



**ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WEST PENN**

*"...where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn."*

**Pastor Josh Nemeth  
Carolyn Albright, Supply Organist**

**Sunday, April 19, 2026  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Worship – 10:00 a.m. 11:15 ~ Adult Sunday School  
Sunday School after Children's Time**

*(Please turn off your cell phone.)*

**Prayer of Preparation**

*O Holy Christ and Redeemer, you make yourself known to us in many ways and especially in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see and experience the freedom you offer to those who love you and believe in you. Through your sacred name, we pray. Amen.*

**Greeting/Announcements, Joys and Concerns**

**Prelude**

*"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"*

*by George Frederick Handel*

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Centering Hymn**

*"I Love You Lord"*

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*(All who are able, please stand.)*

**Call to Worship**

**P:** We gather today as people who have been buried with Christ in death,

**C:** **And raised with Him to walk in newness of life.**

**P:** The old has gone, the new has come,

**C:** **We are no longer slaves to sin, but alive to God.**

**P:** We come not to pretend, but to be transformed,

**C:** **For in Christ, we are made new, inside and out.**

**P:** Come, let us worship the One who calls us into true life.

**All:** **We worship as Resurrection People as we are alive in Christ!**

**Opening Hymn**

*"Come Christians, Join to Sing"*

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## *We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek God's Forgiveness*

### **Call to Confession and Confession of Sin**

P: Scripture tells us we are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Yet too often, we live as though sin still holds power over us. Today, we are invited into something better: honesty, freedom, and grace. Let us come before God, not pretending, but trusting in His mercy.

*(A Time for Silent Reflection)*

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins together.

**All: Gracious God, You have called us to be alive in Christ, yet we confess that we often settle for appearances. We pretend to have it all together, while hiding the places where sin still lingers. We return to old habits, even though You have set us free. Forgive us for living as though we are still bound, when You have already broken every chain. Teach us to live honestly before You, not in shame, but in the freedom of Your grace. Remind us that we are no longer slaves to sin, but alive to You through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

P: If we have been united with Christ in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. Sin no longer has dominion over you. You are not defined by your past, your failures, or your struggles. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, set free, and made alive. Thanks be to God as we are alive in Christ!

### **Song of Praise** *(sung)*

*Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.*

*I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.*

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way;*

*From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.*

*From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;*

*Lord I lift your name on high.*

### **The Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And, also with you.**

P: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

## **Children's Time**

*\*\*Children dismissed for Sunday School*

## **The Reading of Scripture**

The First Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

The Gospel Reading

*Luke 24:13-35*

*(The First Reading and The Gospel are printed on the back of the bulletin.)*

*(After the Gospel is announced, all who are able stand and sing:)*



**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*(After the Gospel is read, sing: )*



**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **Hymn**

*“And Can It Be?”*

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*(The congregation may be seated.)*

**The Message** *Resurrection People: Alive, Not Pretending (Romans 6:4-14)*

## **An Affirmation of Faith ~ Responsive**

P: Do you believe that in Jesus Christ you have died to sin?

**C: We believe that our old self was crucified with Him.**

P: Do you believe that through His resurrection you are made new?

**C: We believe that we have been raised to walk in newness of life.**

P: Who has power over your life now?

**C: Sin no longer reigns. Christ is Lord.**

P: How then will you live?

**C: We will not pretend, but live as those truly alive, offering ourselves to God.**

**All: We are Resurrection People: Dead to sin, alive to God, walking in the freedom and power of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Offering of Our Gifts**



**Choral Blessing** *(sung)*

*(Tune: "Morning Has Broken")*

**New life has bloomed here, God's love has warmed us;  
Now the world calls us to spread that love.  
God's peace go with you, may it sustain you,  
And bring us together to praise God again.**

**Postlude**

*"More Precious than Silver"*

by Lynn DeShazo

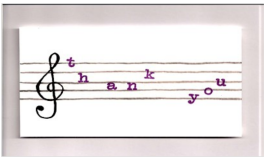


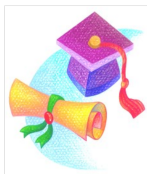
**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in honor of the wedding of Marissa Miller and Tanner Davis held yesterday, April 18th. Congratulations!

**LECTOR:** Bonnie Myers.

**SOUND SYSTEM:** Blaine Seip.

**MAY'S VISITATION LIST BIRTHDAY** Robert Coombe (5/1).





## Graduating Senior Recognition

We are planning our annual tradition at St. Peter's by recognizing the achievements of our graduating seniors on **Sunday, June 7th.**

During morning worship on that day, there will be a time to honor our graduating seniors from high schools, colleges, our preschool, and technical schools. We would like to include highlights of the lives of our graduates and include their accomplishments as well as plans for the future. If you, or someone you know, will be graduating, please notify the church office ASAP (by mail or email). Information to include: Name, Parent(s)/Guardian(s), School, Degree, Recognitions, Clubs/Activities/Hobbies & future plans and a photo. All information is due on **May 24th.** We are also seeking graduates to participate in the worship service. Let us know of your interest.

And, we hope the entire congregation will join in our worship celebration of these incredible young people with whom God has gifted us.

### THE PERFECT CHURCH

"I think that I shall never see

A Church that's all she ought to be;

A Church whose members never stray;

Beyond the Straight and Narrow way;

A Church that has no empty pews, Whose pastor never has the blues,

A Church whose deacons always deak, And none is proud, and all are meek.

Where gossips never peddle lies, Or makes complaints or criticize;

Where all are always sweet and kind

And to all others' faults are blind.

Such perfect Churches there may be,

But none of them known to me.

But still, we'll work and pray and plan

To make our church the best we can.

### CONGREGATIONAL CLEAN-UP DAY

All Hands On Deck! We will be having a clean-up day on **Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00 AM ~ ?** Jobs will include cleaning windows, cleaning up the outside, small jobs, large jobs ~ we need your help! A signup sheet is posted on the table in the church parlor. Please list your name and where you will be willing to help. Thank you!



**PRAYERS FOR OUR ARMED FORCES  
AT HOME AND ABROAD**



**Deployed to Japan:**

**John McGuire**

**Deployed to Germany:**

**Joyce Steigerwalt**

**Deployed to Saudi Arabia:**

**Ryan Snyder**

**Active Duty,  
Not Deployed:**

**Mark Habel**

**Dustin Hoppes**

**LeRoy E. Kromer II**

**Timothy Kromer**

**Ezekiel Kuneck**

**Sean Kurtz**

**Antonio Lorenzo**

**Dominic Lorenzo**

**Amanda Miller**

**Austin Resch**

**Tyler Resch**

**Alexis Scott**

**Trevor Schilling**

**Andy Snyder**

**Ryan Snyder**

**Alexander Thomas**

**Chad Wehr**

**Mark West**

**Scott West**

**Michael Zeigenfuss**



**PRAYERS FOR THSE ON OUR VISITATION LIST**

**Maple Shade Meadows: Barbara Kershner, Gary Steigerwalt**

**Scenic View: Olga Faust**

**Hometown Nursing Home: Wendy Kunkel**

**Mahoning Post Acute Nursing & Rehabilitation: Hazel Arner,  
Edith Coombe**

**At Home:**

**Buddy Arner**

**Larry Miller**

**Robert Coombe**

**Doris Wolfe**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES**

**Michael, Kay, Mikayla, Leilani, & Michael Killar in Thailand  
Maude, Valera, Zarina, Alexander, & Nicolas Motovilov in the  
Czech Republic**

**Say a Prayer for:**

**Recent**

Loved Ones of  
Betty Breiner  
Loved Ones of  
Dennis Oriel  
Cassie Wolfe  
Crystal Unger  
Daniel Smith  
Darryl Moyer  
Denise Angstadt  
Edna Moyer  
Eileen Moyer  
Elsie Kiddell  
Jackson Farrow  
Janet Altenburg  
Judy Gerber  
Nancy Domanski  
Steve Miller  
Wendy Kunkel

**Ongoing**

Austin Klein  
Barry Reinert  
Beth Pravozino  
Betty Breiner

Bonnie Miller  
Bruce Miller

Carolyn Lantz  
Clyde  
Cody Wolfgang  
Dale Peterson  
Darlene Kunkel  
Debbie Mooney  
DeRue Kistler  
Donald Hank Williams  
Erin Coombe  
Erlin Moyer  
Gregory Slivka  
Harry & Janie Conner  
Hope Gramlich  
John Tracy  
Karen Nelson  
Kenneth Breiner  
Larry Chelsa  
Leon Kunkel  
Linda Garber  
Lisa Moyer  
Lynn Long  
Maggie Wehr  
Margarita Santnadelon

Margaret Kern  
Mark Wolfe

Marsha Rodgers  
Mary Lou McGowan  
Nadine  
Parker Brode  
Paul David  
Renee Troutman  
Ricky Everett  
Rita Yarmell  
Ron Hinderliter  
Russel Miller  
Russell Snyder  
Scott Middlecamp  
Sharon Horning  
Sherry Goerner  
Sue Hower  
Teresa Fowler  
Tracie & Scott Clews  
Wayne Lazarus



**If you know of someone to be added or removed from the Prayer List, please contact Pastor Josh, Chris Miller or the church office.**

***O Lord, look down from heaven, and visit and relieve those who are ill. Look upon them with mercy; comfort them; give them a sure confidence in you; defend them from the attacks of the evil one; and keep them in perpetual peace and safety. Comfort and relieve your servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

### **Today, Sunday, April 19:**

9:00 AM Worship Service

\*\*Children dismissed after Children's Time

10:15 AM Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM Church Board

### **Tuesday, April 21:**

7:00 PM WASP

### **Thursday, April 23:**

6:00 PM Cherub Choir

### **Next Sunday, April 26:**

9:00 AM Worship Service

\*\*Children dismissed after Children's Time

10:15 AM Adult Sunday School

*\*For complete details on these events, please consult your newsletter.*



*Giving is one way we worship together. Scan the QR code to give quickly and securely, helping us continue the work God is doing here. Thank you for supporting the ministry and mission of our church.*

## **DON'T FORGET LECTOR SIGNUPS**

Thank you to those willing to serve ~ a **new signup sheet** is provided on the table in the church parlor. The reading will be provided each week through email and/or in the bin on pastor's door. You may signup for one Sunday, or multiple Sundays (which is encouraged). Thank you!



**April 12, 2026**

**Attendance: 83**

**Plate Offering: \$ 89.00**

**Total Current Offering: \$ 2,285.50**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 286.00**

**Year-to-date Fuel: \$ 190.00**

**Year-to-date Elevator: \$ 0**

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**Benevolence:**

**Total YTD: \$ 1,376.00**

**2026 combined benevolence goal is \$10,000.00**

**St. Peter's Church, West Penn**

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**Pastor Josh Nemeth      570-449-5993**

**Pastor Josh Office Hours:**

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 AM ~ 3:00 PM**

**Other times available by appointment**

**Michael Hunsicker, Board President ~ 570-778-1972**

**Lori Hoppes, Vice President ~ 610-393-0901**

**Contact for our TLC Committee for Your Special Needs:  
Please call Nancy Knadler at (570) 956-6851 , or email at Lukie@ptd.net**

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