



## ST. PETER'S

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# *Power over Death*



But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.”

JOHN 11:10-11

Jan. 18, 2026 | Second Sunday after Epiphany

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

OPENING VOLUNTARY: "*The Lost Chord*", Arthur Sullivan 1842-1900\*

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

Leader: We gather this morning as a church; one people  
of like mind, united in Christ.

**People: We are called as God's church to minister to  
His children.**

Leader: But we are as sheep, in need of those who will  
lead us on this path of righteousness.

**People: We are called today to consecrate our leaders  
for the coming year. Praise be to God, who calls  
us into His service. Amen.**

CHORAL INTROIT

\*HYMN #262 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

INVOCATION (*unison*)      Joan Whitman

**Holy Father Almighty, on this day of consecration we pray  
that You will keep us steadfast to the promises that we  
shall shortly make. Be with those who will lead us into the  
future, and help them walk the path that You have set for  
us. But more importantly, Lord, keep this congregation  
away from assuming that because we have church officers  
we do not need to be an active part of the ministry of this  
church. For You have made us all missionaries in our small  
part of the world, and we have work to do. Help us begin  
that work today and keep us on track tomorrow. In the  
name of the Triune God we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #271 *“Standing on the Promises”*

CONSECRATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026 (*see insert*)

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

Joan Whitman

Psalm 15 #430

John 11:1-11 #873

\* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: “Commitment!”

**OFFERING**

Offertory: *“Ashokan Farewell”*

\* + Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*HYMN #277 *“The Church’s One Foundation”*

**\*BENEDICTION**

\*Choral Benediction

\*Pastoral Benediction

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: *“The Lost Chord”*, Arthur Sullivan 1842-1900

(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	Pastor Mike Boehm
Organist	Daesean Lawson
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Zoom Assistant	Tom Hollstein
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Director of Music	Jennifer Wasilk
Scripture Reader	Joan Whitman
Ushers	Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz

# Church News

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

Do you remember your Confirmation classes and what your Certificate looked like?



In Memory of the Day of Confirmation for Rebecka Hohmann born on February 20, 1843, confirmed on May 12, 1861 in St. Peter's Church in Amherst. Motto – Romans 3:25. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement through faith in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished. Jesus accepts the sinner! Let this be a comforting word to all who have strayed from the right path. Here is what can save: Jesus accepts the sinner!

Ezekiel 16:60, 2 Corinthians 5:15 - Remain a child of God in Jesus Christ! That is the heartfelt wish for you.



## SOUP POTLUCK | ALL ARE WELCOME

Please join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for our SOUP potluck. Everyone is welcome! We will be having a *friendly* competition with a little prize for the most popular soup. Rolls, butter, crackers will also be provided. Come hungry!

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## 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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## Offering Envelopes

There are still a few boxes of offering envelopes at the back of the church. Please make sure to pick up your box.

Thank you, Rebecca Woods

## St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter

2726 Caroline Ave., Lorain We need volunteers to serve starting at 4:30 PM, or to bake cookies or cupcakes. If you want to help or have questions, please contact Betty Pekare. Thank you!

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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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## Request for Favorite Hymns

As you all know, at the end of Epiphany, we exhausted our 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*

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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.

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!

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minister to His children.*

## **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.

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law". -Galatians 5:22-23*

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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.

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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

Mon., Jan. 19      Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 1 PM

Tues., Jan. 20      Voice Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 AM, Sanctuary  
                            Bible Study 2-3:00 PM, Fireside Room

Wed., Jan. 21      YOGA with Mary-K, 8:30-9:45 AM  
                            Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM

Thurs., Jan. 22      Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 AM, Fireside Room  
                            St. Elizabeth Shelter Meal, 4:30 PM  
                            YOGA with Mary-K, 5:30-6:45 PM  
                            Handbell Rehearsal, 7PM, Sanctuary

Sun., Jan. 25      Worship Service 10 AM

## How To Reach Us

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

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*to make your donation electronically via Breeze or Paypal.*

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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.*