



KINGDOM
THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

WELCOME!

Families are valued here! Thank you for trusting us with your time and spiritual care. Kids activity sheets and crayons are available on tables as you enter worship.

Two family-friendly rooms are located to the left and right of the main level sanctuary. One room is exclusively for nursing moms while the other is available for families who might need a quieter environment or simply more space to move during worship.

Kids Care is available during the 10:45 AM worship service in the Kids Ministry hallway. Little ones (Birth–Pre-K) will be welcomed into an engaging and fun experience. They will learn how much God loves them, what a special creation they are, and how Jesus wants to be their best friend forever!

HOLY COMMUNION

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper as instituted by Jesus the night before He died. In keeping with 1 Corinthians 11:26-29, we ask everyone seeking communion to examine themselves by asking:

Am I sorry for my sins and desire forgiveness?

Do I believe that Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness?

Do I believe that I receive the true body and blood of Christ with the bread and wine?

Do I desire, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sinful ways?

All who trust in these words of Christ, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," who share our confession of faith, and can answer "Yes!" to the questions above, are invited to join us in this celebration!

If you choose not to commune with us, we invite you and any children who have not yet received communion instruction to come forward to receive a blessing. To communicate that you want a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms when you come forward. For those who prefer, we offer grape juice and gluten-free wafers. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays, and you can ask for a gluten-free wafer when you come forward.

Our worship assistants and ushers are available to bring communion to those unable to come to the rail. To indicate that you need this service, please speak to one of our team members with the blue-colored lanyards before communion, and they will make sure to bring it to you.

*Please speak with a Pastor before the service
if you have questions regarding communion.*

Announcements

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Invocation

I Believe

This Is Amazing Grace

Apostles' Creed

Confession & Absolution

P As we come to the Lord's table, we prepare our hearts and examine our lives by confessing our sins to God our Father. Lord, in a world where good and evil resides side by side, we confess that too often we blend in with the brokenness around us.

C **Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have allowed sin to take root in our hearts.**

P When evil presses in, we grow weary and doubt Your justice.

C **Strengthen us, Lord, to stand firm in faith and trust in Your timing.**

P By Your grace, uproot our sin and make us bear fruit for Your kingdom.

C **Renew us, Lord, and lead us in Your righteousness. Amen.**

P God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Words of Institution

Beautiful Things

Before The Throne of God Above

Center

Communion Dismissal

Prayers

We pray for those sick and hospitalized.

We give thanks for those who went on our mission trips (St. Louis and Guatemala) and pray that their work will continue to bear fruit and bless people.

We give thanks for the blessing of 74 years of marriage to Charles and Betty Nolting.

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Offering & Connect



Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ ²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ ²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Message

Benediction

Build Your Kingdom Here

Closing

SERMON NOTES

Main Idea: The Parable of the Weeds provides a picture of the “now, not yet” realities of God’s Kingdom. The “now” reality of His kingdom is that in and with the good wheat stands weeds. The church and her people remain planted in this world among the ongoing attacks of sin and the evil one. But, at the harvest, wheat and weeds, will be separated, with the wheat experiencing a glorious harvest.

*Sunday Morning Bible Groups will not meet during Spring Break.
Regular classes and donuts will resume next Sunday, March 30.
The upcoming class list and descriptions are on page 9.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS MINISTRY Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @splkids



NO Quest Groups - (birth-6th graders) Sunday, March 23: Enjoy Spring Break!

Quest (Preteens 4th-6th graders): Join us on Sunday, April 6th from 1:30-3:30 for an afternoon of FUN! Preteens can choose between going rock climbing at the Columbus Rock Gym or painting pottery at Simply Pottery. For more information check out "events" on the Church Center App. Snacks & drinks will be provided. *Participants MUST register to attend.*

Quest Families are invited to participate in a Serve Day @ Orphan Grain Train on Saturday, March 29th! Help fold and sort clothing donations so they can be packaged and shipped to communities in need of assistance. All ages are welcome to participate! Please register on the Church Center App for your preferred time slot. Contact Abigail Clore for additional questions. aclore@stpeters-columbus.org

Kids Ministry Play & Grow

Upcoming Events for kids birth-preK with their grown-ups:

- March 28th @ 9:15AM - Meeting in the Kids Ministry rooms
- April 4th @ 9:30AM Columbus Airport tour and museum. RSVP today.

Each month we host 2 meetings, a mom's night out, and family field trip. If you would like added to the notifications, contact Katey Meadows at kmeadows@stpeters-columbus.org.

YOUTH

NO VENTURE or EXPLORE: Sunday, March 23: Enjoy Spring Break!



SAVE THE DATE

Venture Banquet, Saturday, April 12. Celebrate all God is doing in Youth Ministry. Join us for dinner, worship, and personal testimonies.

Register on the Church Center APP or scan the QR code.

Questions mjessop@stpeters-columbus.org

SPRING FLOWER SALE

The 7th grade class is selling flowers to support their 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C. They are selling a variety of hanging flower baskets from Whipker's Farm Market. These make perfect gifts for Mother's Day or simply used to adorn your front porch! Flowers baskets are \$25 each and can be ordered through the Church App or scan the QR code. The sale is open and ends on Friday, April 4th. Flowers can be picked up on Monday, May 7th at The Den from 2:30pm to 5:30pm. If you have questions, please contact: Jeni Smith @designsmith1@gmail.com or Erin Miller @tonyerinmiller@netzero.net



CONCERT SERIES

Join us for our final concert for the season on **Sunday, April 6 at 3:30pm** in the sanctuary. Hot Horns Brass Ensemble regularly travels the United States presenting converts, interactive educational concerts, and master-classes and is the premiere educational ensemble of its kind. This concert will feature a set of brass pieces, as well as a collaboration for brass and organ music with organist, Lindsey Fugill.

APRIL LOVE CHAPEL FOOD DRIVE

Hunger is real in our community and our local food pantries are seeing an increase in need. More people are looking for food, and some have never sought assistance. The community-wide goal is to collect 200,000 pounds of food or the monetary equivalent to purchase that food. To help with this collection, St. Peter's will have a donation box located in the church lobby and the main lobby beginning the weekend of April 6. We will focus on the following items each weekend:

April 5, 6 & 9 - applesauce, peanut butter and granola bars/breakfast bars

April 12, 13 & 16 - canned fruit and vegetables

April 19 & 20 - breakfast cereal boxes, pop tarts, oatmeal packets

April 26, 27 & 30 - pasta and sauce

FAMILY MISSION TRIP

We are hosting our first ever Family Mission Trip the weekend of May 2- May 4 and partnering with Camp Lakeview. Come out to camp for a weekend of service, fellowship, and making camp look awesome before thousands of campers arrive for the summer. We have projects for all ages and ability levels, from kids to retirees and everywhere in-between. As part of your time, the family will get to enjoy some free time at camp on Saturday afternoon and evening. You're also welcome to stay after lunch on Sunday if you'd like to enjoy the day. Spend a weekend with your family living out your faith by serving others! Please register by Sunday, April 20th. Scan the QR code for more information and to register.



Family Mission Trip

AUTO MAINTENANCE DAY

The spring event is in need of volunteers for Saturday, April 26th, (Rain Date: May 3rd) from 6:30am-2:00pm in the Den parking lot. Even if you don't know how to "spin a wrench" we can partner you with regular volunteers that teach the basics and enable you to give back to those in need. There are two ways you can make an impact:



1. RSVP and attend for any 3-4 hour block that is convenient for you
2. Spread the word and encourage others to volunteer

To RSVP click the link or scan the QR code. Contact Ben Eckert at benjamin.eckert1@outlook.com for additional questions.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUPS (MARCH 30-MAY 18)

Back to the Basics, Pastor John & Pastor Adam, Old Gym

Are you beginning to feel like life's chaos has pulled you away from what truly matters? Sometimes, we all need to pause and return to the basics—reorienting our hearts and minds around the foundational truths that give life meaning and purpose. In this class, we'll explore who God is, how He interacts with us, and what it looks like to live in His grace every day. Rediscover the unshakable hope and direction that comes from grounding yourself in God's Word—it's a journey worth taking.

Gospel of Matthew, Pastor Tim, Room 2164

Matthew is probably the most read Gospel. His account is no mere biography; it is a profound theological work with themes that resonate deeply with every generation. Matthew quotes frequently from the Old Testament to show that Jesus is the long awaited Messiah. Join Pastor Tim as we dig into Matthew and see how artfully he shares the Good News of Jesus the Christ.

Torah Club, Kari Spurgeon, India Room

Join Kari Spurgeon as she leads Torah Club's study - The Sent Ones: Acts of the Jewish Apostles. This study will look at the Book of Acts to piece together the lives and journeys of the first disciples, evaluate their expectations and experiences, study their missions in detail, and reveal the foundational moments when our faith began and took shape. A Jewish context will help us explore the rich tapestry of the early believers and their enduring impact on our faith today.

PRAYER WALK



Join us for a special Prayer Walk throughout the St. Peter's campus on Wednesday, April 9, from 6–7pm. A prayer walk is an opportunity to physically walk through our spaces while lifting up our ministries, leaders, and community in prayer. This is a meaningful event for individuals and families to participate in together as we ask God to continue blessing the work of St. Peter's, that the local church may continue to be the light of the world. We will start at 6pm in the sanctuary. Scan the QR code to register!

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

LENTEN WORSHIP & DEVOTIONALS

Join us for our upcoming Lenten worship opportunities on March 26, April 2 (with communion), and April 9 (with communion) at 7pm only.

Devotional booklets are available in the Church Lobby. You can receive the devotion straight to your phone every day! Simply text the keyword lent to 812-775-2300. Join in the life of discipleship here at St. Peter's!



SEDER MEAL

A Seder Meal will take place in Room 2164 at St. Peter's on Thursday, April 17th and will be led by Jon and Kelsey Spagnuolo. Cost is \$15 a person. Please register by Wednesday, April 2nd. Register in the Church Center APP, scan the QR code in the worship bulletin, or visit the Events page on the website.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Weekend

Traditional: Sunday, April 13 at 8am

Contemporary: Saturday, April 12 at 6pm and Sunday, April 13 at 10:45am

(Note: There will not be a worship service on Wednesday, April 16)

Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 12:15pm & 7pm with communion

Good Friday, April 18 *(School and church offices are closed)*

Traditional: 12:15pm & 7pm

Contemporary: 5pm in the sanctuary *(new time and location)*

(Note: There will not be a worship service on Saturday, April 19)

Easter Sunday, April 20

Traditional Sunrise: 6:30am

Traditional: 8am & 9:30am with communion

Contemporary: 11:15am with communion *(new time)*

(Note: There will not be a worship service on Wednesday, April 23)

*The flowers are presented to the glory of God in celebration of the
74th Wedding Anniversary of Charles and Betty Nolting.*

SERVING

Preacher: Pastor John Cordrey

Worship Leaders: Pastor Tim Carter and Daniel Bodemann

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary: 6pm Saturdays and 10:45am Sundays

Traditional: 8am Sundays and 7pm Wednesdays

TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

Call 812-372-1571 x2121 or complete the Prayer Request Form at stpeterscolumbus.org

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CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

How our donations add up to fuel our Mission!

JULY 2024–FEBRUARY 2025 ACTUALS

OFFERINGS

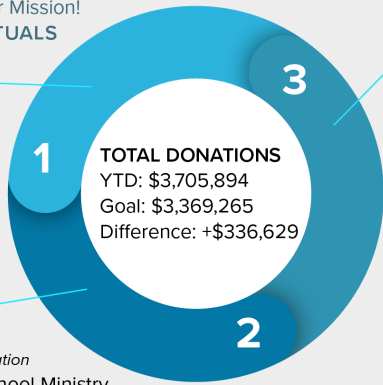
Where donations are most needed to support our ministries.

YTD: \$2,515,858
YTD Budget: \$2,498,300
Difference: +\$17,558
Goal for year: \$3,640,300

SGO GIFTS

Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization
A creative way to support our School Ministry.

YTD: \$953,930
Goal: \$688,000
Difference: +\$265,930
Goal for year: \$775,000



SPECIAL GIFTS

Support ministry-specific projects or where most needed, both in-budget and out-of-budget. Gifts help to ensure budgeted projects are implemented.

YTD: \$236,106
YTD Budget: \$182,965
Difference: +\$53,141
Goal for year: \$336,615

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