



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 23rd, 2025

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

Welcome & Announcements

Neal Currier

Ringin' of the Bell

Prelude

“Lamb of God” (*Paris*)
(In honor of Shari Ohm for her birthday)

Lighting of the Candles

Brianne Karstensen

***Call to Worship**

Neal Currier

Leader: Worship is a place to rest.

People: We breathe deeply here. We still our aching bones. We sit in the quiet. We surround ourselves with music. Worship is a place to rest.

Leader: Worship is a place to grow.

People: We listen for God’s word. We invite it to challenge us. We lean in with curiosity. We ask questions. Worship is a place to grow.

Leader: So come into this space. Come rest and grow here.

People: For where two or more are gathered, God is always there.

***Unison Prayer of Invocation & Confession**

Holy God, there are days when we fail to rest. We stretch ourselves too thin. We say “yes” to every invitation. We run a million miles a minute. We ignore Your command to rest. There are also days when we fail to act. We wait for someone else. We take the easy road. We find excuses and justify our inaction. God, forgive us. Remind us that birds rest and they also fly. Show us how to do the same. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#96

Children’s Message

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Offertory

“Abide With Me” (*Monk*)

(In memory of my great grandma, Connie Ponivas, for her birthday)

*Song

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

#472

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.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a God Who loves and tends to us like a gardener. We believe that like the trees, some seasons are for growth and some seasons are for rest. Some days require pruning and some require planting. Fortunately, we believe that our green-thumbed God sees us and cultivates the sweetest fruit. So may we plant roots, reach for the sky, grow where we can, and rest when we need, for we believe there is holiness in the pruning and in the planting. And we do not grow alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song

“What Wondrous Love is This?” (vs 1 & 4)

#257

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:6-9

Pastor Kyle

Sermon

“The Power of Manure”

Pastor Kyle

***Closing Song**

“Seek Ye First”

#349

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“O Store Gud” (*Glyncannon*)

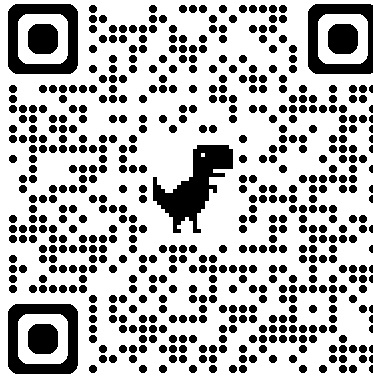
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We at St. Peter's are praying for:

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."