



# TEMPLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

INCLUSION, SERVICE, COMMUNITY

## *Lessons and Carols*



# DECEMBER 29, 2024



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LIVE GENEROUSLY	CELEBRATE GROWTH

**Visiting today?  
Welcome!**

**December 29, 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](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.**



## 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 Marks 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.*

## **LESSON READINGS:**

### **Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

### **Micah 5:2-5a**

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup>and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

### **Luke 1:26-35, 38**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## **Matthew 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

## **Luke 2:8-20**

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup>When 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." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## **Matthew 2:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

## **John 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**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 Forgoess-Oler, Todd Gasper, Evin Gerofsky, Thomas Gibson (Gibby), Ami Cuskelly, 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, Martin Mannion, 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.

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# 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](mailto:music@templelutheran.org).



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Sundays during worship. Resumes January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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 meet-up 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**



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**January 5<sup>th</sup>**

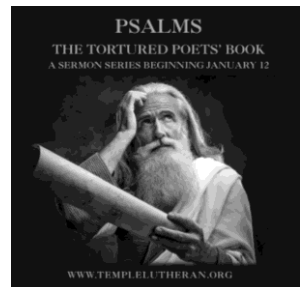
We will celebrate the revelation of God's light, hope, and love through Jesus Christ.

### **PSALMS:**

**The Tortured Poets' Book Sermon Series**

**Begins January 12<sup>th</sup>**

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





# LIVE GENEROUSLY AND CELEBRATE GROWTH



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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 **Bridgett 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](mailto:ifburd410@gmail.com). To signup click the link or go to:



<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](#)



## 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

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>29</b>	Lessons and Carols
<b>January</b>	<b>5</b>	Epiphany Sunday
	<b>5</b>	TL4C Youth Group at Temple 6 pm
	<b>12</b>	Psalms Sermon Series Begins
	<b>14</b>	Life Center Meal
	<b>25</b>	TLC Food Pantry 1-2:30 pm

## 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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