he designed for the Kaufmann family of department store fame. I need to revisit that site. He was innovative in many ways. For one, he created an idea called organic architecture. He believed that buildings should be blended into the surrounding natural environment. If you stare at the buildings that he designed on the campus of Florida Southern College in Lakeland, it is very difficult to tell where the edifice stops and the environment begins. It merges and blends. Perhaps we ought to consider an organic Christianity. If you look at the life of Jesus you see no sharp line of demarcation between his spiritual life and his everyday life. They blended and they meshed together. It should be that way for you and for me.

If we have responded to John's demands that we repent, if Christ really has been born anew in our hearts then it will bring out the best, not the worst in us. It brought out the best in Joseph. When Mary told her husband-to-be that she was pregnant, he had every legal right to divorce her for in those days an engagement was the equivalent of a marriage. She could have been turned over to the civil authorities as an adulteress and the penalty for that was stoning. Not one man in a million could have been expected to believe Mary's version of the conception - Joseph believed it. The Christmas message brought out the good in Joseph.

It is my prayer that this Christmas season will have an effect on the way that we live our lives, that it will bring out the best, not the worst, in us. Not one person here this morning has the problems that Joseph had that first Christmas, yet the best was brought out in him. When you and I care, we want to give our best to God. To be the best is to be like Jesus. And to be like Jesus is to have him reborn in our lives.

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**We need YOUR help** in the **Infant/Toddler nursery on Christmas Eve** during the **5:00 PM worship service**. 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! Please sign up by writing “CE-5” in the sign-up box on the registration sheet. Christina Taylor, the Nursery Coordinator, will then contact you.

**Visitors...Please Help!**

If you are a **visitor** worshipping with us today, we'd like to ask you to do us a big favor. Help us discover which of our advertising dollars are doing the most good by telling us how you found our church. When the register pad is passed to you, please fill out not only your contact information, but also check the appropriate box that tells us how you heard of us. It will be a big help.