


ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
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**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

God is still speaking

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310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 5th, 2021

10:30 AM

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

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Prepare the Way, O Zion” *(Smith)*

Welcome and Announcements

Rhiannon Currier

*Call to Worship

Rhiannon Currier

Leader: One day we will arrive. One day our hearts will catch sight of the mountain of the Lord.

People: **Lord, we want to go there! O God, we long to be in Your presence and walk in Your ways.**

Leader: Let's go! All together, let's make that journey to the mountain of God.

People: **Sisters and brothers, friends and strangers, let us travel together. Surely, we will get there.**

Leader: Let the dream of that holy mountain give you courage, strength, and peace as we go.

People: **What a vision: weapons of war turned into tools of harvest, and lessons of peace taught to all people. Let us journey together in the light of the Lord!**

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Oh how we long to travel, O God, to the place where you dwell. We know that journeys can be full of anxiety, anticipation, and fears of the unknown, but we know this journey of Advent is one of comfort, hope, and peace. Let us long to enter Your presence as we yearn to hear Your Word so that we may become more obedient to You and Your ways. Guide us into Your Light, that we visibly see the true meaning of Advent. Amen.

***Opening Songs**

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”
“Creator of the Stars of Night”

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Children’s Message

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reading of Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5
Advent Thoughts
Prayer
Lighting of the Candle of Peace
Song “The Candle of Peace”

(To the tune of “O Worship the King”)

*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.*

Pastoral Prayer

Sharing of Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer in Unison

Choir Anthem

“One Candle Lights the Way” (*Althouse & Albrecht*)

Worshiping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory “Huron Carol” (*Fedak*)
*Doxology

#34

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-38

Message

“Is God Still with Us?”

Pastor Kyle

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession & Blessing

Responsive Song of Praise “There is a Redeemer” #117

Participation in the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn** “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” (*vs. 1, 2 & 4*) #242

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude (Depart to Serve)** “The Saviour’s Work” (*Traditional English*)

We at St. Peter’s are praying for:

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

The altar flower is in honor of the arrival of Henry Scott Toppen on November 23rd at 3:20 pm. He weighed 7 lbs 13 oz and was 19.5” long. Congratulations to the Toppen family!

Serving You Today

Minister: Kyle Timmons

Organist: Shari Ohm

Greeters: Paul & Shirley Loverin
Lou Ann Hamann & Lexi Hamann

Lay Reader: Rhiannon Currier

Year to Date Giving

Giving Thru October:

\$148,433

Spent Thru October:

\$149,266

*\$24,000 PPP loan is included

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.

Advent Adult Bible Study is taking place now and is going for the next two weeks at 9 am. The class meets in the conference room.

Children & Youth Christmas Program will be shared during the service of worship next Sunday, December 12th.

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.

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 overnighter. Fliers and permission slips are available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

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.

Church Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, December 19th, from 8 am to 10 am. It will be served by the youth Fusion group and all proceeds will go towards the Youth program.

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.

Toys for Tots-We are collecting toys (no stuffed animals) from now until December 20th. Please place new, unwrapped gifts in the box in the lobby.

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.

Creator of the Stars of Night

@ 2009 Words: Anonymous, 7th Century

Additional Lyrics: Alex Mejias.

Music: Alex Mejias

Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call.

Come, oh come

Come, oh come

Come, oh come

To us

When this old world drew on toward night
You came, but not in splendor bright
Not as a monarch, but the child
Of Mary blameless mother mild.

Come, oh come

Come, oh come

Come, oh come

To us (Repeat)

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