

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
1st Sunday of Christmas
Sunday, December 28, 2025
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- *Blaine Breeden*

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Tell the Good News"

Smith

Call to Worship

L: God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence.

P: A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem—Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

L: A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child.

P: A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ.

ALL: We pray that you will accept our worship, for it arises from our hearts and minds in awe of the enormity of your gift to us, the gift of pure love.

Hymn: "The First Noel" – Red Hymnal #136

Stainer

Confession

L: God sent his only son to be the light of the world- a light to shine in the darkness, yet we fail to let that light shine. Let us make our confession to God.

ALL: Faithful God, we confess that we have not trusted you with our lives. We have doubted your promises, ignored your commands, and resisted your Spirit. Forgive us, Lord.

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. We confess that we have not lived into the new life you have given us in Christ. Forgive us and reclaim us as your people. By your mercy, prepare us again to welcome Christ into our lives and into the world you so love. Amen.

L: God hears the confession of our lips and our hearts and empowers you to have hearts that hope and new life to reflect the light of Christ.

Children's Message- *Michele Hamme*

Hymn: "The Birthday of a King" – Red Hymnal #162

Neidlinger

Scripture: Isaiah 63: 7-9

Michele Hamme

Jeremiah 29: 11-13

Message: God's Decree

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Praise Booklet, p. 4)

Announcements, Joys and Prayer Concerns

Installation of New Council Members: Bud Hamme and Matt Kessler

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

*Closing Hymn: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" – Red Hymnal #138

Wolaver

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Smith

**All who are able, please rise.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns
December 28, 2025

Condolences...

Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family and loved ones of **Delphine Waltersdorff**, a lifelong and treasured member of St. Peter's Lischey's, who died peacefully on December 24th. Delphine's faithful presence and devotion to our church will be dearly missed. We give thanks for her life and commend her to God's eternal care. An email will be sent to the congregation when funeral arrangements are announced.

Thank You from Pastor Cathy...

It has been a joy to share in Christ's ministry with all of you! On that October evening in 2019, when I first met with your Council, I imagined my time with you might be two years at most, but God had other plans. You have been gracious and supportive of new ministry ideas, for which I am deeply grateful. Thank you to the choir for the beautiful anthem last week, and thank you as well for your thoughtful cards and generous gifts of appreciation. I regret that I was unable to join you for the time of fellowship and pray for your understanding. Please know that you remain in my prayers, and that you will continue to look to God for guidance and direction.

In the peace of Christ,

PC

Thank You from Nancy Cherry...

Thank you to all of our choir members and to the entire congregation for your generous gifts, kindness, and support throughout this past year. Your thoughtfulness and encouragement mean more to me than words can express. It is truly a joy to serve alongside such a caring and faithful church family.

Christmas Fund Offering TODAY for The Veterans of the Cross...

The Christmas Fund offering benefits the **Veterans of the Cross**. The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities, and health premiums. The Christmas Fund helps those who have dedicated their lives to serving our churches. If you wish to support this offering, you can use the special envelopes on the cart. Thank you!

Lischey's Lunchers January 4th...

Our first 2026 Lischey's Lunchers gathering at Genova's will be Sunday, January 4th at noon. Please let Jean Weidler know by the end of the worship service on January 4th if you plan to come. Hope you can join us.

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!

Vacation Bible School Coordinator Needed...

St. Peter's Lischey's Church is seeking a new **Vacation Bible School Coordinator** to carry on our treasured VBS ministry. For more than **100 years**, our church has faithfully offered Vacation Bible School, nurturing the faith of generations of children in our community. As we look ahead, we offer our **deepest thanks to Michele Hamme** for her many years of dedicated leadership. Michele's creativity, organization, and memorable displays have enriched this ministry and left a lasting impact on our children, families, and congregation. We now invite someone with a heart for children, creativity, and teamwork to step into this meaningful role and help continue this long-standing legacy. Support and resources will be available to help ensure a smooth transition. If you feel called to serve as VBS Coordinator or would like more information, please contact the church office. Let us continue this joyful tradition together.

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>	Blaine Breeden
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Michele Hamme
<i>Acolyte</i>	TJ Mensinger

Next week's helpers are:

Don Carl
Jenell McKowen
Sage Freed

<i>Children's Message</i>	Michele Hamme	
<i>Greeters</i>	Darlene & Steve Miner	Deb Brooks & Amanda Godfrey
<i>Money Counters</i>	Joanne Hoffman, Jean Gross, & Darlene Miner	Elvin Myers, Don Carl, & John Klinedinst
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Joy & Larry Spangler	Cole & Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Sunday, January 4 th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Confirmation Class/Children's Sunday School/SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion
Thursday, January 8 th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Monday, January 12 th	7:30 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:

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 30	Pat McKowen	January 08	Blaine Breeden
January 06	Ashlyn Hamme	January 10	*David Wiker

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

Attendance	89- 84 Sanctuary/ 5 YouTube
Current Offering	\$3,545.00
Initial Offering	6.00
OCWM	165.00
Memorial Fund	500.00
Christmas Eve Offering	100.00
Harvest of Hope	100.00
Total	\$4,416.00