

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
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Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24, 2021
7:00 PM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome & Greeting

Special Music- Joe Crisamore: "Happy Christmas " by Jake Bragg

Prelude- Cradle Song

Higgins

Call to Worship

Solo: O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

ALL SING: O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

ALL: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!"

ALL SING: Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

L: And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;

P: We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

ALL SING: Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

L: Let us rejoice for God's light has come,

P: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

L: Nations shall come to this light.

P: and kings to the brightness of this dawn.

L: The splendid eternal light shines on all who live in darkness.

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World! A light no darkness can extinguish.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

L: Let us pray:

ALL: God of promise, the coming of your Son into the world has revealed your glory. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably, let us live simply and faithfully as your people who have seen the light. Amen.

Homily

Confession

L: Tonight, heaven touches the earth; the rough places will be made smooth. A great light has come into the world and the darkness will no longer prevail. Let us confess before God and one another, the empty and rough places of our lives that heaven's grace may touch them. Let us pray:

ALL: What is it in us, O God, that trembles at your coming? When you shine a star to promise us something new, why do we hide behind the old? And when you offer us light, why do we run into the darkness?

Find us on this holy night! Open our eyes to behold wondrous things! Open our ears to hear bells pealing good news! Open our senses to touch and handle things unseen! Open our heart to your everlasting love. Amen.

L: "Comfort my people," says our God. "Comfort them! Tell them their sins are forgiven."

P: Amen! Come Lord Jesus, come!

Act of Praise

ALL SING: O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

Christmas Eve Eucharist

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: We lift them to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

L: God of wonder, we come to this table . . . may be redeemed through Him.

P: "For unto us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulders; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

L: We thank you that by His death. . . company of all the saints.

P: "We have beheld His glory, glory as of the only son from the Father. From His fullness we have all received, grace, upon grace."

Words of Institution

Breaking of Bread and Pouring of Wine

Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: We thank you, O God, for feeding us with the holy mysteries that assure us of your being at one with us. Grant that the angels' song may be continually on our lips, that Christ's light may radiate in our lives, and that we may bear the good news of your love to a dark and waiting world. Amen.

Solo - Blaine Breeden- "Welcome to Our World" by Chris Rice

The Birth Narrative: Luke 2: 1 - 20

Lighting of Candles and the Singing of Silent Night

Carol: Joy to the World - #125 Red Hymnal



Poinsettia
Dedications



In honor of:

- 🌺 In honor of Anna Glatfelter and in memory of George Glatfelter, presented by Lisa Crisamore
- 🌺 In honor of my daughter, Jenell McKowen, and her family, Pat, Cole, and Ryan, presented by Lois Nelson
- 🌺 In honor of my daughter, Amy Weddle, and her family, Steve, Haleigh, Hannah, and Claudia, presented by Lois Nelson
- 🌺 In honor of my daughter, Sarah Passmore, and her family, Tom, Bethany, Don, and Sam, presented by Lois Nelson
- 🌺 In honor of our grandmother, Lois Nelson, presented by Cole & Ryan McKowen
- 🌺 In honor of Cynthia Elicker for her friendship and generosity, presented by Jenell McKowen
- 🌺 In honor of Diane Breeden for teaching our Sunday School class, presented by Ryan McKowen
- 🌺 In honor of Nancy Cherry for her dedication to the Chime Choir & Sanctuary Choir, presented by the Congregation
- 🌺 In honor of Cathy Sherry for her dedication to the congregation, presented by St. Peter's Lischey's

In memory of:

- 🌺 In memory of Stewart & Kass Flickinger, presented by Jeff & Kathy Flickinger
- 🌺 In memory of Bill & Fayne Crist, presented by Lisa Crisamore
- 🌺 In memory of Bill & Eva Townsend, presented by Linda Pentz
- 🌺 In memory of Paul & Magdalene Kling, presented by Linda Pentz
- 🌺 In memory of Patty Lamberson & Kathy Lucin, presented by Linda Pentz
- 🌺 In memory of Helen Carl, presented by her family
- 🌺 In memory of our son, Doug, who always loved to decorate for Christmas, presented by Jim & Joan Messinger
- 🌺 In memory of Don Nelson, presented by Lois Nelson & family
- 🌺 In memory of Gladys & Bob, Bobby & Pat Henry, presented by Lois Nelson & family
- 🌺 In memory of Arlene & Art Nelson, presented by Lois Nelson & family
- 🌺 In memory of our grandparents, Lee & Bob McKowen, and Don Nelson, presented by Cole & Ryan McKowen
- 🌺 In memory of William Patterson and Mabel & Philip Baer, presented by Diane Patterson and family
- 🌺 In memory of my parents, Elmer & Hattie Myers, presented by Elvin Myers

A Donation to the Memorial Fund has been placed...

- 🌺 In loving memory of Annie M. Lebo, from her daughter & son-in-law, Ned & Harriet Carolyn Lebo Thomas

Weekly Announcements, Updates and Concerns
December 24, 2021

Thank You...

Thank you to Joe Crisamore & Blaine Breeden for sharing their musical talents with us this evening.

Offering Plate...

The offering plate is located on the cart in the overflow room beside the bulletins.

Thank You to Our Greeters...

Thank you to tonight's greeters, Diane Breeden & Joanne Hoffman.

Featured Church...

St. Peter's Lischey's UCC is the featured church in the January edition of the York Association's newsletter. You can find copies of the newsletter on the table under the bulletin board and read the story of our church by Jean Weidler.

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Sunday, December 26	10:00 AM	A time of fellowship
	10:30 AM	Worship, with a special time for children in the fellowship hall following the children's message
Sunday, December 26 – January 1		Minister of Music on vacation
Thursday, December 30	4:15 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours
Sunday, January 9	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with the installation of new council members
	11:30 AM	Worship & Music Meeting
Monday, January 10	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Sunday, January 16	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with guest speaker, Major White

Upcoming Birthdays...

December 25	Kenneth Brown Sr.
December 27	James Messinger
December 30	Pat McKowen
January 08	Blaine Breeden
January 10	David Wiker