



UNITED PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL:

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

'Till We Meet Again!

Week of March 5 & 6, 2022

weekend worship

Worship on **Saturday, March 5** at **5:00 PM** will be held at **St. Peter's**. Worship on **Sunday, March 6** at **8:00 AM** and **10:30 AM** will be held at **Light of Christ**. Facemasks are required!

WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Presiding Minister: Pastor Mike

March 5:

Assisting Minister: Stephanie McGregor

8:00 AM

Assisting Minister: Tony Villani

Communion Assistant: David Kolman

Lector: Pr. Tom Keener

10:30 AM

Assisting Minister: Pastor Suzanne

Lector: Kevin Remaly

Acolyte: Jimmy Bleier

This Week

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 video from the Town Hall is now available. You can see it on the UPG website. Go to the "Live Worship" page: <https://www.upgbethlehem.org/live-worship> . Scroll

down below the video from Saturday's worship.

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.

A Temple Talk is planned for Sunday, March 6th, at both the 8:00 and 10:30 AM services at Light of Christ. Cynthia Simmons, parish associate of First Presbyterian Church, will tell us more about the resettlement process and how our collective congregations can support this ministry.).

SYNOD BOOK STUDY

The synod's Racial Justice Task Force will be sponsoring a 5-part online Lenten Book Study, beginning **Monday, March 7th at 7pm on Zoom**. They will be reading and discussing the book *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. The study will be lead by Pastor Samantha Drennan and Pastor Suzanne Trump. Participants will be

asked to purchase their own copies of the book. If you are interested in attending, please register on the synod website (<http://nepasynod.org/>) or on their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=northeastern%20pennsylvania%20synod%20of%20the%20elca>).



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Just a reminder: Daylight Savings Time begins on **March 13th**. Remember to turn your clocks forward!

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP MINISTERS

The worship ministers for March 12th and 13th are listed here. Contact Josh Gulotta if you have any questions: **March 12th:** Assisting Minister: Sandra Butch. **March 13th 8:00 AM:** Assisting Minister: Donna Musselman; Communion Assistant: Tony; Lector: Nancy Kostas. **March 13th 10:00 AM:** Acolyte: Matthew Bleier; Lector: Rosalie Adducie.

PANTRY SUNDAY

Pantry Sunday is **March 13** at **Light of Christ** for the Northeast Community Center. Pantry needs are individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks), pancake mix and syrup, cereal, canned juice, tea and coffee and hygiene products (shampoo and body wash). Thank you for your support.

VOTING

In order to be eligible to vote at the congregational meeting on March 27th, you must have a contribution of record to your home church by **March 13th**. Contributions of record made in **2021 or 2022** will satisfy this require-

ment. This will be discussed further at the Town Hall meeting tomorrow, February 27th.

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

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

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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.



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 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 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!

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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- Donna Mackaravitz – 610-762-4213
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- Sharon Lintner – vice president 610-703-7904
- Susan Vitez-- secretary 610-390-9501
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- Ron Leposa – secretary 610-865-3523
- Linda Toltesi – 610-751-7915

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- David Kolman-president 908-797-7460
- Kenda Riley– vice president 610-554-1018

- Donna Musselman – secretary 610-791-1820
- Joe Bleier – treasurer 610-737-6613
- Matt Bleier – 610-216-2455
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THIS WEEK IN THE UPG: MARCH 5— MARCH 13

Saturday March 5

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

Sunday March 6

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 Sunday School at Light of Christ

10:30 AM Worship at Light of Christ

11:45 AM St. John's Windish Congregational Meeting

Monday March 7

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

7:00 PM Light of Christ Dart Baseball League (Ebenezer @ LOC)

7:00 PM Synod Book Study on Zoom

Tuesday March 8

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

7:00 PM GWOH/SAM Meeting at Light of Christ

Wednesday March 9

7:00 AM Fellowship Group

9:00 AM Christian Service

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

Thursday March 10

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

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

7:00 PM Transition Team meeting at Light of Christ

Friday March 11

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

Saturday March 12

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

Sunday March 13

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 Sunday School at Light of Christ

9:15 AM Book Club at Light of Christ

10:30 AM Worship at Light of Christ