

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
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310 N. Meadow St.
Grant Park, Illinois 60940

God is still speaking

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 13th, 2022

10:30 AM

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

Pre-Service Music & Countdown

Welcome & Announcements

Dawn Schroeder

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken” (*Gabriel*)

*Call to Worship

Dawn Schroeder

Leader: The earth, and all that is in it, belongs to the Holy One.

People: **Look, here is our God, for Whom we have waited.**

Leader: This is the Holy One, for Whom we have waited.

People: **Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One?

And who shall stand in this holy place?

People: **We come seeking the face of God.**

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Faithful Redeemer, You are the beginning and ending of all things. You promise to wipe away every tear and that death and mourning will be no more. You make Your home among us and abide with us as our God. Teach us to live as the saints You have called us to be, that we may truly be Your people, living and doing Your will, in the name of Jesus, Who is the Christ. Amen.

*Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

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Sacrament of Baptism

Words of Institution
Presentation of Children
Promises of Parents and Sponsors
Promises of Congregation
Sacrament of Baptism
Prayer of Blessing

Youth Choir Anthem “God’s Kid” (*Powell*) Galatians 5:22-23
Soloist: Dawn Schroeder

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer

Sharing of Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Lord’s Prayer

Celebrating Those Baptized This Year

Luke Robert O’Nions – baptized 11/14/2021
Henry “Hank” Scott Toppen – baptized 02/06/2022
Isabell Rochelle Brooker – baptized 04/10/2022
Anna Dawn Timmons—baptized 04/10/2022

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication
Offertory “All Soul’s Day” (*Lassen*)
*Doxology

Remembering Our Saints

Scripture Reading

Litany of Remembrance

Reading of the Names (Tolling of the Bell)

Louise Sievers (10/1/1930-01/15/2022)

Cheyenne Jones (05/22/2002-03/15/2022)

Pauline Mitchell (06/07/1934-04/10/2022)

Nancy Lewke (08/25/1949-04/22/2022)

Chris Benson (11/07/1965-06/14/2022)

Rickey Dean Krynock (08/06/1960-10/02/2022)

Beverly “Bev” Junker (10/14/1947-10/15/2022)

Prayer

Psalm 23
(see insert)

***Hymn**

“For All the Saints” (*vs 1, 2, 4, 5*)

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Scripture

Colossians 1:11-14

Message

“We Are the Kingdom”

Service of Communion

***Closing Song**

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

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***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Blest Be His Name” (*Lester*)

Today, we celebrate the baptisms of Gianni Christopher Sanchez, Allyssa Angel Rodriguez, and Richie Javier Rodriguez. They are the children of Richard and Kathy Rodriguez. Gianni’s sponsors are Daniel Martin & Emily Bruner. Allyssa’s sponsors are Jacob Rodriguez and Angelica Rodriguez. Richie’s sponsors are Brandon & Bianca Villa.

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, Keith Myers, Marge Myers, Sandy Erickson, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Delores Schimmin, Megan Breckenridge, Neal Currier, Tom Barrera, Pamela Nolan, Alexis Verhulst, the Verhulst family, and Jill & Jeff Miller (& baby)

This week at St. Peter's:

- Wednesday, Nov. 16th: Adult Choir Rehearsal (7 pm)
- Wednesday, Nov. 16th: Turkey Supper Meeting (7 pm)
- Wednesday, Nov. 16th: Dart ball @ Peotone (8 pm)
- Saturday, Nov. 19th: Gaither Vocal Band @ Olivet (6 pm)

TOTENFEST:

In the life of the Christian church, churches annually take time to remember and celebrate the lives of faithful people who have died in the past 12 months. Totenfest is a distinctive practice that has its' roots in the Evangelical tradition of the United Church of Christ. Although the name Totenfest is unknown to many within the denomination and Christian communities, its' importance as a special time of remembrance continues not only in our Evangelical heritage, but for all. It is a way of remaining related to deceased loved ones, as the process of grieving and remembering are vital to our spiritual health.

While some refer to this observance as "All-Saints Sunday" or "Memorial Sunday", the term Totenfest fell into disuse in America as churches of German heritage started substituting English words for German ones.

Today, at St. Peter's, we observe Totenfest as a day of remembering those in our congregation who went on to life eternal during the past year and also celebrate the new spiritual lives marked by baptism during the same period of time.

Announcements

Round Table Discussions (Sundays @ 9 am): We will be having a series of discussions for adults in the Clyde Lange Hall. Topics will include how to encourage people to return to church, issues within the United Church of Christ, short and long term visions for St. Peter's, and more. We need you, your thoughts, opinions, and interactions. We will meet again next Sunday, November 20th, at 9 am.

Christmas Program (Children & Youth) Information: The children and youth will be rehearsing the next three Sundays during the Sunday School hour (9 am) for this year's Christmas Program. If you want your child(ren) to be a part of the program, it is very important for them to be present during the next few weeks. The Christmas program will be held during the worship service on Sunday, December 4th.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: All are invited and welcome to celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 pm on November 23rd.

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): The youth will be having a lock-in for the month of December. It will start December 16th at 5:30 pm and end December 17th at 9 am. More details will be available on our Fusion Youth Facebook page or by going 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 the following donations: canned carrots, spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce, creamed corn, canned pasta, hearty soups, pancake mix, syrup, shampoo, conditioner, dish soap, laundry detergent, and paper towels.

A Litany of Remembrance and Celebration

One: Blessed are the dead, who from now on, die in Christ.

***People:* They will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.**

One: We do not want you to be uninformed about those who have died,

***People:* So that you may not grieve as others who have no hope.**

One: For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again

***People:* Even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have died.**

One: But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

***People:* When you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed.**

One: God gives a body as He has chosen, to each kind of seed, its' own body.

***People:* It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body.**

One: For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality.

***People:* For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God; a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

Litany (continued...)

One: Jesus said "In My Father's house, there are many dwelling places. I go to prepare a place for you."

***People:* I will not leave you orphaned. I am coming to you.**

One: The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I said to you.

***People:* Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid."**

One: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in Me, even though they die, will live,

***People:* "And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die."**

One: For God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of God's own eternity.

***People:* The souls of the righteous are in the Hand of God and no torment will ever touch them.**

One: "They are at peace and their hope is full of immortality

***People:* Because God tested them and found them worthy." Amen.**