

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
www.lischeysucc.org (717) 225-3932
3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 15, 2024 ~ Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata
10:30 AM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome and Gathering Songs- Michele Hamme

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Christmas Fantasia"

Peery

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 (Dylan Brooks & Kelly Spangler)

L: The light glowing . . . three candles help show the way, making the darkness brighter. Let us pray:

ALL: Dear God, we carry many burdens and worry over many things. Help us to hear your promise in this Advent season, that in hearing, we may receive the Spirit's gift of joy, and may our spirits be kept sound at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: "The Advent of Our God" - Red Hymnal #120

Williams

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- Melisa Altland

Cantata

One of Us
The Miracle and the Mystery
by Claire Cloninger & Robert Sterling

Sanctuary Choir

Christine DeGroft
Cynthia Elicker
Jenell McKowen
Darlene Miner
Karla Waltersdorff
Jean Weidler
Sharon Winter

Blaine Breeden
Don Carl
Gary Kyp
Larry Spangler
Dave Wiker

Narrators

Pastor Cathy
Melisa Altland

1. Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *with One of Us*

Solo- Blaine Breeden

2. Child of Light

3. The Heart of the Holiday

with O Come, All Ye Faithful & Joy to the World (see words below)

- Congregation (You are invited to sing with the choir when directed):

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him- born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him- Christ, the Lord!

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

4. One of Us

5. Jesus Is His Name

6. Fear Not! Good News!

7. What Child?

Solo- Sharon Winter

8. We All Bow Down

9. Peace

Solo- Don Carl

10. Again and Again

Solo- Sharon Winter

11. Finale- One of Us *and* Child of Light

Announcements

Joys and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (Praise Booklet- p. 3)

*Closing Hymn: "People, Look East" (Praise Booklet, p. 16)

Shaw

*Benediction

*Postlude: "Angel Carols!"

Mendelssohn/Willis/Smart

**All who are able, please rise.*



Weekly Announcements, Updates, and Concerns

December 15, 2024

Thank You...

A big thank you to everyone who generously donated items for the Christmas Gift-A-Way last Saturday! Your kindness made a huge difference. Thank you for making the season brighter. A special shout-out to all the incredible volunteers who made the event possible: Cheryl & Jake Albright, Deb Brooks, Nancy Cherry, Chris DeGroft, Sandy Lehman, Jenell McKowen, Darlene Miner, Connie Neiderer, Joy & Larry Spangler, Kelli Spangler, Jamie Tomlinson, Jude Tomlinson, Jean Weidler, Tammy Wetzler, and Pastor Cathy. Your dedication and hard work brought joy to so many. This event would not have been a success without you!

Hat-Scarf-Glove Tree...

During the month of December, we will be collecting mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and other cold-weather accessories. Handmade items are warmly welcomed! The Mission Committee will distribute these donations to local mission groups at the start of the new year. Please place your contributions on the wooden tree located in the overflow room. Thank you for your generosity.

~ *The Mission Committee*

Needed: Your Knowledge of the Church...

If there is anyone that has any knowledge of any or all of the memorabilia items (be it the clocks, wall hangings, items in the cupboard, or pictures on the storage unit) in the overflow room to the rear of the sanctuary, please see any members of the anniversary committee (Sandy Lehman, Nancy McIntyre, Darlene Miner, Karla Waltersdorff) or Pastor Cathy to share that information. Thank you! We appreciate your help.

St. Peter's Lischey's 275th Anniversary Celebration...

St. Peter's Lischey's will be celebrating its 275th anniversary in 2025. We will focus on different areas of church life throughout the year. If you are interested in helping to plan the activities/events, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the overflow room. Please indicate an area in which you are interested in helping.

275th Anniversary Memory Notebook Sign-Up...

The 275th Anniversary information during the coming year, in written form, will be shared with the members. Members will receive an email with the information so that they may create their own digital memory books. If you don't think that the office has your current email address, please write it on the form on the table in the overflow room. If you would like a notebook to create a hardcopy of the information, please sign up on the form located in the same area. Handouts of the information presented will be available for pickup in the overflow room.

Thank you to our helpers this week:

Next week's helpers are:

<i>Gathering Music</i>	Michele Hamme	Blaine Breeden
<i>Lay Liturgist</i>	None	Michele Hamme
<i>Children's Message</i>	Melisa Altland	Michele Hamme
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sage Freed	Grace Mensinger
<i>Greeters</i>	Julie & Dick Myers	Diane Breeden & Amanda Godfrey
<i>Money Counters</i>	Joanne Hoffman, Pat McKowen, & John Klinedinst	Darlene Miner, Tammy Wetzal, Pat McKowen
<i>Sound & Streaming</i>	Joy Spangler & Steve Miner	Blaine Breeden & Amanda Godfrey

Upcoming Events at Lischey's Church...

Thursday, December 19 th	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, December 22 nd	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Joyful Singers practice, then perform during the worship service Children & SPLATT Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday, December 24 th	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service (Family oriented) w/candle lighting
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service (Traditional) w/communion & 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	Call the church to schedule an appointment
Nancy Cherry, Minister of Music	Mon/Thur 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Pat McKowen, Secretary	Mon/Tue/Thur 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Wed 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Upcoming Birthdays (*Designates Over 80)

December 17 Thomas Waltersdorff

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE LAST WEEK was...

Attendance	60- 57 Sanctuary/ 3 YouTube
Current Offering	\$1,245.00
Loose Offering	110.00
OCWM	5.00
Memorial Fund	20.00
Giving Tree	205.00
Poinsettias	90.00
Total	\$1,675.00