

# ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.  
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310 N. Meadow St.  
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

10:30 AM

\* - In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.

## Ringing of the Bell

### Prelude

“Wonderful Words” *(Smith)*

### Welcome and Announcements

Dawn Schroeder

### \*Call to Worship

Dawn Schroeder

Leader: In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light.  
God called the light “day” and the darkness, God called “night.”

People: **We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: God has blessed us and adopted us as God’s own beloved children, through the sacrament of Baptism.

People: **The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.**

Leader: This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus’ baptism.

People: **As we hear the words of His baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.**

### \* Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Kyle

### \*Opening Song

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

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### Children’s Message



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## Serving You Today

**Minister:** Kyle Timmons  
**Lay Reader:** Dawn Schroeder  
**Organist:** Shari Ohm  
**Greeters:** Mike Reaman

## Announcements

**2022 Offering Envelopes** are available to be picked up. If you do not see yours or if you'd like to receive them for the first time (or the first time in a while), please contact the church office and we will be sure to provide a box for you.

**2021 Financial contribution statements** are available to be picked up. They are located on the cabinets outside the NE sanctuary doors.

**2022 Congregational Meeting** will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> following the worship service.

**Un-decorating of the Christmas decorations** will be done following today's service. If you are able to stay and help, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Do you have a key to the church?** If you do, would you please contact the church office during the next week so that we may update our records? Thank you in advance.

The **Building & Maintenance Committee** and the **Cemetery Board** will both be meeting following today's service.

# Down by the Jordan

*(Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)*

Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing  
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising  
“God will forgive! Show that you’ll change how you live!  
Surely God’s new day is rising.”

There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation;  
“Are you God’s Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?”  
“No!” John replied, He who is mightier than I  
judges and offers salvation.”

Jesus, You went to be baptized along with the others,  
Taking Your place among sinners, God’s lost sons and daughters.  
Then with great love, God’s Spirit came as a dove!  
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God’s Spirit.  
Freed and forgiven we’re welcome with joy! Can you hear it?  
This is God’s sign! This is how God says, “You’re mine!”  
Let’s take the good news and share it!

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# Responsive Benediction

*(Inspired by Leeland Mooring/Michael W. Smith)*

Pastor: As we depart, strength of God

**People: Go before me, lift me up.**

Pastor: As we wake, eyes of God

**People: Look upon me, be my sight.**

Pastor: As we wait, heart of God

**People: Satisfy and sustain me.**

Pastor: As we hear, voice of God

**People: Lead me on, be my guide.**

**All: Above and below me, before and behind me;  
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.**

Pastor: As we go, Hand of God

**People: Be my defense, be by my side.**

Pastor: As we rest, breath of God

**People: Fall upon us, bring us peace.**

**All: Above and below me, before and behind me;  
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.**