



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 29th, 2024

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

Welcome & Announcements

Kevin Mussman

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“What Child is This?” (*Tornquist*)

Lighting of the Candles

Gavin Karstensen

*Call to Worship

Kevin Mussman

Leader: Don't we all know....

People: **This is a place for surprise; a place for the unexpected.
This is a place for finding what is lost or what is sought.
This is a place for hearing and learning anew.
This is a place for a sigh of relief; the end of a journey...
or the beginning of one...**

Come to this place; find and be found, in surprise and joy.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Kevin Mussman

Come into our presence Holy Spirit. Guide us in our time of worship to hear once again from Your Word. May we experience a time of renewing and refreshing of our spirits that we may be full of Your spirit. Amen.

*Opening Carol

“Arise Your Light is Come”

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Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 16:1-8

Kevin Mussman

Children's Message

Kelly Schneider

Worshipping God with our Offerings

Jim Schneider

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks by Night" (*Handel*)

*Doxology

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Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52

Kevin Mussman

***Carol**

"We Three Kings"

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Sermon

"Where We All Need to Be"

Rebecca Timmons

***Benediction**

Jim Schneider

***Closing Hymn**

"As With Gladness"

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***Postlude**

"Come, All Ye Shepherds" (*unknown*)

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, Tim Miller, Evelyn Bond, Claudia Scott, Natalie Lacer, Nancy Vittori, Krystal Frahm, and Colette Lawrence

Announcements

Fusion Events (Youth Group for 6th-12th graders): 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.

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 lay readers through January. If interested, please put your name on the sign up sheet outside the sanctuary.

A Call to the Congregational Meeting: The annual congregational meeting will be held on February 2, 2025, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Mexican Progressive Dinner: Church Life is hosting a Mexican Fiesta on January 25th at 5 p.m. Please sign up on the clipboard if you are interested in attending. This is an adults only event.

Mexican Progressive Dinner



The St. Peter's Church Life committee invites you to our Mexican Progressive Dinner on January 25th, 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 when the clipboard passes by during worship.