

*Welcome to  
St. Peter's Pikeland  
United Church of Christ*

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*First Sunday  
after Epiphany*

January 12, 2025  
10 a.m.

WELCOME AND JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE      “Children of the Heavenly Father”      arr Ferguson

COMING OF THE LIGHT

*Please use this time for silent meditation before worship.  
During the service, the people will make the responses  
in the **bold print**.*

## GATHERING

(based on Isaiah 42)

The Lord has given us a light to the nations, as a covenant to the people.

**A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench.**

Christ will faithfully bring forth justice; he will not grow faint or be crushed.

**We humbly turn to the Holy One, who frees our spirits and opens our hearts.**

Come, almighty God, and close the gap between heaven and earth.

**Let us worship God!**

HYMN 459 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

*All who are able may stand for the hymn and prayers that follow.*

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

The logic of our faith would expect the entire world to prefer peace and kindness and helpfulness toward each other, yet the world seems far from logical at times. Let us confess our need for God in this hard world:

**Holy One, in Jesus we struggle to understand greatness that seeks no glory, and strength that gently heals. We seek to understand majesty that loves the meek and reaches out to those who mourn. Help us and be with us, we pray, as we humbly open ourselves to heaven’s light; in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

There was no mistake in the life of Jesus. God didn’t forget to book a room at a luxurious inn for his birth. God didn’t forget to reserve an elaborate pool for his baptism. God chose the muddy waters of the river Jordan. God sent a Savior who would be with us, not over us. This truly is Good News. Praise be to God. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

SPECIAL MUSIC “When Jesus Come to Jordan’s Stream”

McKinley/Joncas

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace, we rejoice that in your scriptures, we may find Good News of forgiveness and new life. We thank you that, in Jesus Christ, one born to this world, we may be reborn in the Spirit. **Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Restoration and Protection Promised*

Isaiah 43:1-7

Pew Bibles, Page 672

### A LESSON FROM PSALM 29:1-4, 10-11

*We will read the psalm responsively,*

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

### GOSPEL LESSON

*The Baptism of Jesus*

Luke 3:15-22

Pew Bibles, Page 60

### MESSAGE

Pastor Doug Hanson

### HYMN 170

“Your Ways are Not Our Own”  
*After the Hymn, please be seated.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

*Using “debts . . . debtors.”*

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “When Jesus Came to Jordan” arr Cherwien

PRESENTATION

*All may stand as the offering is presented and remain standing for the prayer and hymn and blessing that follow.*

SONG OF PRAISE 780

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, we gratefully offer our gifts to the work of your church. We offer ourselves to you as disciples of Christ, ready to follow our Savior into the murky stream; ready to be cleansed and renewed by water, by Spirit, and by grace; in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

HYMN 42 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

BENEDICTION

*After the Blessing, all may be seated until the postlude begins.*

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” arr Hustad



## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**THE MESSAGE** is brought to us by Pastor Doug Hanson

**THE ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR** is Kat Bowman

**THE USHERS** today are Fred and Maureen Wookey

**THE LECTOR** today is Maureen Wookey

**SOCIAL HOUR** today is provided by the Thomsons and Johnsons

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Please plan to attend our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> immediately after worship. We will discuss the 2025 budget along with other items.

**SIGN UPS:** We are in need of help in January and February. Please take a look at the Sign Up sheets in Fellowship Hall to see what Sundays you may be able to help out with worship needs. Thank you!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** 2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in Fellowship Hall.

**PACS FOOD DRIVE:** The Sewing Circle will be collecting non-perishable food items now through the end of February. You may bring your items to the bins at any entrance. Thank you!

You can now give to the church more easily by scanning the QR code here: All online giving will be designated on your giving statements. Thank you!



**ST. PETER'S PIKELAND CONCERT SERIES** Join us on Saturday, February 8th at 3pm for an afternoon of Irish music! The Rookery is a Philadelphia-based trio who specializes in Irish and Celtic folk music. Combining guitar, accordion, fiddle, and the bouzouki, artists Rob Curto, Maura Dwyer and Eamon Kelly bring the music of the Emerald Isle alive. Spread the word, and we look forward to this wonderful concert on February 8th!

Please see Kat if you would like to help out with the reception. Visit The Rookery's website at [www.rookerymusic.com](http://www.rookerymusic.com)



# Our Prayer List

*Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:*

Andrea Lafleur  
Angie Schlessm  
Ann Kieffer, cousin of Eric Johnson  
Barbara Broyles, friend of the Wachsmuths  
Barbara Shivers  
Bette Miller  
Bill Cochran, friend of Fred and Maureen Wookey  
Carol Meyer  
Cole Davenport  
Connie Hershey, friend of Micki and Alyssa Menkins  
Charlie Fishman, Pete Warner's Nephew and Godson  
Debbie Rittenhouse, mother-in-law of Mitchell Warner  
Diane, friend of Dee McClimon  
Dr. Michael J. Ward  
Ernie Gross, cousin of Fred Wookey  
Friends and family of Evelyn Hall  
Gail Grealey, cousin of the Wise family  
Gwen Davidson  
Grady Dendunnen, grandson of Ted and Helen Morgan  
Heather Murphy, cousin of Steve Krasley  
Heidi Kieffer, daughter of Eric Johnson's cousin  
Hugh Lawson  
Jamie Glennon, friend of Eric Hanson  
Jeff Johnson, Co-worker of Eric Johnson  
Jennifer Osborne  
Jessica G., friend of Grace Merryman  
Jim Smith, Denise Harlow's brother  
John Pandjak  
John Pittock, friend of Grace Merryman  
Laura Dick  
Laura S., friend of Grace Merryman  
Lisa, cousin of Eric Johnson  
Mary Andersen, friend of the McCarthys  
Melinda Greenwood, cousin of Joe Thomson  
Pattie and Charlie Freeman, friends of the Bowman's  
Patrick, friend of Dee McClimon  
Richard, friend of Dee McClimon  
Sally Kramer, Cherri Romano's sister  
Sandy Pereni, Joyce Rosen's sister  
Sharon Basile, Jennifer Basile's mother-in-law  
Sylvia Houff, Kathleen Wachsmuth's sister  
Tara Cantello, friend of Denise Harlow  
Tina Frick, friend of Sarah Hackman

