

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 21, 2024 ~ Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Michele Hamme

Ring of the Bell

Prelude: "He Shall Feed His Flock"

Handel

Call to Worship (Based on Isaiah 40: 3 – 5)

Solo Voice: O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill all the world with heaven's peace.

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

L: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.

P: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low.

L: The uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain.

P: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed!

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

Advent Candle Lighting ~ The Candle of Joy (Delani Tomlinson)

~ The Candle of Love (Kira and Will Bakner)

Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" – Red Hymnal #131

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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, you have made us children of light; but we have chosen the road of shadows and darkness. You have prepared the way for us and for others, but we have been content with ourselves and indifferent to the needs of others. 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 so that we may have the courage to look up and to hope. Amen.

L: Isaiah said: A shoot shall come from the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots, and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

P: He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

L: Righteousness and faithfulness shall be his belt.

P: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Children's Message- Michele Hamme

Hymn: "Love Came Down at Christmas" (Praise Booklet- p. 47)

Evans

Love Sent the Star

Lessons and Carols

Sanctuary Choir

Christine DeGroft
Sage Freed
Michele Hamme
Jenell McKowen
Darlene Miner
Karla Waltersdorff
Jean Weidler
Sharon Winter

Blaine Breeden
Don Carl
Gary Kyp
Larry Spangler
Dave Wiker

Narrators

Melisa Altland
Cole McKowen

Cantata

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| 1. "The Rose E'er Blooming" | Schram |
| 2. "The Coming Joy" | Martin |
| 3. "Love Has Come" | Larson |
| 4. "Follow the Star" | Albrecht |
| 5. "Advent Lullaby" (Duet — Sage Freed & Sharon Winter) | Burrows |
| 6. "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" | Boyce/Christopher |
| 7. "Peace" (Solo — Don Carl) | Cloninger/Sterling |
| 8. "The Majestic Manger" | Barrett |

Announcements

Joys and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (*Praise Booklet- p. 4*)

***Closing Hymn:** "There's a Song in the Air" (*Praise Booklet, p. 51*) Harrington

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** "The First Noel" Paxton

**All who are able, please rise.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

December 21, 2025

Thank You, Pastor Cathy...

The congregation of St. Peter's Lischey's extends our sincere gratitude to Pastor Cathy as she enters retirement. Thank you for faithfully leading us in God's Word with love, compassion, and dedication. Your engagement with our congregation, visits to our homebound members, involvement in outreach ministries, and renewed leadership of our confirmation program have deeply blessed our church. We truly appreciate the time, guidance, and wisdom you have shared, and the care you have shown to every member of this congregation. As you begin this next chapter, may you find rest, joy, and peace, knowing how grateful we are for your ministry among us. *Please plan to stay after the service for light refreshments in the overflow room as we extend our gratitude and well wishes to Pastor Cathy.*

Thank You...

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make this year's *Christmas Gift-A-Way* a wonderful success! We are grateful for all who donated items, passed out flyers, prepared the space, and served during the event. Your generosity and kindness made a meaningful difference to many families. Special thanks to: **Cheryl & Jake Albright, Don Carl, Chris DeGroot, Crystal & Sage Freed, Amanda & Olivia Godfrey, Michele & Bud Hamme, Nancy King, Sandy Lehman, Jenell & Cole McKowen, Darlene Miner, Connie & Mike Neiderer, Joy & Larry Spangler, Kelli Spangler, Brooke, Delani, & Jude Tomlinson, Jami Tomlinson, Jean Weidler, and Tammy & Barry Wetzel** for passing out flyers and /or helping at the event. Thank you all for sharing the spirit of Christmas through your time, energy, and love.

Children's Message Leaders Needed for 2026...

We are looking for volunteers to lead the Children's Message during worship in 2026. There are plenty of open dates available, and we would love to have a variety of voices sharing God's Word with our kids. If you feel called to help or would like more information, please contact the church office. Thank you for considering this important ministry!

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.

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!

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Michele Hamme
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Melisa Altland & Cole McKowen
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sage Freed
<i>Children's Message</i>	Michele Hamme

Next week's helpers are:

Blaine Breeden
Michele Hamme
TJ Mensinger
Michele Hamme

<i>Greeters</i>	Julie & Dick Myers	12/24- Jami & Jude Tomlinson; Darlene & Steve Miner/ 12/28- Darlene & Steve Mineer
<i>Money Counters</i>	Elvin Myers, Don Carl, & Jean Weidler	Joanne Hoffman, Jean Gross, & Darlene Miner
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Cole & Pat McKowen	Joy & Larry Spangler

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Sunday, December 21 st	9:30 AM	Confirmation Class
Wednesday, December 24 th	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service- Family oriented with "Silent Night" and candle lighting
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service- Traditional with Communion and "Silent Night" & candle lighting
Sunday, December 28 th	10:30 AM	Worship Service; Installation of new Council members
Sunday, January 4	9:30 AM	Confirmation Class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion
	12:00 PM	Lischey's Lunchers
Monday, January 12	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/Wed	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Mon-Wed	11:00 AM – 2 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

December 25 Kenneth Brown Sr. December 30 Pat McKowen

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

Attendance 0- Closure for Weather

Current Offering	\$910.00
OCWM	25.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Memorial Fund	100.00
Total	\$1,040.00

2025 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT				
Date	Current Offering	Average Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget Needed for Current
Nov 23	\$1,875.00	\$253.00	\$2,128.00	\$3,505.00
Nov 30	\$780.00	\$250.00	\$1,030.00	\$3,505.00
Dec 07	\$2,195.00	\$248.00	\$2,443.00	\$3,505.00
Dec 14	\$910.00	\$255.00	\$1,165.00	\$3,505.00