



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

“DEMOLITION DAY”

“As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” —MARK 13:1-2



November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth 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.)* Shelley Harmych

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Brief silence for reflection and self-examination)

Leader: Gracious God,

People: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Leader: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead to sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

People: Amen

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #241 *“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”*

***MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION** (*Unison*) Shelley Harmych

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

People: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

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

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD Shelley Harmych

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: DANIEL 12:1-3

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MARK 13:1-8

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: “DEMOLITION DAY”

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.

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: #52 *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

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!

WORSHIP TEAM

Guest Lay Minister

Organist

Zoom Director

Zoom Assistant

Worship Producer

Handbell Choir Director

Chris Neumann

Allen Cadwallader

Mary K. Kirsch

Tom Hollstein

Brian Schieferstein

Shelley Harmych

Choir Director
Scripture Reader
Ushers

Jennifer Wasilk
Shelley Harmych
Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller,
Fred Helyes, Lynda Helyes

Church News

Chris Neumann, his wife, and their four children are all but lifelong members of Messiah Lutheran Church in Fairview Park, Ohio where Chris has served in various leadership capacities including congregation president and occasional lay preacher. Chris earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Kent State University and has held senior management positions in operations and process improvement for several organizations in Northeast Ohio. With a passion for the gospel of Jesus Christ, Chris also serves as treasurer for The Crossings Community, Inc. (crossings.org), and occasional writer for Crossings' Thursday Theology blog and weekly lectionary text commentaries.

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**

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.

Circle Six December Events

Circle Six will hold its next **meeting on Tuesday, December 3** at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. At 7:00 pm the **Amherst Madrigal Singers** will be performing in the Sanctuary and the congregation is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served afterward in Fellowship Hall.

On **Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm**, we are very fortunate to have **violinist Mary Beth Ions** returning to entertain us in the Sanctuary. Mary Beth has performed with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra and in the orchestra pit for Broadway shows at Playhouse Square as well as other notable venues. She plays anything from Beethoven, to Beatles, Broadway, country fiddle, classical concertos and beyond. This wonderful event is open to the congregation and the public so please pass this information along to your neighbors and friends. **Tickets are free and are available from any Circle Six member or in the church office.** Donations will be accepted and refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall following the program.

Circle Six will be holding our **annual Christmas cookie sale** in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, **December 15**. Be sure to mark your calendar!

Merry Christmas from all of us at Circle Six to all of you!
Sally Readinger, President

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

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*

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

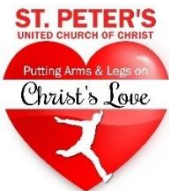
Wednesday, Nov. 20th, we need volunteer(s) to serve starting at 4:30 PM, or to bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please contact Betty Pekare.

Ring the Bell!

On Sat. Dec. 14, St. Peter's UCC will be ringing the bell for the **Amherst Salvation Army** at the Amherst Giant Eagle store. Proceeds are used to assist needy families in Amherst. St. Peter's has had a long tradition of assisting the Salvation Army's Red Kettles at Christmas. Volunteers may sign up starting at 9 AM for one hour time blocks, and we need 2 ringers each hour. Please contact Don Ramsey if you have any questions.

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.



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

- Mon., Nov. 18 Communion Visits, 1-4 PM
Council Meeting, 7 PM, Zoom
- Tues., Nov. 19 Bible Study, Zoom, 7 PM
- Wed., Nov. 20 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone, 9-11 AM
St. Elizabeth Shelter Meal, 4:30 PM
- Thurs., Nov. 21 YOGA with Mary-K, 6:00-7:15 PM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM
- Sun., Nov. 24 Worship Service, 10 AM, Hanging of the Greens

How To Reach Us

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

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Website: www.stpetersamherst.org

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

Christine Burman, Church Council President
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Kaye Oswald, Church Office Administrator
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