



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 10th, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Katheryn Hickey-Scott

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“No Room” (*Peterson*)

Lighting of the Candles

Adelyn Karstensen

*Call to Worship

Katheryn Hickey-Scott

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

People: **We come with our worries, trusting in God’s goodness.**

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

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

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

People: **God knows our need for peace. He desires to comfort those in distress.**

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

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

Prayer of Invocation

Sacrament of Baptism Myles, Evelynn, and Eloise Breckenridge

*Hymn

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

#153

Pastoral Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Schroeder family

The candle of Peace

Scripture Reading

Lighting of the Peace Candle

An Advent Prayer

Song

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

#178

Children’s Moment

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “Deux Noels Harmonises” (*Guilmant*)

*Doxology

#34

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:30-33; Matthew 6:25-27

Pastor Kyle

***Responsive Song**

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

#177

Sermon

“The Weary World of Worry”

Pastor Kyle

***Closing Hymn**

“While by the Sheep”

#200

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude & Extinguishing of the Candles** “In Dulci Jubilo” (*Suso*)

Today, we celebrate the baptisms of Myles, Evelyn, and Eloise Breckenridge. They are the children of Mitchell and Megan Breckenridge. Their grandparents are Rodney & Lori Breckenridge, Michael & Tammy Reaman, and Chris & Pam Pilbeam. Great grandparents are James & Connie Malone, Steve & Patty Regnier, and Jerry & Susan Pilbeam. The white carnations on the altar are in celebration of their baptisms.

We at St. Peter's are praying for:

Gene Sievers, Carter Fortin, Linda Havelly, Taylor Cleary, Joy Currier, Heather Phillips, 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, and Jolienne Scott

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): Thank you to all who donated their time and items to the lock in. The kids had a great time! Fusion will 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: There’s always room for more 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 18th meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815) 465-6933. Thank you.

Poinsettias: Today is the last day to put in your Poinsettia order forms. Forms are located on the table outside of the sanctuary.

Children’s Christmas program: The children’s Christmas program will be Sunday, December 17th, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.