

Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Transfiguration of our Lord

*February 15, 2026
10:15 am Worship Service*

Pastor Brandon Johns

BELL RINGING**GATHERING LITANY**

O Lord, you have called us and brought us to this sacred place.

It is good for us to be here.

You have gathered us here and led us apart from the world.

Help us to be present with you in this moment.

You have appeared in majesty beyond human understanding.

It is good for us to be here.

You have revealed your splendor here and given us a glimpse of the divine.

Transform our fear into reverence and trust.

You have shone the radiance of God as the Word Incarnate.

It is good for us to be here.

You have spoken to us here and taught us in the Way.

Enable our hearts to listen and to love.

You have encompassed us with your own brilliant light.

It is good for us to be here.

You have transfigured us here and yet the fullness of your glory awaits.

Empower us to follow you back down the mountain and to dwell with you always.

GATHERING HYMN: How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

And also with you!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *Standing in the Need of Prayer* Earlene Rentz

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALM 2 *(Read Responsively)*

¹Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,**

against the Lord and against the Lord's anointed?

³"Let us break their yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;**

the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them,

and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶**As for me, I have anointed my king**

upon Zion, my holy mountain."

⁷Let me announce the decree of the Lord,

who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance**

and the ends of the earth for your possession.

⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod

and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

¹⁰**And now, you kings, be wise;**

be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹Submit to the Lord with fear,

and with trembling bow in worship;

¹²**lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**

Happy are all who take refuge in God!

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(The assembly stands, if able, to welcome the gospel.)



GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

This is the Holy Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat-ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

THE BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIA

Reader: I heard a great voice of many people in heaven saying,
Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power be to the
Lord our God. And again they said, Alleluia!

**People: And the twenty-four elders and the four beasts fell down
and worshipped God who sat on the throne. And they said,
Amen! Alleluia!**

Reader: I heard what sounded like the voice of a great multitude. It
was like the sound of many waters. It was like the sound of
mighty thunder. And it said, "Alleluia! The Lord God
Omnipotent reigns!"

**People: Alleluia! The Lord does reign! He is clothed with majesty.
Alleluia!**

Reader: Alleluia! Give praise to the Lord our God and worship Him,
for He is holy. Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia! Give praise to the Lord our God, and worship at
His holy hill, for He is holy. Rejoice in Him and give thanks
as a remembrance of His holiness. Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Lord is indeed King of Heaven, but is He the King of our
hearts?

Reader: I looked and saw a great multitude, impossible to number,
people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they
were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb,
dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands.
They shouted, "Victory to our God, who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb. Alleluia!"

*(Service continues with congregation singing
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones on next page)*

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
Outside USA: Text from *The English Hymnal*. © Oxford University Press 1906. All rights reserved.

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright

ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:

"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,

pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:

"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -

per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the

Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:

"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Pastor: Are your minds set on God's righteousness?

People: Our mouths say we are.

Pastor: But do your lives show this? God forbid that we should approach Him with our mouths and lips alone and not have our hearts in it!

People: Does this mean we should stop singing our Alleluias?

Pastor: There is a time to laugh and a time to weep. A time to dance and a time to mourn. Bring forth acts that are suitable signs of repentance. Remember that the sacrifices of God are a humble spirit. It is a humble and contrite heart God does not despise.

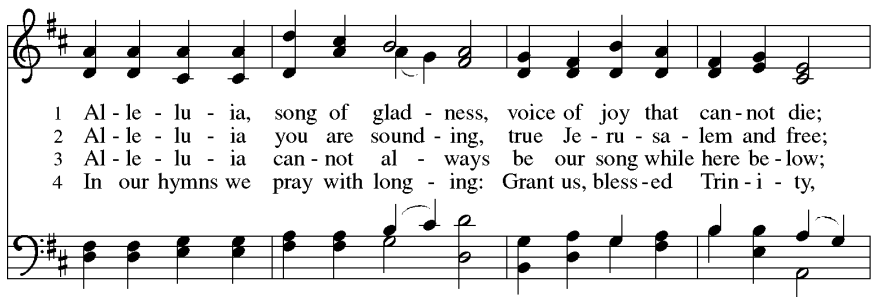
Reader: It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Who may abide the day of His coming? Who shall stand when He appears? At the time of harvest and threshing He will gather the wheat into the barn, but the chaff will be burned. The day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night. When men say, "Peace" and all things are safe, then judgment will come on them. Brothers and sisters, take warning: While there is still time set to work before the night comes. Let us walk as children of the Light. Do we not believe in the Light? Let us remember that though our sins be as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow. Let us repent and return to Him who is merciful and forgiving. Let us take His yoke upon us and learn of Him. His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

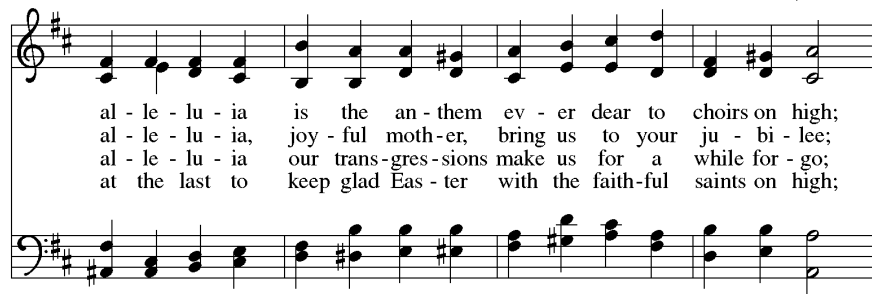
(Service continues with congregation singing Alleluia, Song of Gladness on next page)



Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Pastor: I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: ‘Happy are the dead who die in the faith of Christ! Henceforth,’ says the Spirit, ‘They may rest their labors.’”

So says the Church of its ALLELUIA. Today it dies until with Christ it rises at His glorious resurrection. When He died, He died to sin, once for all. Living as He lives, He lives to God. In the same way you regard yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God, in union with Christ Jesus.

People: (As ALLELUIA banner is taken from chancel) **If you, O Lord, remember our sins, Lord who shall stand? Out of the depths I have cried to you, O Lord, Lord hear my voice. Let your ear be open to the voice of my supplication. If you, O Lord, remember our sins, Lord who could stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be praised. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word do I trust. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning. More than those who watch for the dawn, let Israel wait for the Lord. For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is boundless redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his sin. Give glory to the Father Almighty, to His Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord, and the Spirit who gives life to all things, now and forever. Amen. If you, O Lord, remember our sins, Lord who could stand?**

Pastor: Until that day, when Christ's resurrection is celebrated with joy and gladness, we commit our joyful "Alleluia" to God who gave it.

People: **O God, look with favor on your people gathered here. We know that we have sinned and deserved your judgment, yet we look to you for mercy. Spare us, as you have spared your people in the past. During Lent help us to re-order our lives so that others can see your presence. We ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.**



APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. *A brief silence.*

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross.

The response for each petition is:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Our offerings are made processionaly, which means dropped into the plates located near the entrances to the nave.

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Liberating God, **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE *(It is indeed right.... join their unending hymn)*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages

to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you,

through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot

and was shown forth as your Son,

born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will

and won for you a holy people;

he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you and shine your light upon this world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

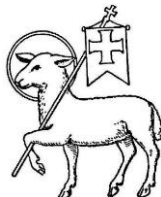
Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread
and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand
before you and to serve you as your priestly people.
Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Taught by God's Word Incarnate, we are bold to pray:
**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.



LAMB OF GOD *(sung as the distribution of the sacrament begins)*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Sacrament will be offered with these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. *And* The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Optional responses **Amen or Thanks be to God or Renew us, Lord**

BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER

Let us pray. Radiant God with our eyes we have seen your salvation and, in this meal, we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

SHARING FOR SERVING: Mission Notices and Birthdays

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Minor

Charles E. Sergisson

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for February: Sherri Ifft

If you would like to support this cause, please mark the "Other" line on your contribution envelope Sherri Ifft.

Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

Cole Barkley	Luke Clawson	Mary Fulghum
Stephanie Hogan	Berty McMillen	Rick Reifenstein
Kerren Morra	Demetrius Litsakis	Ron & Karen Hartman
Anastyn Hogan	Garrie Wearing	Hudson Kenney
Tim Fullerton	Drew Piper	Mary Sue Hunia
Rita Reifenstein	Roland Wise	

The families of Bobby Golden & John (Mole) Ehrhart

*Today's Altar Flowers
are giving by
Patti & Charlie Flach
in honor of
their 54th Anniversary.*



*Today's Eternal Candle
is presented by Jane Taylor
in memory of her dad,
Kenneth Clawson.
His birthday was Feb. 13th.*

Shrove Tuesday – February 17th. We will have a pancake and sausage dinner beginning at 5:30 pm followed by a talent and jokes show. We will close with the Burning of the Palms Service.

Ash Wednesday – February 18th, 7 pm worship.

Lent Thursdays – On Thursday evenings at 6 pm starting on February 26th, we will gather before worship to eat soup and bread together. Worship follows at 7 pm. Bible study is at 8 pm in Lent.

Lent Special Offering – Our offerings made during Meager Meals and in the Lent Special Offering envelopes will go to Priority Projects, which currently is being used to fund our basement bathrooms renovation project. Target start date for that project is 2/23.

Fasting for Change – This Lent consider not just the discipline of giving something up, but also giving something toward. As part of your Lenten journey, you are invited to donate the money you would have spent on what you have given up to support Lutheran Service Society. LSS is a collective ministry of our synod and helps people in a variety of ways, including providing adoption and foster care services for children and families in our area. Coin boxes will be available or you are welcome to mark the Other line on your contribution envelope. You may choose to donate weekly, or give the sum of your savings at the end of Lent.



ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Greeters	Luann Brosius & Becky Riddle
Lector	Charlie Flach
Ushers	Debbie & Jim Merrison
Nursery	Linda Schmidt
Tech Support	Adam Price

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:

Mon. – Fri.	4:00 – 6:00 pm	After School
Tue. Feb. 17	5:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday festivities begin
Wed. Feb. 18	10:00 am	Community Quilters
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday
Thur. Feb. 19	10:00 am	Quilters Group
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Sat. Feb. 21	9:30 am	Audit Party
	6:30 pm	Game Night

Welcome to St. Peter's

We are thankful that you are here to worship with other Christians today. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that your worship experience will fill you with the grace and mercy of Almighty God through his Holy Spirit.



Newcomers and Guests

New to St. Peter's? Please sign the GUEST REGISTER behind the last pew. You are welcome to commune with us if that is your practice. A handicapped accessible RESTROOM is located near the Van Buren Street entrance (through Luther Hall, past the kitchen, restroom is on the left in the foyer).

Nursery – is staffed by a volunteer and available for children and caregivers. Exit the rear of the nave and follow the steps to the basement, the nursery is on the left. The service can be heard through an intercom in the nursery. There are activity bags in the back of the sanctuary and children's bulletins geared for children ages 5 and up are at the nave entrances.

Offering – Thank you for supporting our ministries! Plates are available at the front and rear of the nave to receive offering, or you if you prefer, we have Venmo as an option. If you choose to use Venmo, please note how you would like the funds to be designated, like for Current Fund, etc.



Staying in Touch:

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