



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of Christ

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

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

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“March Jubilant”

Lorie Line

Greetings – Announcements – Prayer Requests

Hymn # 676

“Come, Be Baptized”

Turning Our Hearts to God – from Isaiah 43:1-7

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the joy and mystery of Christ's birth be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

People: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

Leader: when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

People: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Leader: I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

People: Since you are precious in my sight, and honored, and because I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Leader: Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold;

All: *bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.*”

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

With humble spirits we offer our confession to you, O God:

God of fire and water, of radical change and infinite compassion, you have formed us and you have claimed us as your own. You would have each of us hear your proclamation that: “we are your beloved children with whom you are well pleased.” You yearn to have us deeply feel the claim which you have upon our souls, and upon our lives. God, we know that we are your children... but we are broken in our faithfulness to you. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to fully live and order our lives as your disciples. Forgive us, renew us, and shape us as your servant people.

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.”

God, has claimed each of us as precious and beloved. God has offered us wholeness and forgiveness through the gift of God's own self born into the world, Christ Jesus. Rejoice and sing, for Christ has come for us, Emmanuel!

↑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

Children’s Time - Please sing: “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

Gospel Lesson

[Luke 3:1-22](#)

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Hymn #241

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

Sermon

“Living the Kingdom of God in the Everyday”

Special Music

“Blessed Assurance”

Lorie Line

Prayer of Dedication

Beloved Lord, our gifts are simple and only through you sufficient. Let our offerings remind us of your invitation to be a part of God’s will in the world. Guide us in offering our whole selves to You. In Christ’s light we pray: Amen.

Pastoral Prayer –Silent Prayer

Benediction

Leader: ...Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia and Amen!

Announcements

Hymn

“Go Make Disciples”

**Go, make disciples, baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples, for I am with you ‘til the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light of the world.
Go, be a city on a hill so all can see that you’re
serving me. Go, make disciples.**

Postlude

Lectionary for January 16: Isaiah 62:1-5 • Psalm 36:5-10 • 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 • John 2:1-11

SERVING TODAY

Minister: Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
Visiting Minister: Rev. Karl Kuhn
Organist: Sherry McElhatton

Musicians: Elsa & Berit Kirkegaard
Video: Jake Lemke
Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday – January 9 - 15

Jan. 9 Gretchen Martin, Todd Schmidt
Jan. 11 Jade Brei, Ailis Cameron, Jen Eisen, Xander Kivell
Jan. 14 Karen Secor
Jan. 15 Karen Staehler

Happy Anniversary – January 9 – 15

Jan. 13 Emil & Sandi Radeztsky (27)

NEWS & NOTES

Calendar for the Week of January 9, 2021

Sunday – Visiting Minister: Rev. Karl Kuhn

Tuesday – Lectionary Group – 10:00 a.m., Consistory Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday – XYZ Cards, 9th Grade Confirmation Class

Thursday – Grief Group 1:00 p.m.

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

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. Please note that your envelope number might have changed from previous years! Thank you.

Pastoral Relations: The Pastoral Relations Committee will be holding its first meeting of 2022 on Monday, January 17th at 6:30 p.m. If you have any joys or concerns that you would like to have included in this meeting, please contact any PR Committee member. Thank you.



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 15th - Tubing at Sunburst
- January 22nd TBD and January 29th TBD

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.

PRAYER LIST

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
Christ Gudex
Jon Herbst
Jackie McCurdy
Marilyn McIntosh
Jinny Michaels
Dennis Novotny
Sharon Ostermann

Lynn Rusch
John Schmahl
Betty Skaug
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, 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

Prayers of Comfort:

To Pastor Bob Blackburn and family. Pastor Bob's 100-year-old father passed away in his sleep on Saturday, January 1, 2022.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

To Lynn and Ron Rusch's daughter, son-in-law, and children who live in Louisville, Colorado, and are safe after evacuating their home after the devastating fires spread through their town. They were fortunate that their home survived the fire, but has smoke damage.

To the McCurdy, Jankowski, Gault, and Droese families on the birth of baby girl, Oaklynn Elizabeth Droese, born on December 31, 2021. Oaklynn's parents are Sarah Jankowski and Nathaniel Droese, grandmother, Liz Jankowski-Gault, and great-grandmother, Jackie McCurdy. Oaklynn was born 10 weeks early and is in the NICU at Mt. Sinai in Milwaukee. She is doing very well...all 2 pounds, 11 ounces of her! According to the incredible staff at Mr. Sinai, Oaklynn is full of spunk and will hopefully be coming home in 5 - 6 weeks.

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

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