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Christmas Eve



CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2024



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WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY	WORSHIP FULLY
LIVE GENEROUSLY	CELEBRATE GROWTH

**Visiting today?
Welcome!**

**December 24, 2024
Notes for Today's Service**

We hope that you will be able to join with us in worship in person or through the livestream on the website templelutheran.org.

Because this is a livestreamed service, your likeness may be shown on Temple's YouTube channel and website.

HOLY COMMUNION - We welcome **ALL** to share in the meal of God's forgiveness, receiving the real presence of Christ in the sacrament. Children are welcome to fully participate in Holy Communion or to come forward and receive a blessing. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.

OFFERING - During today's service, an offering will be gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. At Temple Lutheran Church, we acknowledge financial stewardship to be an act of discipleship, done in response to the Good News of God's love. As you hear God's Word today and consider the ways God has blessed you, we invite you to share only what God is calling you to share. We thank you for your generous gifts and assure you that your donations will help to change lives as we transform church, our neighborhood, and God's world in the name of Jesus.

Please consider e-giving as a way to continue meeting your pledge to Temple. Please contact our Financial Secretary for information or the form to do this at finsecretary@templelutheran.org.

For more information about Temple Lutheran, visit our website or use this QR Code.



A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS 2024:

“The Joy of Christmas”

The Joy of Christmas (The First Noel – It Came Upon the midnight Clear – O Come, All Ye Faithful) Arranged by Lloyd Larson – HANDBELL CHOIR

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine 14th century German carol; arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson – HANDBELL CHOIR

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella “Un flambeau, Jeanette, Isabella,” traditional French carol; arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson – HANDBELL CHOIR

O Little Town of Bethlehem Tune by Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908); arr. by Frances L. Callahan – HANDBELL CHOIR

Joy to the World Tune: ANTIOCH by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson – HANDBELL CHOIR

Welcome to Our World Words and Music by Chris Rice – NIKITA JOHNSON, SOLOIST

Away in a Manger Words: Traditional; Music: Old Irish melody (“Slane”); arr. by Sally DeFord – SUSAN BEST, SOLOIST

Christmas Time Is Here Words by Lee Mendelson, Music by Vince Guaraldi, Arranged by Robert Sterling – FESTIVAL CHOIR

Joy to the World Music by Aaron David Miller – FESTIVAL CHOIR

MUSIC DURING TODAY'S SERVICE

OPENING CAROL	#283	<i>Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful</i>
CAROL OF PRAISE	#270	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>
HANDBELL QUARTET		<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	#296	<i>What Child Is This</i>
SERMON CAROL	#279	<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>
OFFERTORY ANTHEM		<i>Follow That Star</i>
CANDLELIGHT MUSIC		<i>O Holy Night</i>
CANDLELIGHT CAROL	#281	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>
SENDING CAROL	#267	<i>Joy to the World</i>

Special Thanks to:

Director of Music Ministries: Florrie Marks
(Music Director, Organist, Pianist, Guitarist)

Handbell Choir: Kyle Barger, Susan Best, Beatrix Lay, Florrie Marks, Darcy Mannion, Maureen O’Ryan, Lynn Santo Domingo

Festival Choir: Susan Best, Sarah Foss, Nikita Johnson, Karen Kampmeyer-Mannix, Bridget McCormack, Lillian Mittleman, Maureen O’Ryan, Larry Passmore, Amanda Rossi

Handbell Quartet: Kyle Barger, Susan Best, Beatrix Lay, Florrie Marks

“O Holy Night”: Sarah Foss, soloist

Livestream and Tech: Ella MacDougall



ADVENT GENEROSITY PROJECT

The Sani-Tree for Menstrual Health

Temple Lutheran Church is collecting monetary donations for our Sani-Tree. All donations will go to purchasing menstrual products for local organizations that give to those in need.



Donations to TLC's "Advent Generosity Project" fundraiser have been made by:

Robert Klimczak in honor of Mary Klimczak,

Susan Best and Fran Talarowski in memory of Departed Loved Ones.

Janet and Dick Bruss in memory of our parents and grandparents.

Janet and Dick Bruss in honor of family: Liz, Mike, Alysha, Braylen, Xander, Debbie, Waine, David, Karen, Kristen, Stephen, Greyson, Kelsey, Jay, and Tom.

Jeanne Daniels in memory of loving parents Frank and Constance Loeb.

Celia Engman in celebration of women worldwide.

Eileen Keaveney in honor of All of TLC.

Joyce and Bob Quillen in honor of my family.

The Matson Family in memory of Honey Black Kay.

Gail and David Nichols in memory of Zeus, Kiya, Claudia, and Angelo.

Gail and David Nichols in honor of William & Vera Nichols and Warren & Alta Guth.

Lois Gasper in loving memory of Tom.

Maureen O’Ryan and Larry Passmore in memory of our parents.

Susan and Kelly Gallagher in honor of Audrey and Olivia.

Lillian Mittleman in memory of Mary Ann Mittleman and Vera Spangler.

Pastor Tim and Mary in honor of Denise Johansen and Dorothea Hazel.

Pastor Tim and Mary with love for our trans siblings.

David and Darcy Mannion in honor of our mothers.

Ingrid Burd in honor of our mothers.

Owen and Eli Markš in memory of our great grandmother Mary Jervis.

Jennifer Pruski in honor of John Pruski.

Kathy and Jim Farally in memory of our departed loved ones.

Kathy and Jim Farally in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Nikita Johnson in memory of Sylvia Johnson. Rest in Peace Mom.

Nikita Johnson in honor of Willie Dees. Rest in Peace Father.

Meghan Quillen.

Amy and Dario Mescia in celebration of our daughters, Eliotte and Isabel.



*The poinsettias in the chancel for the
Christmas Eve services are presented by:*

Nancy Hallowell in memory of loved ones who have passed on.

*Susan Best and Fran Talarowski in memory of Jane and Al Best, and
Rose and Fran Talarowski.*

*Susan Best and Fran Talarowski in honor of Amelia and Nicholas
Talarowski.*

*Engman and Dougherty Families in memory of our departed friends
and family.*

*Eileen Keaveney in honor of The Keaveney Family and the Hegarty
Family.*

*Susan, Michael, and Kelly Gallagher in memory of Mom, Dad Ben,
Dad Frank, Uncle Benny, Uncle Shannon, Parents, and
Grandparents.*

Nikita Johnson in honor of my Father Willie Dees, Rest in Peace.

*Ryan MacDougall in memory of Charles Kamakian, beloved great
grandfather.*

Kristy Burko in memory of my dear friend Jennifer Comerci.

*Bernie and Ann Toth in memory of our parents: Bernard & Mamie
Toth, and Clair & Ethel Heisler.*

*Bernie and Ann Toth in honor of our 8 grandchildren and 5 great-
grands.*

*Janice Convery in memory of Anna Marie Convery and Carmella
Leone.*

Richard and Cristina Gallo in memory of Marguerite & Frank Gallo and Lawrence & Alma DeVita

Lois Gasper in loving memory of Tom.

Lois Gasper in honor of my family.

Connie Bradley in memory of Evelyn Plumridge, Dianne Collins, Julia and Louis Geczy, and Mary Plumridge.

Nikita Johnson in memory of my Mother Sylvia Johnson, Rest in Peace.

Gail and David Nichols in memory of Our Parents.

Sarah Foss in honor of Shirley and Dick Lay; Keith Williams; and our extended family around the world.

Jeanne Daniels in memory of Frank and Constance Loeb.

Corey Wilkinson and family in memory of Sue Cook,

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement: Paul Arata, Margaret Barger, Brendan Bell, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Joan Clarke, Jane Corso, Mark Davis, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Julie Diehl, Diane Donnelly, Jeanne Donofrio, Chase Doyle and Adam, Christie Ennis, R.E. Faulkner, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Michelle Filler, Lois Ann Forgest-Oler, Todd Gasper, Evin Gerofsky, Thomas Gibson (Gibby), Ami H., Greg Hallquist, Roy Hallowell, Florence Homer, Craig Jamgochian, Boyce Johnson, Sylvia Johnson, Gina Kapusniak, Robert Keaveney, Kailyn Kilfoyle, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Jean Long, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Susie Margarite and family, Salvino Marra, Janet Marinari, Wayne Meider, Lino Mescia, Michelle, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, David Parker, Melissa Rhodes, Beth Rossi, Larry Rossi, Jeanne Santarsiero, Chris Smith, Clark Smith, Merry Snyder, Patricia Snyder, Karen Spangler, Derick Spence, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, family and friends of Richard Usher, Diana Valvardi, Steve and Sue Voccola, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, and Linda Wilke.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1–20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY

Welcome to Temple Lutheran Church of Havertown.

ALL are welcome here.

We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation which extends hospitality, support, encouragement, and full participation to all children of God who seek to join us in doing God's work.

ADULT EDUCATION AT CAFÉ Sundays at 9 am

Come enjoy coffee, tea and delicious treats while having wonderful discussions on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Café.



MUSIC MINISTRIES

Do you like to sing, play handbells, or play instruments? We would love for you to share your talents with Temple Lutheran Church! Please contact our Director of Music Ministries, Florrie Marks, at music@templelutheran.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays during worship. Resumes January 5th.

Children ages 4-11 will be dismissed to Sunday School after the Sermon on the Steps and return to worship at communion.



TL4C Youth Group

Next meetup is January 5, at 6 PM

Temple Lutheran Youth Room

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to TL4C.

This is an opportunity for our youth to grow in faith with one another and work together on service projects.



WORSHIP FULLY

Lessons and Carols



December 29 at 10 AM

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As we close out 2024, we will have worship filled with carols and lessons from the Christmas season. All are welcome!

ANNUAL MEETING January 26, 2025

Join us in Fellowship Hall as we break bread together and celebrate all the ministries of Temple Lutheran and vote on the budget for 2024.



Epiphany Sunday

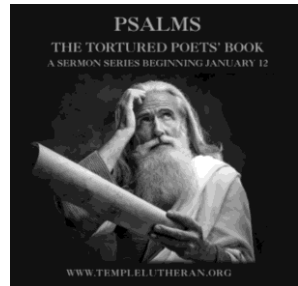


EPIPHANY SUNDAY January 5th

We will celebrate the revelation of God's light, hope, and love through Jesus Christ.

PSALMS: The Tortured Poets' Book Sermon Series Begins January 12th

Come hear Psalms: The Tortured Poets' Book Sermon series from Pastor Tim!





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TLC FOOD PANTRY 1-2:30 pm **Saturday, December 28**

TLC Food Pantry is open for in-person shopping every Saturday of the month from 1-2:30 pm.

Needs: Laundry detergent, Peanut butter, Toilet paper, Tomato products, Fruit, Cereal

***No glass or expired items**

Please reach out to **Bridget McCormack** if interested in being part of this ministry.



LIFE CENTER MEAL



Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Signup to make meatloaf, donate items needed, prep the food, or serve at the Life Center in Upper Darby on January 9, 2024.

For more information on this ministry, reach out to Ingrid at ifburd410@gmail.com.

To signup click the link or go to:

Life Center Signup

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EAAAE28A3FE3-life27#/>

GIVING TO TEMPLE

TLC is dedicated to transforming our church, our neighborhood, and God's world. Your contributions drastically affect the impact we can have on our community and beyond. It's because of your generosity that this is a growing, thriving, multi-generational community of people dedicated to living out our values of Inclusion, Service, and Community.

There are now many ways you can financially contribute regularly to TLC's Mission:

- Mail a check to the church office
501 Brookline Blvd, Havertown, PA 19083
- Authorize payment through your bank
- Sign up for electronic giving with Celia Engman

Questions? Contact [Celia Engman](#)

Use this [PayPal link](#) or QR Code



CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Tuesdays	8:30 p.m.	The Oakmont Group [AA Meeting]
	7:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Friday	7:30 p.m.	I Am Responsible [AA meeting]
Saturdays	9:30 a.m.	Bryn Mawr Early Birds [AA meeting]
Sundays	9:00 a.m.	Adult Café
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Jan. 5)

12-Step meetings are held regularly at the church, but not all of them are posted at the request of each group's leadership.

Please contact Pastor Tim if you have an addiction and need help.

Partners in Ministry

Ministers	People of Temple Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Timothy B. Johansen
Congregation Council President	David Nichols
Director of Music Ministries	Florrie Marks
Director of Discipleship	Rob Mannix
Parish Administrator	Darcy Mannion
Director of Sunday School	Jeanne Daniels
Youth Minister	Jennifer Pruski
Sexton	Calvin Lawler Sr.



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