

**WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS**  
**St. Peter's Lischey's UCC**  
**www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas – Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**Sunday, January 4, 2026**  
**10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)**

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Don Carl

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude: "The March of the Three Kings"

Landon

Call to Worship

L: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**P: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord be praised.**

L: Nations shall come to the light, and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

**P: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

**ALL: Arise, shine; for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Hymn: "As with Gladness Men of Old" – Red Hymnal #163

Kocher

Confession:

**ALL: God of the loving heart, we confess before you those places in our hearts where we have refused you entrance: people we have refused to love; habits we never get around to changing; good things we have left undone; and ways in which we hurt you, ourselves, and others. Come to us in the light of your Christ. Shine on those places we have hidden from you. Show us new ways to live. Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts, that Christ may find a home among us. Be known among us now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

L: This is the good news in Jesus Christ. We can stand before God, not through our own goodness, but through God's great kindness to us. Rejoice and be glad, because God comes to meet us with mercy, forgiveness, and new life.

Hymn: "We Three Kings" – Red Hymnal #166

Hopkins

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6                      Jenell McKowen  
Matthew 2: 1-12

Message: Worship the Holy One

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

Sanctuary Choir: "Follow the Star"

Albrecht

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** (Taken from UCC Book of Worship Service of Word and Sacrament I)

*Invitation*

*Communion Prayer*

L: God be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them to God.**

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: We give you thanks, Holy One, almighty and eternal God...

We thank you for the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity and gathers us from every people to unite us in one holy church. Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God Most High.

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest.**

*Words of Institution*

L: For in the night of betrayal Jesus took bread...Do this as often as you drink in remembrance of me.

**ALL: Christ had died, Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

*Prayer of Consecration*

*Lord's Prayer* (Praise Booklet, p. 4)

*Breaking of the Bread and Pouring Cup*

*Call to Supper*

*Sharing of the Elements*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**ALL: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Praise Booklet, p. 32)

Kendrick

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** "Sing to the Lord!"

Smith

*\*Members should rise if able.*



## Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

### January 4, 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 and Thank You...

We are pleased to welcome **Rev. Susan Emmons** to St. Peter's Lischey's Church today. We are grateful for her willingness to share her time, gifts, and leadership with us, and we thank her for joining us in worship. Pastor Emmons is a United Church of Christ Supply Pastor for the York Association. She and her husband, Steve, live in West York with their kitty, Stardust. They have three adult children and three grandchildren. Pastor Emmons is a dual-career pastor. Prior to her recent retirement, she worked for three decades as an attorney, supporting survivors in family and criminal court. She served two churches before attending law school and has faithfully maintained her UCC ministerial standing throughout her legal career. Pastor Emmons has supplied at several churches within the Penn Central Conference and in other denominations. We are thankful for her faithfulness to ministry and are blessed by her presence with us today. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Rev. Emmons.

#### Lischey's Lunchers TODAY, January 4<sup>th</sup>...

Our first 2026 Lischey's Lunchers gathering at Genova's is TODAY, January 4<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please let Jean Weidler know by the end of the worship service 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 young people. 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.

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

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Don Carl	Sharon Winter
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Jenell McKowen	Melisa Altland
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sage Freed	Grace Mensinger
<i>Children's Message</i>		Melisa Altland
<i>Greeters</i>	Deb Brooks & Amanda Godfrey	Joan Messinger & Lois Nelson
<i>Money Counters</i>	Elvin Myers, Don Carl, & John Klinedinst	Joanne Hoffman, Tammy Wetzel, & Jean Gross
<i>Sound &amp; Streaming</i>	Cole & Pat McKowen	Amanda Godfrey & Ryan McKowen

**Next week's helpers are:****Upcoming Events at Lischeys Church...**

Thursday, January 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School/ SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship service
Monday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
Sunday, January 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	Confirmation Class
Wednesday, January 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 AM	Jefferson Homemakers' 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	Tue-Thur	11:00 AM - 2 PM

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

January 06	Ashlyn Hamme	January 10	*David Wiker
January 08	Blaine Breeden		

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

Attendance	12/24: 144- 142 Sanctuary/ 2 YouTube 12/28: 67- 65 Sanctuary/ 2 YouTube
Current Offering	\$1,810.00
Initial Offering	80.00
OCWM	25.00
Memorial Fund	405.00
Sexton Expenses (Cemetery Board)	1,817.00
Christmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross)	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,287.00</b>