



# 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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# Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

## Welcome & Announcements

Neal Currier

## Prelude

“Shall We Gather at the River” (*Broughton*)

## Lighting of the Candles

Olivia O’Nions

*(This symbolizes bringing the light of Christ  
into our presence as we worship the Light of the World together).*

## \*Call to Worship

Neal Currier

Leader: Come, faithful children of God. Seek Him!  
Know Him! Trust Him!

People: **We enter His courts to sing praises to our Lord.**

Leader: Declare God’s wonderful actions among the people, for the  
needy are remembered and the poor have hope.

People: **We enter His courts to proclaim the majesty of our God.**

## \*Unison Prayer of Invocation

*Center us, O Holy God, to worship You this day. Remove our  
needless anxieties and desires and give us strength. Calm our spirits and  
fill us with joyful hearts and minds of readiness that we may be open to  
Your message and Your grace. Amen.*

## \*Opening Worship

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

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## Children’s Moment

## Pastoral Prayer

**Special Music**

“‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” (*Kirkpatrick*)  
Rebecca Timmons

**Scripture Reading**

I Samuel 17:17-23

Neal Currier

**Song of Worship**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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**Worshipping God with our Offerings**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“Interlude” (*Haydn*)

\*Response

“Doxology”

**Scripture Reading**

I Samuel 17:24-51

Pastor Kyle

**Sermon**

“Slaying Giants”

Pastor Kyle

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

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**\*Spoken Benediction****\*Postlude & Extinguishing of the Candles**

“Postlude in C” (*Bach*)

*(Please remain in your pews in silence reflection as our acolyte  
extinguishes the candles and leads us out with the Light of Christ).*

**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, Sandy Erickson,  
Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Delores Schimmin,  
Pamela Nolan, Katheryn Hickey-Scott, Ann Wessman, Roger Sturm, Delores  
Thiessen, Ione Engleking, Bill Riley, Larry Erickson, and  
Shearlene Bartman*

## Announcements

**Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders):** On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Fusion will have a bonfire/hayride at 7295 N. Vincennes Trail from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Hot dogs and smores will be provided. 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.

**The Beecher Food Pantry:** is asking for dish soap, paper towels, laundry soap, toothpaste, shampoo, pasta noodles (all kinds), tuna, cereal, hearty soups, beef stew, and ketchup. Donations may be dropped off in the baskets located by the courtyard entrance. Thank you.

**Holy Land 2025 Trip:** On August 8<sup>th</sup>, we had our introductory meeting for our 2025 Holy Land Trip. If you missed it, there is still plenty of time to consider traveling with us. Contact Pastor Kyle for more information.

**Dartball:** Dartball began on September 6<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to join at any time, so if you are interested, please contact Tim Frahm at (872) 222-1408.

**2023 Young at Heart Meetings:** The United Methodist Church of Grant Park would like to invite you to their Young at Heart meetings every third Monday of the month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grant Park Community Center. Salads will be served at the September meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815) 465-6933. Thank you.

**Bunco Night:** We will be having a Bunco Night on October 20<sup>th</sup>. As always, we are looking for players, card tables, snacks, and raffle items. Please contact Anita Bush or the church office to reserve your table of four.

**Missions Team:** The Mission's Team will have a meeting tomorrow, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room.

**Euchre Tournament:** On Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Euchre Tournament here at the church. We will begin at 6 p.m. and it will last until about 10 p.m. Contact the church office if you are interested in playing.

**Turkey Supper and Raffle:** November 4<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it. For the Turkey Supper to be a success, we need “many hands to make light work.” We are in need of about 30 workers Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, after church to carry in groceries, prepare sweet potatoes, set up tables/buckets for peeling potatoes, coffee pots/ lemonade coolers need washed, set up the serving room for coffee, drinks, etc., cut bread for dressing, clean/organize the kitchen and dessert room, set up seating rooms, fry the sausage, and lay down cardboard on the kitchen and lounge floors. As always, we need about 50 turkey roasters and 50 desserts (9X12 dishes). We are in need of about 30 workers on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:30 a.m. Come and go as you can. There will be a lot of food preparation. We also need about 10 turkey carvers for Saturday morning, November 5<sup>th</sup>, along with as many workers as possible to finish the food prep. We need many servers, people in the pie room, return foods and dishwashers, carry outs, and kitchen workers during the event. If you can help with anything, please contact Josh Hamann or the church office. We are also in need of raffle basket items. This has become a huge money maker for us in recent years. We like to raise some money to buy some more big ticket items, along with some donated baskets. Please see Jackie Timmons if interested in donating a basket or money toward a bigger raffle item.

**KWIL:** St. Peter’s UCC in Frankfort would like to invite the women of UCC churches to attend their October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. They would like you to come to express your thoughts and ideas for continuing the group as their secretary and treasurer have passed. They will have a short presentation on the history of hymns with dessert and beverages following the business meeting. To r.s.v.p, please contact Jennifer Stephen at (815) 469-4509.

**Beverly Junker Youth Music Scholarship:** St. Peter's UCC in Grant Park is committed to encouraging and financially supporting students as they enhance their skills and love of music/fine arts activities.

The Beverly Junker Scholarship may be used to attend a music camp, musical lessons, or toward fees associated with a music related expense (i.e. instrument, etc.).

Scholarships up to \$150 will be awarded based on availability and submission guidelines, and will be available to students entering grades 4-12. Students must be currently studying music in some capacity.

Students will complete a scholarship application and submit it to St. Peter's UCC for consideration. Students should be a member of St. Peter's, but not necessary. Consideration towards St. Peter's members will be a priority, along with students who attend worship and youth activities.

Students may earn the scholarship a maximum of two times. To apply, contact [stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpetersgp@sbcglobal.net) for a copy of the application form.