



E-News



Christ Lutheran Church

Bethesda, Maryland

Sunday, December 12, 2010

WE INVITE YOU TO SUNDAY WORSHIP

Praise 9:15 am
Traditional 11:15 am
Evening 5:00 pm



Challenging Lifestyles for adults at 10:15 am

Faith Formation opportunities at 10:15 am: Jesus Loves Me! for pre-k and early elementary, Godly Play for older elementary, and Head to Heart FINK for youth and adults

Taize Prayer Service--Monday, December 13, 7:15 pm

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Upcoming Events

Taize Prayer Service
December 13, 7:15 pm

Christmas Choir Concert
December 18, 5:00 pm

Pastor Marv's Farewell Sunday
December 19, 10:30 am

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8011 Old Georgetown Road
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Blooming Deserts (Joy)

Isaiah 35:1-2 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

On this third Sunday of Advent, we are called to look forward to the arrival of a Messiah who will do nothing less than save the world. At Christmas, the long-promised Messiah arrives and with him, a season of untold wonders unfolds. The miracles accompanying Christ's birth are not pretty twinkling lights and stacks of glitzy gifts. The miracles of Christmas are the tough, demanding miracles of a wilderness given bloom, the blind given sight, the deaf given hearing, the lame given wholeness, and the mute singing with joy.

Jesus doesn't come to bring us "stuff." Jesus comes to stuff us with healing and wholeness and abundant life. The Lord has ransomed our exiled souls and redeems all children of God's creation. We can rejoice and sing "Glory to God in the Highest" because we have found in a child the locus of our hopes and fears; we have found in a child a miraculous source of poetry in a prosaic world. Join us Sunday for the ongoing Advent celebration.



A faith community welcoming all to a place where you can connect with God and people--offering service to others as a sign of God's love

Sunday Worship:

Praise: 9:15 am
Traditional 11:15 am

December at Christ Lutheran

12--Children's Birthday Party for Jesus 10:15 am

13--Taize Prayer Service 7:15 pm

18--An Evening of Christmas Musical Delight--free choir concert 5:00 pm followed by reception

19--Farewell to Pastor Marv 10:30 am Worship followed by Appreciation Reception

24--Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm

26--Carol Sing 10:30 am



New Worship Service:
Sunday Evening 5:00 pm

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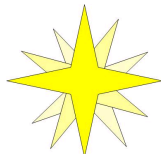
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