



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WEST PENN

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

**Pastor Josh Nemeth
Carol Steigerwalt, Supply Organist**

**Sunday, May 17, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Worship ~ 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School ~ 10:15 a. m.
Sunday School after The Cherub Choir**

(Please turn off your cell phone.)

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fulfill all things. Give us faith to trust in his promise that he abides with us on earth to the end of time. We pray in his holy name. Amen.

Greeting/Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude

"I Cast All My Cares Upon You"

by Kelly Willard ~ Psalm 55:22

Lighting of the Candles

Centering Hymn

"I Love You Lord"

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(All who are able, please stand.)

Call to Worship

P: Christ is alive, seated at the right hand of God the father!

C: **He is alive indeed, watching and reigning over all.**

P: The stone is rolled away, and death has been defeated.

C: **Hope is alive, and a new life has begun.**

P: We are do not gather to just stay the same

C: **We are gathered to be transformed and sent.**

All: **Let us worship the living Christ who sends us into the world!**

Opening Hymn

"Because He Lives"

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We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek God's Forgiveness

Call to Confession and Confession of Sin

P: The risen Christ calls us not only to believe, but to go. Yet too often, we remain where it is safe and comfortable. We hold back when we should speak. We stay silent when we should show love. We hesitate when God calls us forward.

(A Time for Silent Reflection)

P: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together.

All: Merciful and sending God, You have called us to be resurrection people, to carry Your hope, Your love, and Your truth into the world. But we confess that we often choose comfort over calling. We stay silent when we should speak. We doubt that You can use ordinary people like us. Forgive us for the times we have hidden our faith instead of living it boldly. Renew our hearts by Your Spirit. Fill us again with resurrection power. Give us courage to live as people who are truly sent. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: Hear the good news: The same Jesus who conquered the grave also conquers sin, shame, and fear. In Him, you are forgiven. In Him, you are made new. In Him, you are sent, not in guilt, but in grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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.)

The Offering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

“My Savior’s Love”

by Charles H. Gabriel

(All who are able, please stand.)

The Offertory Response *(sung)*

*We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate’er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone –
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication *(in unison)*

Risen and sending God, everything we have comes from You: our lives, our resources, our opportunities. Today we bring these gifts not just as an act of worship, but as an act of mission. Use what we offer to extend Your love, to bring hope where it is needed, and to make Your presence known in this world. May our giving and our living both point to the power of the risen Christ. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who calls us, equips us, and sends us. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer *(in unison)*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

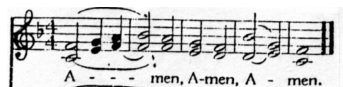
(All who are able, please stand.)

Closing Hymn

“Living for Jesus”

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The Benediction with Three-fold “Amen”



Extinguishing of Candles/Silent Meditation

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

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

by Fanny J. Crosby & William H. Doane



THE ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the glory of God. *"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity."* 2 Peter 3:18

LECTOR: *Terry Wehr.*

SOUND SYSTEM: *Blaine Seip.*

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

LAST WEEK'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING *received from Mike Hunsicker.*

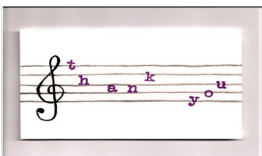
*One hand to guide and hold,
One life to shape and mold,
each child, a gift from God above
a symbol of his strength and love.*

~ unknown



**Blessings and prayers to the family and friends of
Gage Estep.**

"Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a child, he shall not enter therein." Mark 10:15



We are very grateful to Carol Steigerwalt for sharing the gift of music with us as we gather together this morning for our worship time.



Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

May's Joyous Noise Offering totaled \$544.00. On March 8, Melissa Frey suffered a sudden medical emergency during a Scout meeting in West Penn while helping teach the children a first aid lesson. Despite the efforts of the Scout leaders and EMTs, she sadly passed away. Melissa leaves behind her husband and two young sons, who were present that evening. The family is now facing unimaginable grief along with unexpected expenses. This month's joyous noise has been organized to support the Frey family during this difficult time.

Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Sunday School and may be mailed to the church office. If you know of an organization or individual that could benefit from St. Peter's Joyous Noise Offering, please contact Hannah Miller or Nicole Hunsicker. Thank you for your support!



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 OR before **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.

**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

Audrey
Carissa Nelson
Cassie Wolfe
Crystal Unger
Daniel Smith
Darryl Moyer
Denise Angstadt
Edna Moyer
Elsie Kiddell
Jackson Farrow
Steve Miller
Wendy Kunkel

Ongoing

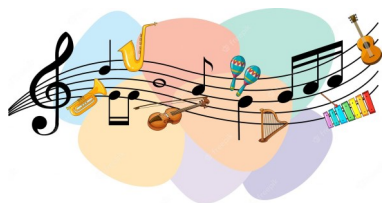
Austin Klein
Barry Reinert
Beth Pravozino
Bonnie Miller
Bruce Miller
Carolyn Lantz
Clyde
Cody Wolfgang
Dale Peterson

Darlene Kunkel
Debbie Mooney
DeRue Kistler
Donald Hank Williams
Eileen Moyer
Erin Coombe
Erlin Moyer
Gregory Slivka
Harry & Janie Conner
Hope Gramlich
Janet Altenburg
John Tracy
Judy Gerber
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
Nancy Domanski
Parker Brode
Paul David
Renee Troutman
Ricky Everett
Rita Yarmell
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.



If you play an instrument and want to be in the Memorial Day Band on Sunday, May 24th at 11:30 AM, join us for practice on **Wednesday, May 13th** and **Wednesday, May 20th** at 7:00 PM at Zion's Stone Church.



The Memorial Day service will be held at St. Peter's Church this year on **Sunday, May 24th** at 11:30 AM. Bring your lawn chairs!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today, Sunday, May 17:

9:00 AM Worship Service

**Children dismissed after Children's Time

10:15 AM Adult Sunday School

Thursday, May 21:

10:00 AM 3-year-old Preschool Moving Up Ceremony

6:00 PM Cherub Choir

Friday, May 22:

10:00 AM 4-year-old Preschool Graduation Ceremony

Next Sunday, May 24:

9:00 AM Worship Service ~ *Confirmation Sunday*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Children dismissed after Children's Time

10:15 AM Adult Sunday School

11:30 AM Memorial Day Service at St, Peter's
(please bring your lawn chairs)

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Josh will be on vacation from Monday, May 25th through Sunday, May 31st

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

FUNDRAISER FOR PEDIATRIC DIABETES

Gage Estep is collecting recyclables (plastic drink bottles and aluminum cans). **No milk jugs or 1/2 gallon containers please.** Also, please make sure these bags are securely tied and placed where they will not tip over or blow away. Thank you for helping keep everything organized and clean. Anyone with a large amount of cans, can call Marsha Estep to arrange a pick up at 570-778-8082

GIRL SCOUTS COLLECTING PLASTIC

Please make sure the plastic and bags are clean and dry and free from food residue. There is a collection box in the church parlor

May 10, 2026

Attendance: 105

Plate Offering: \$ 144.00

Total Current Offering: \$ 2,669.50

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 389.00

Year-to-date Fuel: \$ 390.00

Year-to-date Elevator: \$ 245.00

Benevolence:

Total YTD: \$ 1,801.00

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's Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
from 10:00AM ~ 3:00 PM**

Other times available by appointment

Pastor Josh will be on vacation from May 25th through May 31st

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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Church Office Phone: (570) 386-4388

**Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00am—1:00pm,
Friday from 10:00am-2:00pm (Hours subject to change)**

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