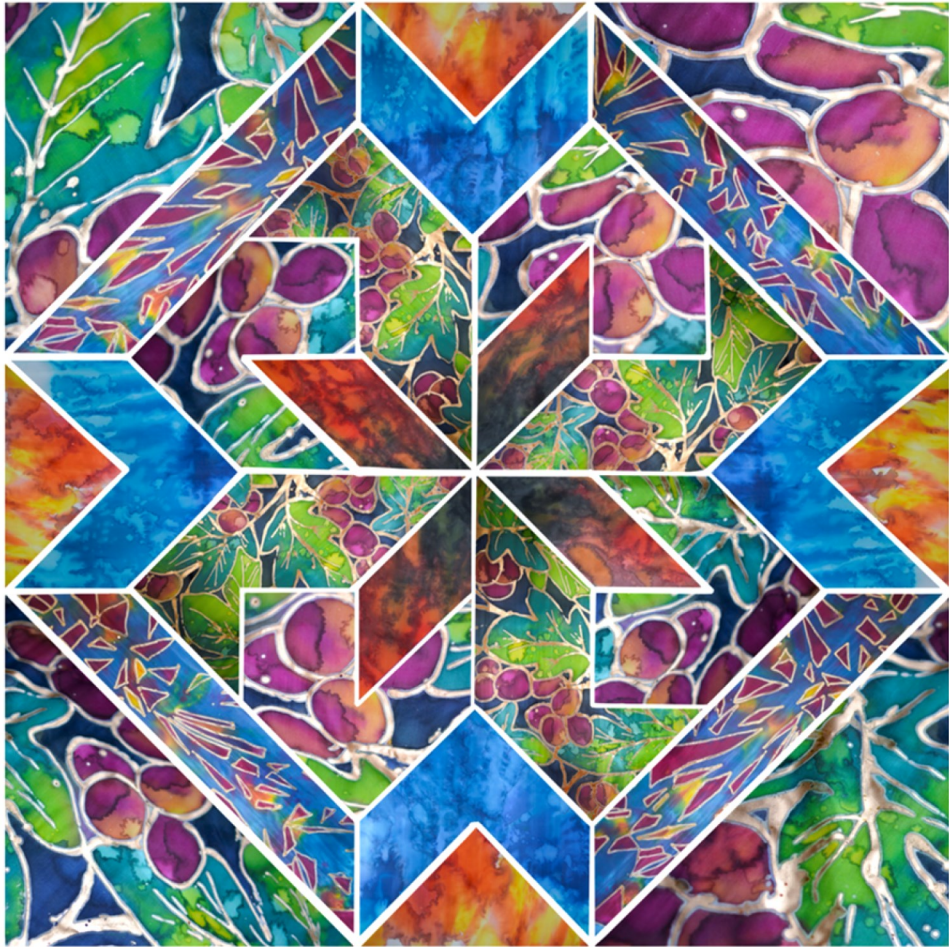




CAMP HILL
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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

- We invite children to use our activity area in the sanctuary. If your child needs a break away from the Sanctuary, feel free to use Room 3 of the Education Wing.
- Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth (rear of sanctuary).
- Greeting you today are Alice & Dean Crossland, Sue Rothman, and Rick Woodard.

Alice & Dennis Lebo have presented this morning's flowers in memory of loved ones.

Cover art, "The Good That Is Yours," Luke 3:7-16, and liturgy from Sanctified Art's "Words From the Beginning." ©A Sanctified Art LLC

Worship begins with the first note of the prelude – may we silence our voices and open our hearts, allowing the music to draw us together into the presence of God.

Prelude

Chorale VII from *Wachet Auf (Sleepers, Wake)*
The CHPC Brass Choir

J.S. Bach
arr. V. Bialecki

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Jeff & Peggy Heiss

L: In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again? Where do we start?

P: **Let us start small. Let us begin with what is right in front of us. Let us do the good that is ours to do, and let us do it with joy!**

L: Yes, let us begin with joy. Today we light the Candle of Joy.

P: **May these lights remind us of what could be. May these lights inspire action. May the warmth of these lights fill us with joy.**
(The Candle of Joy is lit.)

When God Is a Child

(Refrain): *When God is a child there's joy in our song.*

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright.

(Refrain)

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth.

(Refrain)

**Those who are able are asked to please stand.*

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Savior is born.

(Refrain)

*Call to Worship

Deacon Lisa Love

L: “Teacher,” the crowd asked, “What should we do?”

P: **If you have two shirts, give one away. Hold onto hope. Live like we belong to one another. Speak the truth. Look for God. Do the good that is yours to do.**

L: It’s all that easy, and it’s all that hard.

P: **Let us worship our present and active God.**

*Hymn 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

*Call to Confession

Friends, there are times when the weight of the world can feel so heavy on us. Fortunately, when we come before God in confession, God removes that weight. God sees our shame, our guilt, our sin, and offers us grace. So join me in the Prayer of Confession. Come and allow yourself to be freed. Come and allow yourself to begin again. Let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession

Liberating God, there are days when the world can feel like it’s crumbling. There are days when I doubt that I can make a difference. I ask myself, What could these two hands do? What could this one voice say? Shake me free of my own paralysis and self-doubt. Remind me that I am not called to fix everything. I am simply called to do the good that is mine to do. With hope in my heart and a fire in my bones, I pray. Amen.

*Words of Forgiveness

L: Friends, no matter how many times we lose momentum, doubt our own ability, or tell ourselves that the problems of the world are simply too big, God sees what we cannot. God calls us by name, surrounds us in grace, and invites us to begin again. Trusting in this good news, join me in proclaiming these words of forgiveness:

P: **We are loved. We are forgiven. We are invited to do the good that is ours to do. Thanks be to God for this new beginning. Amen.**

*Gloria (Hymn 583)

Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o! Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, a-le-lu-ia, a-le-lu-ia!

*Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

First Scripture Reading (OT, p.688)

Isaiah 58:9b-12

Anthem

Advent Dialogue
The Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p.60)

Luke 3:7-16

Sermon

“Words From the Beginning: Do the Good That Is Yours to Do”

The Rev. Nancy Conklin

Affirmation of Faith

L: John the Baptist’s followers once asked him, “What shall we do?” Church, knowing the state of the world, what is your answer?

P: **In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we say: Do not be discouraged by the weight of the world. Instead, hold fast to hope. Roll up your sleeves. Feed the hungry. Tend the garden. If you have two coats, give one away. Do the good that is yours to do. In doing so, you will see God. For this we believe: Small acts of love can make a difference. Amen.**

*Hymn 347

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
The CHPC Brass Choir

arr. Ken Bauer

*Doxology (Tune: “Old Hundredth”)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

**Over and over your grace sustains us; over and over your love provides for us;
over and over your arm steadies us. We give you these gifts, with gratitude and joy,
thankful that you are God over all. Amen.**

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn 105

People Look East

*Benediction

Postlude

Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel
The CHPC Brass Choir

arr. S. Drummond Wolff

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 16

10 a.m. — Staff Meeting; Pastor's Study

1 p.m. — Quilters & Crafters for Mission; Q&C Room

Tuesday, December 17

11 a.m. — Preschool Christmas Program; Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. — A.A. Big Book Study; Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 18

10 a.m. — Prayer Fellowship; Fellowship Hall (window side)

6 p.m. — Handbell Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

6:30 p.m. — Communications Commission Meeting; Blue Room

7 p.m. — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

Thursday, December 19

11 a.m. — Preschool Christmas Program; Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 20

Preschool Closed

Sunday, December 22

9 a.m. — Exegesis Adult Sunday School Class; Blue Room

9:45 a.m. — Choir Practice; Music Room

10:30 a.m. — Worship Service With Preschool Choir; Sanctuary

11:45 a.m. — Brass Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- **PW's Christmas Bake Sale** takes place **today, before and after worship, in the Gathering Place**. Don't forget to stop by and purchase delicious treats to share with family and friends!
- **Today's Christmas Caroling event is cancelled**. With a rash of colds among those who wished to attend, and limited RSVPs, organizers decided it was better not to share Christmas cheer with a side of virus. Wishing you Christmas cheer, and stay tuned for another event to raise our voices in song!
- Don't miss the **Cedar Cliff High School Chamber Singers and Wind Ensemble's Christmas concert tonight at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary**. The performance will feature organ accompaniment and traditional carol singing, including a candlelight version of "Silent Night." A reception will be held immediately after the concert in Fellowship Hall.
- Staff Commission is asking you to prayerfully consider giving a Christmas gift to our CHPC staff. **Tomorrow is the deadline**. Please marking check or online gifts with "Staff Christmas Gift" in the memo line. (Note that staff gifts are not tax-deductible.)
- **Dedications and donations to the Advent Decoration Fund or Christmas Joy Offering are due tomorrow**. Forms can be found in the Gathering Place.
- **Visitation Pastor Don Potter will be out of town Thursday, Dec. 19, through Friday, Jan. 3**. Please contact the office if you require pastoral care during this time.
- Next **Sunday, Dec. 22, our CHPC Preschool Choir will be singing** during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. There will be **no ARISE service that morning**.
- If you have **non-fragile Nativity scene angels, shepherds, and/or animals that you are willing to lend or give** to be used during the Christmas Eve family service, please contact the office.
- Join us this **Christmas Eve** for one of **two worship services** — or come to both! At **4:30 p.m.**, the **Interactive Family Service** will feature "The ABCs of Christmas." At **7:30 p.m.**, a traditional **Candlelight Service** of "Lessons and Carols" will be held. The offerings from both services will be given to Christian Churches United's Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven, a residential facility in downtown Harrisburg offering support and stable housing to men who are chronically homeless.

STATEMENT OF WELCOME & INCLUSION

As followers of Jesus, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We are committed to creating an inclusive space of belonging and safety. Therefore, this community of faith welcomes into full participation, membership, and leadership persons of diverse age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, level of education, class, and income.

Rooted in the Reformed tradition, we affirm that “God alone is Lord of the conscience,” allowing for a breadth of diverse theological and biblical interpretations. We covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we apply our faith in the circumstances of our lives and in the matters of our world.

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