

Today's Announcements:

The Worship Service is at 10:30 am. There is No Sunday School. We thank Dan Serlenga for giving the Sermon, and Lucia Lee and Stephen McCloughan for being our Accompanists. We also thank Cellist, Judi Morgan

Sermons for the Month of January:
1/7- Communion/Pastor Peter Gregory
1/14- Phil McCloughan
1/21 & 1/28- Russ Topping

Accompanists for January:
To Be Determined

January 8th- 7:00 pm Session Prayer Meeting.

The Soup Sales will be Starting on Saturday January 6th from 9:00 am-2:00 pm (or until sold out.) The Dates for the Soup Sales are: Jan. 6, 20 & 27. Feb. 3 & 17, and March 2. If you are able to help sell at the Soup Sales, please sign up on the downstairs bulletin board! Thank you.

Plan Ahead:

The Annual Reports for 2023 are due to the Church Office during the month of January. If you have done a report in the past, please send in one in. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sue. Thank you!

January 15th- 7:00 pm Session Business Meeting at Westminster House.

January 16th- 7:00pm Deacon Meeting at Westminster House.

January 20th- February Newsletter Items are due to the Church Office.

Ministries This Week:

MONDAY
Happy New Year!

TUESDAY
5-8:00 pm LBL
9:00 pm AA

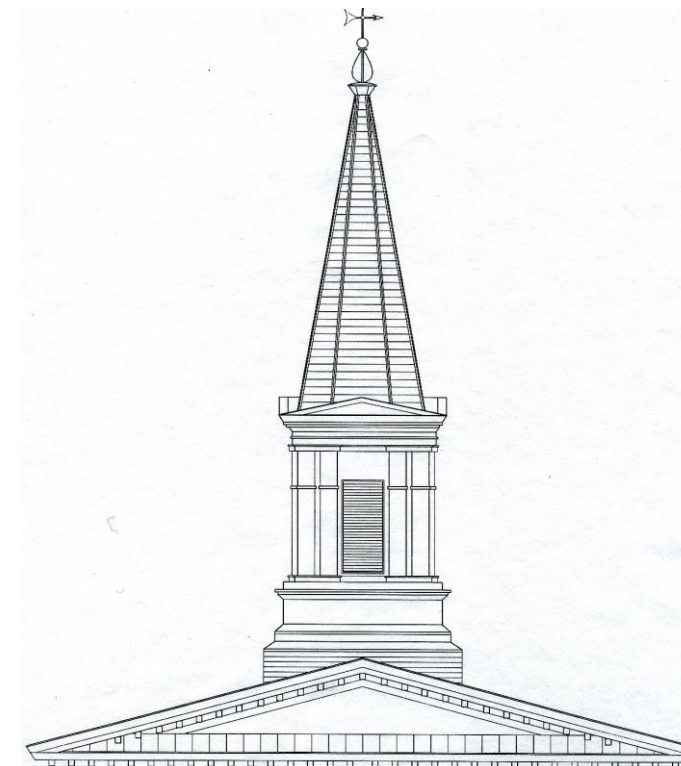
WEDNESDAY
2:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study
5-9:00 pm LBL

THURSDAY
5-9:00 pm LBL

FRIDAY
4-5:00 pm Girl Scouts
6:00 pm Roller Skating for Youth to 6th Grade

SATURDAY
7:00 am-4:00 pm LBL
9:00 am-2:00 pm Soup Sale

NEXT SUNDAY
Communion Sunday/Pastor Peter Gregory
9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
Care & Share after the Worship Service



The Community Church of Lambertville

A House of Prayer for All People

Since 1816

Our Mission and Calling:

Lead by the Holy Spirit we will,

Celebrate our Lord through vibrant worship

Witness by the example of a Christ centered life

Prepare God's people for service

***Proclaim the Good News of Salvation through our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ***

Hymn Time:

"Hark! the Angels Sing"
Charles Wesley (1717-1788)

Christmas carols as we know them were abolished by the English Puritan parliament in 1627, because they were part of a "worldly festival," which they considered Christmas to be. As a result, there was a scarcity of Christmas hymns and carols in the 17th and early 18th centuries. Charles Wesley's "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" was one of the few written during this period. Wesley's fine text and the melody by master composer Felix Mendelssohn have given this song its great popularity and its standing as a classic among Christmas songs.

Like many of Wesley's more than 6500 hymns, this text clearly presents Biblical doctrine in poetic language. The first stanza describes the song of the angels outside Bethlehem with an invitation to join them in praise of Christ. The following verses present the truths of the virgin birth, Christ's deity, our hope for eternal life, the new birth of the believer, and a prayer for the transforming power of Christ in our lives.

Our Elders:

Joanne DiBlasi
215-862-9832
Pat Durborow
609-651-7388
Phil McCloughan
609-947-3520
Heather McIntyre
610-438-1392
Don Pidcock
609-397-3560
Karen Thatcher
609-397-8430

Our Deacons:

Gail Armitage
215-862-9385
Jen Chernoski
609-234-1216
Heidi Danberry
609-865-7254
LaNelle Gallagher
609-306-1479
Terry Peck
908-500-5486
Heather Pursell
609-610-8483

Our Missions Team:

Addie Andino
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Gail Armitage
215-862-9385
Konni Sandford
609-865-6072
Russ Topping
609-397-4856
Donna Zambella
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December 31, 2023
10:30 AM

The First Sunday of Christmas

Prelude: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

+Call to Worship: #246- Red Hymnal

Prince of Peace (All In Unison)

+Hymn: #811

Another Year Is Dawning

+Passing of the Peace

+Glory Be to the Father #813

In the Presence of the Lord

Prayers of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Offering/+Doxology #815

What Child is This?

Under the Authority of Christ, the Savior

+Hymn: #393

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Scripture:

Revelation 1:1-8

Message:

Seven Spirits of God

Depart to Serve the Lord

+Hymn: #277

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

+ Benediction

Postlude: *And Can It Be?*

+ Please stand if you are able

>Welcome to the Community Church!



A warm and sincere welcome to one and all!
It is a privilege to gather as God's people to open ourselves
to the presence of God and to praise God with loving hearts.

Church Office Phone Number: 609-397-0650

Website: www.lambpres.org

Participating in Today's Service:

Elder: Joanne DiBlasi

Deacon: Jen Chernoski

Greeter: Gail Armitage

Worship Assisting for January:

Elder Schedule

January 7- **Communion**/Pat Durborow

January 14- Phil McCloughan

January 21- Don Pidcock

January 28- Karen Thatcher

Deacon Schedule

January 7- **TBD**

January 14-

January 21-

January 28-

Greeting Schedule

January 7- **TBD**

January 14-

January 21-

January 28-

**Church Office:
Thursday and Friday
10:30 am-2:30 pm
Wednesday 1-5:00 pm**

**The Elder on Call for the Month of January
is: Don Pidcock 609-397-3560**

About the Message:

What would you do if given the task to break a big rock into little rocks. Would you go to the store and buy a hammer and chisel? Would you hire someone else to smash it? Would you try to carry it to the top of a building and drop it off the roof? Would you develop a scientific plan to freeze and thaw the rock to break it. Would you just worry about how you are going to break it? Or would you use dynamite? Our lives are one big rock after another. Our plans may work out sometimes, but there is a better plan. You are not alone. There is a rock smasher who longs to help YOU! Let's dig deeper together.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

