



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

“SEE I AM
MAKING ALL
THINGS NEW”

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

Nov. 16, 2025 | Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.) + (if needed, use green insert in hymnal rack)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Pastor Mike Boehm

Leader: Through the prophets of old and the Gospels of the New, God is still speaking.

People: Though the words may be old and subject to interpretation, the message is always the same.

Leader: For God loves us and wants the best for us.

People: Sing praise to our Loving God! For His love and glory endure forever!

CHORAL INTROIT

HYMN: #560 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

INVOCATION

Rev. David Rogers

Almighty God of the old and the new, Heavenly Father of all eternity, hear us as we pray. We long for the glory of Your heavenly realm. We yearn for the New Jerusalem as promised by Isaiah and reiterated by John. Keep us steadfast in our faith and help us live as Jesus taught, so that we may be worthy to see all that You have planned for us. We praise You and thank You for Your continued blessings. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

HYMN #556 *"Now Thank We All Our God"

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

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Isaiah 65:17-25 #607

Revelation 21:1-5 #1007

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Thee Old and the New"

OFFERING

Offertory

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #555 *"We're Marching to Zion"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

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!

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

Minister
Organist
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Worship Producer
Director of Music
Scripture Reader
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Pastor Mike Boehm
Daesean Lawson
Mary K. Kirsch
Tom Hollstein
Brian Schieferstein
Jennifer Wasilk
Rev. David Rogers
Gary Thompson

Church News

Annual Meeting Today!

Immediately following worship, we will be holding our Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Voting members (those who have met the criteria set forth in our current Bylaws) will be voting for those who will hold the positions of Vice-president, Member at Large and Council Secretary. This year we have a multiple-choice ballot. We will also be voting to accept certain Bylaw changes as recommended by council. Coffee hour will be delayed until the meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

Ponderings about St. Peter's

Last week we looked at our church's Missionary Society. One of the areas of interest and study was India. This interest in India lasted for years.



In 1980-81 the church raised \$3000 for a "Well Project" in Jamgaon, India. The well was named in honor of Rev. Robert Happel for his 16 years of service as pastor of St.

Peter's. The next year the church raised donations to purchase a jeep for use in the wonderful and world-famous health program in India carried on by the husband-and-wife team: Drs. Rajnikant and Mabelle Arole. In 1970 the Aroles established CRHP – the Comprehensive Rural Health Project. These doctors wanted not only to treat disease but also to provide an environment that engaged the community and provided them with health education. They received many awards for their work including the 2005 Mother Teresa Award. Their success has caused more than 100 countries to follow their example. They truly made a difference!



Circle Six Pumpkin Roll Update

Circle Six will be baking pumpkin rolls on Sat., Nov. 8th and Sat., Nov. 15th and volunteers are more than welcome to help. Pumpkin rolls will be wrapped in the freezer and ready for pick-up today, Sunday, Nov. 16th. - Sally Readinger, President

Operation Christmas Child is just around the corner. **Collection Week is November 17-24th.** Once again the shoeboxes are being supplied for you. All you need to do is fill them and include \$10.00 for shipping. Please see Linda Gatz in

Fellowship Hall after the service to get your materials and have your questions answered.

YOGA with Mary-K

Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace | Cost: \$10 per class

Wed. Mornings: 8:30-9:45 AM | Thurs. Evenings: 5:30-6:45 PM



“For the month of November, each week, please bring 2 canned goods that are comfortable to hold in your hands. We will use them as weights in class, and then donate them to our food bank box! Thank you for helping feed Lorain County!”

Offering Envelopes

We'll be ordering envelopes in the next week or so. If you want a box for 2026, please indicate so on your attendance card or call or email the church office. Thank you, Rebecca Woods



Join us for after worship on Sunday, Nov. 23 for “Hanging of the Greens.” Everyone is welcome to help!

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter 2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain

We need volunteers to serve starting at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, November 19th, or to bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please contact Betty Pekare. Thank you!

Needed! Red Kettle Bell Ringers

For MANY years, members of St. Peter's UCC, have helped the Amherst Salvation Army, ring the Red Kettle Bells. This year we are ringing on **Sat., Dec. 13, from 9-6** at the Amherst Giant Eagle. The money you collect will be used to help Amherst area families in times of need to buy food, gas, heat, etc. There are kettles at both the EAST and WEST doors so Pa family of 2 can cover a shift and teenage children OR grandchildren are WELCOME! PLEASE get into the Christmas Spirit AND donate an hour or two. *Thank you, Don Ramsey*

Request for Favorite Hymns

At the end of Epiphany, we will have gone through the list of requested songs that you all provided last spring. Now, I'm asking for more of your favorite hymns. Please either write your song on the back of your attendance card, or email them to me at wasilknj@linkup.us or let the office know. *Thank you, Jen Wasilk*

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)

The service will be posted at a later date to view on our
YouTube channel: St Peters UCC Amherst



----- **This Week's Events** -----

- Mon., Nov. 17 Council Meeting, 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall
Tues., Nov. 18 Bible Study 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room
Wed., Nov. 19 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Sandstone or Panera Bread 9-11 AM
St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter meal, 4:30 PM
Thurs., Nov. 20 Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 AM, Fireside Room
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 1 PM, Sanctuary
YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM
Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7 PM
Sun., Nov. 23 Worship Service 10 AM, "Hanging of the Greens"

----- **How To Reach Us** -----

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