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INCLUSION, SERVICE, COMMUNITY



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**Visiting today?  
Welcome!**

**December 1, 2024**

## **Notes for Today's Services**

**We hope that you will be able to join with us in worship in person or through the livestream on the website [templelutheran.org](http://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](mailto:finsecretary@templelutheran.org).

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





# WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY

**Welcome to Temple Lutheran Church of Havertown.**

**You are not alone.**

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.

**Core Values:** Inclusion, Community, Service

**Mission:** Welcome Unconditionally, Worship Fully, Live Generously, and Celebrate Growth

**Vision:** Transforming Church, Our Neighborhood, and God's World in the name of Jesus.

## **WELCOME BISHOP BRYAN PENMAN**

Bishop Bryan Penman was elected May 4<sup>th</sup> to serve as bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod and was installed on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please join us after worship for refreshments and snacks as we welcome Bishop Bryan Penman to Temple Lutheran.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR**



Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsals are starting Sundays after worship. If you are interested in joining a fun group of singers to make Christmas Eve extra wonderful, please email Florrie Marks at [music@templelutheran.org](mailto:music@templelutheran.org), or find her after worship!

## **COOKIES, COCKTAILS, AND KARAOKE**



**December 14 from 6-8 PM  
Fellowship Hall**

Join us for a free, family-friendly event, open to the whole community! Activities include cookie decorating and singing your karaoke favorites. Feel free to bring a favorite Christmas appetizer or dessert to share! Refreshments will be served.

## TLC FOOD PANTRY



**Saturday, December 28, 1-2:30 pm**

TLC Food Pantry is open for in-person shopping every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from 1-2:30 pm.

**Needs:** Applesauce, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Tea, Cereal, Mac and Cheese, Dish Soap, and Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, and Toilet Paper

**\*no glass or expired items\***

Please reach out to **Bridget McCormack** for more information.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### THE PARTY: A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**December 15, 10 AM**



Children are practicing for the pageant during Sunday School. Children are dismissed after the Sermon on the Steps and return to worship at Communion.

The Christmas Pageant dress rehearsal will be on December 14 from 4-6 pm. With the pageant during worship on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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



# WORSHIP FULLY

## CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

**December 8**

Come enjoy the second Sunday in Advent with a sermon on A Charlie Brown Christmas!



## TLC STEWARDSHIP - SING A NEW SONG!



November 24<sup>th</sup> was Consecration Sunday. If you haven't handed in your Estimate of Giving Card, we encourage you to pray about your monetary contribution to help TLC continue to transform itself, the community, and God's world by Welcoming Unconditionally, Worshipping Fully, Living Generously, and Celebrating Growth. Please fill out the Estimate of Giving Card and place in the offering or mail to the church to help us with our budgeting for 2025.

## ADULT EDUCATION AT CAFÉ



**Sundays at 9 AM** Come enjoy coffee, tea, and delicious treats with meaningful discussions. Every Sunday at 9 am. All are welcome!

## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



It is time to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary in memory or celebration of someone or something in your life. Poinsettias are \$8 by cash or check or \$8.50 online at [templelutheran.org/poinsettias](http://templelutheran.org/poinsettias). Order by December 15<sup>th</sup>!

## BREAKFAST CHURCH

**December 22, 10 AM**

**Fellowship Hall** Join us for breakfast church in Fellowship Hall on the Sunday before Christmas when we will worship and break bread together.





# LIVE GENEROUSLY

## CHESTER EASTSIDE MINISTRIES

### Gifts Due December 8

Grab a bag from church and fill it with toiletries and gifts for a Christmas surprise to be handed out to women at Chester Eastside Ministries.



## ADVENT GENEROSITY PROJECT

Temple Lutheran Church will be collecting monetary donations for our Sani-Tree. For every \$5 we will add an “ornament.” All donations will go to purchasing menstrual products for local organizations that give to those in need.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

January 22, 2025, 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall at TLC

Sign up to give blood today by scanning or clicking the QR code.



Scan to schedule an appointment.

### Need to contact the Pastor?

The Rev. Timothy Johansen,  
by calling (610) 446-3270

or by emailing [pastor@templelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@templelutheran.org)  
Emergency Phone Number (516)592-0412



# CELEBRATE GROWTH

## TL4C YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group activities and service projects are in the works! Next Youth Group meeting will be held on **December 1<sup>st</sup> 4:25 pm at Trinity Lutheran.**

**12/1** - Eagles/Ravens Watch Party (4:25 at Trinity)

**12/6** - Sixers Game vs Magic

Contact Youth Leader Jennifer Pruski at [jennerpruski@gmail.com](mailto:jennerpruski@gmail.com) for more information on TL4C and upcoming events.

## 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

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## 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
	11:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir / Christmas Eve Choir

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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>December</b>	<b>1</b>	Advent Begins – Seuss Sunday
	<b>8</b>	A Charlie Brown Christmas Sunday
	<b>14</b>	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 4-6 pm
	<b>14</b>	Cookies, Cocktails, and Karaoke! 6-8 pm
	<b>15</b>	Christmas Pageant 10 am
	<b>22</b>	Breakfast Church
	<b>24</b>	Christmas Eve Worship
		4 pm Children's Service, 7:30 pm Candlelight
	<b>25</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS!</b>

## 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
Children's Minister	Lisa Finley
Youth Minister	Jennifer Pruski
Sexton	Calvin Lawler Sr.



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