

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
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2nd Sunday of Advent ~ Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday, December 7, 2025
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Don Carl

Ring of the Bell

Prelude: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Prichard

Call to Worship

Solo Voice: O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

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

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

**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: He shall judge between nations, and shall decide for many peoples.

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

Advent Candle Lighting ~ The Candle of Peace Sage & Cameron Freed, and Jaden Myers

Hymn: "The Advent of Our God" - Red Hymnal #120

Williams

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: Lord, come to us and show us the way through the wilderness of life. Come to us, for there are mountains we need to climb that seem too high, and valleys through which we must pass that seem too deep. Come and be with us for life is rough and sometimes rugged. Lord, come to us in a new way. Come to us as a child and fill us with new meaning and purpose. Amen.

L: Live with hope. Live in peace with one another. Believe a new day is coming, for God has forgiven you.

P: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Sacrament of Baptism

Invite Kaleb, Ashlyn and Kolter Hamme to come forward

L: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he said to them,

P: "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."

L: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Questions of Parents

Question to the Congregation

L: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized?

P: We promise our love, support, and care.

Affirmation of Faith

L: Do you believe in God?

P: I believe in God.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Baptism and Blessing of Water

Act of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized

Doxology

Children's Message- Pastor Cathy

Sanctuary Choir: "English Advent Carol"

Liebergen

Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-10 Melisa Altland

Message: There Will Be Peace

Announcements, Joys and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (Praise Booklet- p. 3)

**Closing Hymn:* "Who Would Think That What Was Needed" (Praise Booklet, p. 52) Belle/Maule

**Benediction*

**Postlude:* "Postlude for a Festive Occasion"

Roesch

**All who are able, please rise.*

Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

December 7, 2025

Thank You...

Our heartfelt thanks to Don Carl, Chris DeGroft, Bud & Michele Hamme, Gary Kyp, Darlene & Steve Miner, Dick Myers, Connie & Mike Neiderer, Joy & Larry Spangler, and Karla & Bill Waltersdorff for putting up the Christmas tree and beautifully decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. Your time, creativity, and joyful spirit help make our sanctuary a warm and welcoming place as we celebrate the season. Thank you for sharing your gifts!

Thank You...

Thank you for your generous donations of Christmas cards and bingo prizes for the residents of Homewood. Everything was delivered on Monday –just in time for their Christmas party!

~ Nancy Cherry

Hat, Sock, and Mitten Tree Collection...

The Mission Committee will be collecting items for the Hat, Sock and Mitten Tree through December. 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 TODAY...

Lischey's Lunchers will be gathering after worship at noon TODAY 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!

Alumni Choir TODAY...

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 **TODAY, at 4:00 PM** in the **Spring Grove Area Middle School** auditorium.

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."**

Greeters for 2026...

The greeter schedule for the first half of 2026 is nearly complete! If you have any questions or suggestions about the process, please contact me by December 15th at 717-968-0780. I would especially love to hear from anyone who would like to join our team of greeters – this is a simple but very meaningful way to serve our church family. Thank you, *Darlene Miner*

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 17th, 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 15th if you would like to join us.

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 10th**.

- 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.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Don Carl
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Melisa Altland
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sage Freed
<i>Children's Message</i>	Pastor Cathy
<i>Greeters</i>	Jean Gross & Lois Nelson
<i>Money Counters</i>	Elvin Myers, John Klinedinst, & Janet Brown
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Cole & Pat McKowen

Next week's helpers are:

Sharon Winter
Blaine Breeden
Will Bakner
Michele Hamme
Joanne Hoffman & John Klinedinst
Lisa Crisamore, Tammy Wetzel, & Pat McKowen
Cole & Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Monday, December 8 th	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday, December 11 th	4:00 PM	Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours- <i>Cheryl Albright, Joy Spangler, Don & Scott Carl</i>
	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 17 th	11:00 AM	Homemakers' Event- Meet at church parking lot to carpool to Hoss's
	11:30 AM	Homemakers' Lunch at Hoss's
Sunday, December 21 st	9:30 AM	Confirmation Class

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 08	Carson Fuhrman	December 10	Jean Gross
December 09	Brandon Hubley	December 12	Diane Breeden

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

Attendance 60: 57 Sanctuary/ 3 YouTube

Current Offering	\$760.00
Loose Offering	20.00
Initial Offering	5.00
OCWM	5.00
Good Samaritan Fund	25.00
Harvest of Hope	25.00
Total	\$840.00