



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 24th, 2023

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

Welcome & Announcements

Joliene Scott

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” (*Held*)

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Joliene Scott

Leader: People of God: Come to this place of worship!
Come, shout, and sing.

People: **Let us proclaim the Good News of peace on earth!**
Let us be instruments of His peace.

Leader: As the angels dance and the bright star shines:

People: **Let all of creation bow to the Lord of all. Let God’s people
shine the light of Christ in this world of darkness.**

Leader: Good Christian friends rejoice; our Emmanuel is with us.

People: **He is One with us, yet born to save. Come, Emmanuel,
show us the way to God.**

*Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Kyle

*Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

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Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Currier family

The candle of Love

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2, 6

Lighting of the Love Candle

An Advent Prayer

Song

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

#178

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "I Am So Glad on Christmas Eve"

*Doxology

#34

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-6

Pastor Kyle

***Responsive Song**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#185

Sermon

"The Weary World of Hate"

Pastor Kyle

***Closing Hymn**

"Away in a Manger"

#203

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude & Extinguishing of the Candles** "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

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*

*** 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.

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 is 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 28, 2024, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

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

Annual Report: Please have your Annual committee reports in to the office as soon as you can in January. Thank you.

College Students: Please contact the church office if you have a student attending college. We would like to compile a list with their addresses. Thank you.



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