

**We at St. Peter's are praying for:**

Ken & Sandy Erickson, Judy Schneider, Ed & Anita Bush, Gene Sievers, Dornita Hamann, Brad Fisher, Janey Fick, Larry Ohm, Tim Langlois (Marcia's son), Kristopher Meyer (Krystal Frahm's brother), Del Engleking, and Tim Miller (Norma Lehnert's brother).

**LOOKING FOR TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Scan the barcode with your phone to access today's Scripture readings.



**LITURGIST SIGN-UP:** Lots of blank spaces...**Please** fill it up! *“Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.” Exodus 4:12*



**ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS:** The Annual Meeting will be here before we know it...your board reports are due the first week in January.

**BLESSING BOX:** Please remember the blessing box during this time of the year. It is frequently getting used...if you can, help by refilling it with non-perishable packaged and canned goods.



**OUTDOOR SIGN:** Anyone interested in being the “Outdoor Sign Manager” ... we are still looking!

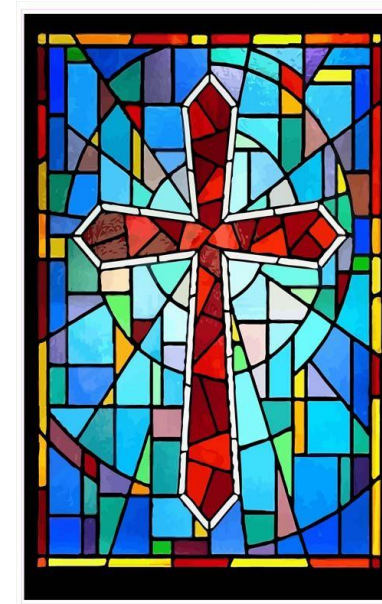


**COOKIE EXCHANGE:** What a great turnout for the first ever cookie exchange! Thank you to all who participated!

**KEYS:** If you have any information you wish to have in the Keys, please get it to the office ASAP. The next issue will go out the end of the month.



<b>Today</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	
<b>Monday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Office Open 8am – 12pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	Office Open 8am-12pm; Christmas Eve Service @ 7:30pm, Rev. Tom Norwalk
<b>Thursday</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	Merry Christmas
<b>Friday</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Saturday</b>	27 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	Guest Speaker Neal Currier



# ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# Sunday, December 21, 2025

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

## Welcome & Announcements

Neal Currier

## Ringing of the Bell and Lighting of the Candles

### Prelude

*“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”*

Bach

### Opening Hymn

*“We Light the Advent Candles” Verses 1 & 5*

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## Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle – Love ~ Ann Smith and Betty Wolfe

### \*Call to Worship

Kaylie Meherg

Leader: Bless God, all the people of faith and hope. God has looked on us with great favor.

**People: God is our refuge and strength in times of trouble. God is our guide and inspiration when things go well.**

Leader: God gives light to those who live in the shadows. God offers stillness amid the turbulence of our times.

**People: We live in covenant with God, who gives us the best. We are eager to give our best to God in return.**

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, we meet for worship. God has brought the dawn of a new day for our use.

**People: Praise God for signs and wonders all around us. Praise God for peace and reconciliation.**

### \*Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)

**We worship you with gladness. O God our Shepherd, for you have gathered us as your beloved flock. You have sent a mighty Savior, who has demonstrated among us the power of love. Send your spirit now to remind us of your gifts and to strengthen us for our tasks. May we show our loyalty to Christ by the way we live every day. Amen.**

### \*Hymn

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

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## Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Kaylie Meherg

## Children’s Message

### Pastoral Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### \*Hymn

*“What Child Is This”*

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## Worshiping God with our Offerings

Offertory *“Lullabies for the Christ Child”*

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

Moser & Scheidt

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## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1

### Sermon

*“When joy feels distant; God is still with you!”*

Neal

### \*Closing Hymn

*“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”*

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### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

*“How Great Our Joy”*

Jungst

### SERVING YOU TODAY:

*Guest Speaker*

Neal Currier

*Organist*

Shari Ohm

*December Council Person*

Council Members

*Choir Director*

*Liturgist*

Kaylie Meherg

*Greeters/Ushers*

Jim Hamann Family

*Acolyte*

Kaylie Meherg



*In Memory Of*

Honoree

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Lester Seitz  
Jean Seitz  
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Ione Engleking  
Sharon Dillman  
Clyde Lange  
Ryan Ohm  
Lela & Earl Kutemeyer  
Johnny Loitz  
Bill & Carol Loitz  
Shirley Riley  
Craig Schneider  
Ronald & Marlene Schneider  
Bev Junker  
Herman & Edna Junker  
Lester & Doraine Boicken

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Larry & Shari Ohm  
Family  
Nancy Marcotte  
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Bill Riley, Kevin & Debbie Mussman  
Julie Schneider  
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