

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 14, 2024 ~ Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Sharon Winter

Ringing 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)

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

Cantata

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

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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 14, 2025

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 in the overflow room by the bulletins. The offering plate is located on the same table.

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 DeGroft, 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.

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.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Sharon Winter
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Blaine Breeden
<i>Acolyte</i>	Will Bakner
<i>Children's Message</i>	Michele Hamme
<i>Greeters</i>	Joanne Hoffman & John Klinedinst
<i>Money Counters</i>	Lisa Crisamore, Tammy Wetzel, & Pat McKowen
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Cole & Pat McKowen

Next week's helpers are:

Michele Hamme
TJ Mensinger
Sage Freed
Melisa Altland
Julie & Dick Myers
Elvin Myers, Don Carl, & Jean Weidler
Cole & Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischeys Church...

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
Thursday, December 18 th	6:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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

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 14	Judy Minik	December 25	Kenneth Brown Sr.
December 17	Thomas Waltersdorff		

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

Attendance 89: 83 Sanctuary/ 6 YouTube

Current Offering	\$2,195.00
OCWM	210.00
Good Samaritan Fund	10.00
Memorial Fund	30.00
Building for Service	50.00
Total	\$2,495.00