

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WEST PENN

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

Rev. Virginia M. Heimer, Pastor Carol Steigerwalt, Director of Music

May 22, 2022 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter Worship ~ 9:00 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:15 a.m.

(Please turn off your cell phone.)

We Gather Again and Seek God's Presence

Prayer of Preparation

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your Word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made. Amen.

Greeting/Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

by Reginald Heber & John B. Dykes

Lighting of the Candles

(All who are able, please stand.)

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

- L: We come to this place of prayer because God calls us here; we come because we are burdened and we know there is healing here.
- P: We come to hear the Word of God; we have brought with us all that weighs us down.
- L: May our voices praise the One who calls us and may we sing for joy.
- P: Our hearts respond with hope that God's ways will be made known to us. May this time guide and inspire us.

Opening Hymn

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek God's Forgiveness Call to Confession

(Silence for reflection.)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love, we have neglected your Word and have paid attention, instead, to the words we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled by the conflict and violence in our world. Remind us that you reach out to heal us, help us to respond. Help us know that we are surrounded by your love. Forgive our sin and free us to live peacefully and joyfully in your world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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 congregation may be seated.)

Children's Time

We Listen for God's Word to Us

The Reading of Scripture

Psalm Reading
Second Reading
The Gospel Reading

Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29

(The Second Reading is 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,)



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

(The congregation may be seated.)

The Sermon

Special Music "Let Mount Zion Rejoice" by J. B. Herbert ~ offered by Carol Steigerwalt

(All who are able, please stand.)

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

The Apostles Creed

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated.)

Invitation to the Offering

The Offering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

by Charles Wesley & Simeon B. Marsh

(All who are able, please stand.)

The Offertory Response (sung)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer (in unison)

For our blessings, Lord, we give thanks: for creation and for the people you have given us to love; for the work we have to do, we are grateful. Our offerings represent our gratitude and so we dedicate these gifts to you that they may be used to build up the Body of Christ in this church and beyond. We pray in the name of the Risen Christ. 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.
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

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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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

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

by Charles Wesley & Giardini



THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in honor of Cathy & Terry Wehr ~ Happy Anniversary from Cathy's Secret Pal.

THE BULLETINS are in loving memory of all the saints who were faithful choir members, choir directors and organists at St. Peter's Church. To God be the glory for their dedication and talents.

LECTOR: Jen Miller.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Kailee Thomas

PSALM READER: Kailee Thomas

ACOLYTES: Tyler MacMillan and Madison Schaeffer.

BELL RINGER: TJ Hartman.

SOUND SYSTEM: Anthony Thomas. **VIDEOGRAPHER:** Justin Imbody.

BIRTHDAY OFFERING LAST WEEK received from Mike Hunsicker.
MAY VISITATION LIST BIRTHDAY: Robert Coombe (5/1) and Velma Schaeffer (5/17).

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

O, Prince of Peace, once more we hear the guns of war, Once more we see the faces of frightened children.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be granted peace; We pray for the people of Russia, that they may demand peace;

We pray for our country, that we may be a positive part of peacemaking in this world.

O, Prince of Peace, lead us from this dark time

To a deeper understanding of the global human family,

So all may break bread together in the secure embrace of peace. Amen.

Jane Deren, Ph.D.



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

The Memorial Day service is at St. Peters this year ~ NEXT **Sunday, May 29**th following worship..



The Mother/Daughter/Aunt/Sister/Cousin Tea on Tuesday, May 24th @ 6.30pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a signup sheet on the parlor table for refreshments. (FYI - our meetings are always the 3rd

Tuesday, but since voting is May 17th, it was moved a week later). This is our last meeting until fall. All church women and young ladies are invited to join them.

Graduating Senior Recognition

We are planning our annual tradition at St. Peter's by recognizing the achievements of our graduating seniors on *Sunday*, *June 26th*.

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 *June 12th*. 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.

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Pastor Heimer will be at a Continuing Education Training from May 22nd (PM) through May 25th. Please contact Pastor Russ Campbell @ 610-737-2634 for any pastoral needs or contact Denise Moyer, Board President at 484-695-1887 for general concerns.

NOTE:

The church office will be CLOSED from May 19th through May 27th.

PRAYERS FOR OUR ARMED FORCES AT HOME AND ABROAD

Active Duty, Not Deployed:

Deployed to Japan: John McGuire Deployed to Africa:

Jonathan Liggitt

Michelle Liggitt



Jacob Coombe
Amber Gulick
Patrick Donohue, II
Mark Habel
Dustin Hoppes
LeRoy E. Kromer II
Timothy Kromer
Ezekiel Kuneck
Sean Kurtz
Antonio Lorenzo

Amanda Miller Lisa Miller Austin Resch Tyler Resch Trevor Schilling Andy Snyder Chad Wehr Mark West Scott West Michael Zeigenfuss



Dominic Lorenzo

Gracedale Nursing Home: Lynn Gerber

St. Luke's Miners: Arlene Breiner

Maple Shade Meadows: June Williams

Heritage Hill Senior Community: Rev. David Knoebel,

Beverly Knoebel, and Warren Steigerwalt

Scenic View: Olga Faust

At Home:

Buddy Arner Edith Coombe Larry Miller Dorothy Miller Velma Schaeffer 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: Kyle Gerber Wendy Kunkel Benjamin Harris Bruce Miller Tiven Steigerwalt Alexis Scott Betty Breiner Betty Clark Chuck Oliver Darryl Moyer Debbie Peipher Carol Steigerwalt Dan Algard David Fink Anne Scott Michael Babinchak Glenn Rarick Rose Bear Dan Myers Tory Graver Pete Fisher Sherry Seip Maggie Wehr Robert Kistler, Jr. Dave Warner Nancy Domanski Rosanne Abrachinsky Matt Brickler Matthew J. Wentz Melinda Frey Linda Agosti Walter Szymanski Logan Pribila Bruce Wolfe Lori Fairchild

Franklin Mackes Slayton Altenburg Lamar Gerber Melissa Havdt Thomas Miller Carol Barron Keith Bitler MaryAnne Mitrisin Chris Conway Thomas Highland Mark Abrachinsky Greg Blackall Lana Kuehner Amanda Donohue Lucas Milot Travis Flannigan Lucas Nelson Paul David Zayden Mabey Gary Zehner John Kowlewski *Matthew Fox* Jessica Nehm Allison Steigerwalt Aiden Kreimendahl Mike & Bernice Delp Carol Tynan Lisa Serfass Danika Tworkowsky Ben Fink Diane Middlecamp Gino Lorady Bernie Matyascik Jamie Phelan Kim & Dave Carson Marion Kupres

Louise Billman Tony Masor Sherry Walz Shari Yediny Richard Kistler Darlene Kunkel Erla Biasi Carolyn Kunkle Aspen Murphy Jillian Datchko Pastor Nathan Kennedy Russel Stull, Jr. Veronica Steigerwalt McCoy Rapa Donna Roderick Jaden Leiby Justin Klotz Gene McCormik Mike Rascho William Shirar Amy Meixsall JoAnn Pagonis Jo Kunkle Jackson Delebar Vicki Pratt Austin Klein Melissa Drake Lorna Hart Carson Barron Caroline Lantz Nancy Barkus Howard Morana



THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today, Sunday, May 22:

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:15 AM Sunday School

NO Confirmation Class

6:00 PM Girl Scouts

Monday, May 23:

10:30 AM Preschool Moving Up Celebration

Tuesday, May 24:

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

10:30 AM Preschool Graduation

Wednesday, May 25:

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Thursday, May 26:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 PM Cherub Choir rehearsal

7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal

Friday, May 27:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Next Sunday, May 29:

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Memorial Day Service at St. Peter's

NO Confirmation Class

6:00 PM Girl Scouts

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

OLD FASHIONED PICNIC JUNE 24th-25th VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 18th-22th

APPLE DUMPLINGS **OCTOBER 14th & NOVEMBER 17th**<u>MUST BE ORDERED</u>

PORK & SAUERKRAUT SUPPER NOVEMBER 12th

FILLING NOVEMBER 24th

FOR DETAILS CALL KAREN DIEHL 570-386-5472 OR LORI HOPPES 570-386-2440

May 15, 2022

Attendance: 102

Total Current Offering: \$ 2,380.50 Building Maintenance Fund of: \$ 203.00

Plate Offering: \$ 39.00 Year-to-date Fuel \$ 1,570.00 Year-to-date Elevator \$ 240.00

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Benevolence:

Total YTD \$ 5,535.00 (2022 combined benevolence goal is \$15,000.00)

St. Peter's Church, West Penn

184 St. Peter's Road Tamaqua PA 18252 570-386-4388

Rev. Virginia M. Heimer, Pastor

For Pastoral Care or Emergency:

Pastor Heimer's Cell: 610-762-3840 Pastor Heimer will be in her office on:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM;

Thursdays from 9:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

Friday ~ OFF; Saturday ~ SABBATH DAY

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Contact our TLC Committee for Your Special Needs: Please call Pastor Heimer OR the Church Office

Director of Music: Carol Steigerwalt Sexton: Lou Ann Algard

Financial Secretary: Jacqueline McCandless Church Office: Elaine Koons NOTE: The church office will be CLOSED from May 19th through May 27th.

Church Office Phone: (570) 386-4388

Church Office Hours: Tuesday ~ Friday 10:00 AM~2:00 PM

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NEEDED: Snacks (Goldfish, crackers, cookies, etc.) for children's baggies.