



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WEST PENN

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

Rev. Cliffert Herring, Interim Pastor

October 12, 2025 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday School after the Joyous Noise Offering

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

(Please turn off your cell phone.)

Prayer of Preparation

O Glorious Creator of all living things, we seek your presence with us today. Remind us who we are and to whom we belong; remind us to whom this earth belongs. Make us good stewards of your magnificent creation today and always. Amen.

Greeting/Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude

"I Worship You, Almighty God; There Is None Like You"

by Sondra Corbett

Lighting of the Candles

(All who are able, please stand.)

Centering Hymn

"We Have Come Into His House"

#224

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

P: Let us hear the Word of the Lord. Let us be warmed by its fire burning in

C: **God's Word is a lamp to our feet, a light along the pathway.**

P: In the presence of the Word, revealed in Jesus Christ, written in Scripture, praised in hymns, proclaimed in preaching, expressed in prayer,

C: **Let us praise God together as we join our hearts in pray.**

All: **Holy God, we are awed and humbled to be in Your Presence again. While our understanding is still partial and imperfect, we pray that you will inspire us, broadening our minds, lifting our fears, and instilling in us Your wisdom. Fill us with the Presence of Christ this day as we worship You. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #90 (Verses 1 & 2)

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek God's Forgiveness

Call to Confession and Confession of Sin

P: God knows all too well what we have done and not done. Let us honestly come before Him in contrition to confess our sins:

Confession of Sin *(in unison)*

Spirit of Truth, we confess that we are quick to find fault and spread gossip, sins that undermine the whole fellowship of believers. We have been quick to argue, but slow to show your compassion for others. Renew a right spirit within us, that we may carry Christ's love and mercy from this place into our community and to the world. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God now and forever. Amen.

(A Time for Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

P: God is slow to anger but is abounding in steadfast love. Trust in the Mercy of Christ for in Him our sins are forgiven. Amen.

Hymn *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* #90 *(Verses 3 & 4)*

The Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And, also with you.

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

(The congregation may be seated.)

Children's Message

Joyous Noise Offering

***Children dismissed for Sunday School*

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek God's Forgiveness

The Reading of Scripture

The Second Reading

II Timothy 2: 8-15

The Gospel Reading

Luke 17: 11 – 19

(The Second 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

“Spirit Song”

#384

(The congregation may be seated.)

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith *(in unison)*

(The Apostle’s 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 Offering of Our Gifts

The Offertory *“I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked”* by Twohiy-O’Hara

(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)*

**Bless these our gifts, Dear God, we pray.
Use them for your work day by day.
Through our offerings, shine your light.
That Christ’s Love might shine bright. 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.***

Prayer for Call Committee *(in unison)*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift; look upon this congregation with grace. Guide the minds of our Search Committee members as they discern which of your servants will be our next pastor. Please grant that we might receive a faithful shepherd who will care for us and continue to equip us for ministry in this place. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

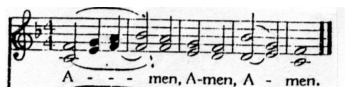
(All who are able, please stand.)

Closing Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

#788

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 *"Behold, What Manner of Love the Father Has Given Unto Us"*

by Patricia Van Tine
Based on I John 3:1



THE ALTAR FLOWERS *are dedicated to the majesty and glory of our God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God". Matthew 5:9*

THE FLORAL BASKETS *are from the funeral of Althea Zehner.*

LECTOR: *Michael Hunsicker.*

SOUND SYSTEM: *Eric Schock.*

During the month of October, Pastor Cliff will be distributing the Sacrament of Holy Communion to our members who are sick or shut-in. If you or a family member desires to receive the Sacrament please call either the Pastor at 484-553-9175 or the church office.

Pastoral
CARE

Pork & Sauerkraut Supper, Bake Sale and Basket Raffle. Saturday, November 8 from 3 to 7 PM, Eat in or take out, all you can eat. Contact Lori Hoppes at 610-393-0901(text) or 570-386-2440 to help Saturday morning or evening; to donate to the meal and/or the desserts/bake sale and contact Susan Hunsicker at 570-778-9872 to donate a basket.

NEW FORMAT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL It has been decided that our Sunday School will have a different schedule. On Communion Sundays we ask all children from age 3 through 12 to attend the 9:00 AM worship as usual. However, following the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion with the blessing of the children, the children will be dismissed to go downstairs for Sunday School. Beginning on **October 12th**, and following through on all non-Communion Sundays, the children will be dismissed from worship immediately following the children's time for their educational time. Sunday School will conclude by about 10:15 AM or so. During this time we are in need of a parent or grandparent or two to stay with the teacher(s) to help. It is our desire that this will increase our participation in educating our youth in their growing faith in Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

In November:

Apple dumplings order by *November 2nd* with pickup *November 20th* from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Homemade filling: order by *November 9th* with pickup at the South Entrance *November 25th* (drive-thru) \$8/qt.

Orders can either be put on the sheet at church or by calling Karen Diehl 570-386-5472. If you leave a message she will call you back to confirm your order.

GIRL SCOUTS COLLECTING PLASTIC

The Girl Scouts are collecting *plastic items* such as: grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, reclosable storage bags (i.e. Ziplock), cereal bags, case overwrap (i.e. for water), etc. There is a white box in the parlor for the collection. Please make sure the bags are clean and dry and free from food residue.

They thank you for your support!

FUNDRAISER FOR PEDIATRIC DIABETES

Gage Bishop, the son of Marsha and Joe Estep is working with the Lehigh Lioness and Lions Club to raise money for pediatric diabetes. He has been diabetic since 7 years old and wants to give back to the cause. He will be collecting recyclables (plastic drink bottles and aluminum cans), as well as selling daily number calendars for November (\$10.00 each) to give back to pediatric diabetes.

He has worked hard to be as healthy as possible and would like to contribute money back to the people who have helped him get there. We will be setting up an area by the shed for recyclables and the money raised from them and the calendars will be donated. Anyone with a large amount of cans, can call Marsha to arrange a pick up at 570-778-8082.

Thank you for your support!
Gage, Joe, and Marsha

Our children could use some lollipops for the children's baggies.

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



Deployed to:
USS Harry Truman
Austin Resch

Deployed to Japan:
John McGuire

Deployed to Germany:
Joyce Steigerwalt



**Active Duty,
Not Deployed:**

Mark Habel
Dustin Hoppes
LeRoy E. Kromer II
Timothy Kromer
Ezekiel Kuneck
Sean Kurtz
Antonio Lorenzo
Dominic Lorenzo
Amanda Miller

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: **Hazel Arner, Barbara Kershner,**
Gary Steigerwalt

Scenic View: **Olga Faust**

HomeTown Nursing Home: **Wendy Kunkel**

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
Althea Zehner*

*Loved Ones of
Robert Krell
Wendy Kunkel*

Margarita Santnadeleon

Sandy Clemson

Kay Miller

Holly & Jake Henderson

Lynn Long

Loraine Coombe

Harry & Janie Connor

Ongoing

Austin Klein

Beth Pravozino

Betty Breiner

Bonnie Miller

Brad Steigerwalt

Bruce Miller

Carolyn Lantz

Clyde

Cody Wolfgang

Darlene Kunkel

Darryl Moyer

Debbie Mooney

DeRue Kistler

Donald Hank Williams

Erin Coombe

Erlin Moyer

Franklin Mackes

Gregory Slivka

Judy Gerber

Kay Faust

Kenneth Breiner

Kenny Oliver

Leon Kunkel

Linda Garber

Loraine Coombe

Loretta Beers

Maggie Wehr

Mark Wolfe

Marsha Rodgers

Mary Lou & Jim Walk

Mary Lou McGowan

Nadine

Parker Brode

Paul David

Renee Troutman

Ricky Everett

Rita Yarmell

Robbie Trainer

Sharon Horning

Sue Hower

Teresa Fowler

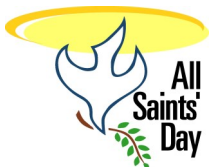
Terry Abrachinsky

Tim Kistler

Wayne Lazarus



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



All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 2nd, during our morning worship, St. Peter's will honor all our Saints who have passed into eternal rest since last November. There will be a special observance within the liturgy to remember these loved ones and friends. If you have a family member or loved one who you would like to be remembered, please contact Pastor Herring or the office. If you have a loved one you would like remembered that passed away prior to last November, please bring a picture to set on the windowsills of the sanctuary so we can be surrounded by a "cloud of witnesses" as we honor those who have passed into eternal rest and peace with God.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today, Sunday, October 12:

9:00 AM Worship Service
Joyous Noise Offering

**Children dismissed for Sunday School after the Joyous Noise Offering

10:15 AM Adult Sunday School

Tuesday, October 14:

** November Newsletter/Calendar Deadline**

6:00 PM Prayer Group

Thursday, October 16:

6:00 PM Cherub Choir rehearsal

7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal

Next Sunday, October 19:

9:00 AM Worship Service

**Children dismissed after Children's Time for Sunday School

10:15 AM Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM Church Board

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

**The deadline for the November issue of
the “*Cornerstone*” is Tuesday, October 14th.**

Operation Shoe Box

TODAY *Sunday, October 12th*, we will “kick-off” our Operation Shoe Box Mission Project. Operation Shoe Box is a project of Samaritan's Purse which delivers Christmas presents to children around the world who may otherwise not receive any gifts at Christmas.

Boxes and information providing details of how and what to pack in your shoe box are available on a table in the church parlor. You will be able to choose a gender and an age group for the child that will receive your shoe box. The final collection date for filled boxes will be on *November 16th*.



October 5, 2025

Attendance: 84

Plate Offering: \$ 130.00

Total Current Offering: \$ 3,664.50

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 612.00

Year-to-date Fuel: \$ 1,547.00

Year-to-date Elevator: \$ 1,191.00

Benevolence:

Total YTD: \$ 8,775.50

2025 combined benevolence goal is \$10,000.00

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Lori Hoppes, Vice President ~ 610-393-0901

For pastoral care, visitations, please call Pastor Herring at 484-553-9175

Contact Denise Moyer, Board President for general concerns at 484-695-1887

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: Jacqueline McCandless Church Office: Elaine Koons
Substitute: Anne Scott**

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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