

**WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeyucc.org (717) 225-3932
Baptism of Christ
Sunday, January 11, 2026
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)**

Welcome and Gathering Songs- *Sharon Winter*

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Shall We Gather at the River"

Lowry/Livingston, Jr.

Call to Worship

L: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan to be baptized.

P: We come to be cleansed and made whole.

L: Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God's Incarnate.

P: We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

L: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

P: We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Hymn: "O for a Thousand Tongues" - Red Hymnal #76

Mason

Confession:

L: Let us confess together that we have not always lived as those forgiven, set free and united in Christ.

ALL: O God, Spirit of Power, we confess that at times we come to you seeking miracles, but only for ourselves. We confess that we withhold the gifts you bestow on us for service, using them only for our own benefit. Open our eyes, that we may trust your wonder-working power and allow that power to work in us and through us for others. We pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

L: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again. Let us praise God!

Children's Message- *Melisa Altland*

Sanctuary Choir: "Ascribe to the Lord"

Edwards

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17 *Melisa Altland*

Message: Baptized by the Spirit

Hymn: "Down to the River to Pray" (Praise Booklet, p. 14)

Omine

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed (Praise Booklet, p. 5)

Announcements, Joys, and Prayer Concerns

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

***Closing Hymn:** "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" – Red Hymnal #552

McIntosh

*Benediction

***Postlude:** "Fanfare on 'Lauda Anima'"

Gross/Hughes

*Members should rise if able.



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns January 11, 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 & Thank You...

We are pleased to welcome **Rev. Susan Schmidt** 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. Reverend Schmidt has been involved in pastoral ministry for many years. She and her husband, Dan, began their ministry by starting a church in Maryland in the 1980s and later served overseas in expatriate churches in Costa Rica and Chile. After returning to the United States, they settled in Pennsylvania, where Sue served as pastor at Salem United Church of Christ in Harrisburg beginning in 2020 until her retirement this past May. Sue and Dan have three grown daughters and six grandchildren. In their free time, they enjoy kayaking, traveling, and working on house projects. Sue also enjoys quilting and gardening.

Thank You...

We would like to express our thanks to the congregation for the many prayers, cards, and visits during Delphine's hospitalization and passing. We are especially grateful to Pastor Cathy for her compassionate visits and pastoral care over the past month. We also extend our thanks to the women who assisted with the reception following the service, to Pat for publishing the bulletins, and to Darlene for providing the organ music.

With gratitude,

The Waltersdorff family

Thank You...

Thank you to the entire congregation for your generous support of the Hat, Sock, and Mitten Tree. Approximately 300 items were donated and delivered to LifePath Christian Ministries on January 2nd. They were very grateful for our generosity. The donations included 200 pairs of socks for all ages, 60 pairs of gloves and mittens for all ages, and additional items such as hats, scarves, and slipper socks.

~ *The Mission Committee*

Jefferson Homemakers' Meeting...

The Jefferson Homemakers will meet on Wednesday, January 21st, at 10:00 AM. The program will be a book discussion of *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. All are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided.

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. **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:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Sharon Winter
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Melisa Altland
<i>Acolyte</i>	Grace Mensinger

Next week's helpers are:

Michele Hamme
Don Carl
Will Bakner

Children's Message	Melisa Altland	SPLATT
Greeters	Joan Messinger & Lois Nelson	Linda & Jim Freed
Money Counters	Joanne Hoffman, Tammy Wetzel, & Jean Gross	Lisa Crisamore, Jean Weidler, & John Klinedinst
Sound & Streaming	Amanda Godfrey & Ryan McKowen	Cole & Pat McKowen

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Monday, January 12 th	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday, January 15 th	6:30 PM	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, January 18 th	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Confirmation Class/ Children's Sunday School/ SPLATT
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Wednesday, January 21 st	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/Thur	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Tue-Thur	11:00 AM – 2 PM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

January 12	*Joan Messinger	January 14	Christopher White
January 13	Barry Wetzel	January 17	Brock Walker
January 14	Amanda Godfrey		

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

Attendance 78- 73 Sanctuary/ 5 YouTube

Current Offering	\$2,360.00
Loose Offering	75.00
Initial Offering	210.00
OCWM	110.00
Memorial Fund	545.00
Christmas Eve Offering	592.00
Total	\$3,892.00