



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WEST PENN

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

Pastor Josh Nemeth
Rev. Cliff Herring, Supply Pastor
Molly Betz, Supply Pianist

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

Worship ~ 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School ~ 10:15 a. m.

(Please turn off your cell phone.)

Prayer of Preparation

God of heaven and earth, you are the Triune God: author of creation, eternal word of salvation and life-giving spirit of wisdom. Guide us by your spirit to all truth that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Greeting/Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* arranged by Carol Tornquist

Lighting of the Candles

Centering Hymn *"I Love You Lord"* #78

(All who are able, please stand.)

Call to Worship

P: We are called to worship God.

C: **Our Creator, Source of all that we have and all that we are.**

P: We are called to worship Jesus the Christ:

C: **God's Only Son, who lived for us, died for us, and rose from death to remind us that life never ends through Him.**

P: We are called to worship the Holy Spirit:

C: **Who is God's constant Presence in our lives, wherever we go.**

P: Let us then prepare our hearts and spirits to worship the Triune God:

C: **God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Spirit of Love and Truth.**

P: Let us pray together:

All: Almighty One, the Trinity which encompasses more than we can ever know or fully understand, be with us in this time of worship. Help us to center our minds and our hearts on you, the source of all life and light. Calm our fear. Inspire us. Stand next to us as we praise Your Holy Name. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

#3

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

The Reading of Scripture

The Psalm Reading *(in unison)*

Psalm 8

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The Second Reading

II Corinthians 13: 11-13

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 28: 16-20

(The Gospel 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, sing:)



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

(The congregation may be seated.)

Sermon *And, they Doubted?*

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek God's Forgiveness

Call to Confession and Confession of Sin

P: In this time of worshipping the Power and Presence of Christ, we often wonder if we are worthy of being a disciple, a follower of Jesus Christ. Following a time for reflection, let us confess our doubts and sins:

(A Time for Silent Reflection)

All: Heavenly God, whose greatness, love, and power is more than we could ever fully know or understand, we stand in your Presence, sometimes filled with doubt about Your Love, and about our own worthiness. We have been reluctant to fully live out your Redemptive Love in our cynical world. We do not feel we are good enough to be your faithful followers. Forgive our doubts about Your Grace and Power. Forgive our doubts about ourselves. Forgive us in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: Hear the words from the second chapter of I Peter: Once you were no one, but now you are God's People; Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received God's Mercy.

Lift up your hearts, your heads, and your spirits: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people. You have been forgiven and renewed through the mighty acts of the One who lifts us out of darkness and sin into the light of Redeeming Hope. Amen.

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.*

Affirmation of Faith *(in unison)*

We believe in Jesus Christ, who was crucified, died, and was buried, and on the third day rose again. We believe that He is alive and that His resurrection changes everything. We believe we are called to be His witnesses, to live with hope, to love with courage, and to carry His message into the world. We believe that the Holy Spirit empowers us to serve, to speak, and to go where God sends us. We are resurrection people, called, equipped, and sent in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

"Sweet By and By"

arranged by John Turner

(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)*

Generous God, Giver of all good and perfect gifts, we thank you for all that we have received from You. Accept these gifts that we return in gratitude for your faithfulness. Use these gifts to strengthen your church world-wide in the Name and Spirit of Jesus. 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.***

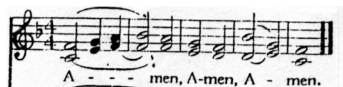
(All who are able, please stand.)

Closing Hymn

"Praise Ye the Triune God"

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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.***

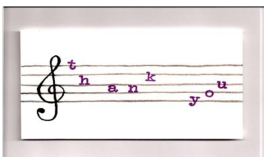
Postlude

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

by George Job Elvey



We are very grateful and extend a special "thank you" to Pastor Cliff for leading us in worship as we gather together this morning for our worship time.



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

Remember the past with fondness; Look to the future with eagerness; Live each moment to the fullest.

~Unknown



THE ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the glory of God. *“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let thy glory be over all the earth!”*

Psalm 57:5

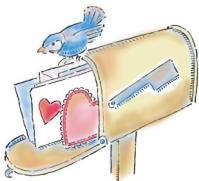
LECTOR: *Lori Hoppes.*

SOUND SYSTEM: *TBD.*

JUNE VISITATION LIST BIRTHDAY: *Gary Steigerwalt (6/14).*

LAST WEEK’S BIRTHDAY OFFERING received from *Dolores Coombe and Charlotte Miller.*

CARD SHOWER



The family has asked to please consider sending a birthday card to Gary Steigerwalt for his 80th birthday which he will celebrate on June 14th. His address is: Maple Shade Meadows, Room A2, 50 Locust Street, Nesquehoning PA 18240.

Join Us for our Memorial Butterfly Release!



When: *Wednesday June 17, 2026*

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 05, 2026*

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 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

Robert Coombe

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:

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.

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, May 31:

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Adult Sunday School

Next Sunday, June 7:

9:00 AM Worship Service ~ *Sacrament of Holy Communion*
Graduate Recognition Sunday
10:15 AM Adult Sunday School
11:00 AM Church Board

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Josh will return from vacation on Monday, June 1st.

**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



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.

May 24, 2026

Attendance: 92

Plate Offering: \$ 101.00

Total Current Offering: \$ 1,578.50

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 236.00

Year-to-date Fuel: \$ 420.00

Year-to-date Elevator: \$ 875.00

Benevolence:

Total YTD: \$ 1,912.00

2026 combined benevolence goal is \$10,000.00

St. Peter's Church, West Penn

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

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 return from vacation on Monday, June 1st.

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

Sexton: Lou Ann Algard 570-778-4063

Financial Secretary: Sharon Main Church Office: Elaine Koons

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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