



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ  
November 16, 2025

If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome!  
Thank you for joining us. We're happy you are here.

Please be sure to sign in at the Narthex and include your name and email so we can keep you updated on upcoming events and special worship services.

**\*Please stand if you are comfortable and able. The Congregation reads text in bold print.**

*In our liturgy, A: is All our voices. L: is the Liturgist's voice. LL: is the Lay Leader's voice.*

Bringing Christ's Light into Worship

*Youth Acolyte and  
Matthew Westermeyer, Senior Acolyte*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns for Prayer

*Deb Boland, Lay Leader*

*Live Stream Begins*

Prelude

*Garrett Woods, Music Director*

Welcome and Announcements

*Deb Boland, Lay Leader*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Jim Hill, Liturgist*

L: Be still, and know that God is God.

**A: In the stillness, we remember who we are and whose we are**

L: The Lord will fight for us; we need only to be still.

**A: We release our distractions and rest in God's presence.**

L: Let us worship in quiet trust.

**A: God is here. AMEN.**

\*Hymn

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

**No. 6**

**\*Invocation**

**A: As we gather here today, we pray for your continued presence and guidance in our lives. May your light shine brightly in our hearts, illuminating our path and guiding our steps. We are grateful for your unwavering presence. With hearts full of gratitude, we trust in your guidance as we honor our past and navigate our future. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**\*Call to Confession**

L: Let us open our hearts, minds, and souls to the One who loves us without condition, trusting that we will receive grace and mercy.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**A: Merciful God, we offer you our lives, full as they are of shadow and light, of kindness and apathy, of hope and despair. Take what is broken and mend it; take what is wrong and right it; take what is destructive and disable it; take what is useless and make it useful. Heal our sin, dear Lord, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance**

LL: God's answer to our honest confession is found in 2 Corinthians 5:17, which declares: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new."

\*Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father)

No. 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

A: Silent Prayer - LL: Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

**A: 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. Amen.**

Prayer Through Song

*"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

No. 306

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;  
incline thine ear to us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Children may be dismissed for Sunday School.

**The Holy Scriptures****Old Testament – Jeremiah 11:10-13**

<sup>10</sup> For thus saith the Lord, that after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

<sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

<sup>12</sup> Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

<sup>13</sup> And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

**Old Testament -- Isaiah 46:9-10**

Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

**Message*****“Honoring our Roots, Embracing our Future”***

***Deb Boland, Church  
Council President, Lay Leader***

**\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one holy universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Hymn****“My Lord, What a Morning”****No. 708****\*Invitation to the Offering**

LL: And now, not because we have to, but because we are grateful, let us return to God what is ours to share.

**\*Doxology (Praise)****No. 46**

**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**

**A: God of promise, we offer these gifts with confidence, knowing you are always among us and pouring out your Spirit on us. Open our hearts to receive the fresh breath of your grace, leading us to new ways of serving. In the name of the One who watches over all, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

**“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”**

**No. 602**

**\*Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you  
Now and forever. **Amen**

**\*A: Benediction Response -- “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” – Elmhurst Hymnal (1921)**

**God be with you till we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again. Amen.**

**Postlude**

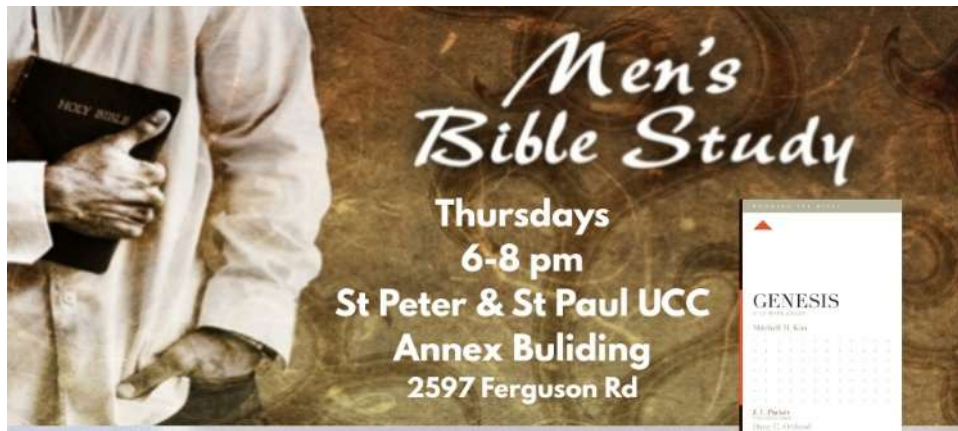
**Garrett Woods, Music Director**

*Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ!*

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*Men's Bible Study*

Thursdays  
6-8 pm  
St Peter & St Paul UCC  
Annex Buliding  
2597 Ferguson Rd

**STARTING OCTOBER 16**

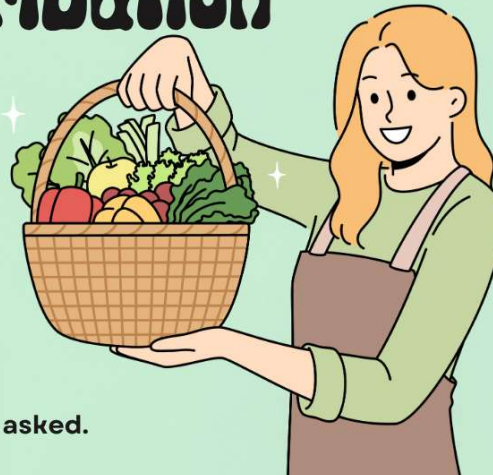
This 13 week study discover how the book of Genesis lays the groundwork for the gospel and points us to Jesus. This men's Bible study explores the lives of key figures like Adam, Abraham, and Jacob, revealing God's unfolding plan to bless all nations. Through practical insights and honest reflection, we'll learn what it means to walk with God as men of faith today.

# Free Food Distribution

**DECEMBER 2ND**  
**12:00PM - 2:00PM**  
(1st Tuesday of every month)

**St. Peter & St. Paul UCC**  
**3001 Queen City Ave**

Our free food pick-up is open to all.  
No documentation needed, no questions asked.



## Mission Statement

### St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ

Be the lighthouse of the community, letting Christ's life flow through us as a beacon of hope and strength to others.

To enlighten the entire church family on the values of participation and commitment

Offer to all the hand of fellowship, allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us

Light the way for the community, as we serve God and reach out to minister

Offer support and care for one another, with grace

Visit and minister to all in need, as Jesus did

Encourage one another to walk in the faith, actively in love

