A house of prayer for all people,
striving to love and serve all people through Christ.

The Church at Litchfield Park

300 North Old Litchfield Road, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

Sunday Service: 9:15am
November 19, 2023

WE HAVE GATHERED AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE "Here I Am to Worship" Hughs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Eric Jameson

OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL CALL "Song of Gladness" Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, stir up your might and come to save us!
P: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
L: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.
P: Restore us, O Lord of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
L: Let us worship God!
All: Amen

***HYMN** "How Great Is Our God;" Tomlin, Reeves, Cash;
"How Great Thou Art" Hine/Swedish melody

PRAYER OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY W/LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)
You lift our drooping hands, O God, and strengthen our weak knees. You make straight the ways of the faithful and keep those who trust you from falling. We shall make known your holiness among the nations and proclaim your peace unto the ends of the earth. In the name of Jesus, who sits at your right hand, we gather to praise you, God of all grace. We lift up our worship to you, as we join together and pray the way Jesus taught us to pray…

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM "Shout to The Lord" Zschech

SCRIPTURE READING (Isaiah 5:1-7)
I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

L: The word of the Lord
P: Thanks be to God

SERMON	"Thriving in God's Vineyard"	Rev. Kristofer McCoy

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. KRISTOFER MCCOY

***HYMN**	"He Is Exalted"	Paris
OFFERTORY	"Ode to Joy"	Beethoven

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN**	"Amen"	Trad. Spiritual

BENEDICTION

**The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you.
And give you peace. And give you peace. And give you peace forever.**

***POSTLUDE**	"You Shall Go Out with Joy"	Rubin/Dauermann

Altar flowers are in honor of Roy and Jill Poole's 35th Wedding Anniversary

CLP KIDS AND YOUTH NOVEMBER 19, 2023

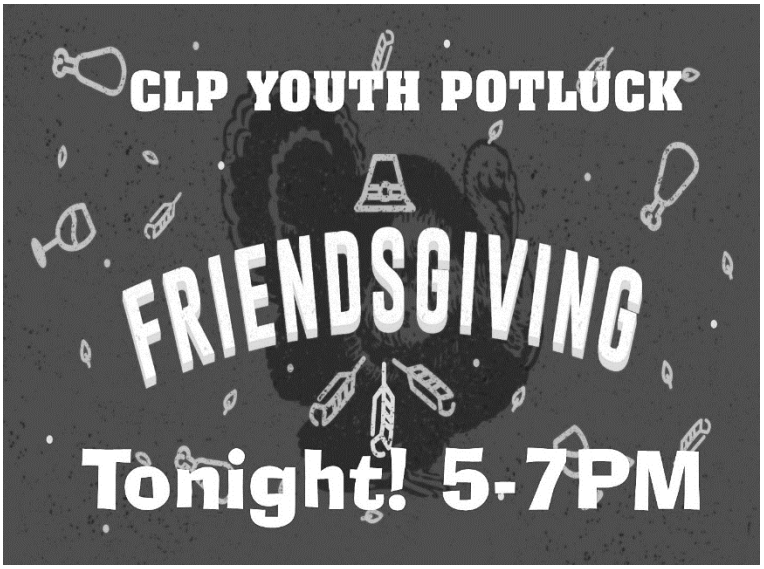
Follow CLP Youth on Instagram @clpyouth

For text updates: text @clpyouth to 81010, PARENTS - text @clpparents to 81010

CLP KIDS (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Children Pre-K through grade five are invited to join us for CLP KIDS during the 9:15am service in classrooms 5 and 6. There is worship, a lesson, and an activity.
We hope you can join us!

NURSERY IS PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH – 3 YEARS



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Today 12-130pm! Worship, snacks, and Thanksgiving talk!!
Anyone in grades 6-12 is invited!

CLP YOUTH FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK TONIGHT!

5-7pm in Souers Community Hall
All youth are welcome—just please be sure to sign up @ clp.church
Tons of food, games, and wear your ugliest Thanksgiving look!
Bring canned food to donate too!

LIVE NATIVITY AND HAYRIDE! DECEMBER 17, 5-7PM

Join us in front of the church for a Live Nativity Scene!
Festivities include hayride with caroling, Santa Claus, crafts tor the kids, hot chocolate, coffee, cookies, and tons of fun! There will also be a Bake Sale during Live Nativity to help raise funds for the 2024 High School Mission trip to Denver.

CALENDAR, NEWS AND EVENTS – NOVEMBER 19, 2023

2023 ANNUAL MEETING TODAY!

Please join us for the church annual meeting today at 10:15 a.m. in Souers Community Hall. We are installing new deacons, voting on the budget, and new officers. The meeting is open to everyone, but only church members may vote. Your attendance is important in the planning for the future of our church, and a quorum of the congregation is needed. The 2023 Annual Report was emailed to members. Copies are also available in the sanctuary and church office.

NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES OR ADULT BIBLE STUDIES THIS WEEK

Due to Thanksgiving, there will be no Adult Bible Studies or Wednesday Activities this week. *Thrive* Bible Study and Wednesday Activities resume November 28 and November 29.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our annual Thanksgiving Food drive will be held through November 22. St. Mary's Food Bank will distribute all the dry goods we collect to people in need throughout Arizona. Items needed are canned goods including canned meats, soups, cereals, rice and beans (currently short on peanut butter and canned goods.) Bring your donations to the church on Sunday mornings or to the office during the week. Thanksgiving Eve our offering donations will be given to the food bank as well. Let's do all we can to alleviate hunger in our community.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

We invite you to attend the **Thanksgiving Eve service at 6:30pm, Wednesday, November 22,** in the sanctuary. An offering will be received and given to St. Mary's Food Bank.

DECK THE HALLS (DECORATE THE CHURCH), NOVEMBER 25

Join us on Saturday, November 25, at 8 am for breakfast in Souers Community Hall before we deck the halls with boughs of holly.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE BEGINNING NOVEMBER 26

CLP is supporting Homeless Youth Connection teens with gift cards this Christmas ranging from $10, $25 or $50. The Angel Tree will be located in the breezeway for three Sundays starting November 26. All gift cards must be returned by Dececmber 10. Youths welcome gift cards from any popular store, i.e. Target, Walmart or Visa/Master card.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Would you like to remember a loved one, honor someone, or simply spread the spirit of Christmas with a poinsettia? We will be accepting poinsettia plants (6" pots please, any color) in the church office during regular hours (9am-4pm) Monday-Wednesday, December 17-21. The poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary and Souers Community Hall December 24 with the honorees' names listed in the Sunday bulletin on December 17.

REJOICE! 2023 CHRISTMAS TEA, DECEMBER 2

Join Women@CLP Saturday December 2 from 1:30-3:30pm as we celebrate the season with live music (Mary Wilkening and friends), a dessert potluck, a unique white elephant exchange, fellowship, friendship, and some old fashioned festive fun! Sign up online or visit the events table.

ORPHEUS MALE CHORUS, DECEMBER 3

Orpheus Male Chorus presents their annual "Holidays with Orpheus" concert. Sunday, December 3 at 3pm. Please check Orpheus.org for ticket availability.

CLP KIDS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, DECEMBER 8

It is that time of the year again when we come together and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with festive fun and a kid's night IN at the church so that parents can have a night OUT (for a couple of hours to do Santa-like stuff, rest, or enjoy dinner). 6-8pm.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA, DECEMBER 17, 8AM AND 9:15AM

The Chancel Choir and narrator, Jim Greer, will present a gospel-flavored Christmas Cantata by Joel Raney. The Christmas story through music reflects on the promise of peace delivered by the angels on the night of Jesus' birth. The Christmas story is told through scriptural narration and familiar carols set in a variety of styles ranging from jazz to gospel to calypso. Join us in worship for this wonderful celebration of our Savior's birth on Sunday, December 17, at 8 and 9:15am.

"IMMANUEL (GOD WITH US)", 10:45@CLP, DECEMBER 17

The Worship Team will present *Immanuel (God with Us)* in Souers Community Hall. The Christmas story will be brought to life through Scripture readings paired with Christmas songs that tell the story of the birth of Jesus, our promised Messiah. Join us in worship for this beautiful celebration of our Savior's birth! Sunday, December 17, 10:45am.

LIVE NATIVITY AND HAYRIDE! DECEMBER 17, 5-7PM

Join us in front of the church for a Live Nativity Scene! Festivities include hayride with caroling, Santa Claus, crafts tor the kids, hot chocolate, coffee, cookies, and tons of fun!

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD, DECEMBER 24, 9:15AM

We will celebrate worship as one combined service in the Sanctuary. Join us for a service of songs and stories from around the world, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We will sing French, German, Austrian, Czechoslovakian, English Caribbean, American, and Canadian carols that will include stories that coincide.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES AT 5PM, 6:30PM AND 8PM

The 5pm service features the Worship Band, 6:30pm features the Cancel Choir and strings and 8pm features the Bell Choir in the Sanctuary.

CONSTRUCTION AROUND THE CHURCH

Construction is starting on the street just south of our church. This has several impacts with the notable one being that the exit driveway out of the Souers Hall parking lot has changed. The old driveway is blocked off and the new driveway exiting west is now opened. That new exit will direct you north to Fairway Drive. Please DO NOT try to use the new streets in Litchfield Square. And thank you for your patience as the construction work continues.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AT CLP THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU!

There are many ways you can serve. Here are just a few: CLP Kids, CLP Youth, musicians, vocalists, Celebration Sunday donuts, Welcome Cart, Visitor Booth, Life Groups, Ushers, Greeters, hospitality projects, and TheShop@CLP. For more information and signups, please go to www.clp.church.

GROUPS AND STUDIES

For more details: www.clp.church or call the office at 623-935-3411

ROOTED BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS 9:30AM, JUDY MERCY'S HOME

CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF THE MILITARY

TUESDAYS, 9AM-11AM, FIRESIDE ROOM NORTH

THRIVE ADULT BIBLE STUDY (NO STUDIES THANKSGIVING WEEK)

TUESDAYS, 10AM, FIRESIDE ROOM SOUTH
WEDNEDSDAYS, 6PM, SOUERS COMMUNITY HALL

IT'S IN THE CARDS! CANASTA

FIRST WEDNESDAYS EACH MONTH AT 1PM, SOUERS COMMUNITY HALL

KNITTERS

EVERY FRIDAY, 1PM-3:30PM, ZIESKE HALL

MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST GROUP

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY AT 8:30AM
TIMES SQUARE RESTAURANT, LITCHFIELD PARK

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP LUNCHEON

NEXT LUNCHEON, JANUARY 24 AT 11:30AM, LOCATION TBA

MEN'S DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY, NOVEMBER 14

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM FOR DINNER, SOUERS COMMUNITY HALL

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lynne Kammeraad
Associate Pastor/ Worship Leader: Rev. Kristofer McCoy
Children/Youth Ministry Director: Aimee Wickersham
Congregational Care/CLP Kids Coordinator: Brenda Houlihan
Music Director: Bev Griggs
Pianist/Organist: Kathy Drake
Ushers: 9:15am: Rob Gimbl (Head Deacon), Lori Sparks, Diane Piehl, Norm Simpson

Weekly calendar

Sunday, 11/19/23	Coffee fellowship/between services in Fireside Room North 8am - NURSERY, open for all services 9:15am - WORSHIP SERVICE in Sanctuary 9:15am - CLP KIDS (SUNDAY SCHOOL) in Classroom 5 and 6 10:15AM - ANNUAL MEETING in Souers Community Hall
Monday, 11/20/23	6pm - AA MEETING in Watt House
Tuesday, 11/21/23	10am - THRIVE ADULT BIBLE STUDY will resume November 28 11am - ROBERT ALEXANDER MEMORIAL SERVICE in the Sanctuary 5pm - WORSHIP REHEARSAL in Souers Community Hall 6:30pm - AA MEETING in Watt House
Wednesday, 11/22/23	WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES RESUME ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29 6:30pm - THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE in the Sanctuary
Thursday, 11/23/23	THANKGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm - AA MEETING in Watt House
Friday, 11/24/23	8am - TheShop@CLP WORK/DONATION DAY 6:30pm - AA MEETING in Watt House
Saturday, 11/25/23	8am - TheShop@CLP SALES DAY 8am - DECK THE HALLS, DECORATING THE CHURCH AND BREAKFAST

THE MINISTERS OF THIS CHURCH ARE ITS MEMBERS
ASSISTING THEM ARE THEIR PASTORS & STAFF

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Sunday morning worship services - 8, 9:15 & 10:45

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Office Hours: 9am-4pm Monday-Thursday; closed on Fridays

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