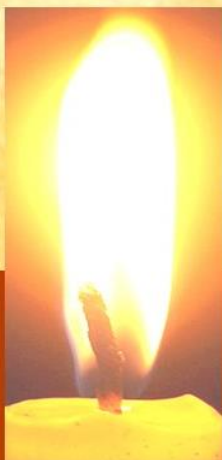




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SALT AND LIGHT



**BECOME A
WORLD-CHANGER FOR
THE GLORY OF GOD!**

February 5, 2023 | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**(Stand as you are able.)*

GATHERING MUSIC

Greeting

Announcements

Birthdays

Anniversaries

PRELUDE: "Jesus, Lead Thou On", Paul Manz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We delight to draw near to you, gracious God.
We rejoice in the many gifts you have given us.

**People: We lift up our hearts and voices in praise.
We humble ourselves before the God of
all worlds.**

Leader: We gather to remember God's commandments.
We seek for ourselves the wisdom God imparts.

**People: The wisdom of God is not like any other.
It draws us away from the world's agenda.**

Leader: God sends us into the world with new priorities.
We are grounded in the Spirit that we might be
discerning.

**People: We are filled with the mind of Christ.
We are already citizens of God's realm.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #231 *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

*THE MORNING PRAYER/INVOCATION *(Unison)*

May our voices rise like trumpets to greet you, holy God. May our ears be attuned to know your ways. May our hearts be steady, focused on you. Praise be to you, O God, whom we worship with awe and delight. Guide us, we pray, in this time of worship. Touch us at the points of our deepest need. Stir us amidst our entrenched complacency. Make us strong to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the things of the yoke, to let the oppressed go

free. Then your light will break forth like the dawn and we will experience your healing care. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #371 *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 5:13-20 #786

HANDBELL CHOIR: "How Great Thou Art", by Stuart K. Hine
arr. Michael Helman, Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: "SALTY LAWS"

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

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 TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Caring for Us

Caring for Others

Praising God

*HYMN SENDING FORTH #66 *"To God Be The Glory"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Psalm XIX", Marcello

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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

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|-------------------------|---|
| 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 | Sue Conkle |
| Ushers | Geoff Gatz, Linda Gatz Earl Wiegand, Tom Janas |

Please join us for **coffee and snacks**
immediately following the service downstairs
in Fellowship Hall.

Church News

Circle Six will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, Feb. 7** in Fellowship Hall. The program will be *“Residents of the Historic Shupe Homestead & the Mystery at Oak Point”*, presented by Matt Nahorn of the Amherst Historical Society. Members may invite guests and the program is open to the congregation. Members will hold a brief meeting at 6:00 PM (do not bring your meal - each member is requested to bring at least 1 dozen cookies). At 6:30 PM we will set up for the speaker, cookies, coffee and fellowship. The program will begin at 7:00 PM.

Thank you, Sally Readinger, President

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. Al Murphy will ensure that all items are transported to Good Shepherd Baptist Food Bank in Pam's absence. Thank you Al, and everyone who continually donates.



Meet the Pastor | Sandstone Coffee House, Amherst
Wednesday from 9-11:00 a.m.

Join Pastor Chris for Breeze Chapel
Wednesdays, 7-7:30 PM in the Chapel

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.

February Sermon Scriptures:

2/5 – Matthew 5:13-20
2/12 – Matthew 5:21-37
2/19 – Matthew 17:1-9
2/22 – Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
2/26 – Matthew 4:1-11

St. Peter's Preschool Hours

MWF: 9-12 PM morning class
Tues./Thurs.: 9-12 PM morning & 12:30-3:15 PM afternoon
Wendy Kosakowski, Director, phone: 440-985-1972

**We are no longer collecting plastic bags for recycling.
Thanks to those that have contributed to this cause.**



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Thursday, Feb. 9, 9:30 AM | Quarry Café

All men are invited to join us for our Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Quarry Café in Amherst. Our fellowship time will include breakfast, prayer and a short devotional.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

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!

Help us continue to move forward in faith by submitting your pledge cards. If you need a card, you can find one on the table by the bulletins or in the church office. Thank you.

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

NEW! Be sure to check out ***"A minute with Pastor Chris"***
on YouTube! Also, please Subscribe, Like and Share!



----- **This Week's Events** -----

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| Tues., Feb. 7 | Bible Study 7 PM Zoom Circle Six 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall The Program will begin at 7 PM |
| Wed., Feb. 8 | YOGA with Mary-K 8:30-9:45 AM Coffee Chats with Pastor Chris, Sandstone 9-11 AM Confirmation Class 6-7 PM Breeze Chapel 7 PM |
| Thurs., Feb. 9 | Men's Breakfast 9:30 AM Quarry Cafe YOGA with Mary-K 6-7:15 PM Handbell Choir Practice 7:15 PM |
| Sat., Feb. 11 | Pastor Chris Workshop in Stow 9-12 PM |
| Sun., Feb. 12 | Worship Service 10 AM |

----- **How To Reach Us** -----

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