



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

January 23, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Prelude in G", J. S. Bach

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the ears of all people be attentive;
the heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: **Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork.
Let us bow down and worship our Creator.**

Leader: Day and night, God is at work among us.
We are drawn together into one body, the church.

People: **As we commune with God, we know we need
one another. Let us honor the good to be found
in all people.**

Leader: Hear once again the laws and commandments.
Find them sure and right and true for all.

People: **We weep and mourn our lack of faithfulness.
We seek true community in which all are honored.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #451 *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

On this holy day, we come together to make sense of our lives.
We look to your Word, O God, as a source of understanding.
Revive our souls that our hearts may rejoice in your presence.
Cleanse and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from
self-imposed limitations. Let the words of our mouths and the

meditations of our heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #623

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #441 *“Take Time to Be Holy”*

Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 19 #433

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LUKE 4:14-30 #862

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the

time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: “BREAKING CAMP”

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: “Offertorie”, Dubois

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*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 #373 “Where He Leads Me”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Improvisation on Salzburg”, Daniel Jacky

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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
Zoom Director	Mary K. Kirsch
Worship Producer	Brian Schieferstein
Handbell Choir Director	Shelley Harmych
Organist/Choir Director	Daniel Jacky
Scripture Reader	David Rice

Church News

May Poor will be turning 100 on Feb. 9!

Let's help her celebrate that momentous day with birthday cards sent to: **Heritage Corner, 1069 Klotz Rd., May Poor Laule, Room 122, Bowling Green, OH 43402**

Altar Guild Still Needs Help

The Altar Guild urgently needs help for their team. The duties will include Preparation of Sanctuary for church service, Baptisms and Weddings, and Restocking Supplies. Members pair up with the Veteran Altar Guild. Your service would probably be 3 alternating months. If you think this is something you would like to be part of, please contact **Lynn Hollstein at 440-988-8066**. *Thank you in advance for helping our team!*

Altar Flowers Signup

The signup sheet for Altar Flowers will be available in the book on the table at the back of the church (the green binder), ready for signup in 2022. If you need help, there is an information sheet, "Altar Guild Flower Process", that explains the procedure.

Questions? Please call Lynn Hollstein at **440-988-8066**.

Please note: Altar Guild has silk flower arrangements available to use in place of fresh flowers. A donation would be appreciated. Thank you!

Stewardship Cards and Participation Cards

The yellow Participation cards and the orange Stewardship Pledge cards are now placed by the bulletins and also in the pews. Please take a moment to fill out and drop into the offering plate. *Participation cards should be filled out weekly.* Thank you.

Wednesday Worship Service: Breeze Chapel

Wednesdays from 7-7:30 p.m. in person in St. Peter's Chapel. If you can't make our Sunday worship *or* if you need an inspiring pick-me-up, come for a 30-minute intimate service. Please enter by the door to the Chapel that faces the parking lot. *All are welcome!*



Meet the Pastor at Arabica's | 254 Park Ave., Amherst
Every Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!

If anyone has church keys
that you no longer need, please return them
to the church office. *Thank you!*



The Food Pantry is currently in the need of the following items:

Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken)	Kleenex	Paper Towels
Canned Soup (Pop top lids)	Spaghetti Sauce	Pasta
Spaghetti-Os (Pop top lids)	Peanut Butter	Jelly
Mac & Cheese (Microwavable)	Oatmeal Cereal	

Please leave your donations in the drop of boxes at the church.

Thank you to Pam Miskov and for *your* generous donations!

Circle Six Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 1 at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own dinner and beverage. Our program was supposed to be "Your Health" but no speaker was scheduled so I'm changing it to "Game Night" since we didn't have our January meeting. I will, however, be keeping an eye on the Covid case numbers and if there hasn't been a significant improvement I will cancel the meeting and notify everyone via our One Call system. I sincerely hope everyone is safe and healthy. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, Sally Readinger, President

**Friends of St. Peters,
COVID protocol update:**

With the coronavirus still around, while in the building, masks are still encouraged, especially when you are in close proximity to another person who is not in your personal “circle.”
Hand sanitizer can be found in the pews for your convenience.

Let us continue to care for ourselves and each other by doing our part to keep Covid at bay.

Mary-K Kirsch, Council President

St. Peter’s is on **YouTube channel-St Peters UCC Amherst, Facebook, & Zoom-Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 | Passcode: 379205** (or call in with phone: 1 929 205 6099).

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What's Happening

This Week's Events

Mon., Jan. 24	Spiritual Life (no visits in January)
Tue., Jan. 18	Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
Wed., Jan. 19	Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris Cancelled Breeze Chapel Cancelled
Thurs., Jan. 27	Choir and Handbell Choir Cancelled
Sun., Jan. 30	Sunday Worship Service Virtual 10:00 AM

How To Reach Us

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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