

The Celebration of Communion  
\*Communion Hymn    *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*    No. 425

\*Communion Prayer    "Together, We Are Blessed By Being Here."

Invitation to the Lord's Table    Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine  
Sharing of God's Gifts Please come forward to receive the body of Christ-  
the bread of life, and the cup of the new covenant.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Glorious God, we hope with those who hope. We pray with those who pray  
for peace. Send us from this table prepared to do what is necessary for  
peace and hope to flow throughout the world. Amen.**

*We Are Sent Into the World*  
\*Closing Hymn    *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*    No. 153

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

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Today's bulletins are in honor of all who have a birthday in December. Birthday  
Blessings to each of you and celebrate the special you are.

Rev. Stephen Stepp

Patricia Siekierke

Ray Beilke/Rob Giese

The Poirier Family

Kylie Marcoe & Allison Now

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*Church of Peace*

 UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
a just world for all



### **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 4, 2022      Second Sunday in Advent      9 a.m.  
Gathering Music    Ringing of the Tower Bells    Welcome & Announcements  
We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

A reading from Psalm 72

Song of Candles      "Shine a Candle"      (on screen)

Call to Worship (responsive) *We light the Advent candles of Hope & Peace*

One: We are God's gathered people.

**Many: And so, we come to this moment filled with holy hope.**

One: May justice roll down

**Many: And peace flow like a mighty river around the world**

One: May equality be the reality for generations yet to come

**Many: And may peace flow throughout humanity, as it did with the One from God**

One: The One who was sent here, the One who sent us, the One whose power never fails

**Many: Peace is possible and we are committed today to believe.**

One: With God at our side, anything we dream of can be a reality.

**Many: Therefore, we light this candle as we proclaim peace around the world, standing together, from one end of the Earth to the other, knowing God is with us.**

\*Opening Hymn      "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"      No. 129

A reading from Matthew 11

\* We Are United In Prayer

**Holy God, we long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in. Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, so that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!**

\*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Special Music      "Gesu Bambino"      Pietro A. Yon  
(The Infant Jesus)

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      "Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming"      No. 136  
We Engage God's Word

Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

*Matthew 3:1-12*

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon      "The Artistry of Peace!"

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: God brings the art of peace to life in the hearts of the faithful.

**Many: Through us, the brush of peace creates the beauty of peace within the people of earth.**

One: God calls us to give so that the materials needed to paint peace in the world may be available to all who come seeking Christ.

**Many: Let us bring our gifts and join with Jesus as we paint the beauty of peace across the landscape of our planet. Amen.**

Offertory

\*Doxology      "Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow"      on Screen

\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Holy God, thank you for blessing us so we may be a blessing to others. Giving opens our hearts, our minds and our souls to the possibilities of Your grace. In the name of Christ who is our hope and our peace. Amen.**

## *Shine a Candle*

Shine a candle in the darkness, breathe new peace into our lives.

Wind your blessed peace around us till the day when Christ arrives.

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## **Wanted**

**Members to serve on our**

➤ **Church Council**

➤ **Stewardship Team**

➤ **Nominating Committee**

➤ **Building and Grounds**

➤ **Constitution Review Board**

**Contact Pastor Steve, a Council Member or Jackie in the office.**

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

**December 4, 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

Elise Sonnenberg

Cindy Duffy

Bob Hanke

Alice Jaber

Theresa Schultz

Marilyn Peters

Sharon Hensen

Christine Weimer

Ron Rowe

Zoe Rose

Eli

Bill Whittaker

Rev. Jerry Schrankler

Jan Whittaker

Janet Rymer

Pat Grose

Janet & Eugene Willis

Amy Jo

Barb Dehring

Randy Resop

Diane Candlish

Ruth Pedix

Tyler Detweiler

Evelyn Stepp

Norlene Haase

Nicole Schendel

Tom Schultz

Kathy Meyn

Katri & Jakob

Bill Manka

Abby

Joe Ule

Brenna Slavik

Bev

David

Edna Karl

Donna Birkholz

Lisa Peterson

Ray Beilke

Shirley Hanke

Jason & Jennifer

Carol Van Norman

Cassie Poirier

John & Sandy Sandberg

p.s. God of Grace and Glory, teach us how to live in peace with all your people.

### **CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES**

**OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: General Fund: \$2,995.00;**

**Designated Funds: \$140.00; Mission-Giving (OCWM): \$45.00; (NIN): \$20.00**

**E-giving: \$125.00;**

**Building to Serve: \$535.00;**

**Attendance on Sunday Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>: 116; Last year: 79.**

**THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE**

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
Dec. 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>9 a.m. Worship</b> Coffee Hour Host: Ladies of Peace <b>Soup Pick-up after worship</b>	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 Confirmation</b> <b>8:30 pm Parent Meeting</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting	TOPS 5:30-7:00		
Dec. 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>9 a.m. Worship</b> Coffee Hour Host: <b>10 a.m. Youth Group</b>	Loaves & Fishes <b>6:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting</b>	1 p.m. Clergy Cluster <b>6:30 p.m. Council Meeting</b>	Loaves & Fishes <b>7:30 pm Confirmation</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting <b>Return Giving Tree Gifts</b>	TOPS 5:30-7:00 <b>11 a.m. Golden Fellowship Christmas Party</b>		<b>1 p.m. Cookie Decorating</b>



A huge "Thank You" to all who helped with the decorating of the church! The building looks BEAUTIFUL!

**COOKIES**

We will be serving cookies, coffee and hot chocolate between services on Christmas Eve. Services are at 4:00 with the children's Christmas program and the 6:00 service. If you are baking cutout cookies for your home, would you consider donating a dozen to the church? **We will be decorating the cookies on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.** All are welcome to help! Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you, Brenda Roehl



**Dec. 4** – Amy Mitchell

**Dec. 5** – Bobbi Thomma

**Dec. 6** – Rev. Gerald Schrankler

**Dec. 7** – John Hoffman

**Dec. 8** – Lisa Albrecht, Shawn Knutson

**Dec. 10** – Linda Beyer, Matt Ewerdt, Audrey Weed.

**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.**