

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
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God is still speaking

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310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 28th, 2021

10:30 AM

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

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“An Advent Prayer” (*Stairs*)

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!

People: **As we gather to pray and sing and listen,
a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.**

Leader: The days are surely coming, says our God,
when justice and righteousness will prevail.

People: **May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds,
freeing us to respond joyfully to God’s call
in the days to come.**

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, You are our source of life and hope. As we come together this day, open our ears to hear, open our eyes to see, and open our hearts to love, that we may come to know Your ways and follow Your paths. Help us grow in love for one another, and for all creation, as we prepare for the coming of the One who calls us to turn from our false gods to You, Holy One, the True source of our salvation. Amen.

*Opening Song

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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Children’s Message

We at St. Peter's are praying for:

Gary Ekhoﬀ, Gene Sievers, Carter Fortin, Austin Delaney, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Nancy Lewke, Dennis Balgemann, Joy Currier, Cheyenne Jones, Donna Dorrough, Ken Erickson, Shirley Riley, Richie Rodriguez, and Marge Myers

Serving You Today

Minister: Kyle Timmons

Organist: Shari Ohm

Greeter: Mike Reaman

Year to Date Giving

Giving Thru October:

\$148,433

Spent Thru October:

\$149,266

*\$24,000 PPP loan is included.

Announcements & Opportunities

Job Opening: We are looking to fill the church custodian position. If you are interested in applying or have any questions, please contact the church office. We will be accepting resumes for the next several weeks.

Children/Youth Choir will practice on Sundays at 9:45 am following Sunday School. They will be performing a Christmas presentation on Sunday, December 12th, at 10:30 am.

Photos with Santa: Santa will pay a visit to St. Peter's UCC on December 12th immediately following the service. Mr. Claus has agreed to take pictures with anyone who would like a photo opp.

More Announcements.....

Community Christmas Caroling will take place on Saturday, December 18th, at 7 pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us as we spread the Christmas Spirit through town.

Fusion Youth (6th-12th grade) Lock-in will take place on Saturday, December 18th, at 5 pm. Dinner, snacks, breakfast, and much more will be available throughout the overnigher. Check out December's newsletter for more information.

Advent Adult Bible Study will take place beginning next Sunday and go for four weeks at 9 am. The class meets in the conference room.

Christmas Eve worship services will be at 7 pm and 11 pm this year. The choir will provide special music at the 7 pm service and communion and candlelight will be provided at both services.

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.

The Candle of Hope

LYONS 10.10.11.11 ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!")

**The candle of hope we light in this hour
Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.
We wait for a future, now hidden from view,
When Christ in His glory will make all things new.**

The candle of peace shines bright with God's plan;
The wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb.
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,
Will give way to gardens that heal and restore.

The candle of joy reminds us to sing,
For God is at work to do a new thing.
The proud will be humbled; the lowly will rise.
God's kingdom is one of delight and surprise.

The candle of love tells what we are worth:
God loves us so much, God came to the earth!
An angel brought news of a child who would be
The One who would save us and set us all free.

The Christ candle's light that shines for us here
Tells of the Good News that God has come near!
God came, a poor baby, in one time and place,
To show all creation the wealth of God's grace.