

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 9, 2025

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 AM

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** - Please rise in body or spirit.*

CENTERING OURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE "Come, Though Fount of Every Blessing" Chapel Bells
arr. Karen Roth

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ephesians 4:4-6, Galatians 3:27-28, I Peter 2:9, adapted)
Ken Tucker, Liturgist

One: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope that belongs to your call.

Many: We profess one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, above all, through all, and in all.

One: For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ:

Many: There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in Christ.

One: For you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.

Many: That we may declare the wonderful deeds of God, who called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

*UNISON PRAYER (UCC Book of Worship)

We give you thanks, O God, for those who believed Jesus to be your promised one. We thank you for sages who were led from the East by signs in the sky to greet the holy birth. We give thanks for John the Baptist who bore witness to Jesus. Most of all we give thanks that when Jesus was baptised, you showed your affirmation of Jesus as your beloved child and servant.

Through the word of many witnesses, we, too, name Jesus as our Sovereign and Savior, our Light and Life. Shine in our hearts through the light of Christ that we may be signs of your presence on earth, making peace and doing justice. May your people be a light to the nations, through Jesus your faithful servant Amen.

Invitation and Address

Baptismal Vows

Act of Baptism

Baptismal Prayer

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8

CHOIR ANTHEM “His Eye is On the Sparrow” arr. Ralph Manuel
(lyrics p. 7)

SECOND LESSON Luke 5:1-11

SERMON

*HYMN	“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”	173
	You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, But only asking for me to follow. <i>Refrain:</i> O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you’ve called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you I will seek other seas.	

You know full well my possessions,
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working. *Refrain*

You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary
A love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*

You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning;
As loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain*

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 OF PRAISE

1 (v 4)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Today, O God, you have reminded us that we are Christ's baptized and spirit-filled disciples. May our offerings speak of your glory as we set out once again to cast the nets of your love into a love-starved world. Amen.

*HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"

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Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day that voice still calls us, saying, "Christian, follow me."

As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the treasures we adore,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

☞ Thank You for Worshipping Here Today ☞

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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

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 February Newsletter are available in the atrium and the church office.

Please pray . . . With Cindy Moeller, Bryce Meyer, Ken, Grace, Amber E., Clayton, Matt Ashley, Greg Berry, Jon Sanfilippo, Charlie Sincox, Todd Ford, Laurie Pinnell, Blake Georgie

St. Peter's UCC will be taking in new members in the near future. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact the church office or Pastor Kurt.

Worship Attendance – February 1 & 2, 2025

Saturday In-Person: 24 Sunday In-Person: 82 YouTube Views: 27

2025 calendars are available for purchase in the church office. Cost is \$10 each.

St. Peter's UCC Cemetery is celebrating 150 years this year -- A Bit of History-

January 1, 1879 - Following decisions were made in regard to burials: about 10 minutes before corpse enters church, the bell should toll and when the funeral procession is about 1 1/2 blocks from the church, the regular ringing to begin and continue until the assemblage is in church. When mourners leave church, the bell to ring again until the procession is 1/2 mile from church. Mr. Kamp to receive 50 cents for the work of ringing the bell.

Women's Fellowship will meet on Thurs., Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. Our program is sharing with one another what you did to stay safe and sane during the snowstorm of 2025. Did you start a new craft, read a great book, work on a jigsaw puzzle, or clean a closet? If possible, bring a picture or an example of your activity. Lunch will be served. It will be a fun time of sharing!

The Mission Team will host a Lunch and Learn on Sun., Feb. 16 following worship. We will have lunch and then learn about **Back Bay Mission** in Biloxi, MS. Our team that traveled to the Mission last September will present a program on what Back Bay Mission is and our experiences while there. Another trip is planned for the 3rd week in September this year-- Sept. 20-27. All are welcome to come have lunch and learn more about Back Bay Mission!

All 2024 Boards and Committees. Year ending reports are due to the MESSENGER for printing in March 2025 for the Annual Report. Please forward the reports to Newsletter Annual Report (newsletter@stpeters-ucc.org) on or before Mon., Feb. 17, 2025. Thank you.

Mardi Gras is coming up March 2, following worship! Please join us for all the things you love: games, food and the silent auction. **We would appreciate your help this year, just as in the past. We need desserts and gift cards for prizes, and silent auction basket donations. Basket donations should be made by February 12 to display prior to the event.** Thank you for your generous assistance! If you have any questions, please reach out to Jennifer Kroeter, Wendy Wisdom, Barb Bauer or Linda Patterson. See you on March 2! Everyone is invited!!

Just a reminder that there will be a **cemetery cleanup and removal** of Fall and Christmas flowers starting March 1 through March 15. If you would wait until March 16 to place Easter and spring flowers it would be appreciated so they are not accidentally removed. Thank you, St. Peter's Cemetery Board

This Week at St. Peter's United Church of Christ:**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

10:00 a.m. – Worship

10:15 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation

Monday, February 10, 2025

12:00-3:00 pm. – Quilting

6:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts

6:30 p.m. – AA

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

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

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

9:00 a.m. – Quilting

10:00 a.m. – Prayer Meeting

11:30 a.m. – Bible Study

1:30 p.m. – Mission Team

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir

7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 13, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Women's Fellowship

12:30 p.m. – Cemetery Board

6:30 p.m. – AA

Saturday, February 15, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Worship

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

Sunday, February 16, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Worship

10:15 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation

11:00 a.m. – Lunch & Learn Back Bay Mission

The **Cemetery Board** is seeking volunteers to assist with mowing and trimming at the cemetery for the 2025 mowing season. We typically mow weekly using zero turn mowers. The time required for mowing is typically 2.5 to 3 hours per cutting. We trim every other week with gas powered string trimmers which are provided. The time for trimming is approximately three hours. The more people the less time it will take. Even if you cannot work the whole time any assistance would be appreciated. Our mowing season typically starts late March or early April and ends usually at the end of October. If interested call or text Gary Edler at (636) 667-0918.

St. Paul's UCC Marthasville Pork Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner, Feb. 23, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Country Store, Quilt Raffle, Meat Sales

An upcoming **Trivia Night** is scheduled for Fri., March 7. It will be held in our auditorium. This event is sponsored by the Grape Cluster of UCC congregations in our Eastern Association. The cost is \$25 per person. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the first question will be at 7:00 p.m. Look for more details in the E-Messenger or you can ask Pastor Kurt if you are interested in registering.



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Choir Anthem: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Charles Gabriel arr. Ralph Manuel
"Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches, watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. "Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear, and resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches, watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. I sing because I'm happy I sing because I'm free, for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He cares for me; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He cares for me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for His eye in on the sparrow, His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."