

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. Church Office – (815) 465-6191 Parsonage phone – (815) 466-4048 Pastor's Cell – (567) 249-5130 *Website:* www.stpetersgp.org *Email:* stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net *Facebook:* St. Peters UCC Grant Park

March 3rd, 2024

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

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

*Call to Worship

Prelude "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (arr. Whitworth)

Lighting of the Candles

Braxton Schneider

Audrey Lehnert

Leader:Weary and overwhelmed, we gather.People:God's holy Word revives us.Leader:Simple and confused, we yield.People:God's Word gives us wisdom.Leader:Blind and uncomprehending, we await.People:God's Word enlightens our eyes.Leader:More precious than gold is God's Word.People:Sweeter than honey are God's commands.

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Pastor Kyle

O God, Your weakness is mightier than human strength and Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. We rejoice that You are with us today. Open our hearts and discipline our will. Teach us to follow Your perfect ways. Test us with Your righteous decrees. As with a whip, drive us from unholy living and turn us toward Your holy Light. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, comfort and redeem us with Your holy Gospel. Amen.

***Opening Worship** "Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him" #17

Audrey Lehnert

Scripture Reading	Psalm 19	Audrey Lehnert		
<u>Children's Sermon</u>				
Pastoral Prayer				
<u>Adult Choir</u> "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (arr. Shrader)				
Service of Communion				
Scripture Reading	Matthew 16:13-20	Pastor Kyle		
Worshipping God with our OfferingsPrayer of DedicationOffertoryOffertoryDoxology#34				
<u>Sermon</u>	"Wandering Hearts: Praise the Mour	nt"		
*Closing Hymn	"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	s" #496		
*Closing Prayer & Benediction				
*Postlude	"Praise Everlasting" (Paxton)			

We at St. Peter's are praying for:

Carter Fortin, Linda Havely, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Heather Phillips, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Delores Schimmin, Pamela Nolan, Roger Sturm, Kristopher Meyer, Bill Riley, Jeff Jones, Craig Schneider, Dean Lohrbach, Jackqueline Dupuis, Don Claussen, Evelynn Breckenridge, and Tim Langlois

Announcements

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): Today after church, Fusion will have lunch and a movie. 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.

Lay Reader: We are in need of a lay reader for Easter morning. Please contact the church office if interested.

Greeters: We are looking for two greeters for Good Friday service and two for Easter morning service. Please contact the church office if interested.

Beecher Food Pantry: The pantry is only looking for donations of paper products and personal items at this time. Thank you for your continued support.

Church Life Trip to the Shrine: The Church Life committee is hosting a trip on Friday, March 22nd, for lunch and a trip to the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana.We will meet at St. Peter's UCC at 10 a.m. and depart around 10:15 a.m. for lunch at Teibel's Family Restaurant in Schererville. Following lunch, we will travel down the road to visit the Shrine of Christ's Passion Prayer Trail, gift shop, and grounds. The first 14 people signed up may ride together in the new church bus, while others may carpool together if needed. While there is no cost for the tour at the Shrine, they do accept donations toward their ministry. Each person will be responsible for paying for their own lunch, and depending on how many sign up to ride the bus, approximately \$10-\$20 a person to help with the cost of fuel. If you'd like to sign up, please contact the church office at 815-465-6191, email the office at stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net, contact Lou Ann Hamann, or sign up on the sign-up sheet on the table outside the sanctuary doors leading toward the church office.

Easter Lilies



Want to help beautify our church sanctuary for Easter? We will be selling Easter Lily plants for \$20 each. If you would like to purchase one or more, please fill out the following information with your payment. Please place it in the offering plate or turn it into the office. Forms must be turned in by Friday, March 22nd. Thank you.

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