



Community of Christ Lutheran Church
Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude

“Carol of the Mother” by Alfred Burt

Eric Dickey

WE REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM

“Confession and Forgiveness”

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the living God, who has kept the promises to our ancestors, who meets us here in our expectations, and who pulls us into the future for good. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

O God, our truest hope, Have mercy on us. We confess the crookedness inside our hearts that leads us astray. We are fearful when the world is shaken, and we are weighed down with the worries of this life. We are complacent in the face of others’ needs. Afraid of change, we stay stuck in old ruts of sin when you tell us you are doing something new. In your compassion, forgive us. Turn us back to you. Free us from our fear. Awaken us from apathy. And draw us into your promised future, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Beloved, God forgives us and enables us to begin again. God’s messengers tell us we do not have to be afraid. In the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us and for whom we wait, your sins are forgiven, and we are free to follow in his way. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

“All Earth Is Hopeful”

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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** **And also with you.**

Refrain

Assisting minister

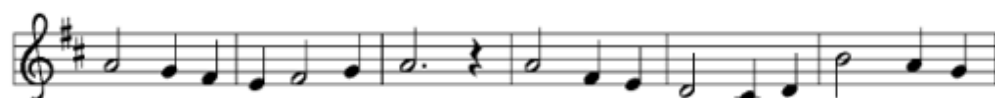


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **P Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Lead by Pastor Steve, 8:00 a.m., and Choir, 10:00 a.m.

Week Two – Peace

by Lisa Alleman

Light one can - dle of peace in the dark - ness, light one can - dle for me
Peace for the child - in - a war wear - y world, peace that will qui - et all ang - ry words
peace that will turn us u - ni - ted - to thee - Light one can - dle of peace.

Childrens Sermon

Anthem 10:00 a.m.

“An Advent Carol”

Choir

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the

offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

L The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79 (Spoken Responsively)

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,

you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,

⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**free to worship you | without fear,
⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

The Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced

the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God!



The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

P The Holy Gospel according to...C Glory to you, O Lord!

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

‘and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

P The Gospel of the Lord! C Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"In the Middle of Nowhere, God..." Pastor Stephen Bond

Hymn

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

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Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

WE DEDICATE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

P As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

AM Refining God, move through your church. Root out practices that harm your people and kindle a fire for sharing the gospel among bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

AM Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

AM Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

AM Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O’Konski, Larry Geer, Luke Holtz, Susie Donnal, Ron Hetherwick, Martina Benton, Janet Dellinger, Jake Cope, Debbie Carman, Alexa Ayres, Cory Kaczor, Eric Lewis, Phillip Hart, Harold Shoupe Jr., Jacki Sutter, Jacquelyn Krohn, Eli & Alexis Bibler and baby to be, Jeff Baden, Tordis Brosten....** and all those we remember in silence. Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

AM Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by worship committees, music ensembles, staff, clergy, and lay leaders as they work in the weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

AM Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you. Guide us in deep gratitude for their life and allow us to learn from their faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P Savior of the nations, come and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

All Christians are welcome to commune at our Altar. You do not have to be a member of this congregation to receive Communion. Grape juice is available in the inner ring of glasses for those desiring it. A “gluten-free” host option is available upon request as well.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you all! **C** **And also with you!**

Share an expression of peace with your neighbor, please.

The congregation continues to stand during Tithes and Offerings if you are able.

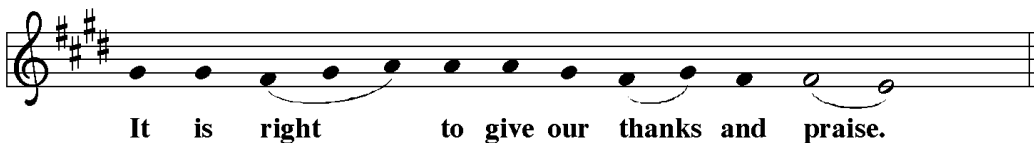
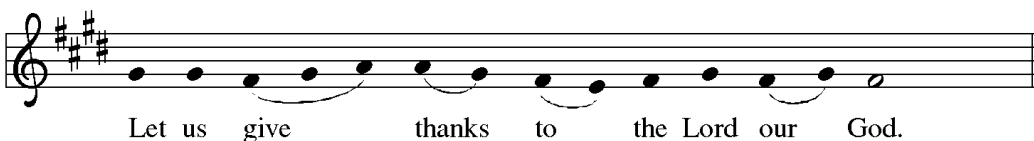
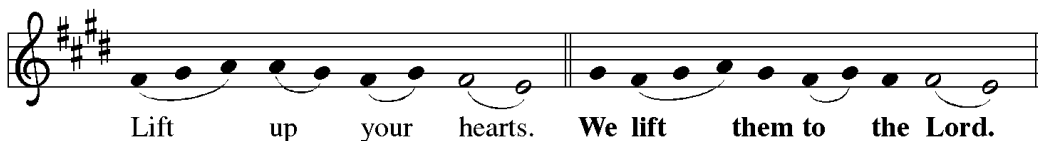
Our Tithes and Offerings *Bring your gifts to the Altar or you may offer gifts in the tray located at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.*

Offering Prayer

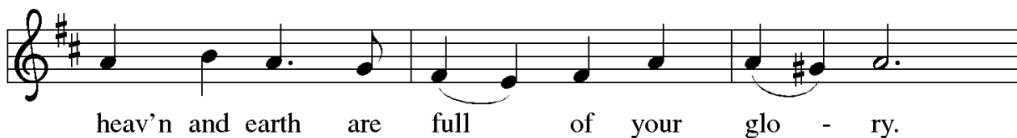
AM Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world,

and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



**The Eucharistic Prayer Continues.....





in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray... **C** **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

AM Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Milestones & Announcements:

The Blessing

P God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✝ bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Hark, the Glad Sound!”

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Dismissal

AM Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

AM And next week, **C Bring a friend!**



“Making Jesus Known”

Welcome to Community of Christ! Our family welcomes you to the house of the Lord today! We ask God to bless His Holy Word and Sacrament today so that his people might receive strength for living out our days! If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Community of Christ!

We WELCOME YOU to worship with us at one of our TWO worship services. Join us at 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. in person or on Facebook Live. We look forward to seeing you and as always **BRING A FRIEND!!!!**

2024 Congregational Meeting!

TODAY! Sunday, December 8, following the 10:00 a.m. service.
Please plan to attend!

“More Than Wishful Thinking: An Exploration of Christian Hope” Advent Adult Sunday School Series: Hope is a funny word. Sometimes we use it with bold confidence in spite of impossible odds: “Even though he was wrongfully imprisoned, he held onto hope that he would be vindicated and set free.” Sometimes we use it as a polite way of expressing doubt, like when you say, “I hope it doesn’t rain today,” while the sky darkens with threatening clouds from the west. Emily Dickinson famously said that hope was “the thing with feathers that perches in the soul—and sings the tune without the words, and never stops at all...” And of course, as one hero in the Star Wars movies says about fighting against the Galactic Empire, “Rebellions are built on hope.” That’s a lot of range for one word to have to cover—and maybe it can be confusing for us as Christians to know what we are talking about when we say we are people of *hope*. This Advent season especially is one marked by both waiting and hope (which, fun fact, use the same word in Spanish!), as we hear the centuries-long hopes of prophets and exiles who waited

and hoped for homecoming, for restoration, and for the arrival of the promised Anointed One (Messiah/Christ) of God. We also hear in these weeks the hope we have for God's new creation when all things are made new. So, what does it mean for us to be people of hope, and how is it different from just "wishful thinking" or mere optimism? That's what we want to explore in this December's Adult Sunday School series, running on December 1, 8, 15, and 22 between services. On all of those dates except the 22nd, we'll be in the fellowship hall, and on Dec. 22 we'll move to the Council Room to allow the kids to have the larger space for the Birthday Party for Jesus! We *hope* you'll join us around the table for good conversation and learning together this Advent in the Adult Class!

New Thursday Bible Study Series: "Things Seen and Unseen"

Starting this December, we'll begin a new series in our Thursday Afternoon Bible Study, co-led between Pastor Steve and Vicar Natalie, exploring angels and other spiritual beings in the Bible, what we do (and don't!) know about them, and what difference their existence makes in our lives. Have you ever been curious about what angels look like, or where some people get the idea of "guardian" angels from? Don't know your "cherubim" from your "seraphim"? Wonder why the first words out of the angels' mouths in the Bible are so often, "Do not be afraid!"? Join us on Thursdays beginning in December and running into the new year as we explore Things Seen and Unseen: An Introduction to Angels in our Thursday Afternoon Bible Study, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Room, starting Dec. 5 after our series on Galatians concludes! We'd love to have you around the table!

Sunday School "Birthday Party for Jesus" on Dec. 22 at 9:00 a.m.!

While our Sunday School classes for kids have been meeting every Sunday throughout the fall, we're doing something special on the Sunday before Christmas—our annual "Birthday Party for Jesus" event at 9:00 a.m. (between services) on Sunday, Dec. 22 in the fellowship hall! (Grown-ups, you'll find the Adult Sunday School class in the Council room on that day!) Join us and kids of all ages for songs, fun, food, and a chance to celebrate together as we say, "Happy birthday, Jesus!"



Advent Midweek Worship with Holden Evening Prayer

We call Jesus the "Prince of Peace," and we sing that on the night of his birth "all is calm, all is bright."

But quite often our lives are especially hectic and stressful in the weeks before Christmas, aren't they?

From gift-buying and cookie baking to parties and concerts, from decorating our houses and family gatherings, we can feel flustered and frazzled during the “most wonderful time of the year” rather than at peace. So, we want to invite you to a weekly chance to hit the pause button on the craziness and be re-centered on the Good News of God’s coming to us in Christ, with our three Advent midweek services using Holden Evening Prayer.

On Dec. 4, 11, and 18 (each are Wednesdays) at 7:00 p.m., join us for a beautiful and contemplative sung setting of Evening Prayer and reflections on the Word that will ground us in our hope for Jesus’ coming. If you’ve never experienced this setting for evening worship, you’ll definitely want to try it, and this is a fantastic event to invite friends and neighbors to, as well! Join us this Advent!



Blue Christmas Service Offers Comfort and Hope — Dec. 22 at 3:00 p.m.

The holidays can be a difficult time for people, especially if they’re dealing with grief and loss. Whether still working through a recent death, feeling renewed sadness over a long-time loss, or just struggling while others seem full of Christmas-time cheer, this can be a heavy season of the year. So, we’ll continue a tradition we’ve done for the last several years here at Community of Christ by hosting a Blue Christmas service—a time of worship that offers comfort for those who need it, particularly at this time of year, and that connects our faith in God-with-Us who came among us in Bethlehem with our lived experience of loss and grief. This year’s service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22, and is open to any and all who would find it helpful. You are welcome to invite friends, relatives, neighbors, or community members who might need a moment this season for grief to be named and comfort to be given, here at Community of Christ.

A Cherished Tradition - The Annual Covenant Renewal: Community of Christ

From the very beginning, the founding pastor and leaders of our congregation established a tradition of annually affirming our commitment to the work God is doing through this community. Starting today, Sunday, December 1, all who gather in worship, whether in person or online, will have the opportunity to renew this covenant. More details will be shared during the Sunday morning services. We encourage you to reflect on this covenant and recommit to your participation in the life and ministry of Community of Christ.



Christmas Eve Services

Community of Christ will host three worship services on Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., & 11:00 p.m. Each worship service will include Christmas carols, candlelight (and glow sticks for the kids), and Holy Communion. Invite a friend to worship with you this season!



****Adopt a Resident at the Lutheran Home of Mercy!****

Thank you to those who have adopted a resident! Your thoughtful gift can make a significant difference in their lives.

****Important Details:** Due TODAY: Sunday, December 8th.** Please DO NOT wrap gifts, as they need to be inventoried. Instead, please place them in one Christmas gift bag. After dropping off your gift(s), please write the date on your pink or blue paper to help us track and confirm that all resident gifts are accounted for. Thank you for your generosity!



Salem Gifts for Children

This year, as in past years, Community of Christ has the opportunity to reach out and bless the children of our sister church, Salem Lutheran Church, in north Toledo.

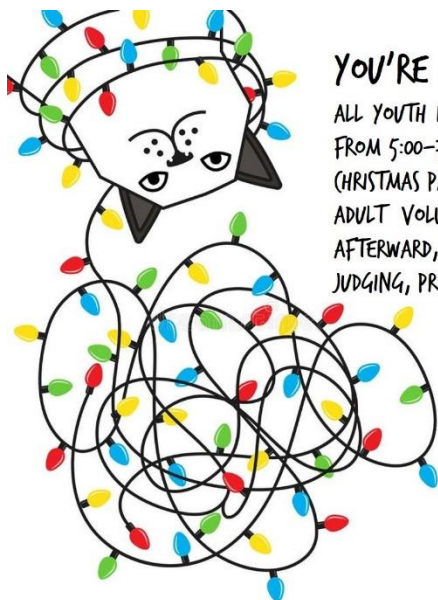
Pastor Mike from Salem provided us with a list of children's names and their gift requests. Both have been incorporated into an envelope and are displayed on the

bulletin board in the Gathering place. Here are some important dates for the project:

- See the bulletin board in the Gathering Place with Salem Angel requests.
- Select your "Angel" and enter your name and phone number on the pink or blue Angel slip on the board. Take the envelope behind the pink or blue slip with you. It has all the information you need regarding the gift request.
Please do not remove the pink or blue slips or relocate them on the board as this is our inventory method.
- Shop for your "Angel" and leave your gift under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

- **Sunday, December 15th, 2024**, is the last day to return your gifts. Please have them under the tree **no later than 11:30 a.m.** Ken and I will be transferring your gifts to Salem that day!

Thanks for helping to bless these children at Christmas! Shelly & Ken Hayes



YOU'RE INVITED... TO A **CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT!**

ALL YOUTH IN 5TH-12TH GRADES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH FROM 5:00-7:00 P.M. FOR A FUN YOUTH EVENT INCLUDING A SCAVENGER HUNT AND CHRISTMAS PARTY. WE WILL MEET AT HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT 5 P.M. AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS WILL DRIVE GROUPS AROUND FOR THE SCAVENGER HUNT. AFTERWARD, WE WILL MEET BACK AT COMMUNITY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR JUDGING, PRIZES, PIZZA, AND THE MAKING OF A GIANT ANDY SALAD!

What: Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Who: all youth in grades 5-12
friends are welcome!

When: Sunday, Dec. 15 5:00-7:00pm

Where: **start** at Hope United Methodist
(10610 Waterville St., Whitehouse)
end at Community of Christ Lutheran
(6517 Finzel Road, Whitehouse)

How do I sign up? Use this QR code to RSVP
by Friday, Dec. 13!



Looking for a meaningful Christmas gift while supporting our church? We've got the perfect solution! Reserve your copies of *A Wondrous Night* and *Tiny Candle* at the kiosk. Chad will have books available in the fellowship hall on December 15th. These heartwarming children's books, sharing the Christmas story, are written by Sandy Ackerman and illustrated by Todd Ackerman—mother and brother of Chad Ackerman. After covering costs, all proceeds will be donated to Community of Christ.

Prices:

- *A Wondrous Night** – \$14.95
- *Tiny Candle** – \$16.95

If you'd like your books sooner, contact Chad at 1chadackerman@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Fellowship invites you to join us for a **Toledo Walleye Hockey** game on January 5th, 2025 @ 5:15 p.m.! Tickets are just \$17 per person. (No online sign-up this time.) To reserve your spot, please sign up at the kiosk and submit your payment by December 22nd. Cash is the easiest option, but if you need alternatives, see Chad Ackerman. You can also drop the exact amount in a marked envelope with Michelle in the office. Don't miss out—sign up today!

Join Us for our 2nd Annual Christmas Caroling!

Saturday, December 14th. Please join us as we go out and spread Christmas joy to some of our shut-ins and community members. No experience is required! No talent is required! The words for the carols will be provided so no need to worry about not knowing the words. Start time is currently being worked out and after spreading Christmas joy we'll share in some holiday cheer with pizza and snacks at the Swagler's home. Please sign-up sheet at the kiosk.

Monthly Singing Visit to Blue Creek Nursing Home—Dec. 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Every month, volunteers from Community of Christ gather at Blue Creek Nursing Home (11239 Waterville Street here in Whitehouse) on the *second Tuesday* at 10:00 a.m. to share a brief (30 min) time of singing, prayer, and fellowship. We can use singers every month, whenever you are able, but especially in December we would welcome extra voices as we sing Christmas carols and songs of the season with the residents. If you want to join us, you can just meet us at Blue Creek on December 10 at 10:00 a.m., or if you have questions, see Cinda Pontsler, Cheryl Fischer, or Pastor Steve!

****We Welcome Volunteers of All Ages!****

There are many ways to serve at Community of Christ, including as a Door Greeter, Lector, Bulletin Distributor, Acolyte, Worship Assistant, Camera Operator for live streaming, or helping with Communion Set-up and Clean-up.

To volunteer, simply visit [www.commofchrist.org](<http://www.commofchrist.org>), click on *Volunteer for Worship*, select the ministry area you'd like to serve, then choose the date(s) you are available. After selecting your time slot, click on the "Sign Up" box, scroll to the bottom, and click "Submit and Sign Up."

" You will receive a confirmation email and a reminder shortly before your assigned date. ** Important: ** If you need to cancel, please arrange for another volunteer to cover your position, and update your cancellation in Sign-Up Genius so that others can see the availability. Training is available at any time! Contact Laurie Mauro at (419) 877-5366. We look forward to serving with you!

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NORTH -END TEEN ART SHOW

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

At Hope Lutheran Church, the young people and adult leaders from Salem's Teen Program will showcase their work from the past year. All proceeds from young artists' work will go to them. Adult work will go towards the program.

You can RSVP to:

PastorSalemLutheranChurch@gmail.com



Salem: The Church with a Real Heart in the Heart of the Inncrcity



A Prayer for Janet and Jeff as they undergo kidney surgery on December 10.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to You with a heart full of trust and faith in Your healing power. We lift Janet and Jeff up in prayer as they prepare for kidney surgery. You are the ultimate Healer, the source of all strength, and the one who holds our lives in Your loving hands.

Please guide the surgeons, nurses, and all those involved in the surgery. Grant them wisdom, steady hands, and skill as they work. Surround them with Your presence and help them carry out their tasks with confidence and care.

Lord, we ask for Your protection over Janet and Jeff during the surgery and throughout their recovery. May Your peace calm their mind and ease their worries. Let Your healing touch be upon their body, restoring their health and giving them strength at every step of the recovery process.

Please bring comfort to Janet, Jeff, and their loved ones during this time. Fill them with Your peace and reassure them of Your constant presence. We trust in Your perfect plan, knowing You are with us in every moment. In Your name, we pray, Amen.



Worship Services
Available on the net
at www.commofchrist.org

OR you can use your cell phone camera to access our website with our QR code!

What's Happening This Week?



LWR Quilt ministry
Tuesday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.
Holden Evening Prayer
Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice
Wednesday, December 11, 7:45 p.m.
Pastor's Bible Study
Thursday, December 12, 1:00 p.m.
Christmas Caroling
Saturday, December 14, 5:00 p.m.
Youth Christmas Scavenger Hunt
Sunday, December 15, 5:00 p.m.
Church Office Closed
December 24, 25 December 31 and January 1



Did one of our Bible readings capture your attention today? Was there a story you could picture in your mind? Did a phrase from a hymn or a thought from the sermon start some new ideas or inspire some reflection? Did a Scripture passage spark a question for you to think about? Use this space here as an open canvas for your faithful imagination: you can draw a picture of something you pictured, write a question, take

notes from the message or scriptures, or doodle your faith into a visible form here. Then, either take it with you or leave your thoughts and images here to be shared in an ongoing collection here at Community of Christ!