**WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS**
**St. Peter's Lischey's UCC**
**www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932**
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
**Sunday, November 15, 2026**
**10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)**

***Welcome and Gathering Songs-*** *Michele Hamme*

***Ringing of the Bell***

***Prelude:*** "Holy, Holy, Holy" —Flute Duet—*Rev. Susan Emmons & Joy Spangler* Dykes

****Call to Worship***

L: Come, people of God, and hear the story of the Lord's deliverance.
**P: We come to remember the One who hears our cries and answers with mercy.**
L: Like Deborah, we are called to listen, to speak truth, and to act with courage.
**P: We come to worship the God who leads us into justice and peace.**
L: The Lord is our strength and our shield.
**P: Let us worship the Lord with gladness and trust in His saving power.**

****Hymn:*** "Immortal Invisible" – Red Hymnal #25 Roberts

***Prayer of Confession:***

**ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have often turned away from Your ways. We have sought our own comfort instead of Your calling, and we have hesitated when You have asked us to act with courage. Like Israel in the days of Deborah, we have forgotten Your faithfulness and relied on our own strength. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts, so that we may hear Your voice clearly, trust Your promises fully, and follow Your commands boldly. Through Jesus Christ, our Judge and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

*Assurance of Pardon:*
L: Hear the good news: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Just as God raised up Deborah to lead His people into freedom, so God has raised up Jesus Christ to lead us into salvation. In Him, our sins are forgiven, our hearts are renewed, and our steps are guided.
**P: Thanks be to God! In Christ, we are forgiven and set free.**

***Children's Message-*** *Michele Hamme*

***Scripture:*** Judges 4:1-7 *Blaine Breeden*
Matthew 23:1-12

***Message:*** Women of the Bible: I, Deborah, Prophetess *Rev. Susan Emmons*

***Hymn:*** "Ancient Words" (Praise Booklet, p. 10) DeShazo

***Affirmation of Faith:*** United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (Praise Booklet, p. 5)

***Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns***

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

**Presentation of the Morning Offering:*

L: With grateful hearts and in a spirit of thanksgiving, I invite the usher to bring forward the morning offering.

*Offering Response (sung)*: **"**We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise" (Praise Booklet, p. 39)

*Prayer of Dedication (unison):*
**ALL: Faithful God, You call us to be Your people, to speak truth, to act with courage, and to walk in Your ways. We dedicate ourselves, our gifts, and our lives to Your service. Use what we offer today—our time, our talents, our resources—to bring justice, mercy, and hope to the world. May we follow You with the boldness of Deborah, trusting that You go before us and that Your purposes will prevail. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:* "Savior Again to Thy Dear Name" – Red Hymnal #604 Hopkins/Barlowe

**Benediction*

**Postlude:* "Festival March" Van Woert

**Members should rise if able.*

**Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns**
**November 15, 2026**

**Visitors…**
Thank you for joining us today. We are happy to have you here. Please sign the guestbook located at the bell tower. Since you may be unfamiliar with us, here are some housekeeping items to help you find your way around:

- Restrooms are located in the overflow room, in the new section by the office, and down the stairs from the new section.
- Brown offering envelopes are located in the pew backs and also on the cart by the bulletins. The offering plates are located on the cart, and at the belltower and middle entrances.

**Christian Sympathy for the Family of Lillia Messersmith…**

It is with sadness that we share the news that Lillia Messersmith, wife of Royce Messersmith, passed away November 10th. We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathy and prayers to Royce and his family during this time of loss. As they grieve the death of their beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and family member, we ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers and pray that God's comfort, peace, and promises of eternal life through Jesus Christ will sustain them in the days ahead. At this time, no funeral or memorial services have been announced.

**Returning to Traditional Offering and Communion Practices…**

Beginning on **November 22**, we will return to our traditional pew offering. During the service, ushers will once again pass the offering plates as we receive our gifts and offerings. We will also return to **pew communion on Sunday, November 29**. On Communion Sundays, ushers will pass the elements down the rows for distribution. Thank you for your continued generosity, participation, and faithful support of our ministry.

**Congregational Meeting Today- November 15th…**

The proposed 2027 budget will be presented for congregational review and vote. Copies of the proposed budget are available on the table in the overflow room for your consideration prior to the meeting.

**Thanksgiving Cards for Homebound Members…**

Please take a moment to sign the Thanksgiving cards for our homebound members, located on the table in the overflow room. Your greetings and well wishes mean so much. Thank you!

**Thank You…**

Thank you to your church members who came to St. Paul's UCC to provide supplies for and package hygiene kits for students who need them in our school district! I thank God for your generosity! Peace, *Dave Martin, Pastor, St. Paul's UCC*

**Christmas Gift-A-Way- Item Collection & Help Needed…**

**December 5th at Mt. Zion UCC, Spring Grove • 1:00-3:00 PM**

The Christmas Gift-A-Way will be held on **December 5th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion UCC**. We are currently collecting **new and gently used, clean gift items** for both children and adults. Please note that **clothing and shoes cannot be accepted**. We are

seeking gifts that adults can give to children and gifts that children can give to adults for Christmas. Donations may be brought to the church **now through November 29th**.
We are also in need of volunteers to help make this event a success. Helpers are needed to **distribute flyers, assist with setup, and help during the Gift-A-Way on the day of the event**. If you are willing to volunteer, please sign up on the **signup sheet located on the table in the overflow room**.
Your generosity and willingness to serve will help make Christmas brighter for many families in our community. Thank you for your support, donations, and volunteer assistance!

**Greeters Needed for January-July 2027**
As I begin preparing the new Greeters' Schedule for January through July 2027 in the coming weeks, I invite you to consider becoming part of this important ministry. It is a wonderful way to serve your faith community and perhaps even a great New Year's resolution! The qualifications are simple: Just bring a friendly smile 😀 and a welcoming spirit. A warm greeting helps our church family feel at home each week and may provide a first-time visitor with their very first impression of our congregation as a caring, welcoming, and loving church. I would love to add a few more volunteers to the schedule. If you are interested in serving, or if you have scheduling restrictions or other concerns, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to share Christ's welcome with others! *~Darlene*

**Christmas Decorating Day – Join the Fun!**
**Saturday, November 28 | Beginning at 8:30 a.m.**
Help us prepare **St. Peter's Lischey's Church** for the Advent and Christmas seasons by joining us for our annual Christmas decorating day. Whether you arrive at 8:30 a.m. or a little later, all helping hands are welcome. We don't punch a time clock, so come when you can and stay as long as you're able! We especially need volunteers to help transform our church into the beautiful and welcoming space that has been enjoyed during Christmas celebrations at St. Peter's Lischey's for more than 250 years. Come share in the fellowship, the fun, and the joy of preparing for the celebration of Christ's birth. **We hope to see you there!**

**Office Administrator Position Available**
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC is seeking a part-time Office Administrator to support the church's communication and daily operations. Competitive salary, professional development opportunities, and paid vacation after one year. Interested individuals or referrals should contact the church office. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

**Harvest of Hope Holiday Meal Collection…**
Help us support **Harvest of Hope** by contributing items for their holiday meal program. Our goal is to collect **100 boxes of mashed potatoes** and **100 boxes of stuffing** to help

provide meals for local families during the holiday season. Collection begins now and will continue through **November 22**. Donations may be placed on the table in the overflow room. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make the holiday season a little brighter for those in need.

**Homewood Auxiliary Membership Drive Begins…**

Support Homewood Living Plum Creek residents by joining the Auxiliary during our November membership drive. Membership donations help fund special resident needs. Suggested dues are $3 for individuals or $5 for couples. See Nancy Cherry to join.

**Christmas Card Collection for Homewood Living Plum Creek…**

Help us spread some Christmas cheer to the residents of Homewood Living Plum Creek! We are collecting Christmas cards to brighten their holiday season. This year, Homewood has requested that cards be submitted **without envelopes** so residents can easily enjoy and display them. Please sign each card on behalf of our church and leave the envelopes at home (or keep them for your own use). We are also collecting **boxes of tissues** and **unscented body lotion** for the residents. Please place your cards and donations at the church **by December 6th**. Thank you for helping us share kindness, comfort, and the joy of the season with our neighbors at Homewood Living Plum Creek.

**Poinsettia Ordering Information…**

Order your Christmas poinsettias for $8 each by **November 29th**. Pick up an order envelope and dedication form from the cart in the overflow room, or call the church office to place your order. Include payment with your order and return it in the offering plate on the cart.

| **Thank you to our helpers this week:** | | **Next week's helpers are:** |
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| ***Gathering Music*** | Michele Hamme | Blaine Breeden |
| ***Lay Reader*** | Blaine Breeden | Jenell McKowen |
| ***Acolyte*** | Cameron Freed | Joy Spangler |
| ***Children's Message*** | Michele Hamme | Rev. Susan Emmons |
| ***Greeters*** | Michele Hamme & Nancy King | Elvin Myers & Darlene Miner |
| ***Money Counters*** | Joanne Hoffman, Tammy Wetzel, & Janet Brown | Lisa Crisamore, Darlene Miner, & Pat McKowen |
| ***Sound & Streaming*** | Cole & Pat McKowen | Blaine Breeden & Steve Miner |

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

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| Sunday, November 15th | 11:30 AM | Congregational Meeting- Budget |
| Thursday, November 19th | 6:30 PM | Chime Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday, November 15th | 9:15 AM | Adult Sunday School |

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| | 9:30 AM | SPLATT and Children's Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| Tuesday, November 17th | 3:45 PM | Harvest of Hope Volunteer Hours |
| Wednesday, November 18th | 10:00 AM | Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting- Christmas craft and lunch out together following the meeting. |
| Sunday, December 13th | 10:30 AM | Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata |

**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:

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| Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music | Wed/Thur | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM |
| Pat McKowen, Secretary | Tue-Thur | 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM |

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

November 20 Cynthia Elicker
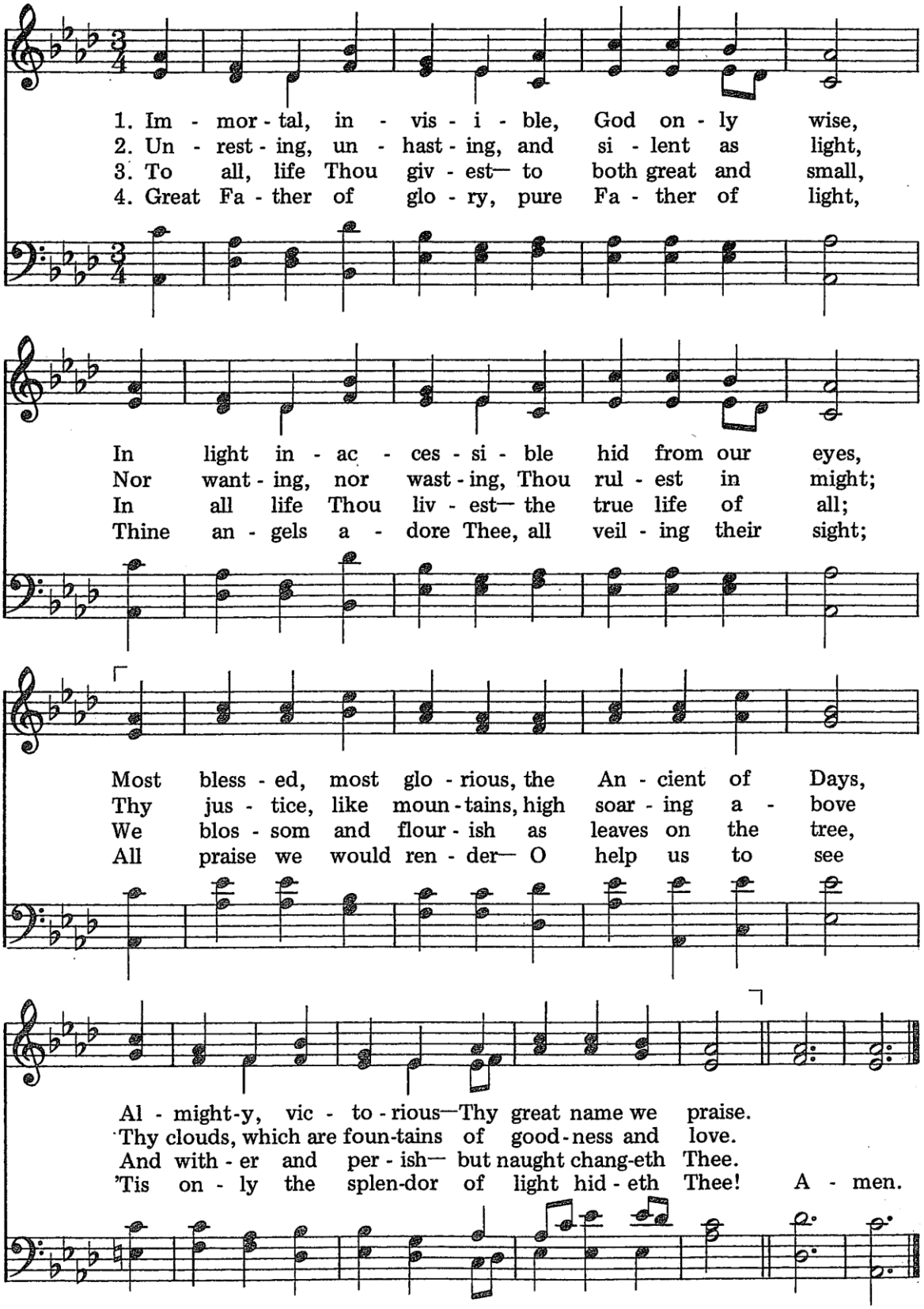
**Our Response to God's Love last week was…**

Attendance 100: 99 Sanctuary/ 1 YouTube

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| Current Offering | $4,236.00 |
| Loose Offering | 50.00 |
| OCWM | 210.00 |
| Community Aid | 92.00 |
| Crop Walk | 15.00 |
| **Total** | **$4,603.00** |

# 25 Immortal, Invisible

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor.* 1 Tim. 1:17

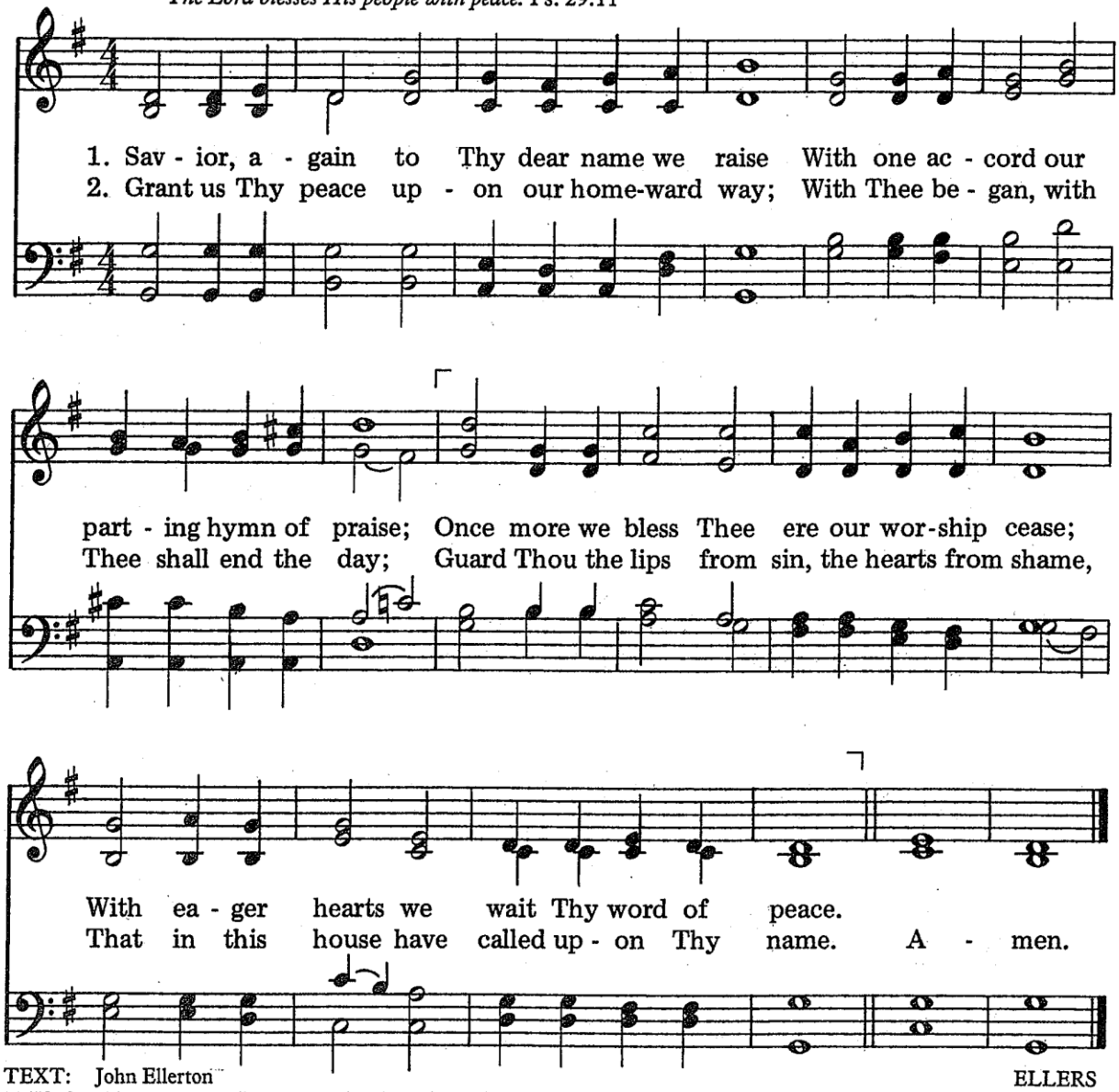



TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith; based on 1 Timothy 1:17
MUSIC: Traditional Welsh Hymn melody
from John Roberts' *Canaidau y Cyssegr,* 1839

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# 604 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

*The Lord blesses His people with peace.* Ps. 29:11




TEXT: John Ellerton
MUSIC: Edward J. Hopkins; arranged by Joseph Barlowe

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