



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, November 12th, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Neal Currier

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above” (*Forrest*)

Lighting of the Candles

Elizabeth Voigt

*Call to Worship

Neal Currier

Leader: This world can be so hectic and full of noise. We often find ourselves caught up by its’ distractions. God, be with each of us as we gather this day for worship.

Hymn #477 – “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

Pastor: Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead.

People: **Find the room for hope to enter; find the frame where we are freed.**

Pastor: Clear the chaos and the clutter.

People: **Clear our eyes that we can see**

All: **All the things that really matter. Be at peace and simply be.**

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Lord, we are always getting ready for something. As we continue on our journey through life, we seek Your guidance for the paths we walk. Remind us that we should always be ready to seek and serve You. Open our hearts this day and remind us of Your great love for us throughout each generation. Amen.

<u>*Hymn</u>	“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”	Insert/Screen
<u>Scripture Reading</u>	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	Neal Currier
<u>Children’s Choir</u>	“Song of Thanks” (<i>Peterson</i>)	
<u>Children’s Moment</u>		
<u>Pastoral Prayer</u>		
<u>Sacrament of Baptism</u>	Isla Lynn Schneider	
<u>Worshipping God with our Offerings</u>		
	Prayer of Dedication	
	Offertory	“Moderato Cantabile” (<i>Beethoven</i>)
	*Response	“Doxology”
<u>Scripture Reading</u>	James 3:13-17	Pastor Kyle
<u>Hymn</u>	“When Peace Like a River” (<i>vs 1, 3, 4</i>)	#428
<u>Sermon</u>	“Searching for Wise People”	Pastor Kyle
<u>*Closing Hymn</u>	“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”	#486
<u>*Spoken Benediction</u>		
<u>*Postlude & Extinguishing of the Candles</u>		
	“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” (<i>Berthier</i>)	

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

Today, we celebrate the baptism of Isla Lynn Schneider. Isla is the daughter of Kevin and Jaimie Schneider. Isla's grandparents are Barbara Schneider, and Brian and Patty Rooney. Isla's sponsors are Jim and Kelly Schneider. The white carnation on the altar is in celebration of Isla's baptism.

We at St. Peter's are praying for:

*Gene Sievers, Carter Fortin, 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, Shearlene Bartman,
Jeff Jones, Craig Schneider, Dean Lohrbach, Peggy Weybright, Jackqueline
Dupuis, Tom Kastner, Margaret Kastner, Kim Woolley, and Lee Bell*

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.

Announcements

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): There will be a lock-in on December 8th. 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: Due to the recent conflict, the 2025 Israel trip plans are postponed. We will keep you posted as we may determine a later date.

Dartball: We are still looking for players, 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 pizza and dessert for the November 20th meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815) 465-6933. Thank you.

Euchre Tournament: This 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. We are also looking for decks of cards to be donated for the event.



Poinsettia Order Form

The Missions Committee will be selling poinsettias again this year. The cost is \$10 for a single, \$18 for a double, and \$26 for a triple. Color choices are red, white, and pink. **ORDERS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 10TH.**

In honor of/color/size _____

In memory of/color/size _____

Total: _____

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? There we will rise to meet the Lord
Christ alone, Christ alone Then sin and death will be destroyed
What is our only confidence And we will feast in endless joy
That our souls to Him belong? When Christ is ours forevermore
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes apart from His command? Refrain (2x)
And what will keep us to the end? Now and ever we confess
The love of Christ in which we stand Christ our hope in life and death

Refrain

Oh sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal
Oh sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that brings us night
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ

Refrain

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
Christ He lives; Christ He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him

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