



The Painesville United Methodist Church

On the Square...Steeped in Prayer

**Sunday, November 21, 2021:
"Blessed to Be a Blessing"**



Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving and joy belong together.

In one of his last books, *As Kingfishers Catch Fire*, Eugene Peterson wrote these words: "The story of our faith, our very existence, begins and ends with joy. Joy at the beginning, joy at the end, joy everywhere in between. Joy is God's creation and gift. No authentic biblical faith is conceivable that is not permeated with it."

Permeated with joy, God's creation and gift – What a good word for us as people of faith!

Upon his passing in October of 2018, the magazine *Christianity Today* had an article titled, "Eugene Peterson has Completed His 'Long Obedience in the Same Direction'." I have found the description of his final days deeply moving.

A fellow author wrote, "My dear friend and pastor Eugene Peterson has died this morning. The lantern is out, but the joy he carried with him to his final breaths endures. Eugene is now with the Triune God he has loved his entire life. Memory eternal."

His family released a statement on his final, joyful days earthside: "During the previous days, it was apparent that he was navigating the thin and sacred space between earth and heaven. We overheard him speaking to people we can only presume were welcoming him into paradise ... Among his final words were, 'Let's go.' And his joy: my, oh my; the man remained joyful right up to his blessed end, smiling frequently. In such moments it's best for all mortal flesh to keep silence. But if you have to say something, say this: 'Holy, Holy, Holy'."

People like Eugene Peterson make me want to sojourn with the Scriptures, to dwell there, to tarry a while, to light the lantern and allow the wisdom and depth and revelation of the Scriptures speak, teach, challenge, encourage. There we can discover God's grace and God's blessing, bringing a deep sense of joy and gratitude.

I can't help myself! One more example for us: Karl Barth is known as one of the great theologians of the 20th century. His mind was described as "massive" and his learning "immense." Along with the great Dietrich Bonhoeffer, he is one of the courageous authors of The Barmen Declaration of the Confessing Church that stood against the Nazi regime of Germany.

His theological work is enormous. But what is most impressive about Karl Barth is what he called *Dankbarkeit* – gratitude. Peterson wrote about Barth, "Always and everywhere we are aware that Barth was responding to God's grace; there is a chuckle rumbling underneath his most serious prose; there is a twinkle on the edges of his eyes – always. He never took himself seriously and always took God seriously, and therefore he was full of cheerfulness, exuberant with blessing."

Full of joy, exuberant with gratitude and blessing. This is my hope for all of us in this Thanksgiving Season.

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!

Pastor Jim

PUMC Radio Broadcast: 10:00 am - WKKY, 104.7 FM; PUMC Livestream: 10:00 am and archived.

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Welcome & Announcements

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Prelude "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Raney**Children's Time***** Call to Worship** Psalm 100 (with choral response #1) UMH Psalter 821*** Hymn of Praise** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" UMH #694*** Passing the Peace of Christ***** Responsive Reading in Native American Tradition** Inspired by Chief Seattle
(back of Sermon Outline)*** Call to Prayer** "Heleluyan" UMH #78
(Choir sing once, Congregation sing once)**Prayer Requests****Pastoral Prayer****The Lord's Prayer**

**"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 for ever. Amen"**

Special Music (8:15) "Prelude in E minor" Chopin**Anthem (10:00)** "Thankful"
(Chancel Choir) arr. Hayes**Scripture Lessons** Psalm 134; Hebrews 12:1-3 New International Version**Message** "Blessed to Be a Blessing" Rev. Jim Winkler**Offertory** "Barcarolle" Faure*** Choral Response** "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" FWS #2036*** Prayer***** Hymn of Thanksgiving** "We Gather Together" UMH #131*** Blessing** Traditional Navajo Prayer

**Before us it is blessed, behind us it is blessed, below us it is blessed,
above us it is blessed, around us it is blessed as we set out with Christ.
Our speech is blessed as we set out for God.
With beauty before us, with beauty behind us, with beauty below us,
With beauty above us, with beauty around us,
We set out for a holy place indeed. Amen**

Postlude "Fill the World With Love" Bricusse

Youth Group

Youth Group – Grades 6-12 – parents/guardians are always welcome

Nov 21: 10 am-1 pm, Worship, Bell practice, Walking Tacos for lunch and YG

Nov 28: 6 - 8 pm, Youth Mission Meeting

Dec 5: 10 am-1pm, Worship, Lunch, and YG. Tonight is St. Nick's Eve, put a shoe out on your doorstep

Dec 18: Wreaths Across America at Evergreen Cemetery

No Youth Mission Meeting in December

Jan 16: 10 am—1 pm, YG cooking lesson and lunch by Riley

Jan 23: 6-8 pm, Youth Mission Meeting

Jan 26-31: Margie out of town.

WANTED!



Ringers for several open positions in the Youth Bell Choir.

No experience necessary, we have on-the-job-training!

Ages: Grade 6 and up!!!

If you are interested, email Carol Ford at: cford44077@hotmail.com



The Sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas with beautiful poinsettias. To purchase a poinsettia “in memory” or “in honor” of your loved one(s), complete the envelope/form & place it, with payment, in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Cost: \$12 per plant.

Orders are due by the Third Sunday of Advent, December 19.

Poinsettias can also be purchased through Vanco.

Those Needing Prayer: Linda Adkins, Ann, Pat Ball, Dottie Bentley, Becky Bieder, Jeannie Bishop, Carolyn Carter, Rick Carothers, Mike Chongris, Donna Cole, Christy Crouch, Dan & MaryBeth Davison, Dave, The Elly Family, Bob & Jennifer Forsyth, Dale & Laura Frechette, Jerry and Pat Gee, Charlotte Gresko, Guy, The Haehn Family, Judy Hempel, Sylvia Hill, Susan Horn, Glen Huffman, Lorne Kinsella, Laura, Deborah Lewis, Linda, Christine Trushel-Mann, The Maruschek & Marshall Families, The Family of Tim Mathis, Sue Mixer, Richard Mozek, Naomi Muster, Celeste Padovani, Jim Perl, Dave Pierce, Erin Potter, Sharon Regal, Dana, Richard Riczinger, Rose Rodgers, Bill Rosati, Rudy, John & MaryAnn Sanders, Sarah, Peter Sarosy, Margaret Scullion, Wyatt Smith, Marge Thomas, Gary Welch, Joy Wootton, David Zautner, all persons in the military and first responders, those suffering from the virus, and their care-givers, and prayers for our country and world.

Those needing prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. If you would like someone to remain on list for an additional four weeks, please re-submit their name.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE CHURCH: MY NAME: _____

PHONE # _____ BEST TIME TO CALL: DAYTIME () EVENING () WEEKENDS ()

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

I WOULD LIKE A CALL FROM THE PASTOR () I WOULD LIKE A VISIT FROM MEMBER CARE ()

PLEASE ADD ME TO THE PRAYER LIST ()

PLEASE ADD THIS PERSON TO THE PRAYER LIST: _____

I WOULD LIKE A PRAYER SHAWL FOR: _____

GENERAL COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: _____

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November Livestreaming sponsored by:

Gene & Joyce Flood
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Today's Radio Broadcast sponsored by:

Jackie Crouse
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Chris Siders
& PUMC

Thank you!!

*Pick your special
Sunday & let us
know!!*

This Week at PUMC

Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	Happy Thanksgiving!
Thursday, November 25	FOOD PANTRY CLOSED	See you on Dec. 2nd.
Saturday, November 27, 9 am	Decoration Day	Sanctuary & more!
Sunday, November 28: 8:30 & 10 am	In-person Worship	Sanctuary. 10 am on Radio & Livestream
Sunday, November 28: 6-8 pm	Youth Work Mission Meeting	Circle Room



November 24: Jeff Popely

Attendance & Offerings

Worship at 8:15:	30
Worship at 10:00:	110
Watching Livestream:	103
Total Offerings, including online giving:	
Total:	\$ 11,848
Operating Fund:	\$ 10,047
Building Fund:	\$ 1012
Food Pantry:	\$ 225
Concert Series	\$ 150
Radio/Livestream	\$ 95

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Worship Service Time Change!

**Beginning next Sunday,
November 28th,
the first service will start
at 8:30 a.m.**

Flowers presented
by:
Maria S trickland
Glory to God!



Friend of the Week



Lil Schuldheis
Willow Brook Christian Home
55 Lazelle Rd
Columbus, OH 44235

Decoration Day!!

Saturday, November 27th
Beginning at 9 am

Gather together to decorate the
Sanctuary for Advent & Christmas!
Other areas will be decorated as time &
the number of people allow.

Snacks will be available.

Call Missy Wallace at 440-478-8495
if you plan to help.

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