



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

“BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD!
I AM EXALTED AMONG THE NATIONS;
I AM EXALTED IN THE EARTH.”

PSALM 46:10



October 25, 2026
Consecration/Reformation Sunday
Time + Talent + Treasure

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Words of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE: *"Introit in G Major"*, Cesar Franck

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

Leader: Gather in the strength and unity of people of Christ.

People: For Christians are many in all the world.

Leader: Know that the Word of God is not meant
for a select few, but for all the world.

People: Celebrate as one the great message of God's Holy
Scripture. *"Sola Fide, Sola Scriptorum"*

CHORAL INTROIT

**Hymn #26 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

INVOCATION (*unison*) Sally Readinger

Almighty God, Father of All, hear us this day. As our great brother Martin Luther sought to purify and reform the practices of the church, we seek today to make our lives purer and more dedicated to You. Remove from us those practices in our lives that are not born of scripture, and help us follow more closely in Your Son's footsteps. For we have often been led astray by the practices of the outside world, imagining things as scriptural when in truth they come from superstition and erring tradition. Lead us back upon the right paths of fellowship and help us improve ourselves in Thee. In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.

HYMN #4 *"How Great Thou Art"*

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"It Is Good"*, Natalie Sleeth

Sharing Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Sally Readinger

Psalm 46 #450

Matthew 28:16-20 #812

* + Gloria Patri #623

SERMON: "Breakout!"

OFFERING: Consecration of our 2026 Pledges, Time & Talent

Offertory: *"Andante from Sonata in B flat"*, Felix Mendelssohn

* + Doxology #625

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*HYMN #275 *"How Firm a Foundation"*

*BENEDICTION

*Choral Benediction

*Pastoral Benediction

POSTLUDE: *"Prelude in G Major"*, J.S. Bach

(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/Pianist
Zoom Director
Zoom Assistant
Worship Producer
Acolyte
Director of Music
Scripture Reader
Ushers

Pastor Mike Boehm
Walker Whitehouse
Mary K. Kirsch
Tanner Wasilk
Brian Schieferstein
Xavier Wasilk, Maia Pruchinsky
Jennifer Wasilk
Sally Reader
Susan Cherry, Xavier Wasilk,
Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz

Church News

Weekly Bible Study

Tuesday at 1:45 PM in the Fireside Room

Please join us for our weekly Bible Study in the Fireside Room.

It's that "Wonderful Time of the Year" again! I hope you are all ready to pick up your **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** and start packing them with goodies for a special boy or girl. Remember your box is commonly the only Christmas present they will receive. See Linda Gatz for more details or check outside the church office for shoeboxes. Packing directions and labels will be inside each box. **Deadline for returning your filled shoebox and \$10.00 donation for shipping is Sunday, November 22nd.**

Ponderings about St. Peter's



The pastor who saw St. Peter's through the construction of our 1950s addition was the Rev. John H. Bollens. He was called to serve our church in 1943 and gave his first sermon here on November 4th of that year. He was a graduate of Elmhurst College and Eden

Seminary. He also studied at the University of Chicago and Wayne University. Rev. Bollens was the founder of Messialli Evangelical-Reformed Church in Detroit and served at a church in Buffalo, N.Y. before coming to Amherst. He was very active at the Dunkirk Young People's Camp and Leadership Training School in Dunkirk, New York, and taught there one week each summer. He and his wife, Flora, had two children: a son, John C. and a daughter, Dewella. Both children graduated from Amherst High School. He was very active with the Amherst Ministerial Association. In 1944 he helped organize area ministers to form plans for church services on Peace Day, the day WWII ended in Europe. Two hours after the city siren announced the news there would be special church services. On his last day with us council members and their wives honored Rev. & Mrs. Bollens with a farewell dinner held at the Oberlin Inn. From St. Peter's he served a church in Indianapolis. Rev. Bollens died on April 6, 1987, in Clearwater, Florida.

Heritage Sunday Potluck | Nov. 8th

Calling all cooks! Please bring your favorite dish celebrating your nationality to share during our Heritage Sunday potluck. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you, Sue Conkle

Annual Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting following the worship service on Nov. 15th. There will be a budget review and voting on the church council officers for 2027. -*Thank you, Sue Conkle*

Circle Six Announcements

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 3, 2026 in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. We will be hosting a program featuring the 103rd OVI Civil War Museum located in Sheffield Lake. This program will be presented by Deb Wagner, Curator. The program is open to the congregation and friends. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.



Guess what folks! It's pumpkin roll time again. Order forms will be placed by the bulletins and in the church office. Please get your orders in early as we definitely will have a limited supply. We will be baking on Saturday, October 31st and Saturday, November 7th. Unfortunately, our group is getting smaller so we would be most appreciative for anyone interested in helping to bake on those days.

Circle Six is proud to present The all-American Amethyst String Trio featuring 1st Violinist Mary Beth Ions, 2nd Chair Carol Ruzicka & Cello Kent Collier on Tuesday, November 10 2026 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. This program is free and open to the public. Donations will be appreciated. Tickets are available from any Circle Six member and are available in the church office. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.
Sincerely, Sally Readinger, President

**“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.”**

*Pledge Cards and Time & Talent forms will be consecrated today.
Place them in the offering plate. If you forgot yours, you can turn
them in at any time. Thank you for your pledge, large or small,
that helps support the mission of this church.*

YOGA with Mary-K

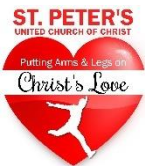
Stretch 'n Flex, at your own pace

Wednesday Mornings | 8:25-9:45 AM

Enter the door by the Chapel. Cost is \$10 per class.

Please fill out the Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!

***The preschool will be hosting a fundraiser this month for Mama Joe's Pie gift certificates** to allow us to purchase some items from our Amazon wish list for our classrooms. The gift certificates are available for \$10 each, and a sign-up sheet will be outside of the sanctuary near the church office. Payment is due at the time of ordering and could be left in the preschool mailbox in the church office, or under the preschool office door. The **fundraiser will go through the end of October**, and the gift cards will be in quickly, allowing time for Thanksgiving pie orders with the gift cards.



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

- Tues., Oct. 27 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
Bible Study, 1:45 PM, Fireside
Handbell Rehearsal, 1:45 PM, Sanctuary
- Wed., Oct. 28 YOGA with Mary-K, 8:25-9:45 AM
Coffee Chats, Panera Bread, 9-11 AM
- Thurs., Oct. 29 Voice Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary
- Sun., Nov. 1 Worship Service, 10 AM, All Saints Day
"Remembrance Sunday"

H o w T o R e a c h U s

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