



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, October 8th, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Kevin Mussman

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision” (*Slane*)

Lighting of the Candles

Rebecca Timmons

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

*Call to Worship

Kevin Mussman

Leader: Faithful people of God, enter the courts of the Lord with thanksgiving. Lift up your praises to your God.

People: **We come to offer our worship, for He alone is worthy.**

Leader: Let us declare God’s wonderful deeds among the people.

People: **May we faithfully serve those in need. May we serve God with all our being and serve our neighbors with the same love and devotion.**

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Spirit of God, move in us this morning through new and exciting ways. May our lives truly be changed this hour as we sing praises to You, as we listen to Your Scriptures, and as we pray for one another. May today’s message teach us, encourage us, and change us. Amen.

*Opening Worship

“We Will Glorify”

#337

Children’s Moment

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 19:7-14

Kevin Mussman

Song of Worship

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

#480

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“Autumn Pastorale” (*Moore*)

*Response

“Doxology”

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:1-14

Neal Currier

Sermon

“Being an Imperfect Christian”

Neal Currier

***Closing Hymn**

“To God Be The Glory”

#66

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude & Extinguishing of the Candles**

“Allegro” (*Purce II*)

(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, 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, Jeff Jones, Mark Bond,
and Dean Lohrbach*

***The office will be closed Monday, October 9th.

Announcements

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): For the November event, Fusion will be helping with the Turkey Supper. 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.

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 8th, 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: 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. There will be a potluck for the October meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815) 465-6933. Thank you.

Bunco Night: Bunco Night has been canceled due to a conflict. Please stayed tuned for one in the spring!

Euchre Tournament: On Saturday, November 18th, 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.

College Students: Please contact the church office if you have a student attending college. We would like to compile a list with their addresses. Also, Christian Ed is asking for money to purchase gift cards, candy, and gum to send Halloween care packages to them. Thank you.

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 this Sunday, October 15th. Please contact the office if interested. Thank you.

Turkey Supper and Raffle: November 4th 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 29th, 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 4th, 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 5th, 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 write your name on the sign up sheets located just outside the sanctuary. ***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.

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 for a copy of the application form.