



ST. PETER'S United Church of Christ

310 North Meadow Street (Grant Park, IL 60940)

Sunday School--9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.

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January 28th, 2024

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

Welcome & Announcements

Larry Ohm

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“Verset” (*Kerckhoven*)

Lighting of the Candles

Ian Hamann

*Call to Worship (*provided by ministrymatters.com*)

Leader: Come, people of God. Jesus is calling you to follow Him.

People: **We’d really like to, but we have too much to do right now.
Check back later, OK?**

Leader: Jesus sees your labors and knows your gifts.

People: **Flattery will not work on us. We have bills to pay and
work to do.**

Leader: Jesus is ready for you to come.

People: **Look, the stories are nice and all, but they really don’t
work for us anymore.**

Leader: Have faith; place your trust in Jesus.

People: **Well, everyone else seems to let us down. How can we be
sure He won’t do the same?**

Leader: He will prove His love to you with His life.

People: **We didn’t ask for that.**

Leader: What will it take for you to trust in Him?

People: **We don’t know. Trust is risky.**

Leader: Then take the risk. Place your lives in His hands. He can
handle all your problems.

People: **Will He really guide us?**

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Leader: Absolutely, through the bright days and dark nights,
everywhere, and all the time.

People: **Can we rely on Him?**

Leader: Yes. He will not abandon you.

People: **Perhaps we can try.**

Leader: Don't just try. Go ahead. Follow Jesus. You won't regret it.

People: **Jesus, help our unbelief. Where we are weak, give us
strength; where we falter and hold back, gently bring us
forward; where we fail, please forgive us. Amen.**

***Prayer of Invocation**

<u>*Hymn</u>	“Amazing Grace”	#442
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<u>Scripture Reading</u>	Psalm 62:5-12
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Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

<u>*Hymn</u>	“Wonderful Words of Life”	#668
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Worshipping God with our Offerings

Offertory	“O Jesus, So Sweet”
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Doxology	#34
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<u>Scripture Reading</u>	Jonah 2	Pastor Kyle
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<u>Sermon</u>	“Fish Stories: One Sick Prayer”	Pastor Kyle
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<u>*Closing Hymn</u>	“For the Cause”	Screen/Insert
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***Closing Prayer & Benediction**

<u>*Postlude</u>	“Sweet Hour of Prayer”
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We at St. Peter's are praying for:

Gene Sievers, Carter Fortin, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Heather Phillips, Sandy Erickson, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Delores Schimmin, Pamela Nolan, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Ann Wessman, Roger Sturm, Kristopher Meyer, Ione Engleking, Bill Riley, Larry Erickson, Jeff Jones, Craig Schneider, Dean Lohrbach, Jackqueline Dupuis, Tom Kastner, Margaret Kastner, and Kim Woolley

Announcements

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): The Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build is on February 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You will need to sign up again if you plan on attending. On February 10th, there will be a spaghetti dinner. All donations will go to Fusion Youth Group. For more details, visit our Facebook page or go to our church website at www.stpetersgp.org, (Under Ministries Section). You can also contact Josh (815) 693-5341 or Neal (815) 549-5911.

Congregational Meeting: The annual congregational meeting will be held today following our worship service.

Offering envelopes: Offering envelopes are now available on the table outside of the sanctuary.

Zion UCC in Dyer: Zion is having their annual homemade sausage sale. A 5 lb package is \$25. All orders need to be preordered by February 18th with pickup February 25th from noon to 3 p.m. Please call 219-384-0794 to make an order.

Occasionally I am asked, “What can I (we) do to strengthen our faith and help the church grow?” I’ve been praying about this lately and here is my reply:

THE CHURCH: BE ALL IN

Be the Church: There are many ways you can “be” the church. First, make a commitment to be more active in worship. If you normally come once a month, start with twice a month. If once a year, try once a month. The more you’re present, the more exposure you and your family has to the Truth of God’s Word.

Serve the Church: Serving the church doesn’t always mean having to be a council member or a committee member (though we always could use more). It can be helping with one specific event, signing up to be a lay reader, watering the flowers once a week, etc. What interests you? Step up, step in, and obey Christ’s teachings to serve one another.

Love the Church: Let’s be honest. We could all give a little more (financially, of our time, and of our resources). When we put the love of our church ahead of everything (except our love for God), we learn to prioritize our schedules and our giving. Take time to visit an older or struggling member. Send a text, a card, or make a phone call to encourage someone.

As the body of Christ, we worship together, we grow together, and we love together. It is OUR responsibility to build up one another, to raise our children in the Christian faith, and to support the ministries and functions of our local church body.

It takes all of us to be ALL in.

Fusion Spaghetti Dinner/Game Night



Join Fusion on February 10th at 5:30 p.m. for a spaghetti dinner and game night here at the church.

The dinner is on a donation basis and proceeds will go toward the church bus expenses and the Fusion youth group.

For more information, please contact Josh Hamann or Neal Currier.