



**Peace United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard  
November 27, 2022  
The First Sunday of Advent

*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.”*

***Welcome visitors!*** Please take a moment to complete a Guest Information card in the pew racks in front of you. Please place the completed card in the offering plate.

***Prayer Requests*** - As we gather together as one family in Jesus Christ, we covenant to hold one another’s joys and concerns. Please share your prayers with us by writing them on the “Prayer Request” slip found in the pew in front of you and return them to the usher or place them in the offering plate. Thank you.

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**\* Stand if you are able**

**Prelude**

“Daughter of the King”

Lorie Line

**Greetings – Prayer Requests**

**\*Hymn 154**

[“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”](#)

**Turning Our Hearts to God** - *Inspired by Psalm 122, Isaiah 2:1-5*

One: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Giver of hope!"

**All: We come today with eager expectation. Our feet are standing within God’s gates.**

One: Come, let us go up to the mountain that the Giver may teach us the way of peace.

**All: We come today with holy expectation. Our hands are lifted with grateful praise.**

One: We gather at the edge of the throne of justice.

**All: Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!**

One: We light this candle in abundant hope that the radiance of you, O God, will be kindled in our hearts, filling us with hope, as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ.

**Many: We who wait on the Lord are filled with hope.**

**Hymn 165**

“When God is a Child” verse 1

**Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness** – *from Worship Ways*

One: We gather together in this season of Advent anticipating hope, praying for peace, attempting to cultivate joy and share love amidst commotion, grief, despair and uncertainty.

- *Moment of silence* -

**All: In a world full of hopelessness, we have sometimes forgotten that you are our hope, dear God. Consumed by the chaos of the world, we lean into helplessness instead of your loving embrace. We cling to the stony roads and the bitter rods Felt in days when unborn hope had died; We’ve forgotten that you promised us hope for a future. So, stimulate our memory, dear God. Remind us of that hope you assured us of. Be with us as we cling to it in the midnight hours of waiting.**

Leader: Let each of us know that God gives us unmerited hope for a future, peace like a river, joy everlasting, and love. No misstep can separate us from the gifts of God. Amen.

**\* Act of Praise 177** ["Jesus, Name Above All Names"](#)

**Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

**\* The Passing of the Peace**

**One:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**The Children's Time-** As the children come forward, we sing

"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" vs. 1

**Hymn 248** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

**Lesson** [Isaiah 2:1-5](#) (Page 521)

**Gospel** [Matthew 24:36-44](#) (Page 758)

**Sermon** "Time's Perspective"

**Special Music**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Lord, you have given us everything we need, and yet, we hold back from you. Help us to share all that you give to us with our brothers and sisters, wherever they are. Help us to teach them of your love and hope with these gifts offered to your service. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer – Lord's Prayer**

... Humbly 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."**

**Benediction**

**One:** Go forth with the gift of hope  
Guiding you toward the path of peace.  
Go forth with the gift of joy  
Guide you toward the path of love.  
Go forth with anticipation,  
Trusting that God will bless and keep you,  
God's face will shine upon you,  
And God's grace will never leave you.

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**All: We go to love and to serve, for we are the church. Alleluia and Amen!**

**\*Hymn 667**

["God has Spoken"](#)

**Postlude**

**Lectionary for November 27:** Isaiah 11:1-10 • Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 • Romans 15:4-13 • Matthew 3:1-12

**Serving Today:** Musician: Karla Spaits  
Audio: Josh Spaits Video: Katelyn Scannell

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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### **Happy Birthday November 27 – December 3**

Nov 27 Quin Dornacker, Joyce Meinberg (87)  
Nov 28 Ashlyn Thull  
Nov 29 Mason Vey  
Nov 30 Tami Staehler  
Dec 1 Croix Kivell  
Dec 2 Dan Rundquist, Jinny Michaels (94)  
Dec 3 Matthew Gill, Art Schmidt (85), Bree Boettcher  
Dec 4 Brian Weinreich, Kathy Schreffler, Ralph Faisst (94),  
Steve Falk

### **Happy Anniversary November 27 – December 3**

Nov 27 Karen and John Grundahl (51), Dean and Colleen Roe (68)  
Dec 1 Rosemarie & Clifford Maeder (70)

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## ***NEWS & NOTES***

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### **Calendar for the Week of November 27**

11/27 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 4-5:30 pm  
11/29 Lectionary 10 am, Men's choir practice 6 pm, Chancel 6:30 pm  
11/30 XYZ Cards, Adult Faith Formation 7-8:30 pm

**Peace Church Choir for Christmas** - the choir will be having rehearsals after church on Sundays for those in the congregation who would like to sing with us. Days and times to follow.

**Art/Craft Sale:** Take a look at the tables near both entrances at church to find hand crafted items for sale! Items will change monthly, and proceeds will go towards a designated fund at church. If you are interested in being one of the 'vendors', talk to Karla Spaits, Nancy Stoffel, or Sandi Radeztsky. So far the crafters have raised \$579!

**Peace UCC on Local Cable** – In the West Bend service area we are now on cable television. This week's service will be broadcast on Monday afternoons at approximately 1:00 p.m. On Sunday mornings the prior week's service will be broadcast in sequence with other area congregations at approximately 10:15 (it depends on the length of the services before us). This will be on Spectrum channel 987, and AT&T channel 99. Please let us know how this works for you.

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## ***PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK***

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*Current prayers will be listed for one week unless otherwise indicated. Requests may be emailed to [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org) or by calling the office at 262-626-4011. You may also share your prayer requests by writing them on the "Prayer Request" slip found in the pew in front of you and return them to the usher or place them in the offering plate.*

### **Prayers for Healing:**

We pray for Chad Bindrich, who went through another surgery on Tuesday.

We pray for Julann Zemlicka-Retzlaff as she continues to heal following knee replacement surgery.

### **Prayers of Comfort:**

For the family of Mary Gantner who died on the 12<sup>th</sup> (Bill and Nancy Grahl's sister)

We continue to pray for Jinny Michaels as she continues her long journey with Hospice.

**Free Community Meal at Peace Church** – The Peace Pantry Committee will be starting up a free Community Meal on the first Wednesday of each month. The first one will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Our goal is to build our community within the church as well as the greater community. If you would like to volunteer to help with the meal and /or serving, please contact Robin at the church office – 262-626-4011 or [office@peace-ucc.org](mailto:office@peace-ucc.org)

## 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 \$20.00. 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 December 5th. Plants must be paid for in advance. Thank you!



### Christmas Poinsettia Order

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount of Check \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00 per plant – payable to Peace UCC)

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

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

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

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**Peace UCC  
Community Meal  
FREE for ALL!**



**Wednesday December 7, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Grilled Cheese Sandwiches  
Tomato Soup • Chicken Noodle Soup  
Dessert and Beverage**

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