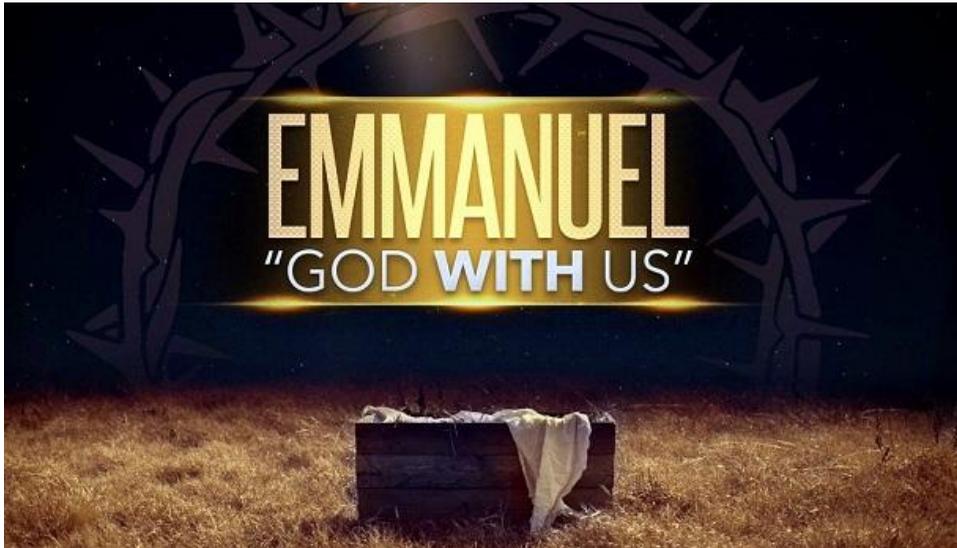


ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday, November 29th, 2020
Celebrating 150 years of faithfulness to our community

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “Voluntary on an Old English Carol” (*Dixon*) Shari Ohm

Call to Worship (*inspired by Rev. Nancy J – Wordpress.com*)

Pastor: As we enter Advent, now is the time, let us pause.

People: **As we wait, may we hear the voice of God calling.**

Pastor: Now is the time, let us watch.

People: **In our homes, at our work, even while waiting in line –
may we see Christ’s face.**

Pastor: Now, in this moment, let us prepare our hearts.

All: **In our words, in our hearts, in all we say and do –
may God’s extravagant love shine through.**

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Eternal God, as we join together this hour in this season of Advent, we ask for Your blessing upon our worship. Fill our homes and our lives with Your amazing grace and let Your Light shine brightly so that the world may witness Your goodness. Give us clean hearts, refreshen our spirits and transform us into who You want us to be. Help us show Your love and compassion to the world around us. We pray this through the name of Your gift of joy, Emmanuel – the One who has come and is to come again! Amen.

Opening Song “Hope Has a Name”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Candle of Hope

Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Anna Timmons

Prayer

Rebecca Timmons

Song “When God is a Child” (*verse 1*)

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

Christmas Song

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (*vs 1 & 4*)

Service of Prayer

Sharing of Concerns & Joys

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Songs of Response

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:24-37

Sermon

“Emmanuel – God is Still With Us: Where are You, God?”

Closing Song

“Arise, Your Light is Come!” (*vs 1, 3, 4*)

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

“Prepare the Way, O Zion” (*Smith*)

Shari Ohm

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 Havelly

Morgan Bond

Ken Erickson

Mildred Katz

Pauline Mitchell

Minnie Pﬂingsten

Louise Sievers

Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!

² As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!

³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.

But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.

How then can we be saved?

⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷ No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to ^[b] our sins.

⁸ Yet you, LORD, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;
do not remember our sins forever.

Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

You, LORD, showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

² You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins

8 I will listen to what God the LORD says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.

⁹ Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

¹² The LORD will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

¹³ Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

Mark 13:24-37

²⁴ “But in those days, following that distress, ‘the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;

²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

²⁶ “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great
power and glory. ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the
four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

²⁸ “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender
and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, when you

see these things happening, you know that it^[b] is near, right at the door. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert^[c]! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

How can I give of my tithe and offerings:

Option 1 – Place your offering envelope or gift in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or drop off at the church during the week.

Option 2 – You can mail in your financial gifts to the church office. The address is St. Peter’s UCC, PO Box 220, Grant Park, IL 60940.

Option 4 – You can sign up to give automatically from your checking or savings account via an EFT automatic withdrawal – if you’d like a form to fill out, please contact the church office and we’ll help you set one up.

Option 5 – You can visit our church webpage for giving and make a secure donation at www.stpetersgp.org/give/