

**St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
Tatamy, Pennsylvania**

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January 4, 2026

Second Sunday of Christmas

WELCOME

PRELUDE

TOLLING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, O people of God!

**We praise God with Joy and celebration!**

For God has come to us, incarnate;

**In the form of a man child we call Jesus.**

In Him there lies the promise of life eternal;

**And the coming of God's holy realm.**

Let us worship then with humble thanksgiving;

**And with Joy that overflows!**

HYMN #198 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

CONFESSION:

Gracious God, we come to you this day confessing that we have packed away our Christmas joy with the tinsel and ornaments from the tree. We have lost the Christ Child in the gloom of winter and have entered a new year centered on our own needs and desires. In your love, deliver us from ourselves. Forgive us our sins and remind us once again of the joy of your presence in Christ our Savior. Amen.

## ASSURANCE:

Christ continues to fill the world, even though we may forget and turn away. God's love and forgiveness is eternal and available to us every moment of our lives. In Christ we are freed from sin and death. Thanks be to God!

## #734 GLORIA PATRI

**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. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE:

Sirach 24:1-12

John 1:1-18

## MEDITATION

HYMN #229 The First Noel (vs. 1, 2, 6)

## 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 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.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERING RESPONSE:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above the heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Bless these gifts, O Lord; for they continue to be sign and symbol of our faith and our thanksgiving for the most precious gift of your Son. May we be a blessing to many in all that we give and all that we are. In Christ we ask it, Amen.

HYMN #218 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

## BENEDICTION

### CHORAL BENEDICTION:

**I want to walk as a child of the light;**

**I want to follow Jesus.**

**God set the stars to give light to the world;**

**The star of my life is Jesus.**

**In him there is no darkness at all;**

**The night and the day are both alike.**

**The Lamb is the light of the city of God;**

**Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Neal & Terry Fehnel in memory of Elwood & Alberta Fehnel and Bruce Fehnel.

BIBLE STUDY will meet this Thursday at 10 am.

LIBRARY HOURS—Every Saturday from 10 am until noon, first Wednesday of the month 9 am till 10:30 am and the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 pm till 7 pm.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

*4 Lucas Bealer*

*8 Peter Bealer*

12/24/25 GIVING--\$1,078.00

12/28/25 GIVING--\$532.00

TOTAL GIVING FOR 2025—69,728.75

