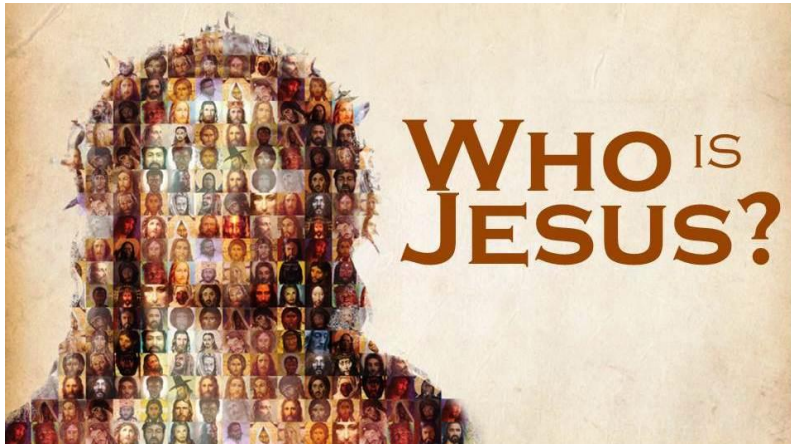
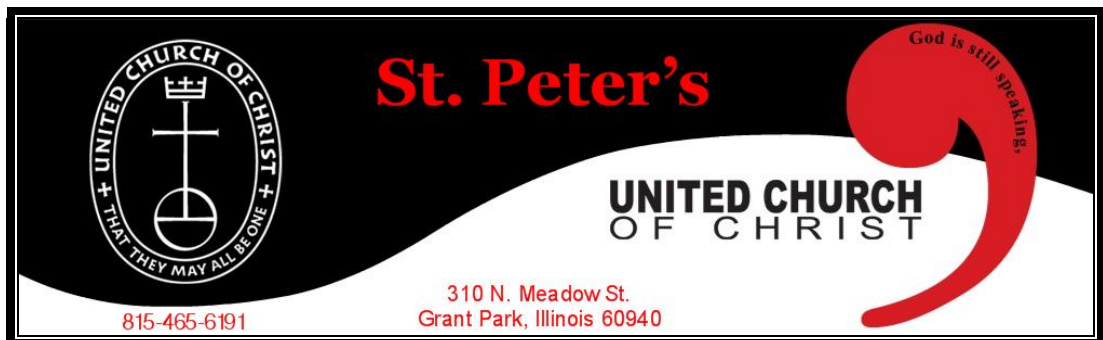


ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 & 10:30
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 3rd, 2021

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

Pre-Service Music and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Glory Be to Jesus” (*Lau*)

Shari Ohm

Call to Worship

Leader: On this day to rejoice in the light, we recall what Jesus said:

People: *“I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

People: *And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!*

Leader: Let us radiate that light and praise the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Worship with Music

“O Praise the Name”

9:00 am

“Sing We Now of Christmas” (*vs. 1,3, 4 & 5*)

10:30 am

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:15-25

Christmas Response

“Prepare Our Hearts”

9:00 am

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (v. 3)

10:30 am

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Sharing of Concerns & Joys

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Singing of the Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen.*

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table
Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Communion Prayer
Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon:

“Who is this Jesus: Why do they want Him Dead?”

Closing Hymn

“Lift Up Jesus”
“The Boy-Child of Mary”

9:00 am
10:30 am

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” (*Johnson*)

Shari Ohm



Jeremiah 31:15-25

¹⁵ This is what the LORD says: “A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says: “Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded,” declares the LORD. “They will return from the land of the enemy.

¹⁷ So there is hope for your descendants,” declares the LORD. “Your children will return to their own land.

¹⁸ “I have surely heard Ephraim’s moaning ‘You disciplined me like an unruly calf, and I have been disciplined. Restore me, and I will return, because you are the LORD my God.

¹⁹ After I strayed, I repented; after I came to understand, I beat my breast. I was ashamed and humiliated because I bore the disgrace of my youth.’

²⁰ Is not Ephraim my dear son, the child in whom I delight? Though I often speak against him, I still remember him. Therefore my heart yearns for him; I have great compassion for him,” declares the LORD.

²¹ “Set up road signs; put up guideposts. Take note of the highway, the road that you take. Return, Virgin Israel, return to your towns.

²² How long will you wander, unfaithful Daughter Israel? The LORD will create a new thing on earth—the woman will return to the man.”

²³ This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “When I bring them back from captivity,^[c] the people in the land of Judah and in its towns will once again use these words: ‘The LORD bless you, you prosperous city, you sacred mountain.’ ²⁴ People will live together in Judah and all its towns—farmers and those who move about with their flocks. ²⁵ I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint.

Matthew 2:13-23

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”^[c]

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Offering Envelopes:

Offering envelopes for 2021 are on the table near the courtyard entrance. If you do not have envelopes, but would like to receive them, please contact the church office and we will make sure you receive a box.

Other Ways to Give:

Option 1 – Place your offering envelope or gift in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

Option 2 – You can mail in your financial gifts to the church office. The address is St. Peter's UCC, PO Box 231, Grant Park, IL 60940.

Option 3 – You can drop your financial gifts off to the church during office hours.

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/ You can give just one time or set it up for reoccurring gifts as well.

Christian Education Update:

Sunday School classes will resume on January 3rd. Currently, there are three different age-group classes. Pre-School – 5th Grade, Middle School, and High School.

Sunday School is at 9 am each Sunday. We'd love to see your child(ren) return to class as a Biblical foundation is important in everyone's life.

Confirmation Classes/Info:

As we try to “catch up” on some lost class-time, we are going to meet three times in January. The dates are January 3rd, 17th, and 31st. Classes meet immediately following worship.

A simple reminder...even if/when classes are cancelled it is still required to be in attendance in Sunday School and church weekly.

2021 Congregational Meeting:

The 2021 Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31st immediately following the 10:30 service. If you can't be in attendance, but would like to participate via Zoom, please contact the church office by January 27th and let them know. We will email you an invitation to the Zoom meeting a day prior to the meeting.

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, but would like to vote for the church budget and/or replacement council members, please let us know and we can provide that information over the phone and you can submit your vote over the phone or via mail.

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 & James Caton

Ken Erickson

Pauline Mitchell

Jerry Regnier

Gene Sievers

Melissa Mort

Mason Beseke

Linda Havely

Mildred Katz

Minnie Pﬀingsten

Sherrie Hruby

Carter Fortin

Rev. Frank Hoss

Paul Loverin

Ralph Kutemeier

Louise Sievers

Prepare Our Hearts

Prepare our hearts to worship You
the Ever Faithful, Ever True.

Forgive our sin and make us new.

Prepare our hearts to worship You.

Prepare our hearts for holy ground.

Let our defenses tumble down.

Come do what only You can do:

Prepare our hearts to worship You.

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Prepare our hearts for holy ground.

Let our defenses tumble down.

Come do what only You can do:

Prepare our hearts to worship You.

Prepare our hearts to worship You.

To worship You.

We worship You

O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our
God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your
praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your
sting?

The angels roar for Christ the King
O praise the Name of the Lord our
God

O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your
praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

O praise the Name of the Lord our
God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your
praise

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
O praise the Name of the Lord our
God

O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your
praise

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Lift Up Jesus

There's just something about Him
Fills my heart with joy
There's just something about His
name
Only one that I worship
Only one I adore
Only one my heart will praise
There's just something about His
name

Jesus, lift up Jesus
Sing the name that overcomes
Savior, He has freed us
Lift up Jesus, Lift Him up

He's a river of mercy
He's the fountain of life
All my sins are washed away
He's the reason I'm singing
He's my song in the night
He's been faithful all my days
There's just something about His
name

Jesus, lift up Jesus
Sing the name that overcomes
Savior, He has freed us
Lift up Jesus, Lift Him up

Holy, holy
The whole earth is filled with His
glory
Holy, holy, worthy of praise
Holy, holy
All the saints are singing His glory
Holy, holy, no other name
Holy, holy
The whole earth is filled with His
glory
Holy, holy, worthy of praise
Holy, holy
All the saints are singing His glory
Holy, holy, no other name

Jesus, lift up Jesus
Sing the name that overcomes
Savior, He has freed us
Lift up Jesus, Lift Him up
Jesus, lift up Jesus
Sing the name that overcomes
Savior, He has freed us
Lift up Jesus, Lift Him up
Lift Him up now
There's something about Your name