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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

October 26, 2025

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

Please make sure to sign-in in 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

Joel Westermeyer, Lay Leader

Live Stream Begins

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Joel Westermeyer, Lay Leader
*God is good (**all the time!**) – And all the time (**God is good!**)*

***Call to Worship**

Deb Boland, Liturgist

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

**A: Therefore, we will not fear – though the earth should change and
the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

L: On this special day, we remember and proclaim: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death –
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

L: What has Christ done for you?

**A: He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

L: What confidence do you have in His care?

**A: He watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will
of my Father in heaven – indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.**

A: Because I belong to Him – Jesus Christ – and by His Holy Spirit, I am assured of eternal life, and this makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

**A: We give thanks for the saints and reformers,
who heard God's call and followed Christ anew.**

*Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” original English text
The Hymnal: published for the Reformed Protestant Church in the United States (1878) – #262

**That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever. AMEN.**

***Invocation**

A: Gracious and Ever-Reforming God, You are our refuge and strength, our rock and Redeemer. On this holy day, we thank You for the faithful who have gone before us – those who heard Your call, challenged the church to grow, and followed Christ with courage and conviction. As we gather in Your presence, renew us by Your Word and Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of Your truth, a passion for justice, and the joy of the Gospel. Reform our hearts, O God, that we may be Your church – faithful in worship, bold in witness, and steadfast in love. Come, Holy Spirit; dwell among us and make us ever new. In the name of Jesus Christ, our cornerstone and Savior, we pray. Amen.

***Call to Confession**

L: As the church has been called to reform and renew through the ages, so we too are called to look within – to examine our lives and open our hearts to God’s transforming grace. With trust in Christ, who makes all things new, let us confess our sins and seek God’s mercy.

***Prayer of Confession**

A: God of Mercy and Truth, we come before You in need of Your grace. You call us to be a people of faith, yet we often trust in our own strength, wisdom, and traditions. You call us to confront injustice, yet we are slow to speak, hesitant to act, and quick to judge. You call us to follow Christ with boldness, yet we give in to fear and resist Your Spirit’s leading. Forgive us, O God. Renew us by Your transforming love. By Your mercy, reform our lives, reshape our hearts, and restore Your church to faithfulness and joy. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

LL: Hear the good news: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Though we fall short, God’s grace does not fail. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made whole. The old has passed away – behold, the new has come.

A: Thanks be to God, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are made new and sent forth in love. Amen.

***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.

LL: Silent Prayer & 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

"Into My Heart"

No. 304

**Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

Children's Moment

Miss Tammi

Anthem

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (arr. Mark Hayes)

Chancel Choir

Old Testament – Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Psalms 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. ⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰ He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." ¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Epistle – Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Message: “Always Reforming: The Spirit Still Speaks”

Joel Westermeyer, 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

“The Church's One Foundation”

original English text

The Hymnal: published for the Reformed Protestant Church in the United States (1878) – #289

**The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word:
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.**

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth:
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest. AMEN.

***Invitation to the Offering**

L: As we remember the reformers who gave boldly of their lives and gifts to renew Christ's Church, let us now offer what we have and who we are, trusting that God will use these offerings to reform the world in love.

***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: Ever-Reforming and Faithful God, we bring these gifts in thanksgiving for all You have done, and in hope for all You will yet do. As You have shaped the Church through generations past, shape us now to be faithful stewards of Your Word and work. Bless these offerings – that they may bear fruit in ministries of justice, compassion, and reconciliation in a world in need. Use us, along with these gifts, to be agents of Your renewing Spirit for the glory of Christ and the good of Your Church. In the strong name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

***Hymn**

"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

original English text

The Hymnal: published for the Reformed Protestant Church in the United States (1878) – #101

**O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home. AMEN.**

***Benediction**

LL: Go forth into the world in peace, renewed by the power of God's Word, reformed by the grace of Jesus Christ, and sustained by the presence of the Holy Spirit. May the God of our ancestors inspire you, the Christ who calls us reform you, and the Spirit who leads us empower you – to love boldly, serve faithfully, and live hopefully. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

A: Amen.

***A: Benediction Response**

"The Lord Bless You And Keep You"

**The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord lift His countenance upon you;
And give you peace, and give you peace, The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious, The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. 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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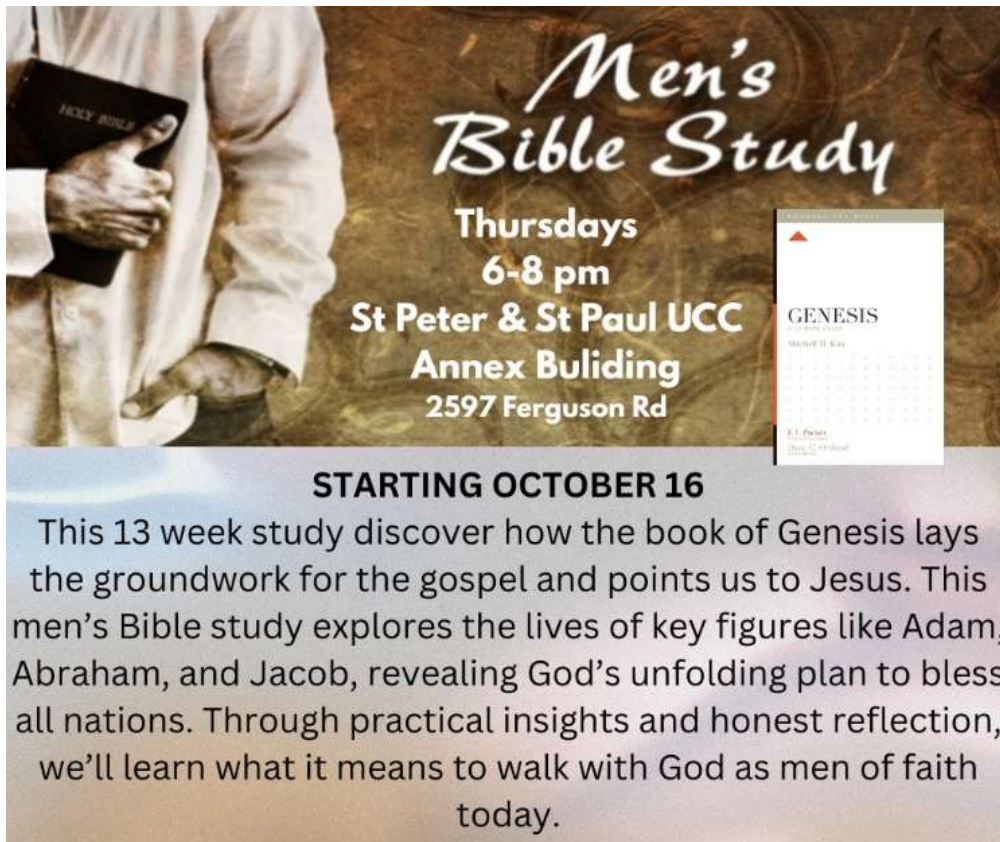
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Our church will observe Totenfest during morning worship on Sunday, November 3. We will remember all of those of our church family who have passed away in the last year.

Deadline Today, October 26.

If you would like to add the name of a loved one or friend to our Totenfest list, please send that information to the church office (spspuccoffice@gmail.com).

A poster for a Men's Bible Study. The top half features a background image of a man in a white shirt holding a black Bible. Overlaid on this is the text 'Men's Bible Study' in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, is 'Thursdays 6-8 pm'. Further down, in a bold, white, sans-serif font, is 'St Peter & St Paul UCC Annex Buliding' (note the typo) and '2597 Ferguson Rd'. To the right of this text is a small image of a Bible cover titled 'GENESIS' by Marshall H. Kie. The bottom half of the poster has a light blue background with the text 'STARTING OCTOBER 16' in bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this, in a black, sans-serif font, is a paragraph: '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

NOVEMBER 4TH

12:00PM - 2:00PM

(1st Tuesday of every month)

Our free food pick-up is open to all.

No documentation needed, no questions asked.



Bits 'N Pieces 2.0

COME CRAFT WITH US!!!

Every Friday - In the church annex
9:00 AM - 11:00 PM

**BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME...
WE WILL TEACH YOU.**

St. Peter & St. Paul UCC
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CELEBRATING THE
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF
ST PETER & ST PAUL
UCC

November 16, 2025

LUNCHEON (FOLLOWING
SERVICES) WITH SPECIAL
GUEST SPEAKERS AND
MUCH MORE.

RESERVATIONS ARE
REQUIRED. PLEASE SIGN UP
OR CONTACT THE
CHURCH

OCTOBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	2	3 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex	4
5 Communion	6 Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	7 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	8 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	9	10 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex	11
12	13	14 Property - 7pm - Par.	15 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	16	17 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex	18 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
19	20	21	22 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7PM - Annex Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	23	24 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex	25 Trunk or Treat 6-7 pm 
26	27	28 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	29 Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	30	31 Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Annex 	