

'Till We Meet Again!

Week of March 19 & 20, 2022

weekend worship

Worship on Saturday, March 19 at 5:00 PM will be held at St. Peter's. Worship on Sunday, March 20 at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM will be held at Light of Christ.

WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Presiding Minister: Pastor Mike

March 19:

Assisting Minister: Rosalie Adducie

March 20: 8:00 AM

Assisting Minister: Tony Villani

Communion Assistant: Mike Horwath

Lector: Nancy Kostas

10:30 AM

Assisting Minister: Pastor Suzanne

Lector: Karen Schoch **Acolyte:** Douglas Bleier



COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES UPDATE

You may choose to wear a mask depending on your level of comfort. They are no longer required to attend all in-person activities including worship. Please respect the choices of others.

TOWN HALL VIDEO

The materials from the Feb. 27 Town Hall meeting are now on the UPG website (https://www.upgbethlehem.org/transition). Transition Team reports, the Power Point slide show from the meeting, and the video. You can get to this

page anytime from anywhere on the website: Click "Transition" under the "News & Events" tab. The video is also still available on the "Live Worship" page.

ADDITIONAL PARKING OPTION FOR MARCH 27TH

If you're concerned about parking availability at St. Peter's church on March 27, we are offering to shuttle people from the St. John's Windish parking lot (first bay) up to St. Peter's in time for the 9:30 am worship service and we will return those people to the St. John's Windish parking lot following the congregational meetings. If you would like to take advantage of this shuttle service, please call the St. John's Windish church office at 610-868-3282 and leave your name, phone number & the number of people who will need to be shuttled. Someone will return your call to confirm that you will be shuttled up to St. Peter's. Please do not simply show up in the St. John's Windish parking lot expecting to be shuttled. Shuttles must be scheduled so that we can ensure enough volunteer drivers are available. Shuttling of people from St. John's Windish parking lot will occur between 9:00 am and 9:10 am so that everyone will be able to attend worship service at 9:30 am.

SPECIAL OFFERING DURING LENT

Members of God's Work. Our Hands and Stewards, Angels in Ministry (GWOW/SAM) are asking for your support and participation in a Special Offering during Lent. Our three campuses will be partnering with First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem, to offer financial assistance

to their resettlement of an Afghan family. This Special Offering will extend from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

Special Offering envelopes labeled "Welcome home, Afghan family" will be available on the table next to the offering baskets. Please endorse checks to Light of Christ and include your envelope #. Thank you for participating in this ministry to assist an Afghan family in need of our love and support.

LENTEN MID-WEEK SESSIONS

Light of Christ is hosting a light supper (multiple soups, salad, bread, and homemade cookies) on each of the Wednesdays in Lent. Sessions will be **this Wednesday, March 16th** and continuing on March 23rd, and 30th. Pastor Mike has chosen a video topic on refugee resettlement which we will view and discuss. A closing worship of Compline will conclude the evening. All of this takes place between 6:30 and 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of Light of Christ. Bring your appetite and join us; add this to your Lenten journey.



NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP MINISTERS

The worship ministers for March 26th and 27th are listed here. Contact Josh Gulotta if you have any questions: **March 26th**: Assisting Minister: Sandy Butch. **March 27th 9:30 AM:** Communion Assistant: Joan Erb; Lector: Michele Anderson.

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

If you have Thrivent Choice Dollars to distribute, please do so before the **March 31 dead-line**.

BINGO!

Saint John's will be hosting Bingo on Saturday, April 9th at 1:00 pm in the Kaiser Auditorium. There will be 20 bingo games and tricky tray raffle, as well as food to purchase! Donations of gift cards to use as prizes are appreciated. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds from the event will be going to Ukrainian relief efforts. Doors open at noon. For more information and to register, contact Kathy Remaly at 610-442-0438. Thank you!

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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.

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 commu-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 by email at secretaryatroseor mont@yahoo.com.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Interested in filming? Perhaps you'd like to go "behind the scenes" at our Saturday or Sunday worship service? Contact 610-867-0519 for information.



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 michellloyd@gmail.com. Peace and blessings!

Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund:

The Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund is a program that provides eligible Pennsylvania homeowners with up to \$30,000 in assistance to ease mortgage delinquencies, foreclosures, and utility disconnection. To be eligible for assistance, you must own a home in Pennsylvania, meet certain income requirements, and have experienced financial issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are interested in this program, visit pahaf.org or call 888-987-2423.

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.

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THIS WEEK IN THE UPG: MARCH 19— MARCH 27

Saturday March 19

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

Sunday March 20

Worship available on YouTube and the UPG website (upgbethlehem.org) by 8:00 AM

8:00 AM Worship at Light of Christ

9:15 AM Book Study at Light of Christ

9:15 AM Sunday School at Light of Christ

10:30 AM Worship at Light of Christ

Monday March 21

12:00 PM Ladies Luncheon at Perkins Restaurant

6:00 PM St. Peter's Dart Baseball League at St. Peter's

7:00 PM Light of Christ Dart Baseball League (LOC @ St. Paul's)

7:00 PM Synod Book Study on Zoom

Tuesday March 22

7:00 PM Lenten Prayer Service at St. Peter's and livestreamed

Wednesday March 23

7:00 AM Fellowship Group

9:00 AM Christian Service

6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Supper and Worship at Light of Christ

Thursday March 24

2:00 PM Midweek Bible Study at St. Peter's

7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study at St. Peter's

Friday March 25

7:00 PM Lenten Prayer Service at St. Peter's and livestreamed

Saturday March 26

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

Sunday March 27

Worship available on YouTube and the UPG website (upgbethlehem.org) by 8:00 AM

9:30 AM Worship at St. Peter's

10:30 AM Congregational Meetings at St. Peter's