



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 29, 2022 ~ Seventh 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

Loving God, draw us into unity, help us to obey your commands even in the midst of all the changes and challenges of this world. May our hearts be focused on where your love is found and may we follow the lead of our Savior and Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Greeting/Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Prelude *"America, the Beautiful"* by Katherine Lee Bates & Samuel A. Ward

Lighting of the Candles

(All who are able, please stand.)

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

L: We gather in this space to worship God and we rejoice and give thanks to God's holy name.

P: **Let all heaven and earth behold God's glory.**

L: Come, all who hunger and thirst, be nourished and renewed in this time of worship.

P: **We bring our prayers and praise, our joys and sorrows and we come seeking.**

Opening Hymn *"O Zion, Haste"* #443

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek God's Forgiveness

Call to Confession

(Silence for reflection.)

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Compassionate God, we confess that we have fashioned idols to occupy our time and energy. We have used and abused creation rather than caring for it. You call us to treat our brothers and sisters with love yet we criticize, exclude, judge and hate. We have much sin to bring before you; we ask for your grace and we ask for the willingness to forgive and to offer that same grace to others. 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

Psalm 97

First Reading

Acts 16:16-34

The Gospel Reading

John 17:20-26

*(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,)



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

(The congregation may be seated.)

The Sermon

(All who are able, please stand.)

Hymn

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

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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

“Precious Memories”

by J. B. F. Wright

(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)*

With joy and gladness we dedicate our gifts to the service of Jesus Christ. May all who are hungry be fed, may all who are thirsty be offered water, may all who are lost be found. May all humankind be led to accept the saving grace of Christ. We offer these gifts and ourselves to be used, may we be faithful disciples, may we be cheerful givers. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated.)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

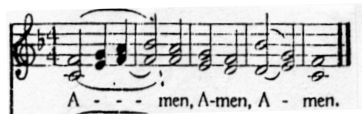
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and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

(All who are able, please stand.)

Closing Hymn “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

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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 “Rise Up, O Church of God” by William Merrill and Aaron Williams

Memorial Day Prayer

We remember, O Lord, all those men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Do not let us breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without remembering with great gratitude those who have the last full measure of devotion ... their very lives ... for our benefit. May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





THE ALTAR FLOWERS *are presented to the glory of God.*

LECTOR: *Jen Miller.*

ASSISTING MINISTER: *Tyler MacMillan.*

PSALM READER: *Morgan Myers.*

ACOLYTES: *Kailee Thomas and Morgan Myers*

BELL RINGER: *Brynley Kistler.*

SOUND SYSTEM: *Paul Heimer.*

VIDEOGRAPHER: *Justin Imbody.*

BIRTHDAY OFFERINGS LAST WEEK *will be printed in next week's bulletin.*

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.

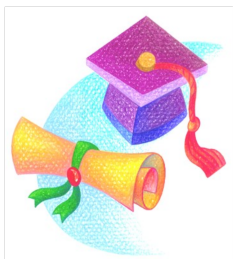


“As America celebrates Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who have given their lives in our nation's wars.”

~ John M. McHugh

“Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves; and under the rule of a just God, cannot long retain it.”

~ Abraham Lincoln



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.



Join Us for a Memorial Butterfly Release!

When: Thursday June 23, 2022
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Where: E. Franklin Griffiths Funeral Home
655 East Broad Street
Tamaqua, PA 18252

Sign Up: Call 570-668-2550 by June 10, 2021

Weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Butterflies represent hope, new life, peace, and a connection to nature.

This event is open to the public; you need not be affiliated with the funeral home to sign up to release a butterfly in memory of loved ones or to attend.

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



Deployed to Japan:

John McGuire

Deployed to Africa:

Jonathan Liggitt

Michelle Liggitt

**Active Duty,
Not Deployed:**

Jacob Coombe

Amber Gulick

Patrick Donohue, II

Mark Habel

Dustin Hoppes

LeRoy E. Kromer II

Timothy Kromer

Ezekiel Kuneck

Sean Kurtz

Antonio Lorenzo

Dominic Lorenzo

Amanda Miller

Lisa Miller

Austin Resch

Tyler Resch

Trevor Schilling

Andy Snyder

Chad Wehr

Mark West

Scott West

Michael Zeigenfuss



PRAYERS FOR THOSE ON OUR VISITATION LIST

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

Dorothy Miller

Edith Coombe

Velma Schaeffer

Larry Miller

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 Haydt
Thomas Miller
Carol Barron
Keith Bitler
MaryAnne Mitrising
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 29:

- 9:00 AM Worship Service
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Memorial Day Service at St. Peter's
NO Confirmation Class

Tuesday, May 31:

- 6:00 PM Bible Study

Friday, June 3:

- 7:00 PM Encore performance of "Summer in Cricket County"
(no meal served ~ free-will offering)

Next Sunday, June 5:

- 9:00 AM Worship Service ~ Celebration of Holy Communion
Confirmation
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Church Board meeting
- 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

MUST BE ORDERED

PORK & SAUERKRAUT SUPPER NOVEMBER 12th

FILLING NOVEMBER 24th

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



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

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

**Financial information from last week is unavailable due to vacation.
The information for May 22nd will be in next week's bulletin.**

St. Peter's Church, West Penn

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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

Contact for 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

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We are in need of individual snacks for our Children's Baggies. NO lollipop's are needed! Goldfish, crackers, cookies, etc. would be most welcomed. Thank you!!