



# 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, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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

## Welcome & Announcements

Michelle Claussen

## Ringling of the Bell

## Prelude

“Voluntary on ‘Forest Green’” (*Krug*)

## Lighting of the Candles

## \*Call to Worship

Michelle Claussen

Leader: From the north and the south, from the east and the west, we,  
the people of the Lord, come to this place of sacred worship.

People: **We come to be fed. We come to be filled with hope, with  
life, and with the love of Christ.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts and minds to see the Risen Christ among  
us. Open our eyes to see the places where Christ dwells.

People: **Guide us, Heavenly Father. Teach us Your holy ways that  
we may please You with word and in deed.**

## \*Prayer of Invocation

## \*Opening Worship

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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## Children’s Moment

## Choir Anthem

“Remember Him” (*Price & Besig*)

## Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“Cantus” (*Martin*)

\*Response

“Doxology”

Observance of World Communion Sunday

**Invitation to the Table**

**Responsive Blessing**

Leader: To Your Table, Christ, You bid us to come.

**People: You have set the places, You have poured the wine, and there is always room, You say, for one more. And so we come.**

Leader: From the highways, the streets, and the alleys,

**People: Lord, we come.**

Leader: From the fields, the deserts, and the hills

**People: Lord, we come.**

Leader: From the ravages of poverty and the palaces of privilege,

**People: Lord, we come.**

Leader: Walking, crawling, running, limping, and carried,

**People: Lord, we come.**

Leader: We are worried with our wounds; we carry our dead within us and we struggle with our fears and anxieties.

**People: We hold the seeds of healing; we dream of a new creation. We know the things that make for peace and we struggle to give them wings.**

**All: Lord, we come.**

Leader: We come to be filled with Your bread, for we hunger. We come to taste of this new wine, for we thirst.

**People: O God of wisdom, we come. Singing Your song in every language, speaking Your name in every tongue, in conflict and in communion, in discord and in desire, we come.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Words of Institution****Sharing of the Meal**

*During this time, those who desire to come forward and sample bread(s) and wine(s) from around the world may do so. We will dismiss by row, beginning in the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to take time in prayer and reflection as we will patiently wait for individuals to finish before dismissing more rows.*

*For those who are unable or uncomfortable coming forward during this time, Pastor Kyle will have a tray of common bread & cup (juice/wine) and will bring it to your seat. Please let an usher know that you'd prefer to be served from your pew.*

*At the conclusion of the service, you are also invited to come forward to sample any of the elements that remain.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving****\*Benediction in Song**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

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

“Take the Name of Jesus With You” (arr. Whitworth)

*(Please remain in your pews in silent 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, 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, Bill Riley, Larry Erickson,  
Dean Lohrbach, and Shearlene Bartman*

## Announcements

**Adult Sunday School:** Please join us each Sunday at 9 a.m. for adult Sunday School. We are studying the book of Philippians. Feel free to join us at any time.

**Treats and Drinks:** We are looking for someone to provide, set up, and clean up treats and drinks for the kids after their Sunday School/choir hour on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the office if interested. Thank you.

**Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders):** This 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:** There is still plenty of time to consider traveling with us. Contact Pastor Kyle for more information.

**Dartball:** Dartball is still seeking players. You are welcome to join at any time, so if you are interested, please contact Tim Frahm at (872) 222-1408.

**Bunco Night:** We will be having a Bunco Night on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. 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.

**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.” Sign up sheets are located outside the sanctuary doors. 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 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 would like to raise money to buy some more big ticket items, along with the regular donated baskets. Our number one item last year was the blackstone griddle. Other top prizes were the lottery ticket baskets, a pressure cooker, Chicago Wolves family pack tickets, and a Honey Baked Ham gift card. Please see Jackie Timmons if interested in donating a basket or money toward a bigger raffle item.

**Turkey Supper:** There will be a Turkey Supper meeting today after church.

**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.

## **World Communion Sunday**

**Here are the countries that we are remembering today among all believers in the world. We will have breads and wines representing each country.**

Ukraine: Most of us are aware of the war Ukraine is involved in with Russia. Christian clergy are busy caring for the citizens who are traumatized by war. Some priests have been kidnapped by Russian troops and being held at unknown locations. It is difficult for Christians in Ukraine to trust God during this time of fighting off fear and despair, but their faith keeps them strong. The people are also facing displacement from their homes and their homeland and many refugees are being relocated to places within Ukraine and the world. The church has been a place of sanctuary for many of the refugees. Let us continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and ask God that peace would soon come to their land.

Japan: There is a perception among many modern Japanese that Christianity is a foreign religion and that by becoming Christian, they are betraying their nationality. Therefore, there is reluctance by many to be converted. Many are open to hearing the gospel and genuinely interested; however, the traditions of Buddhism and Shintoism stymie the progress of conversions.

Armenia: The majority of the Armenian population identifies with Christianity and belong to the Apostolic Church. There is contention with Islam, another favorable religion of the region, but many of the Muslims fled years ago. The Armenian Apostolic Church is very traditionalistic with its' divine services, canons, and history. Traditionalist views and practices occasionally thwart believers from changing inwardly, and their faith is based on outward appearances and actions instead of a sincere faith in Christ.

## **World Communion Sunday (continued)**

**Here are the countries that we are remembering today among all believers in the world. We will have breads and wines representing each country.**

Israel: Nearly 80% of Israel's residents identify as Jewish, while Islam (14%), Christian (2%), and Druze (2%) help round out its' religious identity. The Islam population is more religiously observant than the Jewish segment, while the large majority of the groups are isolated from one another socially. As one may imagine, tensions between religious groups are extremely volatile. The phrase "pray for the peace of Israel" remains a vital prayer for the people of God's holy land.

Hungary: From 1949-1989, the majority of citizens in Hungary were atheists. This stemmed from a very difficult communist era in the country. Roman Catholicism struggled during the period as the communist government had laws that seized property, schools, and arrested church leaders. With the end of communism, religion has slowly shifted into a large amount of religious beliefs in the country. It is still taboo to speak about religion in work places and social settings, so the growth of Christianity is taking time.