



# 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

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

## Welcome & Announcements

Kelly Schneider

## Ringing of the Bell

## Prelude

“Carol of Christmas” (*Peterson*)

## Lighting of the Candles

Max Currier

## Choral Call to Worship

“Jesus, Name Above All Names” (*Hearn*)

## \*Call to Worship

Kelly Schneider

Leader: We have come to worship the One Who is above all gods.

People: **We call Him Jesus, Emmanuel, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: His Name speaks truth to all the world and brings hope to all who call on Him.

People: **He is the Redeemer, the Light of the world, the Bright Morning Star, the Savior of the world.**

Leader: Let the faithful of God join together in offering Him praise!

## Opening Prayer of Invocation

## \*Opening Carol

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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## Scripture Reading

Psalm 116:1-7; 12-19

Kelly Schneider

## Children’s Message



## **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, Ed 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):** 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.

**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 readers for December 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.

**Christmas Eve:** Christmas Eve services will be held at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

**Sunday School:** There will be no Sunday School December 29<sup>th</sup>.

# **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 today on the clipboard on the back table in the sanctuary.**



## **UCC Christmas Fund Envelopes**

There are special UCC Christmas Fund envelopes located in the church pews. Donations will go directly to UCC and applied to Christmas Fund account. The Christmas Fund has been caring for active, retired clergy, and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years. They provide emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

### **Junior High/High School Sunday School class Service Project**

The Junior High/High School Sunday School class is collecting items to help set up an apartment for a homeless person through the community service organization called Fortitude in Kankakee. Persons may donate an item individually or with another person or persons to provide an everyday item that most of us take for granted, like towels, sheets, silverware, or a broom. A sign-up sheet is placed in the east entrance near the Christmas mailboxes. All items need to be delivered to the church office by January 12, 2025. Please see Adelyn Karstensen, Brianna Karstensen, Carlie Langlois, Nixon Marcotte, Anna Timmons, or Rebecca Timmons with questions.