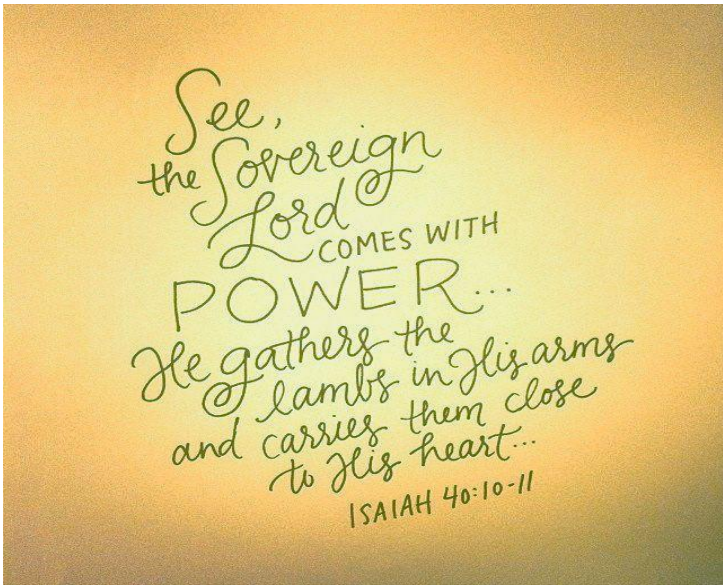




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



December 6, 2020

2nd Week of Advent

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: “Es ist das Heil uns kommen her” Unknown
80 Chorale Preludes, German Masters of the 17th and 18th Centuries ©1937 C.F. Peters Corporation. Use by/with permission. CCLI No. 20182679 Music: Unknown.

***OPENING HYMN:** #120 “*There’s a Voice in the Wilderness*”
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*** RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION:** Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

Leader: Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

All: You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Selah

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

All: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

All: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Leader: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

All: Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Repeat after Leader:

We light this candle - Peace - to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world - Christ Jesus - who is called the 'Prince of Peace' and 'Emmanuel: God with us.'

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“Prepare Ye” Stephen Schwartz

Performed by Caroline Wolfe and Luke Melnyk

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“Every Valley” G.F. Handel

Performed by Caroline Wolfe

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A TIME OF PRAYERFUL SHARING

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

A TIME OF LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord’s hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:
‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

MESSAGE: DOBBY

REFLECTION HYMN: #118 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: "*Be Thou My Vision*" Dan Forrest

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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 TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*sung*):

#286 "*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*" Verse 1

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A TIME OF GOING OUT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*PARTING HYMN #139 "*I Wonder as I Wander*"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "People, Look East" James Mansfield

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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

WORSHIP TEAM

Interim Senior Pastor
Zoom Director
Worship Producer
Camera Operator
Organist
Scripture Reader

Pastor Arlen G. Vernava
Mary K. Kirsch
Brian Schieferstein
Jennifer Wasilk
Daniel Jacky
Pam Miskov



Preschool Dine to Donate - December

Don't want to cook so you can finish your Christmas shopping? Why not order a yummy pizza? Our Dine-To-Donate at Soul on Fire Pizza will be held on Wednesday, December 16 or Thursday, December 17 (240-8529). Just remember to mention you are from St. Peter's Preschool and we will receive 15% of all sales.

The Christmas Fund

The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees.

Over the past nine months, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the emergency financial needs of many who serve the church have increased dramatically.

In such a time as this, the need for the Christmas Fund is more urgent than ever.

United Church of Christ congregations and members have blessed the Christmas Fund with their generosity for many years. This year, your care and compassion will be especially appreciated by those servants of the church who are facing a time of need. Thank you!

To donate, please go to: www.christmasfund.org and click on the "Donate" button at the bottom of the page.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be putting together food baskets for Christmas dinner to hand out in December. 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)	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.



Are you or kiddos crafty?

Want to help????

Due to COVID, Compassionate Care has not been able to do visitation to our homebound or those in care centers. Recently, we received the OK to drop off “St Peter’s cares about you” bags, which will be quarantined for a day and then given to the specified person. The bags will be given out once a month.

Are you crafty or are you looking for something to give the kiddos or grandkids to do? We would love to have some handmade cards or short note to add to the bags. Something done by children always puts a smile on the receiver’s face!

We will be doing 10-15 bags per month. If you would like to donate any items, it would be appreciated. Some items are large print puzzle books, ink pens (no pencils please), adult coloring books & crayons, small boxes of raisins, small bags Goldfish crackers, chips, pretzels, popcorn, etc, hard candy, deck of cards, cube box of tissue, trial size toothpaste, hand lotion, deodorant, shampoo, chap stick, candy bars or anything you think they might enjoy. If you prefer not to go out to shop and would like to make a small donation, checks can be made out to St. Peter’s with a notation it is for Care bags and dropped at church office or mailed. If you prefer, cash may be dropped off at the church office in an envelope marked Care bags.

Items may be dropped off in the bin in Walker Lobby marked Care Bags.

St. Peter's Prayer Room

You are invited to join St. Peter's Prayer Room! We look forward to you joining us on Zoom where a name for prayer will be read and we will respond "Lord, hear our prayer". There will also be a time for you to submit yourself or someone you know for prayer. The meeting will be every Wednesday 1:00 -1:30 or before. Please join us!!! If you have any questions, please contact a member of Compassionate Care.

Saint Peter's Prayer Room

Time: Nov 11, 2020

1:00 - 1:30 or before

Will continue every Wednesday

Join Zoom Meeting from computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/94084872220?pwd=ckJ2bURSZHllVW4xdEFLNHVrNnI1Zz09>

Join from Zoom app:

Meeting ID: 940 8487 2220

Passcode: Prayer

OR Call in with phone:

1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 940 8487 2220

Passcode: 022121

St. Peter's is on YouTube!

Scripture and Sermon from November are now on our public YouTube channel: **St Peters UCC Amherst**

Here is the link to the YouTube page for St. Peter's :

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdljVHzTXllu\]-sB4jiIkQg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdljVHzTXllu]-sB4jiIkQg)

Feel free to share this new source of our Sunday message with your friends!

"BREATH OF HEAVEN"

*Live Nativity Presentation
23rd Anniversary*

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
15617 MASON ROAD, VERMILION

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12th & SUNDAY DECEMBER 13th
4:00 PM THROUGH 8:00 PM

Walk-through presentations approximately every 15 minutes



Please join the members of St. Matthew, Bethany and Grace Lutheran Churches as we share our 23rd presentation of "Breath of Heaven."

It is our honor to share a portrayal of that Holy Night when Jesus was born. The presentation is free to the public.

Please bring non-perishable food items to be donated to local food banks.

Performances by the Firelands High School Select Choir.

***Please be advised that even though this is an outdoor event, facemasks will be required for the safety of our cast and guests. Social distancing guidelines will be in effect and groups will be limited in size.*

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



Hello all-

We are currently checking the references of our 3 candidates.

We will meet Monday, December 7 to discuss our findings.

Sincerely-

Your Search Committee



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon, Dec. 07	MovementWorks 1:30-2:15 PM
Tue, Dec. 08	Trustee Meeting 11AM MovementWorks 4:30-7:25 PM Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
Wed, Dec. 09	Zoom Prayer Room 1 PM MovementWorks 4:30-8:15 PM
Sat, Dec. 12	MovementWorks 8:45 AM- 11:55 PM
Sun, Dec. 13	Sunday Worship Service 10 AM

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