



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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Sunday, March 16th, 2025

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

Welcome & Announcements

Kelly Schneider

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (*James*)

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Kelly Schneider

Leader: Come as you are.

People: If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry.

Leader: If you know every scripture or none at all.

People: If you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works.

Leader: Or, if you kneel at God’s feet, with a million hungry questions.

People: Come as you are.

Leader: None are turned away. All are welcome here.

*Unison Prayer of Invocation & Confession

God of grace, come meet with us through the gift of Your Holy Spirit. We long to do the “right” thing. We long to make the “right” choice. We long to stand on the “right” side of the dividing line. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love. Show us how to hold our heart’s desire for perfection loosely. Show us how to lead with grace and love over anything else. For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to You. Show us the way. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Psalm 96:1-6

Kelly Schneider

Sacrament of Baptism

Aria Marie Schroeder
Ivy Lee'Ann Schroeder

Song

"The Goodness of God"

Screen

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kyle

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Offertory

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" (Sewell)

*Song

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

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Scripture Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Pastor Kyle

Sermon

"What Distracts You?"

Pastor Kyle

***Closing Song**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Seek Ye First" (Lafferty)

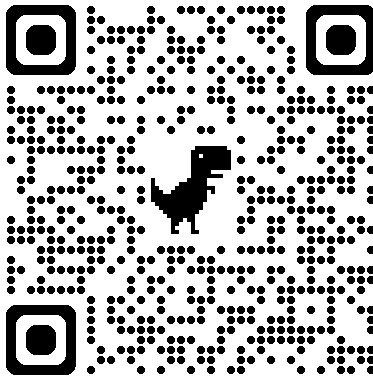
Today, we celebrate the baptisms of Aria Schroeder and Ivy Schroeder. Their parents are Tyler Schroeder and Tiffanie Hamilton. Grandparents are David & Dawn Schroeder, Tim (and the late Lisa) Hamilton, and Kim Moore. Aria & Ivy's sponsors are Joshua Schroeder and Bobbie Rogers.

We at St. Peter's are praying for:

Carter Fortin, Taylor Cleary, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Pamela Nolan, Kristopher Meyer, Jeff Jones, Jackqueline Dupuis, Sandy & Ken Erickson, Tim Langlois, Ed & Anita Bush, Dornita Hamann, Tim Miller, Brad Fisher, Claudia Scott, Nancy Vittori, Betty Jones, Janet Harvey, Jillien Pettit, and Colette Lawrence

We're Trying Something New!

**Scan the barcode with your phone to access today's
Scripture readings and announcements!**



Don't have a phone? Still want a hard copy of the announcements?
That's okay! ½ sheet inserts are available on the back table in the sanctuary
with announcements. Feel free to pick one up!

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): 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.

Beecher Food Pantry: The pantry is looking for donations of toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, pasta (all kinds), pasta sauce, tuna, canned chicken, pancake mix, pudding, and jello (regular and sugar free for both). Thank you.

I Love to Tell the Story: Have you heard the wonderful story of God's great love for humanity lately? We'd like to invite you to journey with us as we offer opportunities to reflect, repent, and recharge your spiritual souls. On Wednesdays (03/12, 03/19, 03/26, 04/02, and 04/09), we will gather for soup and Scripture from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. If you would like to provide a soup, salad or dessert on any of these dates, please text/call Shirley Koehn at 708.254.2694. A short 30-minute service will begin at 6:30 pm in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall. On Sundays during Lent, Pastor Kyle will be preaching a series titled, "Everything (in) Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes." More about Holy Week (April 13th - April 20th) will be shared soon.

Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes: We have devotional books for Lent available on the back table in the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one. If they run out, please let us know that you want one and we will print more. They are part of our Sunday Lenten series titled "Everything [in] between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes." Also, there will be daily devotions available on our church facebook page (St. Peters UCC Grant Park).