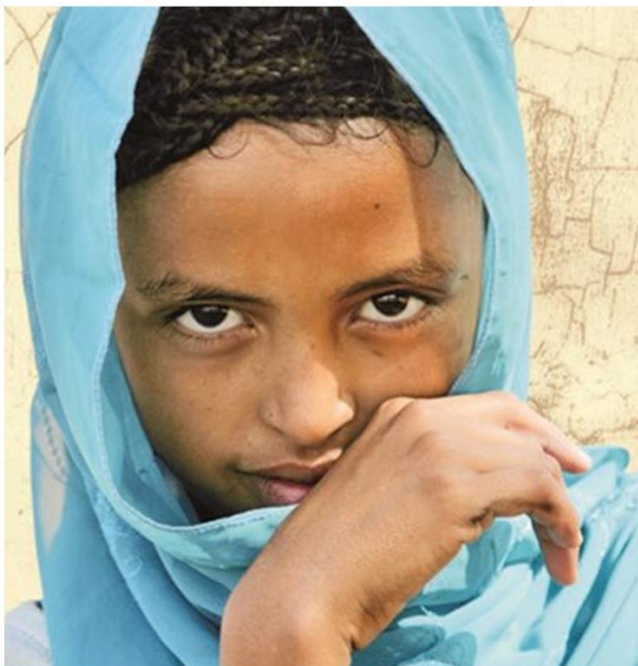




**ST. PETER'S**  
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“A WIDOW’S VALUE”



“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” —MARK 12:38-44

**November 10, 2024**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*(Stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting      Announcements      Birthdays      Anniversaries*

PASTOR: *"This is the day the lord has made. let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

PRELUDE: *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring",* Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *\*(Stand as you are able.)* Neil Wasilk

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

**People: My soul praises the Lord!**

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

**People: I will sing praise to my God as long as I exist.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in rulers, in mortals who cannot help us.

**People: They will die, and return to the earth, and their plans will come to nothing.**

Leader: Happy instead are those whose helper is the God of Jacob,

**People: whose hope is in the Lord, our God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #8 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

\***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** *(Unison)* Neil Wasilk

O God of steadfast love, you always keep your promises. You give justice to all who are oppressed. You feed the hungry and free the prisoners. You open eyes that are closed and raise up those who are bowed down. You preserve strangers and outsiders and uphold those who are vulnerable and alone. You turn the ways of evil upside-down. Transform our hearts as you transform our world, so that all people may know your love and your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Choral Response: *Gloria Patri #623*

*(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #275 *“How Firm a Foundation”*

**PASTORAL PRAYER      LORD’S PRAYER**

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

Choral Response: #614 *“Hear Our Prayer O Lord”*

**A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD**      Neil Wasilk

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 KINGS 17:8-16

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 12:38-44

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Jesus Touched Me Medley”* (see insert)

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: *“A WIDOW’S VALUE”*

**A TIME OF GIVING**

PASTOR: OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Doxology *\*(Stand as you are able.)* #625 unison prayer of dedication  
praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above ye Heavenly host; \*\*  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. *(Please be seated.)*  
*(\*\*alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen)*

PASTOR: OFFERTORY PRAYER

# A TIME OF GOING OUT

## THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)*

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH: #379 *“Take My Life and Let It Be ”*

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Trumpet Voluntary”, Purcell*

*(Please remain seated “quietly” during the postlude.)*

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*Everyone is Welcome!*

**Feel at home, for Christ Jesus is our host. If you are visiting for the first time, we are delighted to have you here!**

The Psalmist sings: *“Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing... thanksgiving... and praise.”*  
We pray peace and joy to you, dear friend.

## WORSHIP TEAM

Guest Minister	Rev. Sarah Taylor
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tom Hollstein
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Choir Director	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Neil Wasilk
Ushers	Judy McCurdy, Shelley Harmych, Susan Cherry, Patricia Knepper

# Church News

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Veterans Day is Nov. 11. Thank you to those serving, and to those who have served in protecting our freedom and our country. May God bless you and your family for your sacrifice.

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## **A Short Bio of Our Guest Pastor Today**

**Pastor Sarah Taylor** was baptized at First Lutheran Church in Springfield, Ohio. She attended Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina, and then spent twelve years serving congregations in Minnesota (usually more than one at the same time). Currently she is between congregations and is spending her free time birding.

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If you ordered Circle Six Pumpkin Rolls, they can be picked up after church today. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

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St. Peter's will be accepting donations for the Good Shepherd's Thanksgiving Food Baskets. If you're able, please donate the following. **Stuffing, Instant Potatoes, and Gravy (bottled or canned).**

We are also still accepting items for the Children's Backpack Program and regular food items as listed in the KEY. *Thank you!*

## **Ponderings about St. Peter's**

*When we have visitors to our Sunday service, have you ever wondered about what they thought afterwards? Did they leave with a good impression? Were we welcoming enough or too welcoming? Will they return? In searching for something else online I discovered a blog written by a couple who were camping in the area. The blog included what they experienced along with pictures and a video. Here is what they wrote on June 24, 2012:*

*"Today we joined the congregation at St. Peter's UCC church in Amherst which is about a half an hour drive from the campground. Their service in the summer is at 9:30 AM. The minister was off on business this Sunday and will be back next Sunday but they had a woman minister filling in and she did a terrific job.*

*\*Next, they gave a brief history of our church which I have omitted*

*There is a patio type sidewalk along the front of the church. The block in the center of the church have the names of all the previous pastors of the church and their term of service. Outside of that area, other members of the church must have been allowed to buy a block with their names because it looks like a lot of the congregation has their name in stone.*

*St. Peter's had a guest choir today – The Golden Crescent Men's Chorus. It was quite a treat! They sang several pieces so I took a video because they were so awesome! The Golden Crescent Chorus, Lorain Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society is composed of about 60 men from Lorain, Erie and Cuyahoga counties who sing for enjoyment.*

*After church we went back home to change clothes and have lunch. Then we plan to hike to the West Falls in Elyria."*

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## **Hanging of the Greens will take place on Nov. 24 after the worship service.**

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Please make sure to return your special box to the church by **November 22nd**. If you have any questions, please contact me. Spread the JOY of Christmas! **Linda Gatz – 984-3552**

# Sports Blankets, A Great Christmas Gift!

Sports blankets are for sale at \$50 each and can be purchased after church or in the church office M-F, 8:30-2:30. Proceeds go to church improvements fund. Please see Christine Burman.

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## YOGA with Mary-K

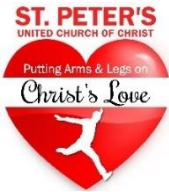
St. Peter's UCC, enter Chapel door to the lower level | Cost: \$10  
Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM (arrive by 8:25 AM)  
Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM (arrive by 5:55 PM)

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Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

Help us continue to move forward in faith by submitting your pledge card, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

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At St. Peter's we work together in love to build strong foundations for our lives in Christ. This firm foundation allows us to put "**Arms and Legs on Christ's love in the world.**" We believe that God is calling you to be embraced by God's radical love and to be a part of this foundation of faith.

Join us LIVE on Facebook: **St. Peter's UCC Amherst, OH**

**Zoom: Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205**  
(or call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099)

**YouTube channel: St Peters UCC Amherst**



## This Week's Events

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- Mon., Nov. 11 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM  
Tues., Nov. 12 Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM  
Wed., Nov. 13 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM  
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM  
Thurs., Nov. 14 YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM  
No Handbell Rehearsal this evening  
Sun., Nov. 17 Worship Service, 10 AM, Chris Neumann

## How To Reach Us

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**Office Hours:** Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM and 1-2:30 PM

**Address:** 582 Church St. Amherst OH 44001

**Website:** [www.stpetersamherst.org](http://www.stpetersamherst.org)

**Phone:** 440-988-4965

*We are currently searching for a new pastor. If you need help, please contact either Christine or Kaye at the phone numbers below.*

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Kaye Oswald, Church Office Administrator  
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