



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Second Sunday in Advent
December 7, 2025

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: Peace be with you, one and all. May the peace
of Christmas reside in your hearts forever.

**People: For the Prince of Peace has come to us as a
child in a manger.**

Leader: Praise be to God, the Author of our peace.

People: Praise be to God now and forever.

HANDBELL ANTHEM: *"Carol of the Bells"*

HYMN #123 *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* The Voice Choir will
sing the verse. The Congregation will please sing the refrain.

Lighting the Second Candle: The Candle of Peace -
Compassionate Care

The Voice Choir will respond with: A Thousand Candles"

A Performance by our Preschool Children*

***HYMN** (see insert) *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HYMN #120 *"The Advent of Our God"*

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Neil Wasilk

Isaiah 9:2-6 #555

John 14:25-27 #877

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Peace in a Foxhole"

OFFERING

Offertory

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #131 *"Angels From the Realms of Glory"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction: *"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"*

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE

(Please remain seated "quietly" during the postlude.)

*We wish to thank Mrs. Heidi Chambers and her staff for their assistance with this morning's service. Also, a big thanks to Mrs. Jen Wasilk for her musical knowledge and patience!

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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
Don Ramsey, Marcia Ramsey,
Lewis Zeller, Vicki Zeller

Church News

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday in Advent

LOVE

Pastor Mike's Sermon for Dec. 14th is, *"Love Came Down"*.

Please join us as we journey to the Manger.



Flowers on the Altar

The beautiful arrangement of fresh flowers on the altar were given by Tom and Lynn Hollstein in memory and in honor of loved ones. *Thank you Tom and Lynn for beautifying the house of our Lord.*

Ho! Ho! Ho!! A Christmas Party!

Mark your calendars for December 14th! We will share a potluck lunch (the basic meat will be ham) followed by carols and games. Join your church family from noon until three for a family Christmas! The church Christmas Party we will be doing a "White Elephant" exchange. Several people have asked me "what's a "white elephant"? Throughout the Hindu and Buddhist world a white (albino) elephant is considered sacred. Therefore, if you are given a white elephant you cannot use it for work purposes, but it must be fed with the finest grains. You must decorate its' stall in a manor fitting for royalty. In short – you're stuck with it! For our purposes, a white elephant is anything that you have laying around the house that you have no use for, but have been hesitant to throw away. You're stuck with it. Here's your chance to get rid of it!

Please see the insert for Linda's Ponderings for this Sunday.

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 the months of Nov. & Dec.

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

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

Choral Spectrum invites you to join us as we celebrate the Christmas Season with our winter concert: "A Merry Choral Spectrum Christmas." This concert will feature heartwarming and festive Christmas music that is sure to put you in the Holiday spirit! Performances are: Friday, December 12 at 7:30 pm at St. Joseph Parish in Avon Lake; Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 pm at St. Peter Parish in Lorain; and Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 pm at St. Mary Parish in Sandusky. The concerts are free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected. *Choral Spectrum is an auditioned choir under the direction of Anthony Trifiletti. Visit us at choralspectrum.org for more information!*

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*

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!

Reminder to All Bell Ringers!

Sat., Dec. 13 at Giant Eagle, Amherst, Cooper Foster

9-10 am	Dave Rice		Open
10-11 am	Dave Rice		Open
11-12 am	Christine Burman		Karen Geduldig
12-1 pm	Fred Helyes		Lynda Helyes
1-2 pm	Water Beale		Luen Beale
2-3 pm	Geoff Gatz		Linda Gatz
3-4 pm	Lewis Zeller		Vicki Zeller
4-5 pm	Terry Deliman		Sue Conkle
5-6 pm	OPEN		OPEN

Blue Christmas Service

First Congregational Church in North Ridgeville is having a Blue Christmas Service on **Saturday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.** This service is for those who are struggling, grieving, or lonely during the holiday season. Please share with any of your friends who may be interested or in need of such a service this holiday season. Pastor Mike highly recommends this for his GriefShare Group. Thank you.

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.

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** -----

- Tues., Dec. 9 Bible Study 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room
Wed., Dec. 10 YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM
 Coffee Chats, Panera Bread 9-11 AM
Thurs., Dec. 11 Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 AM, Fireside Room
 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 1 PM, Sanctuary
 YOGA with Mary-K, 5:45-7 PM
 No Handbell Rehearsal
Sat., Dec. 13 Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Amherst Giant Eagle
Sun., Dec. 14 Worship Service 10 AM, Communion Sunday
 Circle Six Cookie Sale after worship, Christmas Party

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

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