



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

November 21, 2021

Christ the King

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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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“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 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Greeting

Hymn # 342 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Gathering our hearts before God – Adapted from Rev.1:4b-8

One: Grace to you and peace from God who is and was and is to come.

**Many: To God, the Alpha and Omega, be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

One: Grace and peace to each of you who come with your fears, your hopes, your doubts, your minutes of joy, and your hours of waiting.

**Many: Thanks be to Christ who loves us, and frees us, and gathers us together.**

One: This is time we set aside to worship God in deep reverence: in song, in prayer, and in praise.

**Many: May we open our hearts to the Spirit as we gather before the Lord. May this time of worship lead us to embrace more fully the reign of Christ among us in every hour of every day. Continually 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."**

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

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

**O God, we confess that we often stand with death rather than life. Our realms are worldly ones. We betray one another and turn against those who call us to know ourselves. We prefer force over prayer, profit over true abundance, brashness over humility. We**

**struggle to trust that your ways of peace, compassion, love, and true blessings always prevail. We trade knowledge of you, and that which would root us in your ways, for hollow promises of happiness and security that leave us wanting. Forgive us for what we do and for what we fail to do; for those times when we fail to love our neighbors or ourselves as you would have us do. Humbly we turn again to your redeeming grace. Amen.**

Hear the good news which Christ offers: nothing can separate us from the love of God. God offers us mercy, not because of anything which we have done, but through the power and promise of God's salvation.

↑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**

OT Lesson

[2 Samuel 23:1-7](#)

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The Children's Time - Please hum or sing: “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” as the children come down to the front before being sent to Sunday School

↑Hymn #341

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Gospel

[John 18:33-38a](#)

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Sermon

“Are We Willing to Redefine Kingship?”

Special Music

“We Will Glorify”

Twilia Paris

Prayer of Dedication

**Our offerings reflect our faithfulness to You, mighty God. They witness to the importance we place on sharing Your Word, ministering to one another, and reaching out to make a difference in Your world. As we have been influenced by Your love revealed to us in Jesus Christ, help us to communicate that love by what we do and say. Let us become as lamps brightening a cloudy day, as light**

**breaking forth at dawn. As stewards of your saving reign, we dedicate ourselves and our gifts. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen!**

Announcements

†Hymn # 159

“The King of Glory Comes”

Postlude

**Lectionary for November 28 – First Sunday of Advent:** Jeremiah 33:14-16 • Psalm 25:1-10 • 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 • Luke 21:25-36

**Today’s Altar Flowers** are from an anonymous donor in gratitude of the friendship and generosity of Peace Church.

**Correction:** OOPS, **There will be NO Thanksgiving Services at Peace Church on November 25<sup>th</sup>** – our apologies for the typo in the Tidings.

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*SERVING TODAY*

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Litanist:

Video:

Jake Lemke

Organist: Sherry McElhatton

Audio:

Joshua Spaits

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*BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

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**Happy Birthday – November 21 - 27**

Nov. 21 Marian Herriges (80), Lenore Resch (84)

Nov. 23 Shelley Oswald, Hunter Roehrig, Tricia Walker

Nov. 24 Liz Jankowski-Gaulke, Deanna Mielke

Nov. 25 Cheryl Ammel, Pat McFadden

Nov. 26 Lorelei Walker, Auden Walker

Nov. 27 Quin Dornacker, Joyce Meinberg (86)

## Happy Anniversary – November 21 - 27

Nov. 24 Brenda & John Gitter (37)

Nov. 27 Karen & John Grundahl (50), Dean & Colleen Roe (67)

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### *NEWS & NOTES*

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**Kewaskum Cookie Hunt** Peace Church will be participating in the Kewaskum Cookie Hunt on December 5<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to frost and decorate cutout cookies for this event, adults and teens are invited! cookies. Lunch will be provided!

### **Connecting with Elderly and Shut-In Members of Peace Church**

**Thursday, December 2, 2021 Time 1:00 PM**

Peace Church offers a lay visitation ministry program for members who are willing to visit one or more shut-in members on a once-monthly basis (in agreement with COVID protocol), and a vital phone call ministry for those who prefer to make phone calls. Groups meet quarterly (December 2 of 2021, and March 3 and June 2 of 2022) to discuss caring relationships and receive education on topics of interest.

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities of service or would like to start contacting shut-in members, please attend on Thursday, December 2nd at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall at church, or notify the church office (262-626-4011) if you would like the Zoom or phone link. Please join us!!!

**Adult Faith Formation** We have resumed our evening classes at a new time: the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. We have just begun a series with Sr. Joan Chittister on the Ten Commandments. Her dynamic insights challenge us to let these laws of love guide our everyday relationship with our faith. You are welcome to join the conversation at any time.

### **Scholarship Committee Christmas Cookie, Coffee and Tea Sale**

During fellowship time on December 12, there will be a Christmas Cookie Sale sponsored by the Scholarship Committee. Coffee and tea will also be available. Occasionally over the next few weeks during fellowship time between services, coffee and tea will be available for purchase. Thank you, Peace Church, for supporting this wonderful program!



## 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!

- **November 28 (Sunday)** - Cookie Decorating at Church for Kewaskum Cookie Scavenger Hunt - After the second service
- **December 5 (Sunday)** - Kewaskum Christmas Parade and Cookie Scavenger Hunt Scavenger Hunt 1-4 pm; Christmas Parade: 5:00 p.m.
- **December 11<sup>th</sup>** - 5-8 pm Movie and Games
- **No Youth Group December 18th, 25th, or January 1st.**
- **January 8<sup>th</sup>** - 5-8pm Movie and Games
- **January 15<sup>th</sup>** - Tubing at Sunburst
- **January 22nd TBD and January 29th TBD**
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**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at Peace Church in the library. Peace Church distributes prayer shawls in the following ways: for those that are undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss, baptisms (the prayer shawl is wrapped around the parents and baby during the ceremony), during an illness and recovery; ministering to others or just socializing. Please consider joining this group if you possess knitting or crocheting talents! **We are also looking for donations in order to purchase yarn.** Please direct your donation to Peace Church re: Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thank you!

## **Gingerbread House - Giving Tree**

Every year Peace Church participates in the Gingerbread House Giving Tree. Last year, because of circumstances, Peace Church gave gift cards instead of purchasing presents for families. We will be doing that again this year. It is suggested to purchase a gift card (Target, Walmart, Amazon, Piggly Wiggly, Kohls, etc...) and either mail it to Peace Church at PO Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040 or drop it in the offering plate or deliver it to the church office. We will collect the gift cards and deliver them to the Gingerbread House, which is part of The Youth and Family Project of Washington County. If you cannot get out to purchase a gift card, you may send a check to Peace Church and we will purchase the gift card for you. Please make sure you note that the donation is for the Gingerbread House program. The deadline is December 15, 2021. Last Christmas Peace Church donated a total of \$1,075 in gift cards that were given to the Giving Tree! Thank you all for participating in this very worthy program!

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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  
Fran Charland  
Dave Domasky  
Jon Herbst  
Mugs McFadden  
Jackie McCurdy  
Marilyn McIntosh  
Dennis Novotny  
Sharon Ostermann

Jason Piittmann  
Lynn Rusch  
John Schmahl  
Michael Schmidt  
Mary Tessar  
Spencer Volm  
Greg Vorpahl  
Bev Winninghoff  
Connie Zemlicka

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

Ezekiel  
Gene  
Lorrie (H. Bruenn)  
Jenna Butchlick  
Eric Covington (Fleury)  
Howard Floeter (Lemke)  
Klaine (Lemke)  
Jason Lemke  
Patricia Hohl

Debbie (Hallen)  
Ginny Kettling (Lindgren)  
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)  
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)  
Sandy John  
Kathy (S. Augustin family)  
Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)  
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)  
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)  
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)  
Sandra Senn (P. Behr)  
Susan Tolonen



**Those in Hospice care and their families:** Sandy John, Ruth Whyte

**In Prayers of Comfort:**

Harvey Brodzeller and the family and friends of Nancy Brodzeller, who passed away on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Nic and Brittany Luther and family on the passing of their son, Lucas Arnold Luther, who was birthed into eternal life on Saturday, November 13, 2021.

**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 CONTACT INFORMATION***

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Pastor Eric cell: 262-707-0758 - pastor@peace-ucc.org

Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister (920-279-0816)

Peace Church Prayer Chain - prayers@peace-ucc.org

On the web @ [www.peace-ucc.org](http://www.peace-ucc.org) Find Peace on [Facebook](#) On YouTube at:

[Peace UCC Kewaskum](#)

## Poinsettias

This year we again invite you to order a Christmas poinsettia through Peace Church. The plants will be identical in size and all of them red in color. They will be in 6 ½ inch pots and come with foil wrap. Cost per plant will be \$17.00. These plants may be ordered in memory of loved ones, in honor of special moments or persons, or just love gifts. They will be placed in church on December 24th. After the service on December 25<sup>th</sup> you may take your plant home to enjoy.



Wouldn't you like to help beautify the church sanctuary with these traditional Christmas flowers? Please contact the church office 626-4011, email: [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org), or mail: P. O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040 by November 29<sup>th</sup>. Plants must be paid for in advance. When ordering please indicate whether you will take your plant home or if you would like your plant taken to the sick, shut-in, or those unable to come to Church at Christmas. If you are willing to help deliver plants, please inform Robin in the church office. Thank you!

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### Christmas Poinsettia Order

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ Plant(s) for me:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Check \_\_\_\_\_ (\$17.00 per plant – payable to Peace UCC)

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Other Designation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will take my plant home

\_\_\_\_ I would like my plant(s) delivered to those unable to come to Church on Christmas

\_\_\_\_ I will help deliver plants