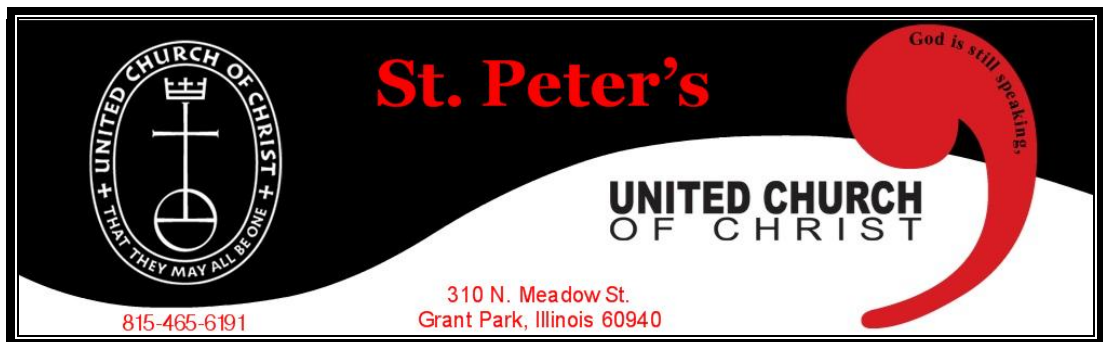


ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 12th, 2021

Children's Christmas Presentation

10:30 AM

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

Welcome and Announcements

Kevin Mussman

Ringling of the Bell

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Scripture Reading

Lighting of the Candle of Joy

*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.*

Prelude

“Come On Ring Those Bells”

Children/Youth

*Call to Worship

Kevin Mussman

Leader: What a joyful sound. The bells of Christmas are ringing!
The arrival of the baby Jesus is soon to come!

People: **Jesus is for Whom we are searching.**

Leader: The story of Christmas is familiar, yet we need to be reminded
of how God's Son came to us that first Christmas long ago.

People: **The story reminds us of His birth and how the world was
full of anticipation and joy.**

Leader: Let us worship God this morning as our young people share
with us the story of Christmas.

*Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Kyle

*Opening Carol

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (vs. 1 & 3)

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The Journey to Bethlehem

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-5

Song

“Little, Gray Donkey” (*Sleeth*)

The Announcement from the Angels

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Song

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Pastoral Prayer

Sharing of Concerns & Joys

Prayer

Lord’s Prayer in Unison

The Birth of Christ

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:6-7

Song

“Away in a Manger”

Solo

“Gentle, Gentle Jesus”

Rebecca Timmons

The Story of the Shepherds

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20

Song

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

The Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“Silent Night, Holy Night” *arr. McDonald*

*Doxology

The Spreading of Christmas Joy

The Visit from the Magi

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Song

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Final Words of Benediction and Prayer

The Benediction in Song

“Joy to the World”

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Postlude

“Allegro Symphony No. 1” (*Brahms*)

Photos with Santa: Santa will pay a visit following the service today. Please gather downstairs following the service so that Santa can get ready in the sanctuary for photos by the Christmas Tree. Mr. Claus has agreed to take pictures with anyone who would like a photo opp.

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, Richie Rodriguez, and Marge Myers

Serving You Today:

Minister: Kyle Timmons
Organist: Ann Smith
Greeters: Daren & Audrey Lehnert
Lay Reader: Kevin Mussman

2021 Financial Update:

Giving Thru November 2021: \$164,172*

Spent Thru November 2021: \$164,461

*Includes the PPP loan of \$24,000 which was forgiven.

Announcements

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 will have its' final discussion next Sunday at 9 am.

Fusion Youth (6th-12th grade) Lock-in will take place next Saturday, December 18th, at 5 pm. Dinner, snacks, breakfast, and much more will be available throughout the overnigher. Fliers and permission slips are available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

Community Christmas Caroling will take place next 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 next 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.

Words to Carols

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Angels We Have Heard on High

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the new-born King
Glo-----ria, in excelsis De-o! Glo-----ria, in excelsis De-o!

Away in a Manger

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for Heaven, to live with Thee there.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

“To you, in David’s town, this day is born of David’s line
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign,
And this shall be the sign.”

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above.
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.