



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

January 2, 2022

Second Sunday after Christmas

Our mission: Love like Jesus...

Welcome all, love all, grow in faith together, and seek justice for all.  
*"Just as I have loved you, you should love each other."* – John 13:34

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We, the members of Peace United Church of Christ, believe that we are called to be a congregation of grace and welcome to all of God's children:

- to celebrate every person as a child of God, created in God's image.
- to love all as God has first loved us.
- to acknowledge the presence of, and offer healing to the wounds of oppression, injustice, prejudice, and hate, and to stand with those who are left out.

Following Christ's example, we welcome and include everyone in all aspects of life, leadership, and ministry of the church. We affirm persons of all races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, family structures, physical or mental abilities, political stances, faith backgrounds and socio-economic status.

In the way of Jesus, we stand against acts of hate and violence in all their forms.

Therefore, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming Congregation, where an extravagant welcome and grace are extended to all, and each person's gifts are celebrated, welcomed, nurtured, and blessed, that all may be one. Amen.

Approved by Peace Church 10/20/2019

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*Our vision:* "Peace Church exists to feed souls,  
grow in God's extravagant love and  
together serve all of God's children and creation."

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## *WORSHIP SERVICE*

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Prelude

Piano Selections  
Dane and Lia Piittmann

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

Hymn # 229

“The First Noel”

The Call to Worship - from Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21

Leader: Wisdom rescued a holy people and a pure generation from the grip of people who were crushing them.

**People: She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, she guided them along a marvelous way, and became a shelter to them by day, and a starry flame through the night.**

**All: They sang hymns, O Lord, to your holy name, for wisdom opened the mouths of those who were mute, and made the tongues of infants speak clearly.**

Prayer of Invocation and Our Lord’s Prayer

Gentle Jesus, through your birth you invite us to walk more closely with God. Jesus, in your face you offer us the opportunity to see the face of God. In one another’s faces you challenge us to see you. We gather our hearts in worship and celebration of your birth among us. We open our hearts, our hands and our eyes that we may see and be your witness in the world. Together we pray: **“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.”**

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**All: O Lord you have asked us to draw as close to you as we are to ourselves. And yet we build barriers, walls within ourselves, walls between us and you. Loving Lord, we fail to reach out to you-in-our-neighbors, we fail to fully embrace you-in-ourselves. Abiding Lord, we often hide ourselves from you, and then blame you for**

**abandoning us. Saving child, be born into our lives, keep us from our fears of ourselves and of you. Amen.**

One: God the loving parent, has given us the ultimate gift of grace and joy through the birth of his Son. We are wrapped in everlasting love regardless of our attempts to reject it. Jesus is born to the world that we may know that love is real and new life is for each of us. Open your hearts and welcome the Lord, for Christ has come for each of us!

↑Act of Praise #338

“King of Kings”

King of Kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!  
King of Kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

↑The Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you  
**And also with you**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Consecration

#737 Santo, Santo, Santo

*Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart is glad to say the words:  
you are Holy, Lord!*

*Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.  
Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Senor.*

Sharing Christ's Story

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**O God, in this simple meal you come to us again. You share yourself and your sustaining Spirit with our hungry souls. In the broken bread and the shared cup, the good news is proclaimed. Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen**

Children's Time - Please sing: "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

Hymn #237 "The Hands That First Held Mary's Child"

Gospel Lesson [John 1:1-18](#) (page 810)

Sermon "Looking with New Eyes"

Special Music Piano Selections  
Lia Piittmann

Prayer of Dedication

**We offer our gifts to God among us, Emmanuel. We offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to you O God. Bless and guide us that our lives may reflect your light to the world. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer –Silent Prayer

Benediction

Leader: Christ is born to each of you!

**All: We go singing prayers of thanksgiving and living out Christ's birth among us! Alleluia! And Amen!**

Announcements

Hymn #231 "Arise Your Light is Come!"

Postlude

**Lectionary for January 9:** Isaiah 43:1-7 • Psalm 29 • Acts 8:14-17 • Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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*SERVING TODAY*

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Visiting Minister: Rev. Russ Knoth  
Organist: Sherry McElhatton  
Litanist: Jackie McCurdy (9:30)

Musicians: Lia & Dane Piittmann  
Video: Jake Lemke  
Audio: Joshua Spaits

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## *BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

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### **Happy Birthday – January 2 - 8**

- Jan. 2 Laurie Struck  
Jan. 3 Adam Hembel, Pam Ludwig, Whitney Volm  
Jan. 4 Tom Ogi  
Jan. 5 Sarah Guillaume, Jim Mohr
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## *NEWS & NOTES*

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### **Calendar for the Week of January 2, 2021**

Sunday – Rev. Russ Knoth

Tuesday – No Lectionary Group

Wednesday – XYZ Cards, Book Club 9:30 a.m., NO 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class; NO Bible Study

Thursday – KEYS Meeting at Peace 6:00 p.m.

Saturday – Youth Group – Movies & Games 5-8p.m.

Sunday (1/9) – Rev. Karl Kuhn

\*Please note that Pastor Eric will be out of the office from January 2 – January 9, 2022. If you have an emergency and need a minister, please call the church office during office hours (8:00 – 3:30 M-Th, 8-noon Fr). After hours, please contact Sharon Stier at 262-335-3945

**A Reminder To All Scholarship Recipients That Your First Semester Grades Are Due In The Church Office By February 1<sup>st</sup>.**



### **Middle School Youth Group**

Karla and Josh Spaits are leading the Middle School Youth Group with lots of fun activities and events! Spread the word, bring a friend, come!

#### **January**

- **January 8<sup>th</sup>** - 5-8 pm Movie and Games
- **January 15<sup>th</sup>** - Tubing at Sunburst
- **January 22nd TBD and January 29th TBD**

**2022 Offering Envelopes** are available in the **Narthex**. Please take them home. If we have inadvertently missed you, please call the church office and we will quickly correct our error. **DO NOT USE UNTIL 2022**. Please note that your envelope number might have changed from previous years! Thank you.

### **Peace Church Kitchen Remodeling Project Update**

For the last couple of years, there has been a committee that has been working diligently on a plan to remodel our church kitchen. We have met with many contractors to discuss our project and are in the process of getting pricing.

When the time comes to dismantle the kitchen, we would like to find a new home for the existing cabinets, stove, refrigerator, dishes, and cups. If you would like to bid on these items or know someone that does, please write your name and phone number on a piece of paper along with your bid and put it in an envelope. Drop this off at the church office. If you have any questions, the committee consists of Mary Billman, Kathy Mertz, Nancy Stoffel, Becky Manthei, Shirley Ogi, Clark Pearson, Pastor Eric, and Karen Kletti.

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## *PRAYER LIST*

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### **Please let us know of any updates to the Prayer Lists**

**Those in Need of Healing**: all shut-ins and those experiencing pain or loss

#### **Members:**

Rev. Bob Blackburn  
Jon Herbst  
Marilyn McIntosh  
Dennis Novotny  
Sharon Ostermann  
Lynn Rusch

John Schmahl  
Mary Tessar  
Greg Vorpahl  
Bev Winninghoff  
Connie Zemlicka

#### **Friends & Family:**

Ezekiel  
Gene  
Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)  
Pat Jordan (B. Hallen)  
Lorrie (H. Bruenn)  
Jenna Butchlick  
Julie (Breitbach)  
Eric Covington (Fleury)  
Howard Floeter (Lemke)  
Klaine (Lemke)

Jason Lemke  
Patricia Hohl  
Debbie (Hallen)  
Jeremy (Rodenkirch)  
Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)  
Gerald Piittmann  
Babette Rhoads  
Josie Schoneman  
Colin Volm

### **Those Dealing with Cancer:**

**Members:** Betty Fleury, Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Jim Roe, Joan Schleif, Heidi Rodenkirch, Sheri Rehn

### **Friends & Family:**

David (Grundahl)

Betty (J. Michaels)

Kathy (Augustin)

Heidi (Manthei)

Henry (Meinberg)

Jean Cornell (Herriges)

Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)

Kerri Estep (Atwater)

Alan Floeter (Lemke)

Youdy Gaston (Thomas)

Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)

Paula Hader (Adler)

Brenda Jacklin (Piittmann)

Kathy Jarolimek (Henk)

Kathy (S. Augustin family)

Sheri Theep (Van Beek)

Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)

Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)

Sandra Senn (P. Behr)

Susan Tolonen

**Those in Hospice care and their families:** Ruth Whyte

### **Those Serving our Country**

**Thank you** to the following who are currently serving in the **Armed Forces**, for their courage, strength, and dedication to keeping us safe:

Julia (Leithold) Beasley (Air Force)

Sgt. Tyler Graff (Air Force – Betty Graff grandson)

Spencer Guenther (Air Force – Van Ess nephew)

Matthew Jankowski (Army National Guard – Jackie McCurdy grandson)

Luke Linden (Army National Guard – Joanne Amerling grandson)

Major Erik Rundquist (Army)

Maggie Singer (Army National Guard)

Dallas Stolowski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)

Ryan Wunsch (Army National Guard – McElhatton son-in-law)

Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

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Peace Church Prayer Chain - [prayers@peace-ucc.org](mailto:prayers@peace-ucc.org)

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