

# **ST. PETER'S** **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



**310 North Meadow Street (Grant Park, IL 60940)**

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Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.

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**“Having loved His own who were in the world,  
He loved them to the end.”**

**John 13:1b**

# Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

## Welcome & Announcements

Audrey Lehnert

## Ringling of the Bell

### Prelude

“How Deep the Father’s Love” (*arr. Hayes & Gaspard*)

### \*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 116)

Audrey Lehnert

Leader: We love you, Lord. You hear us. You listen to our prayers.

People: **You have always heard us whenever we’ve called to You.**

Leader: Though death tries to bind us and hell’s gates open before us,

People: **we will call on the Lord’s name for deliverance.**

Leader: You are full of grace and righteousness.

People: **Lord, you are full of compassion!**

Leader: You have saved us and preserved us, God.

People: **We rest in Your love and care.**

Leader: How can we repay you, Lord, for the gifts You’ve given us?

People: **We offer our thanksgiving to You before all Your people!**

Leader: O praise the Lord!

People: **Praise be to God!**

### \*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, we recognize that Your very nature begins with love. We believe that Your relationship with us is built on that for us and Your desire to demonstrate that love in our lives. We confess that we are still learning to love as we should. Teach us to love as Your Son, Jesus, loved. Teach us to redeem others through our love. Free us from our own inhibitions and selfishness that keep us from loving others as Jesus did. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

**\*Song of Worship**                      “Blessed Assurance”                      #426

**Scripture Reading**                      John 13:31-35                      Audrey Lehnert

**Children’s Sermon**

**Pastoral Prayer**                      Pastor Kyle

**Adult Choir Anthem**              “Near to the Heart of God” (*arr. Stevens*)

**Worshipping God with our Offerings**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory              “Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee” (*arr. DeCou*)

\*Response                      “Doxology”                      #34

**\*Song**                      “Lord, Be Glorified” (*vs. 1, 3, & 4*)                      #465

**Scripture Reading**                      John 13:1-17

**Sermon**                      “Love Stories: Jesus Loves His Disciples”      Pastor Kyle

**Sacrament of Communion**

**\*Closing Song**                      “Lead on, O King Eternal”                      #508

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**                      “Fugue in C Major” (*Handel*)

## **We at St. Peter's are praying for:**

*Gene Sievers, Carter Fortin, Brian Koop, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Heather Phillips, Mary Ann Price, Keith Myers, Marge Myers, Sandy Erickson, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Delores Schimmin, Megan Breckenridge, Neal Currier, Russ Koehn, Pamela Nolan, Alexis Verhulst, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Bucky Burrell, Delores Hartman, and Patricia Regnier*

## **Notes of Interest**

\*\*\* We are in need of one more council person for a three year term. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact the church office or a current council person.

\*\*\* We are looking for two greeters for the Ash Wednesday Service. If you are interested in serving, please contact the church office.

\*\*\* We are still in need of lay readers for February 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup> (Easter), 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to do any of the above dates, please sign up on the lay reader sign up sheet on the back table in the sanctuary.

\*\*\* Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m..

\*\*\* Please join us for Soup, Supper, and Scripture on the following Wednesday nights during Lent at 6 p.m.: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.

# Announcements

**New Members Orientation & Presentation:** Next Sunday, during the 9 a.m. hour, a new member's orientation will be offered for anyone interested in becoming a member of St. Peter's, transferring membership to St. Peter's, or simply learning more about what it means to be a member of St. Peter's.

During the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will be accepting those who wish to become members into our congregation.

Even if you've been a member for 50+ years, you are welcome to join us and refresh yourself on membership within the church.

If you're considering attending to become a new member or transfer member, and you have not already spoken with Pastor Kyle, please do so this week.

**Adult Study Hour (Sundays @ 9 am):** Join us during the 9 a.m. Christian Education Hour in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall located in the church basement. We just began our study on the Book of Acts this morning. Did you miss it? It's okay. Jump in any time. Last week's lesson & notes are available on our church webpage under Christian Education.

**The Beecher Food Pantry:** is asking for any non-food items. Donations can be dropped off in the baskets located by the courtyard entrance. Thank you.

**Zion UCC in Dyer, IN:** Zion UCC will be hosting their annual homemade pork sausage sale. They are taking pre-orders (please contact Becki at (219)-384-0794) or you can buy 5 lb packages for \$25/package. Order deadline is this Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Sausage pick up will be Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, from 12 p.m.-3 p.m.. The Women's Guild will be holding a bake sale during the sausage pick up. Hope to see you there!

**2023 “SOUP”er Bowl of Caring Luncheon:** It will be held on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, following our worship service. All donations given will go towards a local food pantry/ministry.

What is the SOUPer Bowl of Caring? It’s a fun, creative way to encourage our youth to make their own soups at home and bring them to church on Sunday to share with the congregation.

Each youth is to make a crock-pot or large pot of their favorite soup. Then, they will serve someone else’s soup so that no one knows who made which soup. Everyone is invited to try samples of as many soups as they want. They will then vote for their favorites. The winning youth will win an award.

\*\*\*Adults are encouraged to bring their best chili to serve as well. A vote will be taken for the winner. Stay, fellowship with one another, and enjoy raising money for a local food pantry/ministry.

**Feed My Starving Children:** Members of Zion Lutheran Church of Grant Park have scheduled a 'servant project' with Feed My Starving Children (Aurora, IL). We wish to invite our closest neighbors to join us for a food packing event! Join us on Monday, April 10, 2023, @ 4:30-6:15 pm to go to Aurora, IL, to 'pack meals' for those in need of food. Carpooling will be established among those attending--departure will be 3 pm that day from Zion's (GP) parking lot. Children (age 7 and older), youth, and adults are all encouraged to participate. A 3:1 student to adult ratio is recommended. Call Zion, GP's church office at 815-465-6011 to place yourself on the volunteer list. Check out <https://www.fmssc.org/about-us/faqs> for more information.

**Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders):** Today, the youth will have lunch after service and then go to Sky Zone in Schererville, IN, from 1-3 p.m. They will be back by 4:30 p.m. For more details, visit our Facebook page or go to our church website at [www.stpetersgp.org](http://www.stpetersgp.org), (Under Ministries Section). You can also contact Josh (815) 693-5341 or Neal (815) 549-5911.

**Fusion Lunch Sign-Up:** There is a sign-up list sheet on the back table in the sanctuary for individuals, families, friends, groups, (however you want to do it) to provide lunch for the Fusion Youth Group each month.

You may sign up to cover a month by bringing lunch and serving it, by providing it and letting them serve it, or providing a monetary donation to offset the cost of the lunch.

Josh Hamann or Neal Currier will be in touch with you prior to the month that you sign up for to confirm the date (which is normally the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month).

On average, there are nearly 20 students and leaders to feed.

Fusion truly appreciates your support as this allows them to keep the gatherings free for the students and the overall cost of their monthly gatherings at a lower amount.

## Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Members of several Grant Park churches, in support of the Fusion Youth Group at St. Peter's UCC in Grant Park, are raising funds and hands-on support to provide beds and bedding to children without them so that they don't have to sleep on floors.

The missions' project the area churches will be supporting is called "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" ([www.shpbeds.org](http://www.shpbeds.org)). The ministry is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.

To purchase and assemble 30 beds (at a minimum), an amount of \$7,500 needs to be raised (\$250 per bed). Once the minimal goal is raised, the beds will be ordered and a date/location will be set for assembly by anyone in the area who is willing to help.

There are several options to donate to the fund:

Direct cash/check donations may be made to the church. Please put in the memo line/or on the envelope that the donation is towards "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" Project.

You may give online by going to [www.stpetersgp.org/give](http://www.stpetersgp.org/give) and choose the "Give to: Sleep in Heavenly Peace" category.

All donations are tax deductible.

Stay tuned to the Grant Park facebook page and St. Peter's website for updates on amounts raised, upcoming assembling date/location, and more.

On behalf of the Fusion Youth, we appreciate your support.