



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 26th, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“Prelude in A Minor” (*Gurlitt*)

Lighting of the Candles

Kaylie Meherg

***Call to Worship**

Erin Hamann

Leader: The joy of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Today we give thanks to God for those special Christians whom we tend to see as the lesser saints, and also for all souls who have departed this life in faith and love – many of whom remain especially dear to your hearts.

People: **Thanks be to God for those whom we have loved dearly, but are out of our reach for a short while.**

Leader: They shall never again feel hunger or thirst; the sun shall not beat on them or any scorching heat because the Lamb of God will be their Shepherd and will guide them to springs of the water of life; God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

People: **“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn**

“Lift High the Cross”

#287

Pastoral Prayer

Children’s Moment

Celebrating Those Baptized This Year

Jolienne Margaret Mary Scott – baptized 12/11/2022

Livienne Jolynn Schneider – baptized 01/29/2023

Wyatt John Bornemann – baptized 04/02/2023

Max Henry Frahm—baptized 04/02/2023

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “O Sacred Head” (*Peeters*)

*Doxology

#34

Remembering Our Saints

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Reading of the Names (Tolling of the Bell)

Alex Meyer (9/26/1960-11/17/2022)

Clifford Zimmerman (12/01/1929-06/04/2022)

Michael Williamson (10/23/1954-11/23/2022)

Shari Palacios (06/24/1969-02/03/2023)

Eleanor Tyson (07/09/1932-03/30/2023)

Dolores Hartman (06/05/1940-04/28/2023)

Hymn

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

#529

Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

Pastor Kyle

Sermon

“The Church Triumphant”

Pastor Kyle

***Closing Hymn**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

#508

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude & Extinguishing of the Candles**

“With the Saints in Glory Shining” (*Broughton*)

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, Ione
Engleking, Bill Riley, Larry Erickson, Shearlene Bartman, Jeff Jones, Craig
Schneider, Dean Lohrbach, Jackqueline Dupuis, Tom Kastner, Margaret
Kastner, Kim Woolley, Lee Bell, and the family of Peggy Weybright*

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.

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 a Christmas luncheon for the December meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815) 465-6933. Thank you.

Hanging of the Greens: We will be doing the “Hanging of the Greens” following worship today. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas tags: The Christmas tree for Holiday Helpers back. If you take a tag, please sign your name next to the one you took on the sheet. Thank you!

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 to also celebrate the new spiritual lives marked by baptism during the same period of time.



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: _____

