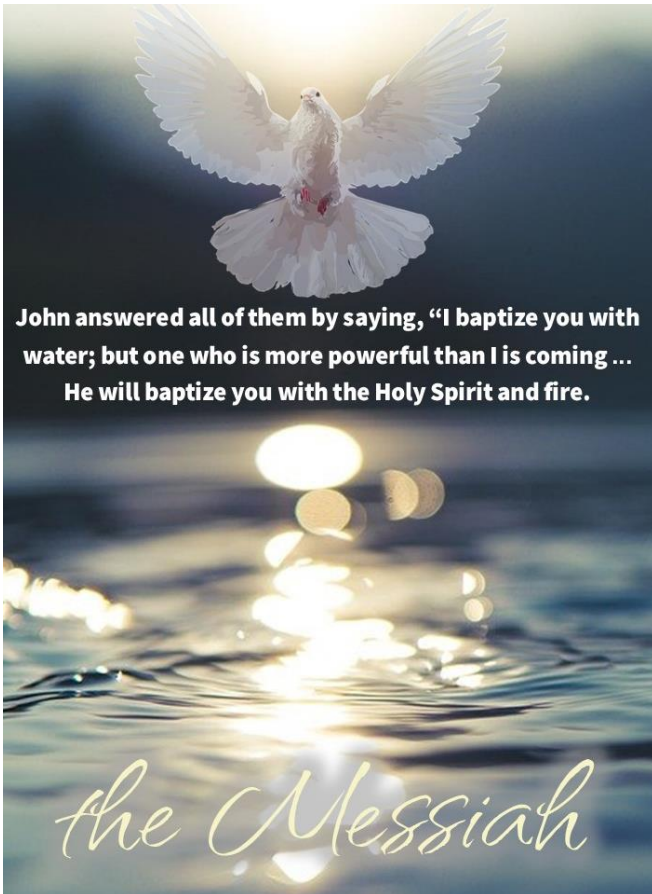




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John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

the Messiah

January 9, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting Announcements Birthdays Anniversaries

PRELUDE: “Thy Dying Love”, Dale Wood

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather from the East and West, from North and South. God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.

**People: The voice of God thunders through our midst.
The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.**

Leader: Bow in awe before the one who created you.
God knows you completely, yet accepts you.

**People: The voice of God commands our attention.
The voice of God is like fire and tornado.**

Leader: God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us.
God brings us through terror to a place of peace.

**People: Ascribe to God glory and strength.
Worship God in awe, wonder, and joy!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #129 *“Break Forth, O Beauteous
Heavenly Light”*

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

God of cleansing waters and purifying fires, touch our lives today to recall us to the power of our baptism and reconfirm our commitment to Jesus Christ. Name us again as your own people: precious, gifted, created to glorify you in fullness of life, in peace with ourselves and one another. Send your Holy Spirit once more to energize our worship and enliven our witness in the world. Hear us as we pray for one another and for your church in every place. 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: #160 *“Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”*

Pastoral Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

HEBREW LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7

A TIME OF TO GOD’S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: LUKE 3:15-21

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: “WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO”

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY: “I’ve Found a Friend”, Brian Glyncannon

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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 #166 “We Three Kings”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Largo”, Georg Philipp Telemann

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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	Betty Pekare
Ushers	Earl Wiegand, Fred Helyes

Church News

Men's Fellowship Update

Please note that the Men's Fellowship will not be meeting in the month of January. Please stay tuned. *Thank you!*

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!

Update from Sunday School

January noisy collection will go toward our local "sleep in heavenly peace" which is called "Good Knights". They build beds for children that don't have one, as well as buy bedding for those beds. ***Thank you!*** Jessie Kubuske, Director of Christian Education

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!***

FOOD PANTRY

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!

A Note from Ida Horvatic's daughter, Tina

Ida has been battling stomach cancer. Radiation treatments in July and August did not show improvement. Treatments were stopped in September. The tumor is large and is blocking food from reaching stomach correctly. She is now in O'Neill Healthcare, 38600 Center Ridge Rd, North Ridgeville, OH 44039. She is in a regular room, but under hospice care.

Please note her room phone is 440-387-5514.

Cards or calls would be appreciated.

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 Social Media Platforms

You can find our service on our **YouTube channel–St Peters UCC Amherst, Facebook Live, and Zoom–Meeting ID: 524 411 3917 Passcode: 379205** or call in at phone number **1 929 205 6099.**

What's Happening

This Week's Events

- Mon., Jan. 10 Spiritual Life *No Visitations in January*
- Tue., Jan. 11 Preschool Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Bible Study 7:00 PM Zoom
- Wed., Jan. 12 Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris 9-11:00 AM
Arabica Coffee in Amherst
Breeze Chapel 7:00 PM
- Thurs., Jan. 13 Trustees Meeting 6:00 PM Fireside 3rd Floor
No Practice for Choir and Handbell Choir
- Sun., Jan. 16 Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

How To Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 8:30-12:30 PM *and* 1-2:30 PM
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