

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS  
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC  
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent and Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Sunday, November 30, 2025  
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Cynthia Elicker

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Fettke

Call to Worship

Solo Voice: O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

**ALL SING: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

L: It shall come to pass in later days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come and say:

**P: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways.**

L: For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

**ALL SING: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Advent Candle Lighting ~ The Candle of Hope

Hymn: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" – Red Hymnal #118

Douglas

Confession

L: God has made us children of the light, but we have chosen the road of shadows and darkness. Let us make our confession to God.

**ALL: God, you have prepared the way for your coming through the words of the prophets, but we have become content, complacent, and indifferent. God, bring forth a new shoot of life from the stumps of our dried-up souls and our desert-like world. Reveal your glory to us again that we may have patience to watch and wait with hope. Amen.**

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

**P: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Sanctuary Choir: "I Come to the Stable"

Parks

Children's Message- Melisa Altland

Scripture: Isaiah 2: 1 – 5      Don Carl

Message: Where There is Light, There is Hope!

Announcements, Joys and Prayer Concerns

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Presentation of Elements

L: Lift up your hearts!

**P: We lift them to the Lord!**

L: Let us give thanks to God,

**P: For He is good and His love is everlasting.**

L: We thank you, O God, that from the very . . . we shall be made new.

**P: Come, Lord Jesus!**

L: We rejoice that your Word became flesh . . . grace upon grace.

**P: Come, Lord Jesus!**

L: We remember that by becoming flesh . . . our human existence.

**P: Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again!**

L: Through the powerful benediction of your Holy Spirit . . . in the heavenly kingdom.

**P: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Breaking of Bread and Pouring of Wine

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Sharing of the Elements (You will be invited to come forward.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*\*Closing Hymn: "All Earth is Hopeful" (Praise Booklet, p. 43)*

Taule

*\*Benediction*

*\*Postlude: "Sing to the Lord on High"*

Livingston, Jr.

*\*All who are able, please rise.*



## Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

November 30, 2025

### Hat, Sock, and Mitten Tree Collection...

The Mission Committee will be collecting items for the Hat, Sock and Mitten Tree through December, starting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be donating our items to the LifePath Christian Ministries. Winter weight socks are especially appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

### Lischey's Lunchers December 7<sup>th</sup>...

Lischey's Lunchers will be gathering after worship at noon on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Genovas. Come join others for a time of food and fellowship. Please let Jean Weidler know if you can join us. This way the table will have enough seats. We plan to gather the first Sunday of each month in 2026. See you there!

### Follow the Star This Christmas...

How did you find your way to a new family gathering at Christmastime? Did someone guide you, give you directions, or hand you a map? Maybe you relied on your GPS. Long before any of

those tools existed, God's love provided the directions for the very first Christmas – sending a guiding star that led angels, shepherds, and wise men to the newborn Christ. (Imagine using celestial navigation to find your way to your own family celebration!) I hope you will find your way to hear more about God's love during our Christmas music program on **December 14th at 10:30 AM**. Through carols and readings, we will be reminded that **"Love Sent the Star."**

### 2026 Offering Envelopes...

The 2026 offering envelopes are now available for pickup in the overflow room. They are arranged alphabetically for your convenience. Please stop by to pick yours up at your earliest opportunity. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry!

### Jefferson Homemakers Meeting...

On Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Jefferson Homemakers will gather for lunch at 11:30 AM at the Hoss's restaurant in Hanover. Those who want to carpool should be in the church parking lot by 11:00. Please let Jean Weidler know by December 15<sup>th</sup> if you would like to join us.

### Christmas Gift-A-Way Collection & Event...

**Today is the last day** to bring in donations for our Christmas Gift-A-Way collection. If you still wish to contribute but cannot bring items today, please call the church office to arrange a drop-off time **before Friday**. We are collecting gently used toys and gifts for adults, which may be placed in the back of the overflow room. Our annual Christmas Gift-A-Way will be held on **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00–3:00 PM at Mt. Zion UCC**. We invite you to donate items and consider volunteering as we share God's love and generosity with others this Christmas season. Please sign up in the overflow room if you are able to help with transporting, setting up items, or assisting on the day of the event. If you have any questions, please see Larry or Joy Spangler.

### Alumni Choir...

Come celebrate the spirit of Christmas through beautiful music and community as the **Spring Grove Alumni Chorus** presents *Christmas in the Grove*. The concert will also feature the **Alumni Instrumental Ensemble**. The concert will be held on **Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 4:00 PM** in the **Spring Grove Area Middle School** auditorium.

### Homewood Auxiliary Membership Drive... Last Day to Join!

Today is the final day to participate in the Homewood Auxiliary Membership Drive. The Auxiliary plays an important role in providing enhancements to the health care center at Homewood Living Ministries, and your support truly makes a difference. Membership is only \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. If you haven't joined yet, please consider doing so today. See Nancy Cherry to sign up. Thank you!

### Bingo Prizes & Christmas Cards...

Today is the *last day* to contribute Bingo prizes and Christmas cards for Homewood residents. Please remember not to seal the Christmas cards so they are easier for residents to open. If you would like to donate Bingo prizes, popular items include chocolate, single-serve snacks, small holiday trinkets for all seasons, word search puzzles, small stuffed animals, and Dove bar soap. Thank you for your continued support of the Homewood residents. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Cherry.

### Poinsettia Ordering Information...

It's that wonderful time of year again to order poinsettias! Each plant is \$8.50, and orders are due by **December 10<sup>th</sup>**.

- To order:  
Pick up a poinsettia envelope and dedication form – available on the cart in the overflow room near the bulletins.
- Complete the form, include your payment, and place the envelope in the offering plate on the cart.
- You may also call the church office to place your order and provide your dedication information.

All orders will be handled through the office this year.

**Thank you to our helpers this week:**

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Cynthia Elicker
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Don Carl
<i>Acolyte</i>	TJ Mensinger
<i>Children's Message</i>	Melisa Altland
<i>Greeters</i>	Joy & Larry Spangler
<i>Money Counters</i>	Joanne Hoffman, Jean Gross, & Jean Weidler
<i>Sound &amp; Streaming</i>	Pat McKowen

**Next week's helpers are:**

Don Carl
Melisa Altland
Sage Freed
Pastor Cathy
Jean Gross & Lois Nelson
Elvin Myers, John Klinedinst, & Janet Brown
Cole & Pat McKowen

**Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...**

Thursday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Transport and set up of items for Christmas Gift-A-Way
Saturday, December 6 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM	Christmas Gift-A-Way at Mt. Zion UCC
Sunday, December 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	Confirmation Class
Monday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Council Meeting

**Office Hours...**

The office will be open during the hours listed below. Doors will be locked for security; therefore, we ask that you call (717) 225-3932 to let us know you are coming. Staff will be there at the following times:

Cathy Sherry, Pastor	Tue/Wed	10:00 AM - Noon
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon/Thur	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Tue-Thur	11:00 AM - 2 PM

**Upcoming Birthdays (\*Designates Over 80)**

December 04      Jonathan Neiderer      December 08      Carson Fuhrman

**Our Response to God's Love Last Week was...**

Attendance      65: 62 Sanctuary/ 3 YouTube

Current Offering	\$1,875.00
OCWM	105.00
Good Samaritan Fund	190.00
Sexton Expenses from Cemetery	2,500.00
Building for Service	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,720.00</b>