



**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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**Feb. 2, 2025 | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

# 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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Neil Wasilk

Leader: Gracious God,  
each morning you bring us from the rest of the night,

**People: to the light of this day, to the guiding light of your eternal presence.**

Leader: Caring God,  
we gather to hear the sound of your praise.

**People: We come from the busy-ness of our daily lives which is sometimes messy as well.**

Leader: Creating God, we gather in this sanctuary where we feel your love and protection.

**People: You remain with us even when we lose hope. You remain with us, all the time, even when we turn away.**

Leader: Sustaining God, we gather to worship you.

**People: We come to be renewed in your lovingkindness and strengthened by your faithfulness and love. Amen**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #185 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

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

God, our Healer,

be with us, we pray. Send your Holy Spirit to rest on our shoulders, to remind us that we are here to worship you and to be refreshed in the knowing that we are loved. And after our songs, after our prayers, after we share the meal you first served to us, after we are headed home again, send us back into the

world with hearts that are full of your steadfast love. Remind us every day to share your acceptance with the ones around us who most need to feel your closeness. Remind us always that we have been gifted a deep love for you and it is a love you ask us to share with the people we meet; to care for creation that you have shared with us and asked us to protect with our whole hearts. Amen.

Choral Response: "*Gloria Patri*" #623

*(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #441 "*Take Time to Be Holy*"

## **PRAYERS & CONCERNS 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: #426 "*Lord's Prayer*" (sung by congregation)

## **A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD Neil Wasilk**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 1:4-19

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

HANDBELL CHOIR: "*A Gentle Chorale*", by Bob Burroughs

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "When God Calls Us"

## **A TIME OF GIVING**

OFFERING INVITATION: As followers of Jesus, we seek to minister to one another, our community, and the world. To this ministry we bring our time, talents, and other resources as we are able, asking God's blessing as we go out to love and serve. Let's give and receive this morning's offering.

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

\*Doxology #625 unison prayer of dedication

PASTOR: OFFERTORY PRAYER

## **A TIME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

As we join in taking communion this morning,  
let us share in a moment of silence.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**People: It is right to give our Thanks and Praise.**

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*after receiving the meal*)

The bread has been broken, the cup has been poured, the meal has been shared. Gracious God, we give thanks for bread for the journey, for your wisdom guiding us along the way. May there be friends to share the road as we dare to dream of creation renewed, and hope in the promise of justice for all. Amen.

## **A TIME OF GOING OUT**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Choral Response #602 “*God Be With You*” vs. 1  
(sung by congregation)

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH #116 “*Take the Name of Jesus with You*”

## **BENEDICTION**

Leader: God is always with us. Even when times get difficult and the way is not clear,

**People: God is truly by our sides.**

Leader: We go to serve God with joy.

**People: We go in peace. Amen.**

Pastor- May God bless you and keep you well. God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. God asks us to accept the joys and costs of discipleship. Therefore, go out into the world carrying with you the peace of Christ, the Love of the Creator and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit. Amen

## POSTLUDE

*(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 Minister	Rev. Alana Kelley
Organist	
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tom Hollstein
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Scripture Reader	Neil Wasilk
Ushers	Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz Fred Helyes, Lynda Helyes

# Church News

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## Circle Six Meeting

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. At 7:00 pm John Kowalski will be providing live music in the Sanctuary. The congregation is invited to attend as well as friends and family. Members are asked to bring finger foods to share in Fellowship Hall following the program. *Sincerely, Sally Readinger, President*

# Help Feed our Children!



Needed items for CHILDREN'S WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

- . Single Serving PB & Jelly
- . Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)
- . Oatmeal Packages
- . Peanut Butter Crackers
- . Individual Cereals
- . Small Bag Pretzels
- . Canned Soup (Pop top lids)
- . Granola Bars
- . Small Bag Chips
- . Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)
- . Fruit Cups & Jello Cups

There's a great need for the following items for the Food Pantry:

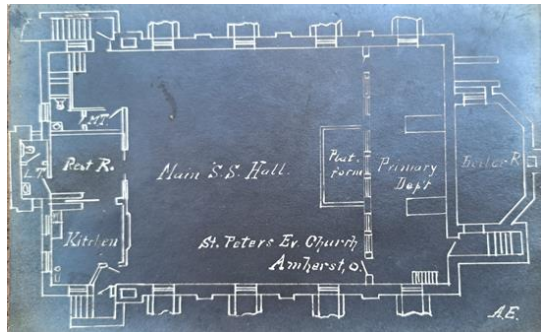
1. Peanut Butter
2. Spaghetti Sauce
3. Canned Tuna or Chicken

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Pam Miskov will make sure donations are delivered. Thanks to Pam and everyone for all you do in helping others!

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## Ponderings About St. Peter's

Most of you are aware of what Fellowship Hall looks like today and what it looked like a few years ago, but what was it like when the main part of our church was originally built in 1891. Below is



a plan I discovered that shows the original undercroft floor plan. The kitchen and bathrooms were where the choir room is now. Where the present front part of the kitchen is, was the boiler room. See how many other differences you can find and, also how many things have not changed in all this time. -Linda.

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## YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Cost is \$10 per class.

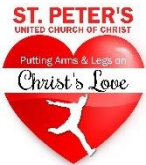
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Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

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

For safety reasons the front steps to the sanctuary will be closed for the months of January and February. The elevator and west Walker lobby doors will be open. 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)

The service will be posted at a later date to view on our

**YouTube channel: St Peters UCC Amherst**

# What's Happening

## This Week's Events

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- Mon., Feb. 3 Spiritual Life visitations throughout the week
- Tues., Feb. 4 Circle 6, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall, 7:00 pm –live music  
by John Kowalski in the Sanctuary  
Bible Study 7 PM
- Wed., Feb. 5 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM  
Coffee Chats, Sandstone 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Feb. 6 YOGA with Mary-K, 6-7:15 PM  
No Compassionate Care Meeting
- Sun., Feb. 9 Worship Service 10 AM | Potluck after worship

## How To Reach Us

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