


ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
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**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

God is still speaking.

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Grant Park, Illinois 60940

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 11th, 2022

10:30 AM

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

Pre-Service Music & Countdown

Welcome & Announcements

Audrey Lehnert

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Christmas Medley” (*Stickles*)

*Call to Worship

Based on John 1:6-8, 19-28 Audrey Lehnert

Leader: With joy this day, we anticipate the One Who is coming;
the arrival of the Messiah.

People: **The One we call the Word! The One we call the Light!**

Leader: Like John the Baptist, we are not the light. In our worship, we
testify to the light.

People: **Our testimony is prayer and praise, song and scripture.**

Leader: Our testimony is preaching and teaching, learning and serving.

People: **May our testimony be a sweet sound in Your ear, O God.**

*Unison Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Most powerful God, Your Word teaches us to rejoice always. We confess that we aren't always obedient to these words. We'd rather sulk about the things that aren't going right. Your Word teaches us to pray continuously, and yet, we go for days without even thinking about You. Your Word commands to be thankful in every situation of life, but our thankfulness wavers when we don't get the blessings we believe we deserve. Teach us to hold fast to what is good and to allow Your spirit to move in our lives. Amen.

***Hymn**

“The King of Glory Comes”

#159

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism

Joliene Margaret Mary Scott

Scripture Reading

John 3:7-18

Audrey Lehnert

***Hymn**

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” (*vs. 1, 3, 5*)

#156

Sermon

“The Symbols of Christmas”

Pastor Kyle

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“Old English Carol” (*Dixon*)

*Responsive Song

“Alleluia” (*Vs.1 &3*)

#316

***Closing Prayer**

***Closing Song**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

#153

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (*Mendelssohn*)

This week at St. Peter's:

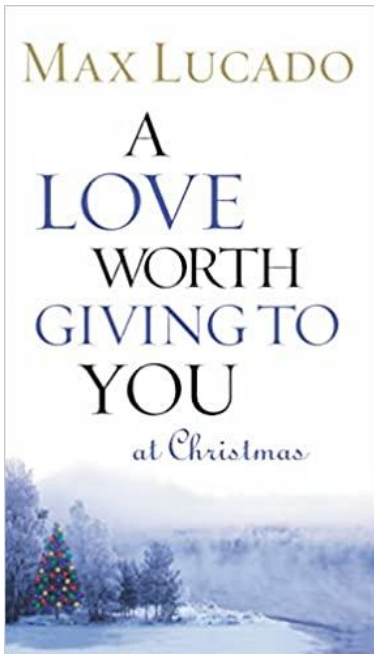
Wednesday, Dec. 14th: Choir Rehearsal (7 p.m.)
Wednesday, Dec. 14th: Dart ball vs. Manhattan (8 p.m.)
Friday, Dec. 16th: Youth Lock In (5:30 p.m.)

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, Russ Koehn, Pamela Nolan, Alexis Verhulst, the Verhulst family, and Jill & Jeff Miller (& baby)

Congratulations

Today, we celebrate the baptism of Joliene Margaret Mary Scott. She is the child of Katheryn Hickey-Scott and Claudia Scott. Joliene's sponsors are Richard & Kathleen Rodriguez.



“A Love Worth Giving to You at Christmas”

The Missions’ Team has purchased 150 copies of Max Lucado’s book *A Love Worth Giving to You at Christmas* as an opportunity for you to share the love of Jesus with someone nearby this Christmas.

With each book, we have provided a postcard with our Christmas Eve service times and other information to invite the recipients to worship with us.

Our hope is that you take a copy (or a few) and hand them to someone you know as an invitation to worship with us. Being strategic in using them to give to someone who doesn’t already attend church, has been gone for a while, or as an opportunity to share God’s love with someone who really needs encouraging this Christmas season will help us make the most out of this outreach opportunity.

The books are available on the tables near the back of the sanctuary.

Announcements

Deeper During Advent Discussions (Sundays @ 9 am): Join us during the 9 a.m. Christian Education Hour during Advent for a Bible Study geared towards celebrating Advent. Classes will meet in the Clyde Lange Fellowship Hall on November 27th and December 4th, 11th, and 18th.

Advent Daily Devotionals by PK: Beginning November 27th, Pastor Kyle will release a new Advent Daily Devotional each day during the Advent Season.

These will be available on our church website at www.stpetersgp.org under Media/Devotions. We will also try to post them daily on the St. Peter's UCC Facebook Page.

If you'd like to receive these daily devotionals via email each day, please email Pastor Kyle at pastorkyletimmons@live.com to be added to the daily email list.

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): The youth will be having a lock-in this Friday at 5:30 p.m. Pick up is on Saturday at 9 a.m. 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 canned carrots, spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce, creamed corn, canned pasta, hearty soups, pancake mix, syrup, shampoo, conditioner, dish soap, laundry detergent, and paper towels.

Holiday Helper: presents are to be returned unwrapped and with the original tag taped to it today. Thank you to everyone who generously supports the local program that provides presents to area families in need at Christmas.

Christmas Eve Services: will be at 4:00 p. m. and 7:00 p.m. on December 24th. Communion will be shared during the 7:00 p.m. service. We will have candlelight at both services.

Christmas Day Worship: will be at 10:30 a.m. There will NOT be Sunday School that morning. **New Year's Day** service will be online ONLY. It will be available on our facebook page, our church website at www.stpetersgp.org (Under Media & Sermons), and on YouTube (Search Reverend KJT for the page).

Closing the Gap: As we near the end of the year, we have found that our church giving for 2022 is below our church budget/expenditures by roughly \$16,000. This is not terrible considering the economic times we are in; however, if you are able to give a little more during the upcoming weeks or are making your end of the year contributions, please prayerfully considering giving above and beyond to help St. Peter's finish the financial year on a strong note. Thanks!

Zion's Cookie Walk



Santa Can Only Have Christmas Cookies 1 Day a Year!

Santa Claus is coming to town and Mrs. Claus has put him on a diet, so he is very excited and hungry for his cookies.

Well, I got just the place for you to come and get him some. Come on over to Zion United Church of Christ and grab him an assortment of cookies.

Saturday, December 17th

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

\$6.00 lb.

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