



ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday Morning: Sunday School – 9:00am; Worship – 10:30am
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Sunday, January 4, 2026

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

Welcome & Announcements

Michelle Claussen

Ringing of the Bell and Lighting of the Candles

Rylie Breier

Prelude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Kirkland

*Call to Worship

Michelle Claussen

One: God calls us now in this Christmas season to become new,

All: to make room for our own nativity, even where there is no room in the inn.

One: Where we are busy –

All: peace.

One: Where we are sad –

All: joy.

One: Where we are bitter –

All: love. Let this hour be a time to hope for all these gifts of God. Amen.

*Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)

God of this new day and new year, we thank you for the joy in our lives. We come to this place because somewhere in our lives, faintly or distinctly we have heard you call us. We come to share in your presence. We come to say thanks because we are your people. We come to worship, to know better what your call upon us means. Help us to listen, God. Amen.

*Hymn

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 147:12-20

Michelle Claussen

Youth Choir Anthem

"Go Tell Everyone"

Richards

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** "Seek Ye First" Page 349

Worshiping God with our Offerings

Offertory "Communion Meditation" Wilson

*Doxology Page 34

*Offertory Prayer (In Unison)

It is a new year, God. We bring you our hopes and dreams for the months ahead. We give our resources and ourselves to you, the source of all blessing in our lives. Amen

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon Rev. Doug

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Words of Institution

Consecration of and Sharing the Elements

Prayer (In Unison)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" Page 569

***Benediction**

***Postlude** "Father, We Praise Thee" Smith

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Guest Speaker	Rev. Doug Zimmerman	Organist	Shari Ohm
January Council Person	Audrey Lehnert	Choir Director	Betty Wolfe
Liturgist	Michelle Claussen	Greeters/Ushers	Larry and Gail Hamann
Acolyte	Rylie Breier		

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...let's get it filled up!



ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS: The Annual Meeting will be here before we know it...your board reports are due the first week in January. Please email them to the office. Thank you!

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!

TAKING DOWN THE GREENS: Next Sunday after church we will be taking down the greens...many hands light work!

Today	4 th	Cemetery Meeting after church
Monday	5 th	Office Open 8am – 12pm; 4-H
Tuesday	6 th	Christian Ed @ 6:30pm; Church Life @ 7:00pm
Wednesday	7 th	Office Open 8am-12pm; Adult Choir @ 7:00pm; Dart @ home @ 7:30pm
Thursday	8 th	
Friday	9 th	Girl Scouts @ 4:30pm
Saturday	10 th	
Next Sunday	11 th	Guest Speaker Neal Currier; Un-Hang the Greens after church