



# ST. PETER'S United Church of Christ

**310 North Meadow Street (Grant Park, IL 60940)**

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Sunday School--9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.

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# Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

## Welcome & Announcements

Audrey Lehnert

## Ringing of the Bell

### Prelude

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (*Wagner*)

## Lighting of the Candles

Adelyn Karstensen

## \*Call to Worship

Audrey Lehnert

Leader: The voice of the Lord declares, “Comfort, O Comfort My people!”

People: A voice cries out, “Prepare the way of the Lord!”

Leader: The earth will be transformed; God’s glory will be revealed.

People: **We expect Your arrival in fire and flame. Instead, we follow a star on a cold night.**

Leader: You meet us in this place as we remember Your curious way.

People: **As we wait, cleanse us. As we wait, mold us.**

Leader: Our eyes and ears perceive no other god besides You.

People: **We will worship You. We are Your people - we wait for You.**

## \*Unison Prayer of Invocation & Confession

*Meet with us now, in this place and time, O Holy God! Move within the walls of this building and within the walls of our hearts. Forgive us for the times we refuse to listen to those who announce Your presence.*

*Forgive us when we ignore the cries that come from the wilderness.*

*Transform us from people of worry and anxiety to children of peace – that we may present the Living Prince of Peace to the world around us. Amen.*

## \*Opening Carol

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

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## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

Audrey Lehnert

## Children's Message

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Scripture Reading

Lighting of the Peace Candle

An Advent Prayer

Advent Carol "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" (vs. 1) #155

Adult Choir Anthem "Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love" (*Martin*)

### Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "The Christmas Rose" (*Martin*)

\*Doxology #34

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kyle

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

### Scripture Reading

John 14:15-27

Pastor Kyle

### Sermon

"Peace: A Gift for All"

Pastor Kyle

### \*Closing Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

"Gloria in Excelsis" (*Gounod*)

## **We at St. Peter's are praying for:**

*Carter Fortin, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Heather Phillips, Dorothy Kutemeier, Judy Schneider, Pamela Nolan, Kristopher Meyer, Jeff Jones, Jackqueline Dupuis, Sandy Erickson, Ken Erickson, Tim Langlois, Anita Bush, Dornita Hamann, Jack Hiland, Tim Miller, Claudia Scott, Natalie Lacer, Nancy Vittori, Krystal Frahm, and Colette Lawrence*

## **Announcements**

**Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders):** Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the lock in and to everyone who donated food and other items. For more details, visit our Facebook page or go to our church website at [www.stpetersgp.org](http://www.stpetersgp.org), (Under Ministries Section). You can also contact Josh (815) 693-5341 or Neal (815) 549-5911.

**Offering envelopes:** Offering envelopes are now available on the table outside of the church office.

### **COOKIES @ CHRISTMAS Advent Adult Sunday School Class:**

Please join us on Sundays at 9 a.m. for an adult Advent Bible Study during the month of December. Feel free to bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share with the group. Coffee will be provided. We will meet December 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall.

**Beecher Food Pantry:** The pantry is looking for donations of shampoo, deodorant, pudding, jello, canned fruit, cream corn, pasta noodles, soup (hearty variety), mayo, spam, tuna, boxed potatoes, canned pasta, hamburger helper, peanut butter, and toilet paper. Thank you.

**Lay Readers:** We are looking for a lay reader for December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> (11p.m.), 29<sup>th</sup> and through January. If interested, please put your name on the sign up sheet outside the sanctuary.



## 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 9<sup>TH</sup>.**

In honor of/color/size \_\_\_\_\_

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In memory of/color/size \_\_\_\_\_

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Total: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Mexican Progressive Dinner**



**The St. Peter's Church Life committee invites you to our Mexican Progressive Dinner on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 5 PM.**

**Plan now to enjoy this fun evening all held at the church as we move from room to room enjoying appetizers, soups, salads, a main dish, dessert, and beverages.**

**Additionally, we will have a salsa (dip) competition. Plan on submitting your best salsa to see if you win the fun-spirited contest!**

**We will enjoy fellowship as we cap the evening with some fun games.**

**Best part....it's FREE! So plan now to attend.**

**Sign-up will be held soon!**