



UNITED PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL:

Light of Christ  
St. John's Windish  
St. Peter's

# 'Till We Meet Again!

Week of December 4 & 5, 2021

## weekend worship

Worship on **Saturday, December 4 at 5:00 PM** will be held at **St. Peter's**. Worship on **Sunday, December 5 at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM** will be held at **Light of Christ**, with Sunday School at **9:15 AM**. Facemasks are required!

### WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Mike

December 4:

**Assisting Minister:** Sandra Butch

December 5:

8:00 AM

**Assisting Minister:** Brynn Anderson

**Communion Assistant:** Rosalie Adducie

**Lector:** Cliff Bengston

**Greeter:** TBD

**Usher:** TBD

10:30 AM

**Assisting Minister:** Josh Gulotta

**Communion Assistant:** Delynn Gerhard

**Lector:** Matthew Bleier

**Greeter:** Nancy Kostas

**Usher 1:** Jen Grube

**Usher 2:** Olivia Grube

**Acolyte:** Matthew Bleier

both with our siblings online and our siblings in the pews. We'd love to see you there!

### LOC CONGREGATION MEETING

Light of Christ will be having their congregational meeting December 5th after the 10:30 am service. The meeting will be held at Light of Christ. If you have any questions please call the church office.

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

**Confirmation Sunday** for **Light of Christ confirmands** will be **December 5th** during the **10:30 worship service at Light of Christ**. We are looking forward to celebrating all your hard work and devotion.

### ADVENT DAILY PRAYER

Starting **November 29th** we will be hosting a morning prayers service at St. Peter's. This service will be held **Monday-Fridays** during the 4 weeks of Advent starting at **9 am**. The service will last about 20 minutes and will be available in person as well as livestreamed. If you have any questions, please contact Brynn or Josh.



### NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP MINISTERS

The worship ministers for December 11th and 12th are listed here. Contact Josh Gulotta if you have any questions: **December 11th:** Assisting Minister: Gina Brockway. **December 12th, 8 AM:** Lector: Nancy Kostas; Greeter & Ushers: George Baltz and Mike Horwath; Acolyte: Josh Gulotta. **December 12th, 10:30 AM:** Communion Assistant: Jimmy Bleier; Lector:

# This Week

### JOIN OUR SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP!

Our Saturday worship at St. Peter's (5 PM) is now open for all congregants! Our new livestream equipment allows us to worship

Matthew Bleier; Ushers: Rich Romig and Richard Uttard; Acolyte: Douglas Bleier.

### ST. PETER'S CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The St. Peter's congregational meeting will be on December 12th. Copies of the Proposed Budget will be available after the next two church services for your review. They will also be available at the church office leading up to the event. Call the St. Peter's office at 610-867-0519 if you have any questions.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PARTY

Come join us **December 18<sup>th</sup>** for the Sunday School holiday party! Kids of all ages (and their families) are invited to build gingerbread houses from 5:30-6:30 and enjoy a lasagna dinner from 6:30-7:00. Children in grades 7-12 will then participate in an overnight lock-in! We will work on our candle making project, watch a Christmas movie, and join together in a midnight worship service. Sunday School teachers from past and present will join in on the fun! **Please RSVP by December 12<sup>th</sup>** so we can bring enough lasagna!

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Our **Christmas Eve services** are around the corner! There will be 3 separate services that night. There will be a **3 pm service at Light of Christ, a 6 pm service at St. Peter's, and a 8 pm service at St. John's Windish.** The **6pm service at St. Peter's will be livestreamed.** Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

### PANTRY SUNDAY

The next Pantry Sunday will take place at **LoC** on **December 12.** These are the special needs for Calvary Temple: tuna, rice, jelly (plastic jars), canned chicken, canned stew, pancake syrup and pretzels. **Thank you** for helping to alleviate hunger.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Recipients of our 2021 Christmas Giving Tree will be the 60 children of St. Peter's HeadStart classes. Tags will be available on Sat., Nov. 27, at St Peter's. When we move to LoC for worship on **Dec. 5**, tags will be there. We are asking for **children's hats, mittens, and \$3 cash for a book.** The children are ages 3, 4, and 5 - tags will be marked for 27 girls or 33 boys. Please place all items in the gallon Ziploc bag that has been provided and **return to LoC no later than Dec. 19th.** Thank you for sharing Christmas joy with these children.

### THE 13TH

The Social Justice Group is embarking on a new endeavor. We will be viewing the documentary entitled *The 13th*, a film about the amendment that abolished slavery. The film continues our conversations about race, injustice and mass incarceration. We will then discuss the ideas by Zoom on Tuesday, 12/7 at 7:00 PM.

If interested, you can view *The 13th* alone either on Netflix or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krfcq5pF8u8>.

Lastly, please plan to share the conversation about *The 13th* on Zoom on 12/7.

### COAT AND JACKET COLLECTION

New and gently used **Men's and Women's jackets and coats** are being collected to distribute to Northampton County Inmates. Sometimes someone enters the prison system in the warmer months without the proper clothing for the later colder months. Please assist the Social Justice Committee in this outreach.

**During November**, coats and jackets may be brought to **St. Peter's** on Sunday's when you attend worship. **In December**, coats and jackets may be brought to **Light of Christ** when you attend worship there. Items will be

collected **until December 12**. Only coats and jackets at this time please.

Any questions, please contact Cindy Kemp, cindyk303@yahoo.com.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR LOCAL RETIREMENT HOMES**

Save those Christmas cards that come in the mail. Use leftover cards from last year. Buy inexpensive ones. We delivered 1804 cards last year to residents of 14 local retirement homes and we want to spread our Christmas cheer again this year. Please don't seal the cards, write a short greeting (Season's Greetings, Happy Holidays, Thinking of You, etc) and sign only your first name. Drop off the cards in a Ziploc bag in the box provided on the porch of LoC or bring them to worship at LoC where you will find a collection box in the Narthex. **Final date to drop off cards is Dec. 19.**

#### **Dec. 12 - Christmas Card Signing/Gift Wrapping Day**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at LoC after the 10:30 am worship to sign Christmas cards for residents of local retirement homes. A light luncheon/beverages will be provided. Bring your own cards or sign cards that we will have available that day. We will also be wrapping gifts that have been provided by a Thrivent Action Team for the residents of ManorCare/Old Orchard Let's enjoy a time of fellowship as we help spread Christmas cheer to lots of local folks.

#### **IN THE**

**Synod Center:** The Synod Center is asking our



help with two projects on their property: re-

place tile in small sacristy and remove 3 bushes. Contact Linda Maule (610-258-5006; maule@ptd.net) if you can help.

**Bethlehem No Home For Hate:** The "Bethlehem No Home for Hate" campaign, has just been launched by the Mayor's office, the Bethlehem Community Advisory Board, and the local NAACP. In a time of increasing polarization and intolerance, we want to encourage our constituent organizations to stand together in expressing our solidarity as beloved children of God. A copy of the petition will be available to sign Sundays at worship.

**Bethlehem Emergency Shelter:** The Bethlehem Emergency Shelter opened its doors on Monday, November 15 for the start of the 2021-2022 Sheltering Season. The UPG and St John's have partnered with Star of Bethlehem to prepare and serve meals and to provide volunteers to register guests and monitor the showers on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. There are many other opportunities to serve such as providing desserts or breakfast items or even to apply for a Thrivent Action team to help purchase food items if you cannot be present at the shelter to help out. Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of this outreach team that provides a warm meal and shelter in addition to caring fellowship for our brothers and sisters...and we have fun doing it! You can sign up using the following link <https://signup.com/go/RMoFYel> or contact Michel Lloyd at 484-695-3921 or michellloyd@gmail.com. Peace and blessings!

**Sponsoring Poinsettias:** We are ordering poinsettias to be put in each of the three churches for Christmas. Forms to sponsor the poinsettias will be available at worship. They will cost \$15

to sponsor. If you have any questions, please contact your church office.

**Donated Christmas Tree:** Are you in need of a Christmas Tree this season? A member of the community is looking to donate an artificial tree to a family in need. It is about 6 ft tall and comes with lights and ornaments. Call your church office if you are interested.

**Utility Assistance this Winter:** Do you need help with utility bills this winter? There are government programs which can help. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides \$200-\$1000 to utilities companies as credit on the customers bill. There is also the Emergency Rental Assistance Program which can help those who struggled to pay for their utilities due to the pandemic. If you want more information, contact the County Public Assistance Office weekdays at 866-857-7095 or go to [dhs.pa.gov](https://dhs.pa.gov).

**Enter the Bible:** Luther Seminary has created a resource called "Enter the Bible" to help people understand scripture better. It breaks down each book in the Bible and gives an overview of its background and context. It is free to use and can be found at <https://enterthebible.org/free-account-registration/>.

### WEEKLY MAILINGS

If you have returned to in-person Worship and are no longer in need of the weekly mailing packet, please contact the church office.

### PASTOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

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### COUNCIL MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION:

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- Rich Hawk – president – 610-838-2759
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- Matt Bleier – 610-865-2057
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## THIS WEEK IN THE UPG: DECEMBER 4— DECEMBER 12

### Saturday December 4

5:00 PM Worship at St. Peter's with Live Stream

### Sunday December 5

Worship available on YouTube and the UPG website ([upgbethlehem.org](http://upgbethlehem.org))

8:00 AM Worship at Light of Christ

9:15 AM Sunday School at Light of Christ

10:30 AM Worship at Light of Christ

12:00 PM LOC Congregational Meeting After the 10:30 service

### Monday December 6

9:00 AM Daily Prayer at St. Peter's (and live streamed)

7:00 PM Dart Baseball (LOC at St. Paul's)

7:00 PM Social Justice Film Discussion on Zoom

### Tuesday December 7

9:00 AM Daily Prayer at St. Peter's (and live streamed)

### Wednesday December 8

7:00 AM Fellowship Ministry

9:00 AM Christian Service

9:00 AM Daily Prayer at St. Peter's (and live streamed)

### Thursday December 9

9:00 AM Daily Prayer at St. Peter's (and live streamed)

### Friday December 10

9:00 AM Daily Prayer at St. Peter's (and live streamed)

### Saturday December 11

5:00 PM Worship at St. Peter's with Live Stream

### Sunday December 12

Worship available on YouTube and the UPG website ([upgbethlehem.org](http://upgbethlehem.org))

8:00 AM Worship at Light of Christ

9:15 AM Sunday School at Light of Christ

10:30 AM Worship at Light of Christ

11:30 PM Card Signing at Light of Christ after the 10:30 service

11:30 PM St. Peter's Congregational Meeting at LOC

1:00 PM Decorating St. Peter's for Christmas