

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 31, 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

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** - Please rise in body or spirit.*

CENTERING OURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Andrew Jackson, Principal Organist

WELCOME

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey ...

Many: You are welcome here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Daniel 2:20-23a, adapted) Ken Tucker, Liturgist

One: Blessed be the name of God from age to age, for wisdom and power
belong to God.

**Many: For you, O God, change the times and the seasons; you both
depose and set up rulers.**

One: You give wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those who have
understanding.

**Many: You reveal deep and hidden things. You know what is in the
darkness and light dwells in you.**

One: To you, O God of my ancestors, I give thanks and praise.

**Many: For you have given me wisdom and power, and have now revealed
to me what we asked of you.**

*HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**Your life is lifegiving to both great and small;
 In all life you're living, the true life of all;
 We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,
 Then wither and perish—but naught dims your powers.**

**So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,
 Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
 All praise we now render as your angels do:
 In awe at the splendor of light hiding you.**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Ancient of Days, so often when we are confronted by the problems and challenges of life, we tend to respond only in terms of our own resources, and we forget you. Too often we forget that your ways are not our ways. When our reason and logic fail, we tend to lose hope and give up. Forgive us, O God. Strengthen our resolve and use our lives to proclaim your Good News: for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

***OUR RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God” 755**
Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR THIRD GRADER Violet Lampe

THE FIRST LESSON Daniel 6:1-9

SPECIAL MUSIC Ken Tucker, Soloist

THE SECOND LESSON Daniel 6:16-28

SERMON

*HYMN

“O Grant Us Light”

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O grant us light, that we may know wisdom that you alone can give,
That truth may guide us as we go, And virtue bless the lives we live.

O grant us light that we may find where error lurks in human lore,
And turn to you our seeking minds, And love your holy Word the more.

O grant us light, that we may learn how dead is life from you apart,
How sure is joy for all who turn To you an undivided heart.

O grant us light, when soon or late, all earthly scenes shall pass away,
In you to find the open gate, To deathless home and endless day.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE GIVE WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US
INVITATION TO GIVE

*RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of all wisdom, we thank you for this time of worship and instruction
where we celebrate and equip ourselves for our lives as your disciples. As we
dedicate these offerings as a symbol of our love for you, strengthen our
knowledge and courage that all that we say and do will be to your glory. Fill
us with your Holy Spirit which makes all things new in and through us, for
the sake of your world. Amen.

*HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
 crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
 for the facing of this hour.

From the evils that surround us, and assail the Savior's ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts for faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control.
 Shame our reckless, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, make our broken spirits whole,
 make our broken spirits whole.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
 armored with all Christ-like graces, in the fight to set us free.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, in the quest for liberty,
 in the quest for liberty!

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
 let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
 serving you whom we adore.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

❧ Thank You for Worshipping Here Today ❧

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St. Peter's United Church of Christ welcomes you to today's worship. If you are visiting us today for the first time, please fill out the "Welcome Card" in the pews and place it in the offering plate. We also welcome those who are attending worship online.

"These Days" devotional booklets and the Newsletter are available in the atrium and the church office. The deadline to submit articles for possible newsletter inclusion is the 21st.

Please pray . . . With Christine Sanfilippo, Katie Buckles, Emily, Jason, Delores Borcharding, Cheryl, Samantha Cerutti-Wacker, Patrick & Christina Flanagan, Pete, Bryce Meyer, Ken, Grace, Amber E., Greg Berry, Jon Sanfilippo, Bill & Laurie Pinnell, Shirley Osthoff, Dale Hackmann

Mark your calendar for Sept. 6 & 7. September 7 is the first day of Sunday School; we will commission our Back Bay Mission Group at both services.

Another highlight marking **St. Peter's UCC Cemetery** celebrating 150 years in 2025. A Bit of History- August 29, 1910 It was moved and carried to withdraw the following resolution: If the pastor of the St. Peter's Church officiates at the burial of a non-member, his fee shall be \$15, one half of which to be retained by the pastor and the other half apportioned to the church treasury.

Do you have a light bulb that needs changing, or a battery that needs replacing? Maybe you need a ride to an appointment or help with groceries. Call any member of the **Home Helpers** team: Denise Towell, Pat Swinger, Donna Houchins, or Trudy Ronsick and they'll do their best to get you the help you need.

Chapel Bell Choir and Chancel Choir rehearsals begin on Wed., Sept. 3.

Rehearsal times: Bells 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:15 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please see Ken Tucker for more info. We'd LOVE to have you. kentucker@att.net

The Washington Civic Chorus will begin rehearsals on Mon., Sept. 8 for its annual Christmas Concert, under the direction of Ken Tucker. Rehearsals will be held in our auditorium every Monday from 7-9 p.m. through Dec. 1. The concert is scheduled for Sun., Dec. 7. For more information call 239-7394. Tell a friend; all voices are welcome.

Books are always needed for The **Little Free Library**. We could use books for all ages--from board books for the littlest ones to novels and non-fiction for adults and books for early readers, pre-teens and young adults. Any donations are greatly appreciated. A drop off basket is in the quilting hallway next to the puzzle shelves for your convenience. For pick up or any questions, please call Janet Alspach at 770-313-0018.

As summer winds down, we would like to inform our community about the **Meals-on-Wheels** program. Meals on Wheels is a valuable initiative that benefits the Washington community by enabling elderly and disabled residents to remain in their homes while receiving nutritious meals. It is the only program within the area that delivers meals seven days a week, including holidays, exclusively to clients residing within the Washington city limits. Our services accommodate specific dietary requirements, including diabetic, cardiac, low-sodium, and mechanically soft meal options. The program is made possible through the

generous support of United Way, various community organizations, the dedicated Mercy dietary staff, and our numerous volunteers who deliver meals. For additional information or to request services, please contact the Washington Chamber office at 636-239-2715.

This Week at St. Peter's United Church of Christ:

Sunday, August 31, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

Monday, September 1, 2025

Church Office Closed – Happy Labor Day!!

6:30 p.m. – AA

Tuesday, September 1, 2025

1:30-3:00 pm. – Coffee with the Pastor

7:00 pm. – Building & Grounds Board

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

8:45 a.m. – Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans

9:00 a.m. – Quilting

11:30 a.m. – Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 4, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Food Pantry Task Force

6:30 p.m. – AA

Saturday, September 6, 2025 Aluminum Drive

5:00 p.m. – Worship w/Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. – Harvest Table (Dining Room)

Sunday, September 7, 2025 Aluminum Drive

10:00 a.m. – Worship w/Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. – Sunday School

Save the Date:

Walk to End Alzheimer's Washington Walk, Sept. 6, Main Park; Visit alz.org/washmo
Christmas Rummage Sale Sat., Sept. 27. This year the sale will include ALL holiday items-- Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, St. Patrick's Day, patriotic, etc. and Christmas!! Please consider donating any decorations, lights, wreaths, ornaments, wrapping paper, etc. (No clothing please) We will collect items from Thurs., Sept. 18 to Thurs., Sept. 25. The Rummage Sale is in need of newspaper, bubble wrap, plastic/paper bags, and boxes to help people safely carry home their "treasures". Please deposit on the designated table in the auditorium. Thank you.

The **Eastern Association** of the Missouri Mid-South Conference will hold its **Fall Meeting** at our church on Sun., Oct. 5, 2025, 3:00-5:00

Trivia Night is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 18, 2025



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The Rev. Kurt Schaller Blaufuss, Pastor & Teacher
 Ken Tucker, Director of Music
 Andrew Jackson, Principal Organist
 Carol H. Hackmann, Office Manager
 Gary Edler, Cemetery Sexton
 Nathaniel Pfitzinger, Building & Grounds Custodian
 The Rev. Dr. William H. Schwab, Pastor Emeritus