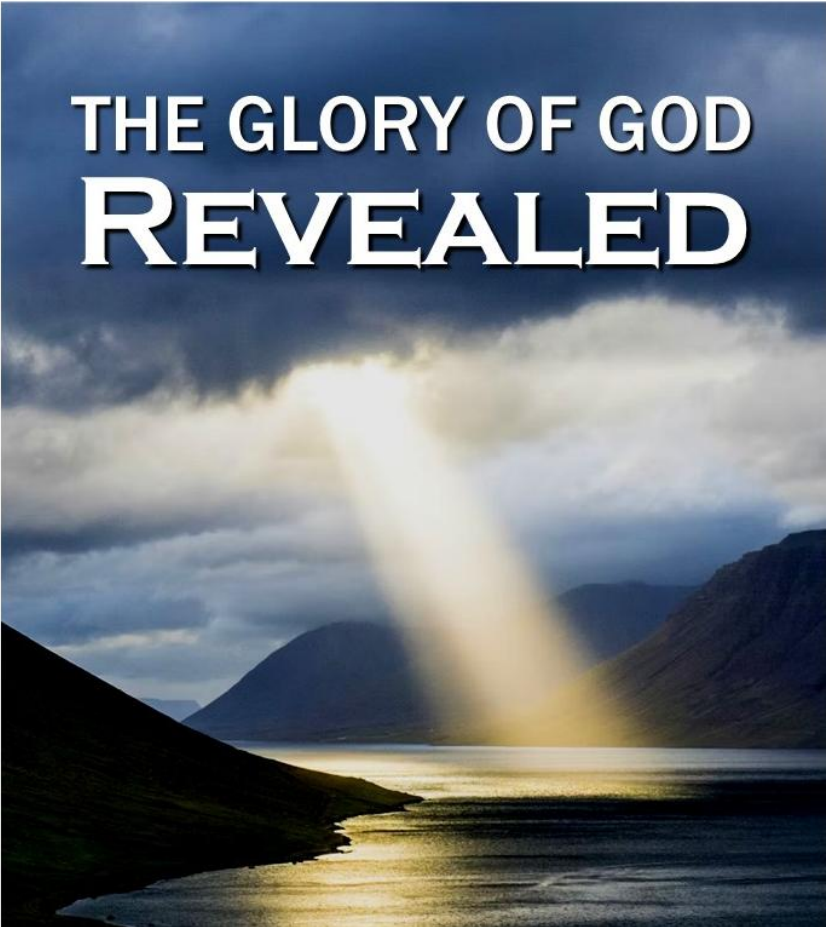




**ST. PETER'S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# THE GLORY OF GOD REVEALED



Jan. 4, 2026 | Second Sunday after Christmas

# 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: Gather together today as the Children  
of the Promise.

**People: For the child whose birth we continue to celebrate  
is the Child who brings the promise of eternal life.**

Leader: The promises of God are forever promises.  
He will not change His mind and break His word.

**People: The Baby of the Manger is our truth, our way  
and our light. Give praise to the One who  
brings us salvation.**

HANDBELL CHOIR ANTHEM

**\*HYMN #138** *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

**INVOCATION** (unison) Neil Wasilk

**Holy God, give us voice to spread the good news abroad.  
Help us shout it from the mountainside and whisper  
it in the valleys of life. Guide us to those in need of  
encouragement in this turbulent and tumultuous world.  
Let the word of salvation spread like wildfire to all  
the ends of the earth, and let us have a part in that  
spreading. For we have been given a mission by none  
other than Jesus Christ Himself, to go onto the ends of  
the earth baptizing and preaching in His name. Help us  
fulfill our mission in the Holy Triune Name in which we  
now pray. Amen.**

## HYMN #154 *"Away in a Manger"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Neil Wasilk

Jeremiah 31:10-14 #641

John 1:6-18 #862

\* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: *"Promises Fulfilled"*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (use booklet in hymnal rack)

## OFFERING

Offertory

\* + Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*HYMN #162 *"Birthday of a King"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*Choral Benediction: *"A Nativity Prayer"*

\*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  
Zoom Director  
Zoom Assistant  
Worship Producer  
Director of Music  
Scripture Reader  
Ushers

Pastor Mike Boehm  
Daesean Lawson  
Mary K. Kirsch  
Tom Hollstein  
Brian Schieferstein  
Jennifer Wasilk  
Neil Wasilk  
Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz

# Church News

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

This is the Sunday we celebrate "Epiphany" and the arrival of the "Magi" with their gifts for the "Christ Child". It is one of the oldest Christian feast days. Here are some quick facts about the Wise Men in the Bible.

1. The Magi were wise men; they had knowledge of astronomy
2. The Magi were like the Prophet Daniel
3. The Magi were most likely believers in Yahweh and the Coming Messiah
4. They came from the East – most likely from Persia, Babylon or Arabia – they traveled 800-900 miles to find Jesus
5. There might have been more than 3 Wise Men. They certainly would not have been traveling alone; and would each have had an entourage with them
6. The gifts made Joseph, Mary and Jesus wealthy

7. Herod feared and respected the Magi
8. The Magi were not at the birth of Jesus – Jesus was most likely 2-3 years old when they found him
9. The Magi believed that God spoke in dreams
10. In the 3rd Century the Magi were considered Kings and were given names Caspar, representing youth had brown hair & beard, was dressed in green, brought frankincense and came from Asia, Balthazar, representing maturity, had a black beard, brought myrrh and was from Africa, Melchior, represented old age, had white hair & beard, was dressed in gold, brought gold and came from Europe
11. Only the Gospel of Matthew mentions the Magi



## Help Feed our Children

### Items needed 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/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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## **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](mailto:wasilknj@linkup.us) or let the office know. *Thank you, Jen Wasilk*

## Spiritual Life team

Spiritual Life team continues weekly Communion visits to stay connected with our church family members. We provide Sunday Worship bulletins, scripture, share Communion, pray together and at times sing a few hymns, and listen. We always bring a little extra blessing—warm soup or something baked—cookies or flowers to brighten their day!

If anyone would like a Communion visit, please call the church office at (440) 988-4965.

*Love, Blessings and Peace from Spiritual Life Ministry*  
Pam Miskov, Judy McCurdy, Don & Marcia Ramsey

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**Coffee Chats** Hey All! Please come join us any Wednesday from 9-11 AM. We will meet from 9-11 AM at Panera Bread (Oak Point Road). This is not a committee meeting-it is purely a social group. Bring a friend! Contact Judy McCurdy or Christine Burman for the current meeting place.

### Circle Six Update

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 6th at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall (weather permitting). Bring your own dinner and your favorite game for game night.

Happy New Year!  
Sally Readinger, President

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## YOGA with Mary-K

**Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace**

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 5:45-7 PM Cost is \$10 per class.

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

# New Year's Resolutions

Millions of people make New Year's resolutions, hoping to spark positive change. The recurring themes each year include a more active approach to health and fitness. Following are suggestions for what God would have us do:

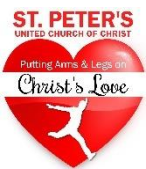
1. Read Your Bible 20 Minutes a Day, Every Day
2. Go to Church Every Week Without Fail
3. Set Aside 15 Minutes Each Day to Pray
4. Join our Bible Study Tues., 7 PM on Zoom
5. Try Fasting
6. Ask a Friend to Church
7. Begin Volunteering
8. Start Tithing, consider filling out a pledge card
9. Read a Christian Based Book Each Month
10. Memorize Scripture

## GriefShare starts Feb. 12, 2026, 2-4 PM

Please contact Pastor Mike or the church office to register for our next GriefShare class. This will be a 13 week session.

*\*GriefShare is the registered trademark of Church Initiative.*

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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**



## This Week's Events

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- Tues., Jan. 6      Preschool starts back!  
Bible Study 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room  
Circle Six, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Wed., Jan. 7      YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM  
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Jan. 8      Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 AM, Fireside Room  
Voice Choir Rehearsal, 1 PM, Sanctuary  
Spiritual Life & Compassionate Care Mtg., 2 PM  
YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM  
Handbell Rehearsal, 7PM, Sanctuary
- Sun., Jan. 11      Worship Service 10 AM, Communion Sunday

## How To Reach Us

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**Office Hours:** Monday–Thursday 8:30-2:00 PM

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Mike Boehm, Pastor

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For more detailed information, contact the church office.

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*Please remember St. Peter's UCC in your estate planning.*