



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, December 3rd, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Rebecca Timmons

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“Hanging of the Greens” (*Watz*)

Lighting of the Candles

Myles Breckenridge

*Call to Worship

Rebecca Timmons

Leader: Come, all who are weary. Come to God’s house.

People: **We can be grateful. We can be hopeful.**

Leader: In God’s house, we can be weary.

People: **We can be anxious. We can be grieving.**

Leader: In God’s house, we can be honest.

People: **Inspired or tired, delighted or doubtful, connected or curious, and everything in between.**

Leader: This is God’s house. You are always welcome exactly as you are.

People: **Let us worship our loving God.**

*Unison Prayer of Invocation (*Prayer by Rev. Anna Strickland*)ⁱ

God of the weary traveler, our feet are dusty from the roads we’ve traveled this past week, this past year, every day of our lives. We step out in faith, looking for a glimmer of hope. And now, we begin our Advent journey. We begin in Your dwelling place. We’re here, and we’re on holy ground. You may not show up where we expect you, but we trust that you are here nevertheless. Let us be guided by the signs of Christmas as we search for the peace of a baby snuggled in the manger, the joy of arrival, and Love that can not stay away. Amen.

*Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

#154

Pastoral Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jim & Kelly Schneider family

The candle of Hope

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:14

An Advent Prayer

Lighting of the Hope Candle

Song

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

#178

Children’s Moment

Adult Choir

“One Candle Lights the Way” (*Albrecht & Althouse*)

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“Voluntary on an Old English Carol” (*Dixon*)

*Doxology

#34

Sacrament of Baptism

Scripture Reading

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Pastor Kyle

Responsive Song

“I Love You, Lord”

#85

Sermon

“The Weary World of Busyness”

Pastor Kyle

***Closing Hymn**

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

#155

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude & Extinguishing of the Candles**

“A Joyous Carol” (*Roques*)

i“Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Anna Strickland | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.”

Today, we celebrate the baptisms of Mackenzie Kay & Tyler Christian Radostits. They are the daughter and son of Stephen and Jennifer Radostits. Mackenzie and Tyler's grandparents are Kevin & Debbie Mussman and Steve & Lynn Radostits. Great grandparents are Bill & Shirley Riley, Ann Wessman, and Eleanor Radostits. Mackenzie's sponsors are Hannah Radostits and Jeff Mussman. Tyler's sponsors are Chris Mussman and Brooke Beckner. The white carnations on the altar are in celebration of Mackenzie's and Tyler's baptisms.

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,
Kristopher Meyer, Ione Engleking, Bill Riley, Larry Erickson, Shearlene
Bartman, Jeff Jones, Craig Schneider, Dean Lohrbach, Jackqueline Dupuis,
Tom Kastner, Margaret Kastner, Kim Woolley, Lee Bell, Joliene Scott, 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. They are still in need of precut GFS cookies with decorations, pancake mix, syrup, orange juice, and hamburger for tacos. Fusion will also be doing the “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” bed build on January 13th. 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: A special thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Advent last Sunday!

Christmas tags: The Christmas tree for Holiday Helpers is back. If you took a tag, please make sure your name and phone number are on the sheet next to the tag you took. Thank you!



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: _____
