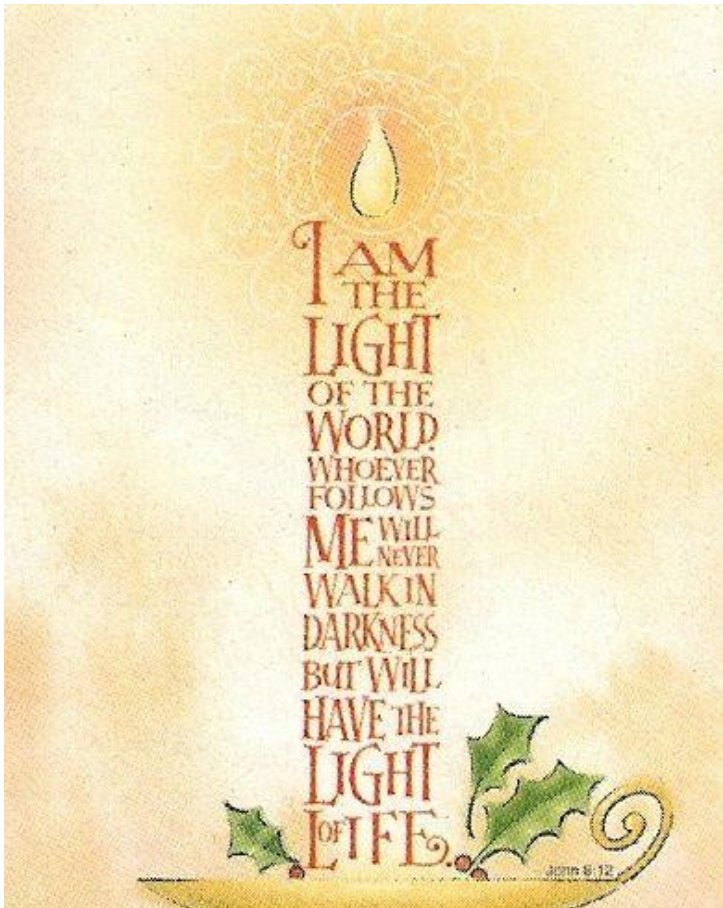




ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



January 3, 2021

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: "As with Gladness Men of Old", arr. Wayne L. World
God with Us: Preludes for the Incarnation ©1999 Augsburg Fortress. Use by/with permission. One
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***OPENING HYMN:** #136 "The First Noel"

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2411660 / 20182679 Text: Traditional English carol Music: W. Sandys' Christmas Carols, 1833
arr. John Stainer Both in public domain.

*** RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION:** Psalm 147:12-20

Leader: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

All: For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.

Leader: He grants peace within your borders;
he fills you with the finest of wheat.

All: He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.

Leader: He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.

All: He hurls down hail like crumbs—
who can stand before his cold?

Leader: He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

All: He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

Leader: He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his ordinances.

All: Praise the LORD!

Repeat after Leader:

Hope! Peace! Love! Joy! We light this candle -Christ Jesus! –
Born again in us. God with us. Thanks be to God!

A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH MUSIC

“True Light”

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: JOHN 1:9-18

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No

one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

MESSAGE: WHO DAT?

REFLECTION HYMN: #163 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

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A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

Offertory: "Nun ruhen alle Walder", Flor Peters

Flor Peters, 30 Chorale Preludes ©1950 C. F. Peters Corporation. Use by/with permission. CCLI No. 20182679 Music: Flor Peters.

*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 #166 "We Three Kings"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ", Johann Pachelbel

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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.

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
Trish Heatley

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Bob Spratt who passed away last week.



Church News

Sunday School Noisy Collection

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation donating to our noisy collection, we were able to buy 5 gift cards to donate to Mercy Resource for moms and children to help make a few Christmases brighter! Part was from Noisy Collection, and part was from some anonymous donations to Christian Education. Thank you all!

*****Please Note:** In January, there are 5 Sundays. There was some confusion in November as to when Noisy Collection would be held. It is always the 4th Sunday of the month. So, in January, it WILL NOT be the last Sunday. It will be January 24, 2020. Thank you!

Preschool Dine and Donate - January

This month you can order a yummy pizza at Soul on Fire Pizza on:
Wednesday, January 13 or Thursday, January 14

Just remember to mention you are from St. Peter's

Preschool when placing your order at 240-8529, and we will receive 15% of all sales.

Soul on Fire is located at 3819 Oberlin Ave in Lorain. Their phone number is (440) 240-8529.

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.

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\]-sB4Ij\]kQg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdljVHzTXllu]-sB4Ij]kQg)

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



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

1:00 - 1:30 or before

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

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

Praise
the
Lord

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Mon, Jan. 4	MovementWorks 1:30-2:15 PM MovementWorks 6:00-8:00 PM
Tue, Jan. 5	MovementWorks 4:30-7:25 PM Bible Study 7 PM (Zoom)
Wed, Jan. 6	Zoom Prayer Room 1 PM MovementWorks 4:30-8:15 PM
Thurs, Jan 7	MovementWorks 4:00-9:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:00-7:30 PM
Sat, Jan. 9	MovementWorks 8:45 AM- 11:55 AM
Sun, Jan. 10	Sunday Worship Service 10 AM

*A Prayer
for you is said today,
“May the love of God
ever with you stay.
Wherever you are
whatever you do,
May the blessing of
God ever rest on you.
And in the years that
are still to come,
May the peace of God
be in your home
And God’s great love
abide with you.”*



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