



TEMPLE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

INCLUSION, SERVICE, COMMUNITY

Jesus, Mary,  
and Joseph!



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DECEMBER 3, 2023  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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CELEBRATE GROWTH

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**Visiting today?  
Welcome!**

**December 3, 2023**

## **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.**



## **GOSPEL READING    Luke 1:39-56**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." <sup>46</sup>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." <sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**For Healing and Encouragement:** Paul Arata, Dwin Barger, Brendan Bell, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Linda Clack, Joan Clarke, Jane Corso, Marge Davis, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Julie Diehl, Diane Donnely, Jeanne Donofrio, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Michelle Filler, Lois Ann Forgest-Oler, Todd Gasper, Tom Gasper, Evin Gerofsky, Thomas Gibson (Gibby), Greg Hallquist, Roy Hallowell, Florence Homer, Amy Ingram, Cari Isakson, Clay Isakson, Craig Jamgochian, Jan, Sylvia Johnson, Dan Joseph, Gina Kapusniak, Kailyn Kilfoyle, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Brian Lay, Jean Long, Leia Jean Louis, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Janet Marinari, Wayne Meider, Lino Mescia, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Melissa Rhodes, Jeanne Santarsiero, Chris Smith, Marty Smith, Merry Snyder, Patricia Snyder, Karen Spangler, Steve, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Diana Valvardi, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke.



WELCOME  
NEW MISSION PARTNERS

*Steve, Pati, Jay, Garren,  
and Anita Anderson*

*John Andrade*

*Tom, Jennifer, Giacomo, Giovonni, and  
Carina Comerci*

*Phil, Emily, and James Earley*

*Lisa Finley*

*Kristy, Dave, Seth, Jonah, and Regan  
Galbraith*

*Rich, Cristina, Lorenzo, and Olivia  
Gallo*

*Sylvia Johnson*

*Amanda Rossi*

*Greg Swindells*



# 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.



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## Cookies, Cocktails, and Karaoke

Saturday, December 16 at 6 p.m.



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.

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## COOKIES, COCKTAILS, AND KARAOKE!

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM

Come join in the fun at our annual Cookies, Cocktails, and Karaoke event in Fellowship Hall at Temple Lutheran! We will have cookie decorating for all, hot chocolate and snacks for the young and young at heart, cocktails and mocktails for the adults, and karaoke for all! This is a community event so bring your friends and neighbors! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

# ADULT EDUCATION AT CAFÉ

## Sundays at 9 am

**Join us** for introductions at 9 am and content at 9:15 am. **In Person (in the Café) or on Zoom.**

Come enjoy coffee, tea and delicious treats while having wonderful discussion and conversation on Sunday mornings at 9 am.



## TLC FOOD PANTRY 1-2:30 pm

### Saturday, December 23

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

#### Needs:

- Laundry detergent
- Peanut butter
- Toilet paper
- Tomato product
- Fruit
- Cereal

**\*no glass or expired items**



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

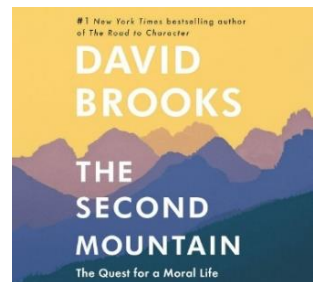
## TLC BOOK CLUB

**Monday, January 8,**

**7:30 PM**

**The Second Mountain:  
The Quest for a Moral Life  
By David Brooks**

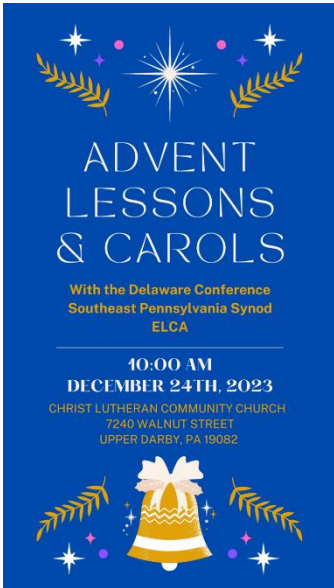
TLC Book Club will meet in person at Temple's Café, with the option to Zoom in.  
Meeting ID: 838 3646 6562  
Passcode: BookClub





# WORSHIP FULLY

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP TIMES



**Sunday, December 24, 10 AM**

Worship will be held at  
**Christ Lutheran Church in Upper Darby**

**\*There will be no morning worship in-person or livestreamed at Temple Lutheran Church.**



## TEMPLE LUTHERAN CHURCH Christmas Eve Worship Times December 24

4 PM Children's Service

7PM A Musical Celebration of Christmas

7:30 PM Candlelit worship

## MUSIC MINISTRIES - FESTIVAL CHOIR – Christmas Eve



The **Festival Choir** rehearses during Advent Sundays at 11:30am. Please see Florrie if you would like to sing in the Festival Choir at the **Christmas Eve Candlelit Service 7:30 pm.**

If you are interested in being part of the regular music ministries at Temple Lutheran Church, we have Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and Children's Music as well as other opportunities to share the gift of music. Contact our Director of Music Ministries, Florrie Marks at [music@templelutheran.org](mailto:music@templelutheran.org).

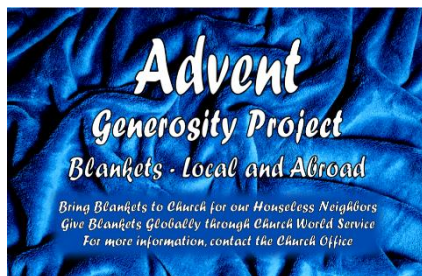


# LIVE GENEROUSLY

## ADVENT GENEROSITY PROJECT BLANKETS – Local and Abroad Got Blankets?

Do you have extra blankets at home that you could do without, but would really help the homeless as winter is upon us? We are collecting items for the homeless to keep them warm, such as blankets, sweatshirts and pants, socks, and pillows.

We are making a push to collect as much as possible before Christmas and will be delivering them to "Project Home" and "Chosen 300 Ministries." You can bring them to church on Sundays or contact **Greg Swindells (215-620-8181)** to arrange a pick up at your home.



Through CWS for every \$10 a blanket will be provided to a person in need in the world. Order by bulletin insert on Sunday, or mail to the church mentioning the blanket drive and please note if in honor, memory, or celebration of someone. For each \$10 we will have blanket ornaments put onto the tree in the narthex.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

If you haven't received an email or a call, but signed up please contact the office. The tags never came, but we have a list! Gifts will be due Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>! Thank you for your generosity!



## CHESTER EASTSIDE MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS BAGS

Please remember to decorate those white bags you took home and fill them with gifts for women at Chester Eastside Ministries!

If your child brought one home, please have them decorate the bag for Christmas, and either fill it, or bring it to church for someone else to fill for Christmas. Bags are due back for a blessing and delivery to Chester on **December 10<sup>th</sup>**!





# CELEBRATE GROWTH

## TL4C - TEENS LIVING 4 CHRIST



Next meetup is December 3

5:30 PM

Wynnewood Lanes

At the next meeting, Youth will meet at Wynnewood Lanes to write cards for nursing homes in our area to

distribute for Christmas and bowl!

**Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.**

### WREATH PICKUP 11:30 AM DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

For those who ordered from the **wreath fundraiser**, we have gotten the delivery and they will be ready for pickup this weekend! We will have any items sold through Temple's youth available for pickup after church December 3. We have extra wreaths, centerpieces, and trees so if you didn't get a chance to order please contact the office or see us after church December 3!



### TL4C PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
1141 West Chester Pike  
December 9<sup>th</sup>  
9 - 11 am**

Plates \$9  
Kid Plates \$5  
(plates include 2 pancakes, 2 pieces of bacon or sausage & unlimited drinks)

**SANTA will make an appearance! Come on out for delicious breakfast and support our youth!**

## 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 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](#)

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## 2024 GIVING PLEDGE

For anyone who was unable to fill out their Commitment of Giving Card for 2024, there will be cards in the narthex (fill it out and place in the offering plate) or use this QR code.

2024 Giving Pledge



### **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

## 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.	Sunday School / Adult Café
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Music
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Festival Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (no Class 11/26) Youth Group (Dec. 3,)

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>3</b>	Advent Begins / Youth Group 5:30 pm
	<b>16</b>	Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal 4 pm
	<b>16</b>	Cookies, Cocktails, and Karaoke! 6 pm
	<b>17</b>	'Twas the Night Before Christmas Pageant
	<b>24</b>	Christmas Eve Sunday morning worship @ Christ Lutheran in Upper Darby
	<b>24</b>	Christmas Eve Worship Times 4 and 7:30pm
	<b>24</b>	A Christmas Celebration of Music 7 pm

## Partners in Ministry

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



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