



ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE: Mr. Daesean Lawson

THE HANDBELL CHOIR: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ORGAN INTERLUDE

*HYMN #145 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Pastor Mike Boehm

Leader: Come, Ye faithful people, and give thanks

unto the Lord.

People: Come, Ye faithful people, and give thanks

unto the Lord.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad! For He shall bring us salvation.

People: He is the prince of peace; the wonderful counselor; Almighty God Everlasting. Alleluia!

The Relighting of the Advent Candles

THE HANDBELL CHOIR: "Carol of the Bells"

The Voice Choir will sing "A Thousand Candles"

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

*HYMN #124 "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 #550

CHORAL ANTHEMS: "O Holy Night"

HYMN #140 "A Communion Hymn for Christmas"

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

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20 KJV

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "A Little Bit of Love"

OFFERING

Offertory

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

Sharing the Light of Christ on Christmas

The pastor's candle will be lit from the Christ candle while the Handbell chimes play one verse of "Silent Night". The ushers' candles will be lit from the pastor's candle and then the light will be passed to the congregation as they sing "Silent Night" #147. Please raise your candles on the third verse. When all three verses have been sung, the Handbell will play one final verse.

*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
Ushers

Pastor Mike Boehm
Daesean Lawson
Mary K. Kirsch
Tom Hollstein
Brian Schieferstein
Jennifer Wasilk
Sue Cherry, Fred Helyes,
Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz





In December we collected 359 food items!

Help Feed our Children! Needed items for CHILDREN'S WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

Single Serving PB & Jelly, Canned Soup (pop top lids), Mac & Cheese (microwavable) Spaghetti-Os (pop top lids), Peanut Butter Crackers, Individual Cereals Granola Bars

Oatmeal Packages, Small Bag Chips, Small Bag Pretzels, Fruit Cups, Jello Cups

We're collecting the following for December:

Stuffing, Gravy, Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Soups, Cereal, Pancake Syrup

Caring for Us Caring for Others Praising God

Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church and Pam Miskov will make sure they're delivered. Thank you!

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



and a very Happy New Year! If you are visiting for the first time, we would *love* to have you join us each Sunday at 10 AM. The avowed purpose of this church shall be to worship God, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate the Sacraments: to realize Christian fellowship and unity within this church and the Church Universal; to render loving service toward mankind; and to strive for righteousness, justice and peace.

A Thank You from the Altar Guild

The Altar Guild would like to thank Geoff Gatz for making the beautiful cutting board for the Communion bread on the Altar.

Flowers on the Altar are from Mary-K Kirsch. Thank you!

If anyone would like a Communion visit, especially during the winter months if you aren't able to attend church, please call Pam Miskov or the church office (440) 988-4965.

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

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.

Jesus frequently met with his disciples at the table for meals, which were central to his ministry for building community, showing hospitality, and teaching. These meals were not just about eating but about fellowship. Join us!

Christmas Candlelight Service Candles

The new candlelight holder and candle sets were donated by Christine Burman in memory of her mother Lois Barnes *and* Karen Geduldig in memory of her sister Mary Beth Chesney.



YOGA with Mary-K

No Yoga the weeks of Christmas and New Year's. Yoga resumes Wednesday Jan 7th.

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

Thurs., Dec. 25 Christmas Day office closed

Fri., Dec. 26 Office closed

Sun., Jan. 4 Worship Service 10 AM, Communion Sunday

How To Reach Us

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