



UNITED PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL:

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

# 'Till We Meet Again!

Week of January 8 & 9, 2022

## weekend worship

Worship on **Saturday, January 8** at **5:00 PM** will be held at **St. Peter's**. Worship on **Sunday, January 9** at **8:00 AM** and **10:30 AM** will be held at **St. John's Windish**, Facemasks are required!

### WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Suzanne

January 8:

**Assisting Minister:** Stephanie McGregor

January 9:

8:00 AM

**Assisting Minister:** Gina Brockway

**Communion Assistant:** Karen Favinger

**Lector:** Nancy Kostas

**Usher 1:** Donna Musselman

**Crucifer:** TBD

**Torchbearer 1:** Josh Gulotta

**Torchbearer 2:** Brynn Anderson

10:30 AM

**Assisting Minister:** Pastor Mike

**Communion Assistant:**

**Lector:** Sharon Lintner

**Usher: 1** Stephanie Gergar

**Usher 2:** Rosalie Adducie

**Acolyte:** Douglas Bleier

**Crucifer:** Matthew Bleier

**Torchbearer 1:** Brynn Anderson

**Torchbearer 2:** Jimmy Bleier

### COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

As the omicron variant of Covid-19 spreads rapidly in our community we will continue the following measures to keep each other as safe as possible.

1. Masks, correctly worn, covering the nose and mouth are required at all times in our buildings, no exceptions. If this is something you are uncomfortable with, we encourage you to worship using the livestream.
2. Windows will remain open in the sanctuary for worship, please dress appropriately
3. Maintain physical distancing at all times including when in line to receive Holy Communion

### BOOK CLUB

Join us for our next book club reading discussion. It will be on **January 9th at 9:15 am** during the Sunday School Hour. The book we chose to read is *The Pull of The Stars* by Emma Donoghue. It's the story of a nurse in Ireland struggling with war and disease during the first world war. Light amidst the darkness and hope against all odds threads throughout the story.

### COMMUNION CARDS

In preparation for the upcoming congregational meetings and votes, please fill out communion cards and drop them in the basket with your offering.

*This Week*

**PANTRY SUNDAY— JANUARY 9TH**

The Hispanic Center's needs are rice (any kind), pasta sauce, small bottles of cooking oil, bags of sugar and hot cereals (oatmeal and cream of wheat). Please bring your contributions to St. John's Windish on Sunday, **January 9th** at either the **8 AM or 10:30 AM** worship service. Thank you for your generosity.

### DE-DECORATING ST. PETER'S

St. Peter's will be taking down their Christmas decorations this Sunday, **January 9 after the 10:30 AM worship service**. If you would like to help, please contact Josh Gulotta.



### TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be a blended town hall meeting for all three congregations on January 23rd at St. John's Windish. We will be discussing the Transition Team recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact your church office.

### BIBLE STUDY

Starting **January 27, 2022**, a special **nine-week** Bible study will be presented for our churches and the public at large. It is open to anyone who wishes to attend. What makes this Bible study special can be seen from the title, "The Entire Bible for Everybody, from Atheists to Christian Believers!" The course will start from the assumption that the Bible is about answering life's most important question, namely, "What is the Meaning of Life?" Besides offering the Bible's answer to life's meaning, the course will also offer the competing answers given by modern science and the secular world. Then it will be up to

us to compare and contrast those answers. Classes will be held at both **2:00 pm and 7:00 pm**, using PowerPoint slides, maps, timelines, and other supplementary materials. Each class will be **90 minutes in length**. The same material will be presented at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Mark your calendars! Once again, we would like to start of the new year by showing our generous thanks to all the first responders who work hard in our community year-round.

To that end, we will host a First Responders Appreciation Breakfast & Luncheon on **Saturday, January 15, 2022** (with a snow date of the following Saturday, January 22) at St. John's Windish. Since our event spans breakfast and lunch, we need lots of volunteers and food. You can volunteer for the breakfast shift or for the lunch shift, or stay the whole day! We ask that **breakfast shift volunteers** arrive at St. John's by **7:00 a.m. and remain until 11:00 a.m.** For the **lunch shift**, we ask that volunteers arrive at St. John's by **11:00 a.m. and remain until clean up is complete around 3:00 p.m.** If you would like to help with this awesome event, please let Gina Brockway know ([ginbrockway86@gmail.com](mailto:ginbrockway86@gmail.com) or call or text 610-703-8249).

We also need volunteers to donate food (breakfast & lunch foods plus desserts) and paper products.

We hope you can help us show our thanks & appreciation to our community's First Responders!

## from the mailroom

Dear Members of UPG and St. John's Windish,

Thank you for the homemade Thanksgiving dinner (ers) with all the trimmings, also for

all the cookies. I am a cookie lover, as my John used to call me the "cookie kid." I look for a blessing every day and this was a big one!

May you have a Healthy and Happy 2022, and may God bless you richly.

In Christian Love,  
Helen Varady Keyser

Dear Light of Christ Lutheran,

Thank you all so much for your donations to our program! Your dresses are so adorable! The girls will love receiving them! Your dresses will be sent with operation Christmas Child.

God Bless,  
Jordan



**Visitation:** If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like a visit, please let the church office know. We will find someone to come and visit you or give you a call.

**St. John's Statements:** Anyone needing a year end statement should contact their home church. If possible, please arrange to pick it up.

**Dr. Irene Todd Scholarship:** Dr. Irene Todd was a member of Rosemont Lutheran Church from the 1940's until she died in 2004. Upon her death, she bequeathed funds to Rosemont Lutheran where they established a scholarship in her name. The scholarship is for students who achieved academic competency as well as serve compassionately in their church community. If

selected, the student would received \$1500 to go toward undergraduate, Bachelor's, Associate's or Trade School degree from an accredited institution. If you have any questions or are interested in applying, contact Rosemont Lutheran Church at (610) 867-3705 or by email at secretaryatrosemont@yahoo.com.

**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 it's 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 michelllloyd@gmail.com. Peace and blessings!

**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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## **THIS WEEK IN THE UPG: JANUARY 8— JANUARY 16**

### **Saturday January 8**

5:00 PM      Worship at St. Peter's with Live Stream on the UPG Facebook page

### **Sunday January 9**

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

8:00 AM      Worship at St. John's Windish

9:15 AM      Sunday School at St. John's Windish

9:15 AM      Book Club at St. John's Windish

10:30 AM     Worship at St. John's Windish

12:00 PM     De-decorating at St. Peter's

### **Monday January 10**

7:00 PM      Dart Baseball (LOC at Farmersville)

7:00 PM      Sacred Ground Meeting on Zoom

### **Wednesday January 12**

7:00 AM      Fellowship Group

9:00 AM      Christian Service

7:00 PM      Technology Team Meeting

7:00 PM      Worship and Music Meeting at St. John's

### **Saturday January 15**

7:00 AM      First Responders Thank You Breakfast and Lunch

5:00 PM      Worship at St. Peter's with Live Stream on the UPG Facebook page

### **Sunday January 16**

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

8:00 AM      Worship at St. John's Windish

9:15 AM      Sunday School at St. John's Windish

10:30 AM     Worship at St. John's Windish

## Frequently Asked Questions from the Transition Team

The Joint Congregation Councils and the Transition Team have called a Town Hall meeting to receive and discuss proposals for the uniting of Light of Christ, St. Peter's and St. John Windish Churches. We are preparing answers to some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about this process. Here are the first FAQs:

Q: When and where will this meeting take place?

A: January 23, 2022 at St John's Windish after 10:30 worship.

Q: Who are invited to take part in this meeting?

A: All members of the three communities of faith. This will be the only meeting for all three.

Q: What will happen at this meeting?

A: The Transition Team will present the most recent sub-committee reports and recommendations and will encourage questions and discussion.

Q: What will happen after the Town Hall meeting?

A:

The Transition Team will review and compile all of the questions, concerns, and discussion and incorporate them into final sub-committee reports.

A date will be selected for all three congregations to have separate congregation meetings to vote on the proposal to unite the three communities of faith (congregations) into one community of faith. Each congregation will need to vote separately, but ideally at the same time and on the same date as the other congregations.

Q: Will there be a provision for offsite voting (shut-ins,etc) when we vote to combine the three churches.

A: No. The constitutions of LoC, St P, and SJW do not allow this. Only in-person votes by active members are permitted per the church constitutions.