



# **Peace United Church of Christ**

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

6 December 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

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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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## WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude "Once in David's Royal City" arr. Lorie Line

**PLEASE DON'T SING** Hymn 165 "When God is a Child"

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the

*a tempo*

weak shall be strong, and none shall be a -

fraid. 1 Hope is a star that  
2 Peace is a rib - bon that  
3 Joy is a song that  
4 Love is a flame that

*to Refrain*

Am  $\frac{G7}{B}$  C C#dim7  $\frac{G}{D}$  Em Am *rit.* D7 G

shines in the night,      lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright. When  
 cir - cles the earth,      giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth. When  
 wel - comes the dawn,      tell - ing the world that the Sav - ior is born. When  
 burns in our heart,      Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part. When

*rit.*

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## Lighting the Advent Candle

O Holy One, we light this second candle,  
 A candle offering comfort to weary spirits  
 After a year of pain and loss.  
 Let its glow remind us of your tender care  
 And warm our lives in  
 the Light of Peace.  
 Let it guide us to your presence in our midst,  
 Leading us to your Justice and Joy in the service of Love.

**People: God be with us in this Light of Peace.**

## Call to Worship

Let us hear what God will speak,  
 Tender words for a burdened people:

**People: Comfort, comfort, my people!  
 The days of sorrow are ending!**

Let us hear what God will speak,  
 Encouraging words for an anxious people:

**People: Prepare a way for the Holy One,  
 Through deserts of despair  
 build a highway for our God!**

Let us hear what God will speak,  
words of vision for a weary people:

**People: *Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss!***

Come, let us worship!

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

One: O God who seeks us out, we gather as your people hungering for your way. Cleanse us of our sin, and challenge us toward the transformation of our souls.

**All: We confess Lord, we have failed to cry out your promise in the midst of the world's wilderness. We have failed to make straight the ways of our hearts, that your love might continually be born anew within us. We have failed to honor the light which you have placed within our neighbors and within ourselves. For what we have done, and for what we have left undone, we ask your mercy. Let your spirit speak within us as 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.*"**

One: God, our Redeemer, has given us the ultimate gift. God's gift to us is grace - everlasting love offered in startling and unexpected ways. God reaches out to each of us and assures us that God's love is real and new life is for each of us. Glory to God.

The Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

Epistle

2 Peter 3:8-15a

The Children's Time - **PLEASE DON'T SING** "Jesus Loves Me"



# PLEASE DON'T SING Hymn 162 "like a child"

Unison Gm C Am Dm

1 like a child love would send to re-veal and to mend, like a  
 2 like a child we will meet, rag-ged clothes, dirt-y feet, like a  
 3 like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a

Gm C F  $\frac{F}{E\flat}$  D7

child and a friend, Je - sus comes like a  
 child on the street, Je - sus comes like a  
 child here to stay, Je - sus comes like a

Gm7 C Am Dm7

child we may find claim-ing heart soul and mind, like a  
 child we once knew com-ing back in-to view, like a  
 child we re-ceive all that love can con-ceive, like a

Gm7  $\frac{B\flat}{C}$  F

child strong and kind, Je - sus comes  
 child born a - new, Je - sus comes  
 child we be - lieve Je - sus comes

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OT Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:1-12

Sermon "Wilderness Talk"

**Special Music** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" arr. Lorie Line

Prayer of Dedication

**Many: Gracious God, we bring these gifts as a sign of our love for you and one another. Bless us with your presence as we give ourselves to you and to your people. Amen.**

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**

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer

Benediction

Leader: The worship is ended, now the service begins. Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**People: We go to love and to serve for we are the church!**

**All: Alleluia and Amen!**

Postlude

"Carol of the Bell's Fantasy"  
piano duet arr. by Robert Vandall

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*SERVING TODAY*

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Our Worship Team:

Karla Spaits  
Sherry McElhatton  
Elsa Kirkegaard  
Eric Walker

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

**Lectionary texts for December 13** – Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 • Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55 •

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 • John 1:6-8, 19-28

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*CALENDAR – WEEK OF DECEMBER 6*

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**Lectionary group at Peace Church** – December 8 - 10:00 a.m. Contact the church if you are interested. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

**Adult Faith Formation, Confirmation Redux Resumes:**

First, third, and fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. - We will continue studying the confirmation materials used by our 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands.

**Join in person in fellowship hall or connect by zoom:**

<https://zoom.us/j/91928904117?pwd=SFIDNzF0ZmwrNINydCtpQXFPWE9EQT09>

Meeting ID: 919 2890 4117

Passcode: 655329

**9<sup>TH</sup> Grade Confirmation** – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation classes will be held on Wednesday, December 9 from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. via Zoom.



**Sunday School Students and Families:** Have you checked out the Peace Church YouTube channel lately? There are new intro videos for classes, Read With Me books, and previously recorded lessons. Some even have special guests that are pretty entertaining!!! We'll let you know as soon as it is safe to return to our classrooms! In the meantime, stay safe, stay positive!!!

### **Worship at Peace Church**

**We are currently regathered for worship in our church building.**

**Service times have changed to: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

**Reservations are encouraged:** Please click on either the 8:00 worship link (first link below) or the 10:00 worship link (second link below) to reserve your spot at worship. Or call the church office 626-4011. While the risk level is "Very High" we will be limiting attendance to 20 people per service, in addition to the worship leadership.

8:00 am. worship- <https://peaceucc800worship.eventbrite.com>

10:00 am. worship- <https://peaceucc10amworship.eventbrite.com>

**PLEASE USE THIS LINK FOR ALL SERVICES AFTER JANUARY 1**

**<https://peaceuccservices2021.eventbrite.com> (thru 5/30/2021)**

### **Thank you Peace Church Congregation!**

The Peace Church congregation has always been committed to our mission and has demonstrated that commitment over and over. **We thank all of you who have continued to send in your offerings – it is very much appreciated!**

We hope, that if you are able, you will continue to give to the church during this difficult time.

Here are ways to give to Peace:

- Mail your gift to church: The church address is: Peace UCC, PO Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040
- Give online by going to [GIVE](#) on our website. Scroll down to online giving and click the link and follow the directions.
- You can also set up automatic contributions with your bank. To do this just go to your bank's website or to call your local branch and they will assist you.

Thank you all...and God Bless.

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## ***BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES***

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### **Happy Birthday**

### **December 6 - 12**

December 6	Greg Anderson, Carol Clark (91), Jeanne Wood (84)
December 7	Jeanne Becker, Thomas Gill, Ryan Thull
December 8	Matt Kivell, Lauren Krebs, Dennis Novotny, Scott Schreffler
December 11	Rose Marie Knoth (81)
December 12	Patricia Heaslip, Jerry Shoemaker

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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:**

Harvey Brodzeller	John Kletti	Kathy Roesel
Hanna Bruenn	Nancy Laguna	Lucille Swanson
Debbie Butzlaff	Jackie McCurdy	Betty Skaug
Doug & Judy Christensen	Marilyn McIntosh	Mark Steinhardt
Cliff & Kim Clark	Don Neitzel	Alec Taylor
John Coulter	Dennis Novotny	Rev. Bill Wiederanders
Carol Gardner	Donna Ogi	Howard Zemlicka
Marian Herriges	Shirley Ogi	Sharon Zolp
	Judy Price	

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

Rose Ambler (B. Hallen)	Riley Hahn (Rodenkirch)
Steve Cooper (Rodenkirch)	Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)
Heather Crass (Walker/Winninghoff)	Debbie (Hallen)
Jessica (DeLaurier)	Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)
Joe Donald (J.C. Lemke)	Chance Prince (J.C. Lemke)
Judy Gambino (Bobb)	Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Ronald Graff (Betty Graff)	Marion Schuster (J.C. Lemke)
Griffin (Radeztsky)	Izzy Straub (McElhatton)
The Joshua Haas Family (Lemke)	Cheryl Thill (Mertz/Stoffel)

Please keep us updated. Concerns will be listed for 6 weeks.

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

**Members:** Laurie Struck, Dennis Novotny, Carol Butzlaff

### **Friends & Family:**

Gary & Evelyn Beaupre  
Jean Cornell (Herriges)  
Nephew of Beck Ehmer  
Kerri Estep (Atwater)  
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)  
Paula Hader (Adler)  
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)  
Jan (D. Stangl)

Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)  
Paige More (Pearson)  
Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)  
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)  
Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)  
Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)  
Russell Will (Will)

### **Prayers of Comfort:**

To the family and friends of "Aunt" Delores Stoffel DuPont, who passed away on Saturday, November 28, 2020.

### **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)

Kyle Henk (Army)

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)

Our Covenanted Partner in Ministry: Rev. Gretchen Martin who serves the wider church through her work with the North Carolina Organ Donor Network.

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## PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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