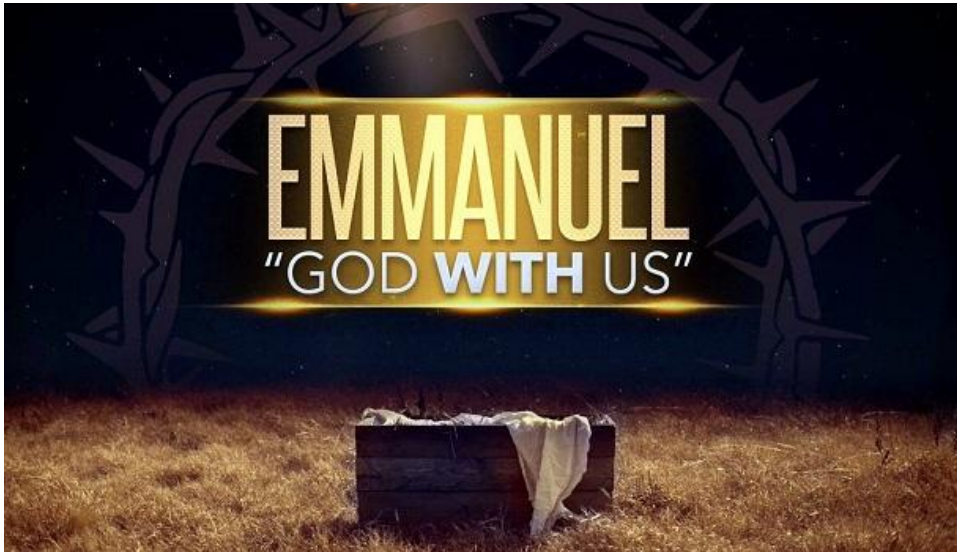


ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday, December 20th 2020

Celebrating 150 years of faithfulness to our community

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4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“We Three Kings” *Hopkins*

Judy Schneider

Call to Worship

Pastor: Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in
God our Savior.

People: God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God’s
servants.

Pastor: God’s mercy is for those who fear Him from generation
to generation.

People: God has shown strength with His arm. God has scattered
the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

Pastor: God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

People: God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the
rich away empty.

All: Come, for God is doing a new thing! Come, let us
worship Him.

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Song

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

9:00 am

“While by the Sheep”

10:30 am

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Candle of Promise

Scripture

Prayer

Song “When God is a Child” (*verse 4*)

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Special Music

“We Three Kings”

Pastor Kyle

Service of Prayer

Sharing of Concerns & Joys

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer in Song – “Our Father in Heaven”

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Christmas Carol

“Away in a Manger”

10:30 am

Sermon

“Emmanuel – God is Still With Us: The Birth of a Promise”

Closing Song

“Hope Has a Name”

Screen

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

“Love Will Come” *French Carol*

Judy Schneider

We at St. Peter’s are praying for:

(If you wish for your name to be taken off this list, or would like to be added to the list, please let Pastor Kyle or the church office know. Thanks in advance).

Gary Ekhoﬀ	Gene Sievers	Sherrie Hruby
Nancy Lewke	Melissa Mort	Carter Fortin
Austin Delaney	Mason Beseke	Rev. Frank Hoss
Delores Caton	James Caton	Linda Havely
Ken Erickson	Mildred Katz	Ralph Kutemeier
Pauline Mitchell	Minnie Pﬂingsten	Louise Sievers
Jerry Regnier (Ringy)	Paul Loverin	
	The family of Linda Schneider	
	The family of Richard Whorrall	

Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶ And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away
empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful
⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

Hope Has A Name

Breaking through the silence
With glory in the highest
The hope of all creation
Resting in his mother's arms

A song on the horizon
Ringing through the heavens
The long-awaited Savior
Come to set the captives free
Come to set the captives free
Come set us free

Chorus

Hope has a name - Emmanuel
The Light of the World
Who broke through the darkness

All hail the King - Emmanuel
The Light of the World
The Glory of Heaven

We didn't see it coming
The story of redemption
What started in a manger
Ended in an empty grave
Oh I know that (Chorus)

Come if you're broken
Come if you're searching
If you need healing
He's where you find it
Lay down your burdens
And breathe in forgiveness
If you need freedom
Yeah He's where you find it
Oh if you need freedom
Yeah He's where you find it
Yeah He's where you find it oh

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

⁷ After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.”

³ Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.” ⁴ But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

⁵ “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? ⁶ I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. ⁷ Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’”

⁸ “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders^[a] over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me^[a]; your throne will be established forever.”