

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity (responsive)

One: The result of this art breathes generosity, kindness and peace into the world.

**Many: By giving to this community of Christ, we have a chance to express not only hope for the church,**

One: but also gratitude for the painters among us who with hope have created such beautiful expressions of love through their ministries.

**Many: May our offering reflect sincere gratitude in its giving. Amen.**

Offertory

\*Doxology "Praise God from whom all Blessing Flow" No. 46

\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Dear God, in your faithfulness and generosity, You lavish us with so many blessings! Enable us to be artists of generosity. Bless these gifts so that they may be used to develop our community, our nation and our world in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We Are Sent into the World

\*Closing Hymn "In Christ Alone" on screen

\*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

Victor Abitz

Ray Bielke/Rob Giese

Brenda Post

The Klapperich Family

Lilyana Albrecht & Abigail Hanke



Minister

Organist

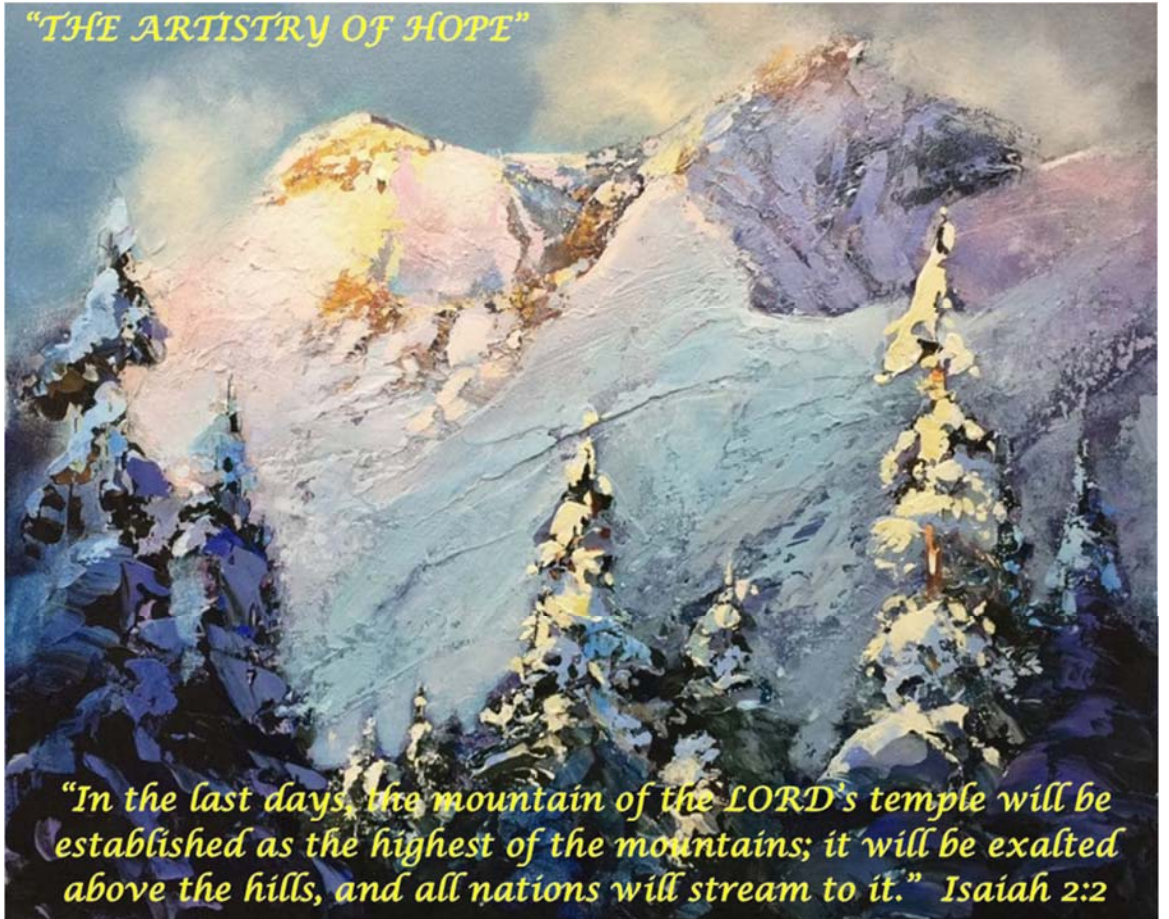
Custodian

AV Tech

Liturgist

Advent Readers

Acolytes



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.

November 27, 2022      First Sunday in Advent      9 AM

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 Isaiah 2

Song of Candles

*" Shine a Candle"*

*insert*

Call to Worship (responsive) *The First Advent Candle HOPE*

One: God of justice and of peace — You color the world with mercy and kindness.

**Many: We stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous artistry.**

One: God of promise and of love — You illuminate the skies with rainbow and sun-ray.

**Many: We rejoice in the majesty of your creation.**

One: The spectrum of your love reveals light all around. The hues of your mercy warm our spirits. The vibrancy of your grace saturates us with hope.

**Many: Blessed is the God of love whose art expressed in Christ is a beacon of light in the darkness.**

One: O God, we light this candle with abundant hope that Your radiance will shine into our hearts, coloring us with hope, as we await the coming of Jesus Christ,

**Many: Praise be to our God, whose hope is from everlasting to everlasting!**

\* Opening Hymn

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

*No. 119*

*(verses 1 & 2)*

A reading from Romans 5

\* We Are United in Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for the season of Advent because it reminds us that your love stopped at nothing to save us and claim us as your own. Keep us awake during this season so that we may be able to receive all that your Holy Spirit wants to offer us. Speak to us now. Fill us with your power and your grace. Let us leave here a changed people willing and ready to be your light in the world. Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism

**Hudson Michael Nelson**

*Son of Bryan & Cassie Nelson*

*Let us welcome Hudson as we sing "Jesus Loves Me"*

*No. 113*

\*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Special Music

*"No Greater Gift"*

*Ruth Elaine Schram*

Pastoral Prayer - a sharing of community and world prayers

Affirmation of Faith

One: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**All: We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*" My Hope Is Built"*

*No. 537*

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures

*Romans 13:8-14    Matthew 24:36-44*

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

*"The Artistry of Hope!"*

*Shine a Candle*

Shine a candle in the darkness, breathe new hope into our lives.  
Wind your blessed hope around us till the day when Christ arrives.  
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Shine a candle in the darkness, breathe new hope into our lives.

**WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**November 27, 2022**

**Church office phone: 921-8215**

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.

Pastor Steve Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.

Or call for an appointment

*Website:* [uccchurchofpeace.com](http://uccchurchofpeace.com) *Facebook:* *Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac*

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Lucy Zahn	Janet Rymer	Bill Manka
Elise Sonnenberg	Pat Grose	Abby
Cindy Duffy	Janet & Eugene Willis	Joe Ule
Bob Hanke	Amy Jo	Brenna Slavik
Alice Jaber	Barb Dehring	Bev
Theresa Schultz	Randy Resop	David
Marilyn Peters	Diane Candlish	Edna Karl
Sharon Hensen	Ruth Pedix	Donna Birkholz
Christine Weimer	Tyler Detweiler	Lisa Peterson
Ron Rowe	Evelyn Stepp	Ray Beilke
Caroline Zimpher	Norlene Haase	Shirley Hanke
Eli	Nicole Schendel	Jason & Jennifer
Bill Whittaker	Tom Schultz	Carol Van Norman
Rev. Jerry Schrankler	Kathy Meyn	Cassie Poirier
Jan Whittaker	Katri & Jakob	Zoe Rose

p.s. Glorious God, endow us with beautiful colors of hope in your world.

**CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES**

**OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: General Fund: \$5,677.55;**

**Designated Funds: \$10.00; Mission-Giving (OCWM): \$61.00;**

**E-giving:\$50.00;**

**Building to Serve:\$4,225.00;**

**Attendance on Sunday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>:97; Last year:60.**

**THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE**

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
Nov. 27	28	29	30	Dec. 1	2	3
<b>9 a.m. Worship</b> Coffee Hour Host: Church Council <b>10 a.m. Youth Group</b>	Loaves & Fishes		Loaves & Fishes <b>7:30 pm Confirmation</b> Poinsettia Orders Due!	TOPS 5:30-7:00		<b>10 a.m. Martha Society</b>
Dec. 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>9 a.m. Worship</b> Coffee Hour Host: Ladies of Peace	Loaves & Fishes	11:30 a.m. Ladies of Peace Christmas Party	<b>8:30 am River Park Meeting</b> Loaves & Fishes <b>7:30 pm Confirmation</b> <b>8:30 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting	TOPS 5:30-7:00		



- Nov. 27 – Kathleen Burg
- Nov. 28 – Helen Voelkner
- Dec. 1 – Victor Abitz
- Dec. 2 – Robert Hanke
- Dec. 3 – Doug Terrill, Julie Treptow

**Merry Christmas --- Giving Tree**

Would you like to make someone's Christmas a little brighter? Church of Peace will be helping 4-5 families this year. We will have a Giving Tree in the Narthex with bell and angel paper ornaments on it. The angels are the children and the parent of each family. The bells will be for purchasing food, laundry, cleaning, toilet tissue, paper towels, etc. You can also make a cash donation for purchasing perishable items for a Christmas dinner. Make checks payable to Church of Peace and on the memo line please write Christmas Food Basket and return to church by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The angel ornaments are for children's gifts. There will be two angels for each child, one for necessities/clothing and one for fun. We are suggesting a \$25 maximum on gifts. There will be gift ideas on these also. The ornaments will be available for taking on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Please sign your name and phone number on the sign-up form with the coordinating number on the ornament you choose. Return the gifts unwrapped, with the angel ornament taped to the gift. Please return to the Church of Peace no later than

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Will you help bring some Christmas cheer?**

*Golden Fellowship  
 Christmas Party  
 Thursday,  
 December 15<sup>th</sup> at  
 11:00.  
 Chicken dinner  
 from Pump 'n  
 Pantry  
 \$10 per person.  
 RSVP by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>  
 to Faye Smith  
 920-266-6035 or  
 Brenda Roehl  
 920-929-9084  
 All are invited.*

Soup Sunday is Back  
 Italian Vegetable Soup  
 1 qt. \$8.00 2 qt. \$15.00  
 Cookies – ½ doz. \$2.50  
 1 doz. \$4.75  
 Sign up by Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Pick up Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> After Worship



BTS announcement,  
 Your invited to participate in the *Church of Peace Building to Serve Success and Priorities Survey* which will help define the church's priorities over the next few years. A link has been sent out in the Thursday newsletter and hard copies are located on the BTS bulletin board. The survey will close at 12pm on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, you can now contact the BTS committee at [copuccbts@gmail.com](mailto:copuccbts@gmail.com).