# Today's Announcements:

It is Epiphany and Communion Sunday. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:00 am, and the Worship Service is at 10:30. We thank Pastor Gregory for being with us today. Stephen McCloughan is our Accompanist. There will be Care & Share after the Worship Service.

Sermons for the month of January: 1/14- Russ Topping

1/21- Phil McCloughan 1/28- Russ Topping

Accompanists for January: Jan. 14 & 21- Stephen McCloughan Jan. 28- TBD

The Dates for the Soup Sales are: Jan. 20 & 27. Feb. 3 & 17, and March 2, and are from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. 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. The reports are due by the end of the month. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sue. Thank you!

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

January 16<sup>th</sup>- 7:00pm Deacon Meeting at Westminster House.

January 20<sup>th</sup>- February Newsletter Items are due to the Church Office.

A Message from Don and Desre-We would like to thank you so much for your support and prayers for our recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic, especially for your funding and suitcase items. You have touched the lives of many and showed that other people care for them. Your DR Missionaries, Pat, Terry, LaNelle, Carin, Dillon, Bo, Crystal and Cooie.

#### Hymn Time:

"There is a Redeemer" Melody Green (1946-)

Melody was born in Hollywood California, but grew up in Venice, CA., with the beach being her playground. She realized at a young age, that there must be a "creator", because of all the beauty she saw around her.

Melody's grandparents emigrated into the United States from Russia during WWI, but Melody's mom was born in this country. Melody was raised in the Orthodox Jewish Faith, but called herself a "Jewish Christian" after attending a bible study which changed her life in 1975. Her future husband Keith, she met while working in a production company. He was an up-and-coming musician with a similar path.

She wrote "There is a Redeemer" in 1977, but it wasn't released until 1982 as a hymn by Keith. However, after he had released the song, tragedy struck and Keith lost his life in a plane crash. In the fall of 1982, Melody traveled across the country with the *Keith Green Memorial Concert*, in which this hymn was sung.

Melody has written many hymns. Today, this hymn is found in many hymnals around the world, and has been described as a "classic."

## Ministries This Week:

#### **MONDAY**

5-7:00 pm LBL

# 7:00 pm Session Prayer

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

#### **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**

6:00 pm Roller Skating up to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

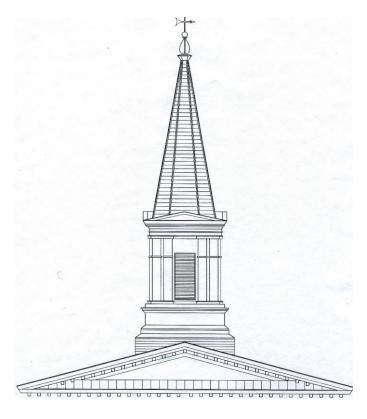
#### **SATURDAY**

7:00 am-4:00 pm LBL

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

9:00 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship Russ Topping is giving the Sermon Stephen McCloughan, Accompanist

<b>Our Elders:</b>	<b>Our Deacons:</b>	<b>Our Missions Team:</b>
Joanne DiBlasi	Gail Armitage	Addie Andino
215-862-9832	215-862-9385	215-862-9832
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# 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

January 7, 2024 10:30 AM

# Epiphany and Communion Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

**Opening Prayer** 

+Choral Call to Worship: Praise Band

Speak O Lord

+Passing of the Peace

+Glory Be to the Father #813

**+Hymn:** #262

Away in the Manger

In the Presence of the Lord

Prayers of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Offering/+Doxology #815

**Special Music: Praise Band** 

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Under the Authority of Christ, the Savior

**Time for Young Adults** 

**Scripture:** 

Isaiah 43:18-19

Message:

Just Let it Go

+Hymn: #426

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

At the Table of the Lord

Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Statement of Unity

Depart to Serve the Lord

+Hymn #308

There Is a Redeemer

+ Benediction

+ 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: Communion/Pat Durborow

**Deacon**: Communion/\*LaNelle Gallagher (Stair Glide), Gail Armitage

**Greeter:** Connie Fisher

Worship Assisting for January:

**Elder Schedule** 

Jan. 14- TBD

Jan. 21- Phil McCloughan

Jan. 28- Karen Thatcher

**Deacon Schedule** 

Jan. 14- Heidi Danberry

Jan. 21- Jen Chernoski Jan. 28- Terry Peck

**Greeting Schedule** 

Jan. 14- Carol Griffiths

Jan. 21- Donna Zambella Jan. 28- Joan Yannarella

> Church Office: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:30 am-2:30 pm Wednesday 1-5 pm

> > The Elder on Call after Office Hours for the Month of January is: Don Pidcock- 609-397-3560

### About the Message:

2024 marks the 208th year of continual witness of this church in the Lambertville/New Hope areas. A rare achievement by any measure. Less than 2% of American churches in 2024 can make such a claim. But this is not about the past. What is the Lord telling us about the future? God is always about doing "new things". Making new things happen all the time. God never promises anybody, He never promises any church, always full attendance, full offering plates, full choirs in robes, or even a compliant external culture to support us. The only thing God ever promises is His continued presence and faithfulness in times of change and stress. But sometimes God will tell to fully achieve His blessings we need to let certain things "just go". True for the individual, as it is a 208-year-old church. It's not 1955, and I am not J Clyde.

## **Confession of Faith**

This is what we confess as a Body of Christ. The Bible is the inerrant Word of God. The sole authority in all matters of life and faith. We confess that Jesus Christ alone is the only name of Salvation. We confess that the Holy Spirit alone brings New Life and holiness to the Church. Guided by such, we affirm, and we as a Body of Christ stand upon the solid rock of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we will not be moved.

