



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

JESUS STILLS  
THE STORM  
*Matthew 8:23-27*

FORWARD

“We must re-grasp the idea of church membership  
as being the membership of

*the* **BODY OF CHRIST**

and as

*the* **BIGGEST HONOUR**

which can come man's way in this world.”

—David Lloyd-Jones

IN FAITH

**November 20, 2022 | The Reign of Christ**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*(Stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Greeting      Announcements      Birthdays      Anniversaries*

PRELUDE: "When in the Hour of Utmost Need", J.M. Bach

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless God, all people of faith and hope,  
God has looked on us with great favor.

**People: God is our refuge and strength in times of trouble.  
God is our guide and inspiration when things go well.**

Leader: God gives light to those who live in the shadows.  
God offers stillness amid the turbulence of our times.

**People: We live in covenant with God, who gives us the best.  
We are eager to give our best to God in return.**

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, we meet for worship.  
God has brought the dawn of a new day for our use.

**People: Praise God for signs and wonders all around us.  
Praise God for peace and reconciliation.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #559 *"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"*

### \*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

We worship you with gladness, O God our shepherd, for you have gathered us as your beloved flock. You have sent a mighty Savior, who has demonstrated among us the power of love. Send your Spirit now to remind us of your gifts and to strengthen us for our tasks. May we show our loyalty to Christ by the way we live every day. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #560 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

**PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 8:22-25 #841

ANTHEM: "A Hymn of Thanksgiving", Anna Laura Page

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "IN THE BOAT TOGETHER"

**A TIME OF GIVING**

OFFERING INVITATION & CONSECRATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*Doxology #625 unison prayer of dedication  
praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above ye Heavenly host; \*\*  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*(\*\*alternate: Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A TIME OF GOING OUT**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(We offer one another the peace of Christ for the week ahead.)*

\*HYMN SENDING FORTH #561 "*We Gather Together*"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Allegro in C Minor", Walther

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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**

Senior Pastor	Pastor Chris Buckingham-Taylor
Organist	Allen Cadwallader
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Scripture Reader	Karen Geduldig
Ushers	Fred Helyes, Tom Janas

### **Facts about Ukraine you need to know!**

Paul Rodgers, the lead singer of Queen, performed a charity concert there in 2008 that set a record for the group’s attendance in its history. Kharkiv Liberty Square is the largest square in Europe and more than 300,000 people reportedly assembled on the square.

# Church News

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Please Join us for Breeze Chapel  
Wednesdays, 7-7:30 PM in the Chapel

Please take a moment to fill out the yellow Participation cards and drop into the offering plate. *Participation cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you!



## “FORWARD IN FAITH”

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Today we have a glorious opportunity to not only offer God our Thanksgiving, but to also demonstrate our thankfulness to Him by offering up our pledges, including our gifts of time, talent, and service for consecration for the coming year—2023. Our future is filled with possibilities!

**Our Annual Meeting is today following the service.**

Also, you will be able to sign up and learn more about each of the following groups available at St. Peter’s:

Altar Guild	Garden Club	Sunday School
Handbell Choir	Mission	Trustees
Bible Study	Prayer Team	Ushers
Sanctuary Choir	Scholarship Committee	Vacation Bible
Circle Six	Spiritual Life Team	School
Compassionate Care	Stewardship Team	

### **Circle Six Meeting | Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6 PM**

Circle Six will hold it’s next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 6 in Fellowship Hall. We will be working on a Christmas craft yet TBD. Bring your own meal and beverage.



### **Annual Cookie Sale Sunday, Dec. 11 | Fireside Room**

Circle Six will also be holding its Annual Cookie Sale on Sunday, Dec. 11 in the Fireside Room. Each container will include one pound of assorted cookies and can be yours for only \$7.00. Pick one up for yourself and maybe another for a neighbor. *Thank you, Sally Readinger, President*

## Operation Christmas Child Report

This year we approached this outreach mission project a bit differently. First of all, we looked at it from the perspective of what God would want us to do. We set a goal of 50 shoeboxes which was five more than last year. We also invited the children in our preschool to take part. “Ask and you shall receive.” The Lord has greatly blessed us. This year we collected **62 Christmas Shoeboxes** for children around the world. You are truly amazing and I thank you!



*Blessings and Prayers, Linda Gatz*

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## YOGA with Mary-K

Wednesday Mornings | 8:30-9:45 AM

Thursday Evenings | 6:00-7:15 PM

Our Wednesday morning, and Thursday evening class will meet in the lower level of St. Peter's Church. Please arrive by 8:25 a.m. for the morning class, and by 5:55 p.m. for the evening class. Enter through the door by the Chapel. Cost is \$10.



Next Sunday, November 27th is

**NOISY COLLECTION**

**Today is "Hanging of the Greens"!**

# FOOD PANTRY

Good Shepherd Baptist Food Pantry has started the Weekend Children's Backpack Program (with #s doubling last year). We cannot let any child go hungry if it is in our power. Following are some suggestions that would be very helpful with this great need:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Single Serving PB & Jelly * | Peanut Butter Crackers | Small Bag Chips    |
| Canned Soup (Pop top lids)  | Individual Cereals     | Small Bag Pretzels |
| Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids) | Granola Bars           | Fruit Cups         |
| Mac & Cheese (Microwavable) | Oatmeal Packages       | Jello Cups         |

We will also still collect 'regular food items' for families in addition to the Backpack Program. Please leave your donations in the drop off boxes at the church. Pam Miskov will ensure that all items are transported to Good Shepherd Baptist Food Bank.

Thank you to everyone who continually donates.



Sandstone Coffee House, 254 Park Ave., Amherst  
**Every Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.**

The office will be closed Nov. 23-25, returning Mon., Nov. 28.  
Please contact Pastor Chris in case of an emergency.  
Thank you and best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving! Kaye

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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**

# What's Happening

## This Week's Events

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- Mon., Nov. 21    Spiritual Life visitations 1-4 PM  
                         Boy Scouts Christmas Tree 6 PM  
                         Council Meeting 7 PM Zoom
- Tues., Nov. 22    Bible Study
- Wed., Nov. 23    Yoga with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM  
                         Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris, Amherst 9-11 AM  
                         No Confirmation Class | Office Closed  
                         No Breeze Chapel
- Thurs., Nov. 24   Thanksgiving Day
- Fri., Nov. 25      Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed
- Sun., Nov. 27      Worship Service 10 AM, Noisy Collection

## How To Reach Us

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**Office Hours:** Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM *and* 1-2:30 PM  
Afternoons available by appointment with Pastor Chris

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