



**Our Mission:** *Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic Community is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community for all who, following the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, seek compassion, justice and peace in the world. We seek to live our faith through liturgy and prayer, community building and collaboration, study and service.*

**All Are Welcome!**

**December 23rd, 2023**

**4th week in  
Advent**

**December 30th, 2023**

**Feast of the Holy  
Family**



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## Happenings and announcements

### Events for week of December 23

#### Saturday (Dec 23)

4:50 pm - Children's Talk

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

#### Sunday (Dec 24)

4 pm - Family Christmas service

8 pm - Christmas Carols

8:30pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

#### Wednesday (Dec 27)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

#### Thursday (Dec 28)

7 pm - Men's Group (Hybrid/Zoom)

#### Saturday (Dec 30)

4:50 pm - Children's Talk

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

- **Office Closure:** The Church office will be closed from **December 25** through **January 2**. If there is a pastoral care emergency, please contact the church office at 303-772-3785 and someone will return your call. Please note that we **WILL** be holding Mass on Wednesday morning as usual.

- **ECC 101 Video:** An edited recording of November's ECC 101 zoom presentation can be found at the link [here](#).

- **Rosaries:** Please bring your rosary on **December 30th** as we celebrate the final joyous mystery on the Feast of the Holy Family.

- **End of Year Giving:** As we approach the end of the year, please be reminded that for any giving to be considered for 2023, it must be received by the church office by **January 2, 2024**.



# **Christmas Eve Service Schedule**

**4 pm**

**Combined Bethlehem Lutheran and  
Light of Christ Family Service  
(sanctuary only)**

**8 pm**

**Light of Christ caroling  
(Sanctuary or Facebook Live)**

**8:30 pm**

**Light of Christ Christmas Eve Mass  
(Sanctuary or Facebook Live)**

## Happenings and announcements

- **Women of the Spirit:** Come join us as we explore adopting a focus word for the new year. The Women of the Spirit group will be meeting on **Thursday, January 4th at 1:00 pm** in the Fireside Room. We're always open to new members and new ideas, so consider attending our meeting and be uplifted and blessed with the sisterhood we share. For more information, contact the Church Office.

- **Presentation :** Fr. Teri will share a presentation on her Doctor of Ministry (DMin) project on Virtual Communion on **Wednesday January 10th at 7pm** on Zoom. You may recall last October LOC members were invited to take a survey about our experience with Communion during the pandemic. In this presentation, she will share the results of that survey as well as some of her conclusions. In order to get the Zoom link, please write to Fr. Teri at [pastor@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:pastor@lightofchristecc.org) and she will make sure you have the link for that night.

- **Pastoral care:** Pastoral Care is always available here at Light of Christ. If you would like to talk to Fr. Teri on the phone, or meet at the office, or have her visit you at the hospital or at home, please call the church office and let us know. Sometimes your friends know that something is going on with you, but we don't know in the church office unless you tell us. Fr. Teri can also talk to you about Stephen Ministry, or having someone visit you at home regularly with Communion. Fr. Teri loves to meet with folks to discuss what's going on in their lives, to pray with them, or to find the blessings that are emerging.

### Events for week of December 30

#### Saturday (Dec 30)

- 4:50 pm - Children's Talk
- 5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

#### Tuesday (Jan 2)

- 5 pm - Stephen Ministry

#### Wednesday (Jan 3)

- 9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

#### Thursday (Jan 4)

- 1 pm - Women of the Spirit
- 7 pm - Men's Group (Hybrid/Zoom)

#### Friday (Jan 5)

- 6 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:30pm - RCIA

#### Saturday (Jan 6)

- 4:50 pm - Children's Talk
- 5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

**“And the word became flesh and made his home among us.” John 1:14**

### Remember and Reconnect

Give yourself the gift of quiet time for reflection during this sacred and special season. In the Incarnation, God has transformed our lives along with the life of the world. We have been offered unconditional love at this moment and always. Sometimes at Christmas it is hard to retrieve the meaning of this gift because our culture has excessively commercialized this holy day. Take a deep breath and, in your own way, absorb the mystery.

Whether it means writing in a journal, or sitting with your eyes closed, or even moving slowly in whatever way feels relaxed and pleasurable. Here’s one doorway into deeper presence: ask yourself, where have I experienced a sense of awe, wonder, or mystery in the natural world? Take a moment to recreate that place in your imagination, with as much sensory detail as you can — sensations, sounds, or even smells you remember. Simply enjoy this act of “re-remembering” the quality of connection you encountered. You might then ponder this: What is the invitation to reconnect with the world around me, to renew or deepen how I relate to the natural world and my place within it?

**“God, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.”**  
**Pope Francis**

### What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Celebrate the miracle of Jesus’ birth into the human community.
- Pray for an end to ongoing conflicts between nations/ peoples.
- Take some quiet time to enjoy family, friends, and nature.
- Give yourself space for personal meditation preferably in nature.

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Beulah McMaster; Carol Fischer;  
 Dave Barnwell; Gina; Janell Flaig;  
 Kris Jenkins; Linda Moses; Liz  
 Johnson; Marty Campbell;  
 Michael Degnan; Paula Degnan; Pete Conti;  
 Sharon Cramer; Sharon Farnsworth; Viv  
 Thompson; Wes Evans.



*We update our prayer corner monthly. If you or your loved one would like to be included on the corner, please contact the office and we'd be happy to add you.*

## DAILY READINGS

This year our online Scripture reading will be on Tuesdays. Fr. Teri will lead us more in depth through stories in our Scripture. Join us Tuesdays at 10am on Facebook.

Light of Christ is using the Women's Ordination Conference Lectionary for 2023. Please contact the Church Office for a link and information.

## STEWARDSHIP

	October	November	Year To Date
Donations	\$13,149.56	\$8,996.56	\$133,137.16
Grocery Cards	\$265.35	\$0.00	\$1,054.70
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$1,41.54	\$8.68	\$2,609.65
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$1,000.00	\$400.00	\$6,988.02
Total Income	\$15,883.45	\$9,405.24	\$143,789.53
Expenses	\$12,295.43	\$16,469.79	\$146,602.90
Balance	\$3,538.02	\$(7,064.55)	\$(2,813.37)

A printed copy of the Light of Christ Bylaws, policies and procedures is available in the Church Office for members to review.

Members of Light of Christ or their family members are invited to **purchase ad space here** on the weekly bulletins! Not only does it help out these businesses, but it also helps LOC by bringing in additional funds. For more information, please call the Church Office.

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## ASSISTANCE

**Prayer Partners:** These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words. You can email our Prayer Companion Team at [prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org) and someone will reach out to you.

**Home Eucharist Team:** If you need Eucharist brought to your home, for any reason, please contact Father Teri and she will coordinate one of our Home Eucharistic Ministers to visit you and bring you Communion.

**Rite of Reconciliation:** The Rite of Reconciliation is available after Mass or by Appointment. Please contact Father Teri or the Church office for more information.

If you need assistance during this time, there are several resources available in Longmont:

**HOPE Longmont**, located at:

804 Lincoln St.  
 Longmont, CO 80501

**THE OUR CENTER**, located at:

220 Collyer St.  
 Longmont, CO 80501

**THE ROUND PANTRY**, located at:

Westview Presbyterian Church  
 1500 Hover St.  
 Longmont, CO 80501