

Church of Peace



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

“Growing Up with Jesus!”



Greetings

Welcome to the community of Church of Peace United Church of Christ. We believe that all people are children of God and rejoice that you have chosen to worship God with us today. If you are visiting our community, we wish to extend our faith in Christian fellowship and hope that you will take a moment to visit with us after the service. If you have any questions prior to the service, please ask anyone in the community. We have all been visitors at some time in our life, and we are eager to assist you in any way. May the Holy Spirit fill us and guide us as we worship God together.

December 29th 2024,

1st Sunday After Christmas

9:00am

Gathering Music - Ringing of the Bells - Welcome and Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

A reading from Colossians 3

Call to Worship

One: Praise God from the heights! The Holy One is transcendent, radiant, and glorious.

Many: Salvation, redemption, and liberation come from above and dwell among us.

One: Praise God from the earth! Emmanuel is humble, gracious, and near.

Many: Past, present, and future rests in the work of our hands through God's hands.

One: Praise the name of God! I AM hears our cry, responds to our needs, and still speaks to our spirits.

Many: Blessing, honor, and power belong to our God. Praise God!

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Wise and Eternal God, You are sovereign over all the earth. Your works declare your greatness. Make your wisdom known to us as we gather in your holy name. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Holy God, you possess wisdom and knowledge beyond our ability to imagine or comprehend. Yet, you reveal yourself and the wonders of your creation to us. Regrettably, we allow the hustle and bustle of our lives, and the influences of the world to pull us from your revelation and presence. Hold us accountable to your covenant so that as you are with us, we will be with you. Make us a righteous branch in the vineyard. In the name of Jesus and in the hope of restoration, we pray.

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation (responsive)

One: The blessings we receive through wisdom and faith are meant to be shared.

Many: When we use these gifts to sustain the ministry of the church and respond to the needs of the community, we demonstrate the good news in the world.

One: The gifts God gives us are meant to be regifted for the work of Jesus.

Many: So, let us give with boldness and boundless trust in the provision of the Creator of all. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Generous God, collect these offerings so that the blessings and favor you have given to us may be shared among our neighbors with trust, hope, and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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*The Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude

(*If you are able, please stand at the pastor's invitation)

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- Rev. Stephen Stepp
- Patricia Siekierke
- Rob Giese
- Victor Abitz
- Brenda Roehl
- All People



- Minister
- Organist
- AV Tech
- Custodian
- Liturgist
- Disciples

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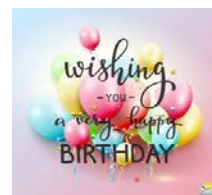
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