



ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



October 25, 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 'Gaudeamus Domino'" Karl Osterland
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*OPENING HYMN: #215 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

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* RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

God's Eternity and Human Frailty

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

All: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

All: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

Leader: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

- Leader: In the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.
- All: Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!
- Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- All: Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.
- Leader: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.
- All: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“A New Commandment” – Roy Crabtree

Performed by Caroline Wolfe and Luke Melnyk

Publication information not provided.

“Not While I’m Around” From Sweeney Todd – Stephen Sondheim

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: Matthew 22: 34-46

The Greatest Commandment

“When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”’

The Question about David's Son

“Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,’ The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.”

MESSAGE: WHERE?

REFLECTION HYMN: #396 *“Where Charity and Love Prevail”*

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A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: *"Romance on "Love Unknown"* Karl Osterland

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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 #224 *"Jesus Lives, and So Shall I"*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"* Michael Praetorius

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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.

WORSHIP TEAM

Interim Senior Pastor
Zoom Director
Worship Producer
Organist
Scripture Reader

Pastor Arlen G. Vernava
Mary K. Kirsch
Brian Schieferstein
Daniel Jacky
Sally Readinger



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.

Sunday School – Noisy Collection

This week is Noisy Collection. Buckets will be found next to regular collection baskets.

Thank you in advance for your donations, and thank you for all your support in the past.

Due to Covid, we will be donating gift cards instead of our normal Thanksgiving dinner baskets. All recent Noisy Collections will be combined to make this happen.

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 and we will mail them out to you!





Hello all-

We met Sunday night for our practice interview of Pastor Arlen and again Thursday night to review another profile.

We have a total of eight candidates we want to interview and will begin that process as soon as we are able to schedule them.

We have not received any new profiles this week so far.

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

From the Preschool

The Preschool staff would like to thank everyone who came out to our first Dine to Donate night at Soul on Fire Pizza. We really appreciate your support.

The Preschool Staff

Preschool Dine to Donate

Preschool's Dine-To-Donate at Soul on Fire Pizza was such a hit that they are making it a monthly event. Due to a long wait period, they are adding another day to help with wait times.

Next month you can order a yummy pizza on Wednesday, November 18 or Thursday, November 19 (240-8529). Just remember to mention you are from St. Peter's Preschool and they will receive 15% off all sales.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be putting together food baskets for Thanksgiving dinner to hand out on November 12.

Items needed are:

Stove Top Stuffing	Instant Mashed Potatoes	Gravy
Corn Bread Mix	Canned Cranberry Sauce	Canned Yams

In addition to the food basked items, there is also a need for:

Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken) Kleenex Paper Towels

Canned Soup (Pop top lids)

Please leave your donations in the drop of boxes at 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

From the Family of Ray Pope Sr.

Dear St. Peter's Friends,

We'd like to thank you for all the prayers and cards we received with the passing of our dad, Ray Pope Sr. We felt the love from each and every one of you.

Thanks to the compassionate care team for the beautiful mums!
Special thanks to Pastor Arlen for your help and support, making a difficult time easier.

I am so thankful and blessed to be a part of the St. Peter's family.

Peace,

Kaye Koler and Joyce Zickefoose and families.



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon, Oct. 26	MovementWorks 2:30-3:15 PM
Tue, Oct. 27	MovementWorks 6:15-8:30 PM Bible Study 7PM Zoom
Wed, Oct. 28	MovementWorks 4:30-7:30 PM
Thur, Oct. 29	MovementWorks 5:30-7:30 PM
Sat, Oct. 31	MovementWorks 9 AM- 12 PM
Sun, Nov. 01	Sunday Worship Service 10AM (Sanctuary/ Zoom)

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