

Welcome

welcome visitors

We're so happy you joined us this morning. If you desire, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate when it's passed. We hope you enjoy your visit.



Family Advent activities are on the website.

serve others during the holidays

Bethlehem Salvation Army Soup Kitchen
Sunday, December 28 – 12 noon until 2 pm

Spirit of the Lehigh Valley dinner for families in need
December 24th – 1 pm to 3 pm — Considering making this a family tradition during the holidays!
Contact Alice Kim at agkim1997@gmail.com. Check the website for addresses.

WVKids Christmas Advent Event!

December 20, 7:00-8:30pm

Sunday School children ages K – 5th grade are invited to the church as we celebrate Christmas together with games, food and worship! (*Parents do not need to stay.*) All Sunday School staff are also welcome to join us for the fun! Please **RSVP** if your children will be attending. wvkids@westvalleypres.org

help in the children's ministry

We are in need of volunteers to help both in the nursery and classrooms. If you are interested in being added to a substitute list for Children's Ministry please contact Jane at WVKids@westvalleypres.org.



current curriculum

"Show Me Jesus" teaches the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, taking our children deeper in God's Word.

Parents, please review the materials sent home each week and lead your children in remembering to bring their Bibles to church each Sunday. Contact Jane or Kerri with any questions: wvkids@westvalleypres.org



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tonight!
6:30 PM–8 PM

We will not be meeting again until next year.

Care Net Lehigh Valley

is providing training for **Healthy Relationship, Abstinence and Dating Violence Prevention** to the Emmaus HS 9th and 10th grades next semester. We need volunteers, who will be trained and willing to give 1/2 day a week to speaking to students in groups of 25. Contact Alice Kim at alice@carenetlv.org if interested.

men's Bible study

Join us every Wednesday at 7 AM for a great time of discussion and fellowship. For more info, please see or contact Tom Knesel at tknesel@gmail.com.



worship as communal exchange

Trinity God renews us, and we respond

called to come in

God comes near and calls His people out of the world, and takes hold of us and brings us into the community of Himself.

we hear – Psalm 95:1, 35:9 and Revelation 21:1-6

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Advent reading: Luke 1:39-47

we respond – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

confessing our sin

God the Spirit reminds us that God the Father has saved us through the righteous life and sacrificial death of Christ the Son – and in faith we rest on his gracious interest to renew us yet again.

we hear and confess – Psalm 51

we rest – *Joy Has Dawned*

declaration – 1 Peter 2:24

greeting & announcements

3yrs-5th grade go out to a kids experience of Word, worship and small groups.

consecrated by the Word

God declares the finished gospel of his Son, and continues his powerful, internal work of change/consecration by his Spirit.

we hear – What Are You Building Your Life On?

Haggai 2:1-9 • Matthew Coleflesh

Black (NIV) Bible page: 668 • Blue (ESV) Bible page: 791

we respond – *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

*Joy to the World**, Offering

communion in sacrament

God invites us into his community to share in his covenant table – and we respond by enjoying his renewing, preemptive heavenly feast. Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11.23–28

compelled to go out

God blesses us and charges us go out and extend his kingdom into the broken world around us, making disciples of all nations

benediction – Jude 24-25

what are you building your life on?

Matthew Coleflesh

notes

What thing, if I told you that you could not have it, would make your life not worth living?

Background:

God's people returned from _____ in _____.

Haggai preached his sermon during the Feast of _____.

The Feast of _____ helped recall the _____.

The former glory of the Temple was _____.

Three Foundation Stones to Build On:

1. God's _____

2. God's _____

3. God's _____

