



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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Christmas Eve 2023



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

Welcome & Announcements

<u>Prelude</u>	“Good Christian Men, Rejoice” (<i>arr. Torrans</i>)	7 PM
	“Away in a Manger” (<i>Murray</i>)	11 PM

Lighting of the Candles

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, faithful watchers, and behold, your Salvation is here!

People: **We greet the Wondrous Light, our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

Leader: We have watched and waited, longing for God to show up and save us from the weary world of busyness, worry, and hate.

People: **We greet the Wondrous Light; the fulfillment of our hope.**

Leader: We have watched and waited, longing for true peace to dwell among us; a peace that removes unjust barriers, saves us from sin, and binds us together as the people of God.

People: **We greet the Wondrous Light, the Bringer of our just peace.**

Leader: We have watched and waited, longing for joy that is persistent in the face of grief, lament, chaos, and oppression.

People: **We greet the Wondrous Light, the Source of our joy.**

Leader: We have watched and waited, longing to encounter the Love that transforms us and the Love that is here now, first as a babe in a manger, then as a teacher, a friend, and our Savior.

People: **We greet the Wondrous Light, Love Incarnate Who has come to save us and transform us. Amen.**

***Prayer of Invocation**

<u>*Hymn</u>	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	#182
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Pastoral Prayer

<u>Adult Choir Anthem</u>	“Come Follow That Star” (<i>Price/Besig</i>)	7 PM
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Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory	“What Child Is This?” (<i>arr. McDonald</i>)	7 PM
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	“The Holly and the Ivy” (<i>Trad. English Carol</i>)	11 PM
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<u>Scripture Reading</u>	Isaiah 9:2-7	Pastor Kyle
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<u>*Carol</u>	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	#185
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<u>A Christmas Message</u>	“A Light in Our Weary World”	Pastor Kyle
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***A Service of Candlelight**

Songs	“Away in a Manger”	#203
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	“Silent Night”	#186
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***Closing Prayer & Benediction**

<u>*Benediction in Song</u>	“Let There Be Peace on Earth”	#614
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***Postlude & Extinguishing of the Candles**

	“Let There Be Peace on Earth” (<i>Miller/Jackson</i>)	7 PM
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	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (<i>Mendelssohn</i>)	11 PM
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*** The church office will be closed Monday, December 25th, and
Tuesday December 26th.

***There will be no Sunday School or church service on December 31st.

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, Jeff Jones, Craig Schneider, Dean Lohrbach, Jackqueline Dupuis, Tom Kastner, Margaret Kastner, Kim Woolley, and the family of Shearlene Bartman

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 music related expenses (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): 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: The food pantry does not need any donations at this time. 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 no meeting in January. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna at (815) 465-6933. Thank you.

Congregational Meeting: The annual congregational meeting will be held on January 28th, 2024, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

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



In Memory Of

Bev Junker given by Garry Junker

Herman & Edna Junker given by Garry Junker

Lester & Doraine Boicken given by Garry Junker

Lost loved ones given by Ken & Jan Bonifield

Eleanor Tyson given by The Tyson Family

Earl & Lela Kuetemeyer given by Betty Wolfe

***Please take your poinsettia at the conclusion of service.