



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

*For we know,  
brothers and sisters  
loved by God,  
that He has  
chosen you*

*1 Thessalonians 1:4*

**October 18, 2020**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

## A TIME OF GATHERING AND WELCOME

*Announcements*

*Birthdays*

*Anniversaries*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *From Psalm 118*

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!  
Worship has begun.

PRELUDE: "Meditation on 'Ubi Caritas'" Douglas E. Wagner

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\*OPENING HYMN: 296 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

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\* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Psalm 99

### *Praise to God for His Holiness*

**Leader:** The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**All:** The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

**Leader:** Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
Holy is he!

**All:** Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**Leader:** Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.  
Holy is he!

**All:** Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.  
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

**Leader:** He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his  
decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

**All:** O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a  
forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their  
wrongdoings.

**Leader:** Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy  
mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

## **A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"* – Arr. Caroline Wolfe

Performed by Caroline Wolfe and Luke Melnyk

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*"City of God"* – Dan Schutte

Performed by Caroline Wolfe and Luke Melnyk

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## **A TIME OF PRAYERFUL SHARING**

*Silent Prayer*    *Pastoral Prayer*    *The Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)*

# A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

## ***THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS***

### ***SALUTATION***

"Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace."

### ***The Thessalonians' Faith and Example***

"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake.

MESSAGE: HOW

### **REFLECTION HYMN: #532 "Come, Labor On"**

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# A TIME OF GIVING

## OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: *"Lord, I Love Thee with All My Heart"* Alberti

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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*)

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

# A TIME OF GOING OUT

## THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*PARTING HYMN #305 *"Lord, Thy Church on Earth Is Seeking"*

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## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Festive Voluntary"* Robert Lau

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Welcome Everyone! Feel at home, for Christ Jesus is our host.

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. Please fill out an attendance card: thank-you. Refreshments and visiting follow worship, downstairs, in the Hall.

**WORSHIP TEAM**

Interim Senior Pastor  
Zoom Director  
Worship Producer  
Organist  
Scripture Reader

Pastor Arlen G. Vernava  
Mary K. Kirsch  
Brian Schieferstein  
Daniel Jacky  
Sue Conkle



**Church News**

**Assistant Treasurer**

St. Peter's is looking for an Assistant Treasurer. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Lauri Hubach at 440-988-2459 or treasurer@stpetersamherst.org for job details.



Hello all-

We received one new profile this week which we are in the process of reviewing.

We will be meeting on Sunday to practice interviewing with Pastor Arlen so we are ready to interview candidates.

Sincerely-  
Your Search Committee

### **Circle Six Update**

After careful consideration and discussions with church counsel, I am sad to announce that Circle Six will not be making pumpkin rolls this year. I know this may come as a disappointment to all who purchase them just as it is to all of us who make them. Let us pray that next year we can all resume our normal church activities.

With deepest regret,

Sally Readinger  
President



## Operation Christmas Child

One of the mission statements of St. Peter's Church is "caring for others". This year we have an opportunity to provide children who usually receive no gifts for Christmas with a shoebox filled with items that show you care and that express God's love for them.

Operation Christmas Child was begun by Samaritan's Purse in 1993 when Franklin Graham, Billy Graham's son, received a call from a man in England about whether he would be willing to organize gifts in shoeboxes for the children in war torn Bosnia. That year the children in the Balkans received 28,000 Christmas Shoeboxes. The mission has grown from there and last year 10.5 million shoeboxes were collected and distributed to children in over 150 countries.

We have ordered shoeboxes, and pamphlets with suggestion on what you might like to pack in them. There are items that may not be included: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, food, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items, glass containers, aerosol cans. The shoeboxes will be available Sunday, November 1. The deadline for returning them to the church is Tuesday, November 17. We will transport them to our local drop-off location for you.

I have enjoyed doing this for years and hope you will join me in the fun.

Bless you all!

Linda Gatz



## Trunk or Treat

Gearing up for a "Virtual Trunk or Treat"! These little tags, personalized for St Peter's UCC will be available starting Oct 4 in the church office. Take how many you need, attach them to candy or treats you pass out on Halloween evening! Kids will love getting two treats...one from you and one from St Pete's! If you can't make it into the church office, contact the church office at 440-988-4965 or email at [dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org](mailto:dir.ed@stpetersamherst.org) and we will mail them out to you!



## Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Spaghetti O's	Canned Soups	Peanut Butter
Jelly	Canned Vegetables	Canned Fruit
Spaghetti Sauce	Pasta	Oatmeal
Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken)		Toilet Paper
Kleenex		

Single serve items will also be used in the Backpack for Kids program. This program provides take home meals for the weekend for kids in the Amherst school district (Please note canned items in the backpacks need "pop top" type lids)

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

## Zoom Worship

For our Zoom worship you will join one another through a free video and audio conference application. Download the Zoom app to your smartphone, computer, or tablet and use the meeting login below:

Topic: Sunday Morning Worship

**Meeting ID: 524 411 3917    Passcode: 379205**

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon, Oct. 19	MovementWorks 2:30-3:15 PM Church Council 7pm
Tue, Oct. 20	MovementWorks 6:15-8:30 PM Bible Study 7PM Zoom
Wed, Oct. 21	MovementWorks 4:30-7:30 PM
Thur, Oct. 22	MovementWorks 5:30-7:30 PM
Sat, Oct. 24	MovementWorks 9 AM- 12 PM
Sun, Oct. 25	Sunday Worship Service 10AM (Sanctuary/ Zoom)

We give thanks to  
God always for  
you all, making  
mention of you in  
our prayers;  
1 Thessalonians 1:2

## **How to Reach Us**

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