

**WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS  
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC  
www.lischeyucc.org (717) 225-3932  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday, February 8, 2026  
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)**

**Welcome and Gathering Songs- Sharon Winter**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Prelude: "He Leadeth Me"**

Bradbury/Lorenz

**Call to Worship**

L: People of God, why are you here?

**P: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.**

L: People of God, who do you worship?

**P: We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.**

L: People of God, how do you worship?

**P: We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.**

L: People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

**P: May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.**

**Hymn: "God Is So Good" - Red Hymnal #41**

Traditional

**Confession:**

L: Please join me in our prayer of confession.

**ALL: God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your life. We turn away from the poor, we ignore cries for justice, we do not strive for peace. Forgive us God. In your mercy cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again in your Spirit, so that as forgiven and renewed people we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.**

***Words of Assurance:***

L: Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven.

**Children's Message- Melisa Altland**

## Sanctuary Choir: "The Light of Glory"

Martin

## Message: Being Light for Today

**Hymn:** “Lord, Speak to Me” - Red Hymnal #450

## Schumann

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)

\*Closing Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" (Praise Booklet, p. 17)

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### \*Benediction

**\*Postlude:** “To the Glory of God”

Heyser

*\*Members should rise if able.*



## Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

February 8, 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, below 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 sections.
- Brown offering envelopes are located in the pew backs and also on the cart by the bulletins. The offering plate is located on the cart.

## **Welcome Back & Thank You...**

We are pleased to welcome back Rev. Eva O'Diam as our guest pastor today and give thanks for her leadership in worship. Rev. O'Diam is a retired United Church of Christ pastor with more than 40 years of ordained ministry. Her service includes pastoring Dover UCC, serving as interim pastor at Hayshire UCC, and 17 years with Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit in Harrisburg. She has also ministered beyond the local church through Alder Health Services and Prisoner Visitation and Support. Guided by

Micah 6:8—“Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God”—we are grateful for her faithful witness and for sharing her gifts with us today.

### Souper Bowl Sunday...

Last week, we collected **\$71** for the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity! The competition is heating up: The **Patriots are in the lead with \$40**, while the **Seahawks have \$31**—putting the Patriots ahead by **\$9**. **Today is the final day** to vote with your money for the Souper Bowl winner—and to donate **cans of soup** to support the food pantry. Every dollar and every can makes a difference. Let's finish strong and help tackle hunger in our community!

### VBS Coordination Meeting...

A Vacation Bible School coordination meeting will be held on **February 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM** at the church. This meeting is for anyone interested in helping plan or participate in VBS. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

### Mid-Week Lenten Preservice Meal & Worship...

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**, as we host the **Mid-Week Lenten Preservice Meal and Worship Service**. A light meal of **soups and drinks** will be served at **6:00 PM**, followed by **worship at 7:00 PM**. The church will provide the drinks. We are looking for **volunteers to provide soup—two volunteers for each of three soups**. **Mt. Zion** will be bringing the **bread, fruit cocktail, and relish tray**. If you are able to help by providing soup, please sign up on the sheet in the overflow room, or contact the church office. Thank you for helping make this a welcoming time of fellowship and worship during the Lenten season.

### 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. **We need someone with a heart for children, creativity, and teamwork to step into this meaningful role** and help continue this long-standing legacy. 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.

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

<b>Gathering Music</b>	Sharon Winter	Michele Hamme
<b>Lay Reader</b>	TJ Mensinger	Michele Hamme
<b>Acolyte</b>	Olivia Godfrey	Grace Mensinger
<b>Children's Message</b>	Melisa Altland	SPLATT
<b>Greeters</b>	Jude & Jami Tomlinson	Julie & Dick Myers
<b>Money Counters</b>	Elvin Myers, Janet Brown, & Pat McKowen	Lisa Crisamore, Don Carl, & Pat McKowen
<b>Sound &amp; Streaming</b>	Joy & Larry Spangler	Cole & Pat McKowen

#### Next week's helpers are:

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

Monday, February 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Confirmation Class/ Joyful Singers Practice (They will perform during the service.)/ Children's Sunday School/ SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting
	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday meal and service- Trinity Lutheran in Jefferson
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 PM	VBS coordination meeting at the church

## 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/Thur	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Pat McKown, Secretary	Tue-Thur	11:00 AM – 2 PM

## Upcoming Birthdays (\*Designates Over 80)

February 08	John Klinedinst	February 10	Karla Waltersdorff
February 09	Karen Bathgate	February 12	*Royce Messersmith
February 10	Diane Myers	February 12	Patsy Parks

## Our Response to God's Love January 11<sup>th</sup> was...

Attendance 62- 55 Sanctuary/ 7 YouTube

Current Offering	\$6,995.00
Initial Offering	40.00
OCWM	80.00
Memorial Fund	950.00
Community Aid	20.00
Harvest of Hope	571.00
Building for Service	900.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,556.00</b>