

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!

Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Christina (Lorry Cowan), Elinor Dixon (Debbie Rossi), Lillian Grundler (CCUPC member), Janet Greer (Nancy Hodges), Joseph Justus (Linda & Dave Schuman), Ryan King (Cindy Miller), Alyssa & Gracelyn Marner (Melinda Marner), Jim Miller (CCUPC member), Bill Muntan (Charlotte Dickie), 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), the family of Maggie St. Clair (Jane Meltzer), Cheryl Storrs (CCUPC member), Tim (Shirl & Roy Lonie), and Ricky Vargas (Brenda Prigg).

Jeff & Nancy Hodges share their THANKSGIVING for the love of family, and for welcoming their son, Ben's new wife, Annie.

The Rossi family shares their THANKSGIVING on the birth of their first grandchild, Luca Benjamin. Luca is the son of Ben and Sarah Rossi.

Jen Sikora shares her THANKSGIVING that her husband, Dean, has secured a full time position with the company that he worked with 4 years ago.

Gene Smith shares his THANKSGIVING for all the prayers, cards and calls since his surgery.

The SYMPATHY of our congregation is extended to Helen and Alan Vogel and family on the death of Helen's mother, Rosemary Zaso last week.

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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.

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 the Christmas Eve services. We will "**de-luminate**" on **December 26th at 9:30 AM**. Come on out and give us a hand!!

The **Sight & Sound Ministry** team is looking for volunteers to help out with the soundboard and video duties during our worship services. Please contact John Bonessi (john.bonessi@blackbox.com) for a description of the duties for each area.

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

Today	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	Greeting Area
		Village G & Village H	
		Session Meeting	Conference Rm.
		NO Youth Groups Tonight	
Monday	12/3		
7:00 pm		Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Tuesday	12/4		
7:00 pm		Worship Committee Meeting	Conference Rm.
Wednesday	12/5		
6:15 pm		Kids' Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm		Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday	12/6		
11:30 am		Ladies Lunch & Learn Christmas at Bravo Restaurant	
Sunday	12/9	2nd Sunday of Advent <i>Pray for Singapore</i>	
9:00 am		Sunday School	Both Levels
10:00 am		Worship	Sanctuary
11:05 am		Coffee Social	Greeting Area
		Village J	
5:00 pm		Jr. Youth Group	Lower Level
6:30 pm		Middle/High School Youth Group	Lower Level

A FEW REMINDERS:

- 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 Bravo Cuchina Italiana this Thursday, December 6th for their Christmas lunch.
- The next **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study** will be Tuesday, December 11th at 8:30 AM.
- 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.
- **Luminary set-up** will take place on Monday, December 24th at 9:30 AM. **Clean-up** will be at 9:30 AM on December 26th. Come and give us a hand!
- Our **Christmas Eve services** will be at 5:00, 7:00, and 9:00 PM.
- The **church office** will be open until noon on Christmas Eve, and is **closed** on Christmas Day, and December 26th.

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December 2, 2018

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

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8

The Welcome and Announcements

A Closet Classic/Flea Market Report Kelly Stebor

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

The Prelude **"The First Noel"**
Jane Meltzer, Linda Schuman, and Mindy Cable

"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 #86 **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** (use screens)

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

*The Call to Confession

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, You have promised to come again as one breaking through the clouds with great power and glory. We confess that we hide our heads in trivial matters. We do not love our neighbors because our ambitions are more important. We do not hear the cry of the needy because we are busy accumulating wealth. We have become drunk with the pursuit of power because we fail to put our trust in Your power. Forgive us, we pray. Free us that we may have eyes to see Your glory, ears to hear Your liberating gospel, and lives to devote to the service of Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

“Sing Now the First Noel”

The Choir

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

Luke 21:5-11

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The Sermon

Pastor James M. Moran

“BE PATIENT. . . BE FAITHFUL. . . BE PREPARED”

WE WORSHIP AT THE LORD'S TABLE

A Hymn

“I Love You, Lord”

*I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what You hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.*

The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **AND ALSO WITH YOU!**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: **WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE!**

WE INVITE ALL who trust in Christ as Savior and Lord, regardless of denominational affiliation, to share in this celebration and thanksgiving! The Table has been prepared for those who seek fellowship and peace with God and each other.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Proclaiming our individual experiences of God's gracious forgiveness, we eat the bread as it is passed. You will note a dish in the middle of each serving tray that contains gluten free bread. Proclaiming our corporate experiences of God's grace to the Church, we hold the cup until all have been served, and drink together as the pastor indicates.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*The Closing Hymn

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

(use screens)

*The Benediction

The Postlude

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

**Please stand as you are able.*

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The vases of flowers are given by Tom and JoEllen Daugherty, to the glory of God, and in celebration of their son, Jason on his birthday.

Would you like to **sponsor** one of the Christmas trees 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.

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.

A Note from Connections: We will be preparing care packages for our Connections students today in the greeting area after the worship service. Your participation with this project will be greatly appreciated as the students really look forward to receiving their care packages during this busy time of the school year.

I WAS JUST THINKING. . . by Pastor Jim

Courage is a funny thing. It is a bit like happiness: the more you seek it, the more you demand it, the more you try to call it up, the less it shows its face. Words can stir us to courage, but only when they are grounded in confident expectation and hitched to unshakable values or realities. Who would not rally around the “I have a dream...” speech delivered by Martin Luther King Jr., in which he paints the colors of freedom? Who would not feel stronger listening to the dogged determination of Winston Churchill in the dark days of 1940: “Let us... brace ourselves to our duty, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, ‘This was their finest hour!’”

Courage, as faith's activator, is the call in Jesus' words to us today. He sits with his shell-shocked disciples in the temple precincts, sensing the profound disturbance at his words that this marvelous place of holiness and beauty will soon lie in rubble, but pointing them to a larger cataclysm that will shake the whole earth as eternity finally sears into time.

We have been there with the disciples, have we not? Famed psychiatrist, Viktor Frankl, remembered a terrible day during World War II. He was on a work gang, just outside the fences that hid the horrors of Hitler's infamous Dachau death camp. “We were at work in a trench,” wrote Frankl. “The dawn was gray around us; gray was the sky above; gray the snow in the pale light of dawn; gray rags in which my fellow prisoners were clad, and gray their faces.”

Frankl tells how he was ready to die. It was as if the gray bleakness had claws and each moment they dug deeper and colder into his soul. Why go on? What could be the purpose in “living” if, indeed, he was even still alive at this moment? There was no heaven, no hell, no future, no past. Only the clutching grayness of this miserable moment.

Suddenly, to his surprise, Frankl felt “a last violent protest” surging within himself. He sensed that even though his body had given up and his mind had accepted defeat, his inner spirit was taking flight. It was searching. It was looking. It was scanning the eternal horizons for the faintest glimmer that said his fleeting life had some divine purpose. It was looking for God.

In a single instant two things happened, says Frankl, that simply could not be mere coincidence. Within, he heard a powerful cry, piercing the gloom and tearing at the icy claws of death. The voice shouted “Yes!” against the “No” of defeat and the gray “I don't know” of the moment.

At that exact second, “a light was lit in a distant farmhouse.” Like a beacon it called attention to itself. It spoke of life, warmth, family, and love. Frankl said that in that moment he began to believe. And in that moment he began to live again.

Advent often reminds us of our similar need...

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The new **2019 Worship Flower** sign-up is now available on the nametag table in the greeting area. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for either the two chancel vases *or* the basket. You can donate the flowers in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special day. Sign up *now* so that you can get that special date!