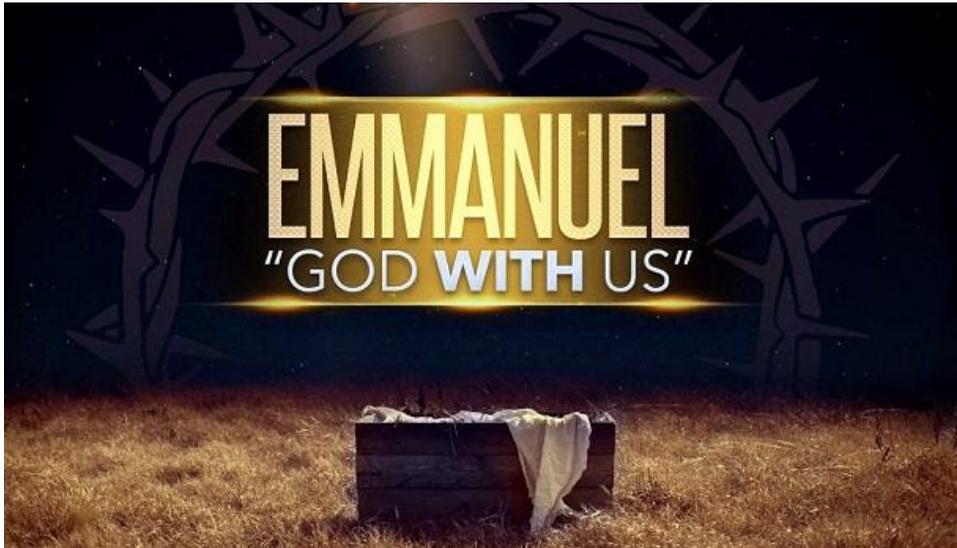


ST. PETER'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday, December 13th 2020

Celebrating 150 years of faithfulness to our community

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Candle of Joy

Scripture

Prayer

Song

“When God is a Child” (*verse 3*)

Scripture Reading

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Christmas Song

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

9 AM

#193 - “Sing We Now of Christmas” (*vs 1-3*)

10:30 AM

Service of Prayer

Sharing of Concerns & Joys

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11

Sermon

“Emmanuel – God is Still With Us: Shouts of Joy!”

Closing Song

“Hope Has a Name”

Screen

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

“How Great our Joy!” (*Traditional*)

Judy Schneider

We at St. Peter's are praying for:

(If you wish for your name to be taken off this list, or would like to be added to the list, please let Pastor Kyle or the church office know. Thanks in advance).

Gary Ekhoﬀ
Nancy Lewke
Austin Delaney
Delores Caton
Ken Erickson
Pauline Mitchell
Paul Loverin

Gene Sievers
Melissa Mort
Mason Beseke
James Caton
Mildred Katz
Minnie Pﬂingsten
Linda Schneider

Sherrie Hruby
Carter Fortin
Rev. Frank Hoss
Linda Havely
Ralph Kutemeier
Louise Sievers

How can I give of my tithe and offerings:

Option 1 – Place your offering envelope or gift in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or drop off at the church during the week.

Option 2 – You can mail in your financial gifts to the church office. The address is St. Peter's UCC, PO Box 220, Grant Park, IL 60940.

Option 4 – You can sign up to give automatically from your checking or savings account via an EFT automatic withdrawal – if you'd like a form to fill out, please contact the church office and we'll help you set one up.

Option 5 – You can visit our church webpage for giving and make a secure donation at www.stpetersgp.org/give/

Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,^[a]
² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.
⁴ They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.
¹⁰ I delight greatly in the LORD;
my soul rejoices in my God.
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹ For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.

John 1:6-8, 19-28

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders^[a] in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

²² Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"^[b]

²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶ "I baptize with^[c] water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Hope Has A Name

Breaking through the silence
With glory in the highest
The hope of all creation
Resting in his mother's arms

A song on the horizon
Ringing through the heavens
The long-awaited Savior
Come to set the captives free
Come to set the captives free
Come set us free

Chorus

Hope has a name - Emmanuel
The Light of the World
Who broke through the darkness

All hail the King - Emmanuel
The Light of the World
The Glory of Heaven

We didn't see it coming
The story of redemption
What started in a manger
Ended in an empty grave
Oh I know that (Chorus)

Come if you're broken
Come if you're searching
If you need healing
He's where you find it
Lay down your burdens
And breathe in forgiveness
If you need freedom
Yeah He's where you find it
Oh if you need freedom
Yeah He's where you find it
Yeah He's where you find it oh