

A large, colorful stained glass window in a church. The central panel depicts the Resurrection: Jesus, in a white robe with a red sash, stands on a stone slab, holding a cross. He is surrounded by clouds and rays of light. Below him, a man in a brown robe (likely St. Peter) kneels in prayer. The window is framed by intricate floral and geometric patterns in various colors.

Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

**Sunday,
November 9,
2025
10:00 AM**

**Twenty-second
Sunday after
Pentecost**





Welcome to Worship!

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

In-person Worship. All are welcome to join us

Livestream on YouTube. Live at 10am then available on our channel after



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Set up Vanco. <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCME/home>

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Open Communion

All Christians and seekers after God are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper with us the **first Sunday of every month** and special Holy Days (Christmas, Maundy Thursday, and Easter). **At-home Communion** participants are invited to provide their own elements and join when Pastor bids you, "take, eat, and drink."



About St. Peter's UCC

We've been in the heart of downtown Skokie since 1867. We are a part of the United Church of Christ, which means we are passionate about our faith and open in our thinking. We believe in a Triune God who **loves everyone**, regardless of gender identity, orientation, race, status, or physical or mental ability, and we **joyously welcome all people** to share worship, membership, marriage, baptism, funeral, and fellowship with us.



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St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Skokie
Order of Worship for
Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 10:00am
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During our sacred music, listen. Be attentive. Feel God's Spirit connecting all of us gathered here, those with us online and in spirit, and those who cannot be present today.

PRELUDE "Lobe Den Herren" arr. Callahan

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS Peggy Reins

You may stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 145:1-8*

One: Come, let's praise God together!

All: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

One: Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty,
God's mighty acts throughout history:

All: for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

One: Let's remember the compassion God has shown
toward us; God's mercy and unfailing love,
generation after generation:

All: for God is great, and worthy of our praise!

One: Let's pass these stories to our children and
grandchildren,
so that they, too, may come to know and love our
God.

All: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

One: Let's worship God together!

OPENING HYMN "To You, O God, All Creatures Sing"



1. To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre-a - tion, ev - ery-
2. Your wind that blows the tem - pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the
3. Your flow-ing wat - ers crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to
4. To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre-a - tion, ev - ery-



thing, sings your prais - es: al - le - lu - ia! Your burn - ing sun with gold - en
 sky sing your prais - es: al - le - lu - ia! Your morn - ing ris - es with a
 hear, sing your prais - es: al - le - lu - ia! Your fire boun - ti - ful and
 thing, sings your prais - es: al - le - lu - ia! As sa - vory fruit and fra-grant



beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es, "Al - le -
 song, Your stars and plan - ets sing a - long: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 bright, re - mem - ber - ing Your warmth and light, sings your prais - es: "Al - le -
 flow'r lift up Your glo - ry and Your pow'r, we now praise You, loud ly



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"
 praise You! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

One: God hears our hearts, God sees our struggles,
God walks with us as we try to be faithful disciples.
Let us come to the One who is as close as the very
breath we breathe to tell the truth about our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Sometimes we become confused, Watching God.
We can be so fearful of tomorrow, we forget that
your Spirit is with us today. We can be so busy
worrying, 'what if?' we cannot hear the promises
you whisper to us.

**So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us.
Touch our hearts with your grace. Heal our
deepest fears with your peace. Speak to our
secret longings with hope.
Mend us. Make us whole. Amen.**

Moment for quiet reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God knows us better than we know ourselves.
God loves us more deeply than we can possibly
imagine.

**All: For there is nothing we can do, and nothing that
can be done to us that will ever stop God from
loving us.**

One: In Jesus our Christ, we are forgiven. We are loved.
We are being made whole.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

A: And also with you!

*Share a sign of God's peace: a smile, a wave, an elbow bump, a
handshake, a hug. Let us fill this space with love.*

SUNG RESPONSE "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Annie Noorts

Hebrew Scripture

Haggi 1:15b-2:9

You may wish to stand for the reading of the Gospel.

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

Luke 20:27-38

Please be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Selected

SERMON

"Beyond Resurrection"

HYMN “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”



1. God, who stretched the span-gled heav - ens In - fi - nite in time and place,
 2. We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of Since the child - hood of our race;
 3. As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, May it chal - lenge us a - new:

Flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance Through the si - lent fields of space;
 Known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing Through un - trav - eled realms of space;
 Chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, Serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring You.

We, Your chil - dren in Your like - ness, Share in - ven - tive powers with You;
 Probed the se - crets of the a - tom, Yield - ing un - i - mag - ined power,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise Each en - deav - or well be - gun:

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, Show us what we yet may do.
 Fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion Or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance Till our goals and Yours are one.

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil;**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
 glory forever. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

If you donate electronically, you may place an "Electronic Giving" card into the plate as it comes around so you can enjoy participating in the physical act of giving.

You may stand in body or in spirit.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Sing to the tune of "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"

**A: For gifts of earth and hands that give,
For hearts that learn and lives that live,
We raise our song of thanks and praise,
To God who loves in countless ways.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**A: Loving God, we give thanks for the visions and dreams that you share with your people. We offer these gifts in response to your abundant blessings. Use them and all of us to share your good news with all the world.
Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Let All Things Now Living"

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Ash Grove” arr. Callahan

During the Postlude, we pause to reflect as we prepare to follow God out into the world.

*Today’s liturgy is adapted from:
Thom Shuman, posted on his Lectionary Liturgies blog.*

FOR WORSHIP TODAY

INTERIM MINISTER	Rev. Brenda Barnes Jamieson
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Ben Westphal
DEACON	Jenn Schneider
LIVESTREAM RECORDING	Peter Svenson
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Rita McMahon

POINSETTIAS

Orders are now being
taken for Christmas

Poinsettias. This years' colors are Red and Marble. See below for details on each. To place an order, please fill in the form below, include payment and drop it off at the office, mail it to St Peter's, or place it in the collection plate on Sunday morning. *The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 7th 2025.* The plants will be delivered to the church in time to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Please take your plants after Christmas Eve worship if possible.



Name:	Phone #:	
In Honor Of:	In Memory Of:	

Quantity	Color	Price	Total
	Red (6") Single	\$16.00	
	Marble (6") Single	\$16.00	
Grand Total			

Handcrafted Wreaths and Decorations



**24" Balsam Wreath
with Velvet Ribbon**

Single Face Balsam Outdoor
Wreath 24", 30", 40"
Double Face Balsam 36"



Noble Fir Mixed Wreath 20"
Indoor/Outdoor



4' Mantelpiece/Centerpiece

Place your order by Thursday November 13th.
(Contact Rich Schneider or call 847.673.8166)

**Pickup will be on Saturday Nov 29th from 1 - 2 pm
or at St. Peter's after worship on Sunday Nov 30th.**

24" Single Face Balsam	\$18.00
Cemetery Stand	included
30" Single Face Balsam	\$32.00
36" Double Face Balsam	\$55.00
40" Single Face Balsam	\$45.00
4' Noble Mix Mantlepice / Centerpiece	\$45.00
12" Noble Candle Wreath (Candle not included)	\$22.00
12" Holiday Yule Log	\$23.00
32" Evergreen Planter	\$33.00
42" Evergreen Planter	\$54.00
Fire Starter Basket	\$23.00
Balsam Door Swag	\$18.00
20" Premium Noble Fir Mix Wreath	\$27.00
24" Boxed Decorator Wreath	\$42.00
25' Balsam Garland	\$33.00



32" Evergreen Planter
42"+ Evergreen Planter



12" Candle Ring Wreath
WITHOUT Candle



**24" Boxed
Decorator Wreath**



Holiday Yule Log 12"



25' Balsam Fir Garland



Firestarter Basket



Balsam Swag

CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND MORE!

We are taking orders for fresh pine Christmas wreaths and decorations from Northern Wisconsin to adorn your home or to be placed at a cemetery.

The standard 24 inch diameter wreath, with red velvet bow and pine cones is \$18.00.

Cemetery stands are included at no additional charge.

Proceeds from this fundraiser help to decorate the church for Christmas with the remainder going to the General Operating Fund.

We will place wreaths on graves at the St. Peter's UCC Cemetery, if you desire.

All orders **must be placed by Thursday Nov 13th.**

Pickup will be at the St. Peter's Laramie entrance on Saturday Nov 29th from 1 - 2 pm or after worship in the Lanford Fellowship Hall on Sunday Nov 30th.

To place an order, please:

- **fill in the form and place in collection plate with payment.**
- **fill in the form and mail it with payment** to St Peter's.
- or, **email your order form to office@stpeteruccskokie.org** and send payment separately via mail or use PayPal.

Please make checks payable to:
St. Peter's UCC.

Name		
Address		
I will pick up my order up at church		
Please place on cemetery for:		
Item Description	Price	Quantity
24" Single Face Balsam Wreath w/ Velvet Ribbon for Home or Cemetery	\$18.00	
Cemetery Stands	included w/ cemetery placement	
30" Single Face Balsam	\$32.00	
36" Double Face Balsam	\$55.00	
40" Single Face Balsam	\$45.00	
4' Noble Mix Mantlepiece/ Centerpiece	\$45.00	
12" Noble Candle Wreath (Candle not included)	\$22.00	
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25' Balsam Garland	\$33.00	
Total Amount (\$)		

News in the Pews

We appreciate your presence at worship today. We welcome you in the name of Christ. With enthusiasm let us approach the throne of grace and offer honor and homage to God.

We extend heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers; without their help, this and every service would not be possible – thank you.

Signs of Hope: This week, have you noticed something that gives you hope? Please email or text them to Brenda so we can use them in our Sunday morning worship.

Please join us downstairs after worship to celebrate Laura Olson's 15th Anniversary at St. Peter's UCC. All are welcome!

Thank you to everyone involved in our Holiday Craft Show and Bake Sale! Special thanks to Wendy Svenson for chairing the event, so much hard work was put into this. We hope you were able to come and find some goodies!

Holiday dinner donations needed NOW at the Jewel! We are so blessed to give out complete Holiday Dinners for 4-6 from the Jewel at the Village Crossing Shopping center in Niles. These dinners go to needy families in Skokie School District 69, as well as folks that come to our door and use our mini-pantry. But we can't meet the need if folks don't

donate. Last year we came up short, so if you can donate now, and again after Thanksgiving, we can ensure as many families as possible have happy holidays! Orders for the dinners are placed about 2 weeks before the actual date, so don't wait to donate. If you have any questions or know of someone in need of a dinner, contact me (Laura) in the office.

Next Sunday is CWS Blanket Sunday, sponsored by our Women's Guild. Please join us, and give if you are able!

Poinsettia Orders are being taken now! Find a form in this bulletin or the November Announcer. Orders must be in by Dec. 7th. Thank you!

Last chance to order wreaths to decorate your home for the holidays! Orders must be placed by November 13th. See insert for all the details!

Private signs - You will notice certain rooms around the church have been designated as "private." If ICE should ever come to our building, they will not be allowed to enter any room marked "private."

Help stock our mini-Food Pantry – Thank you to everyone who has been donating. Bring your items to the shelves by the office or leave them in the narthex. Thank you so much!

Sign up for Coffee Hour! Regular coffee hours are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. See our President Peggy if you are interested in signing up.

Our People

Please keep St. Peter's extended family in your thoughts and prayers. Other folks that need your prayers include:

- The Kuras family welcomed a baby girl Virginia! All are doing well.
 - Daughters of Ann Herren; Jenny, facing eye surgery November 6th, and Betsy, a second surgery for breast cancer on November 10th in Oregon.
Wendy, friend and colleague of Beth Sterba, who is fighting liver cancer.
 - Chad McCoy and his family.
 - Annie Noorts who had hip replacement surgery.
 - Richard Hook who is home after being hospitalized for a stroke.
 - Kathy Zipperer and her family.
 - Paul Abramchik and the Abramchik family.
 - Dorothy Panzke with a new health concern.
 - Sue Bailey has been diagnosed with Crohn's/Ulcerative Colitis and spinal lesions.
 - Annie's friend Renee is fighting a long term, rare illness. She and her family are fighting to find a remedy that will slow and maybe even reverse the progress of this illness.
 - Nicole McGinnis, childhood friend of Laura's who is fighting stage 4 cancer.
 - David, uncle of Chad McCoy, as he undergoes kidney dialysis treatments.
 - Prayers for healing for Ginger Kalensky.
 - Robert Elliot, brother-in-law of Anna Riley, diagnosed with cancer stage 2.
 - Prayers for Julius and all immigrants, refugees and displaced people.
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- Sharon Johnson's daughter Donna continues her battle with Lymphoma, which can be controlled but not cured.
 - Susan Garcia's Aunt Janice battling cancer.
 - Paul Brzozowski has now completed all treatment and will have MRIs every 2 months.

Others in our church family to keep close in our hearts include Larry Baumhardt, Lois Jarmuth and Bob Seitman.

If you are aware of others to include in our shared prayers, please let a church officer, an Elder, or the office know!

Happy Birthday this week to Justin Balling, Peter Svenson, Ann Herren, Alexandra Paige, and Bruce Mau. **Happy Anniversary to** Marcia Hilliard and Andre Gloeckner and Beth and John Sterba.

According to the schedule and barring any switches, next Sunday's Lector will be Rich Schneider, and Mike Ryan is on Nursery duty. Thank you so much for your service!

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

PRESIDENT	Peggy Reins
VICE-PRESIDENT	Barb Todd
TREASURER	Chad McCoy
SECRETARY	Annie Noorts
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Maria Altmayer

Regular Reminders!

Let us know you were here! Please sign the attendance sheet in the black pew pads and when you think your pew is ready, please pass the pad towards the center aisle of the church.

We are always grateful for all offerings to the church. So many thanks to everyone who's been keeping us going with your donations! See inside the front cover for details on how to donate.



MISSION MOMENTS

Hold on to Faith (November 9, 2025)

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Green

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Have you ever fallen ill with FoMo? I haven't, but I do know friends who came down with a severe case of it and it wasn't pretty.

FoMo stands for "Fear Of Missing Out." The term entered our vocabularies sometime around 2004 just as social media was taking off. As more people scrolled the Internet incessantly, watching videos of other people's exotic trips, perfect family picnics, and swanky restaurant reviews, the sense of missing out on life grew.

While the ancient church in Thessalonica didn't have Facebook or Instagram, the people were still coming down with FoMo. Well, more like FoMo's earlier strain that we will call FoMJC — Fear of Missing Jesus Christ.

False prophets were coming out of the woodwork spreading rumors that the much-anticipated return of Jesus had already happened. Because of this fake news, the Apostle Paul had to write a letter to the dear people in the Thessalonica church to ease their angst of being left out of something amazing.

After assuring the congregation that the Lord had not yet come back, Paul advises them to stand firm in their faith and hold fast to the

teachings of Christ that they were taught. He even chides them a little with his reprimand, “Don’t you remember what I told you?”

I have a soft spot in my heart for the Thessalonians. I know how easy it is to believe fake news. One click bait headline is all it takes to get caught in a tangle web of misinformation. And anyone who has fallen down the soul-sucking black hole of social media knows that FoMo is highly contagious with those happy faces staring back at you, living the life you wish you had, infecting the sacredness of all God has indeed blessed you with.

Now more than ever, the faithful need to reread Paul’s letter. We need to hold fast to our faith and remember all that we were taught about God’s ways and God’s truths.

There will always be false prophets. There will always be click bait headlines. There will always be that one friend who posts about a picture-perfect life. The world today will do its best to make you think you are missing out on something fun or important. But you aren’t. For we who live in Christ are not missing anything at all. We who hold on to God’s Word and choose to walk the Jesus way will get to see and experience the beauty and grace that are in this world.

Let the false prophets talk gibberish. Let social media influencers ramble on about their latest adventures. You my friend, have something better. You have your faith. Hold on to it. And remember, there is no FoMo with God by your side.

God, our days are in your loving hands. There is no fear of missing out on what life has to offer for you are leading us. You orchestrate our comings and goings. We praise you that every day is a blessed one, filled with your beautiful God moments. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

(Rev. Donna Frischknecht Jackson is a communications specialist for the United Church of Christ and author of today’s Sunday Bulletin.)

Scripture for Nov. 9, 2025

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

In the second year of King Darius, ¹in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ²“Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: ³Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, ⁵according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, ⁷and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. ⁹The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.”

Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21

- ¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
- ³ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴ One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- ⁵ They will recount the glorious^[a] splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.
- ¹⁷ The Lord is just in all his ways
and kind in all his doings.
- ¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
- ¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;

he also hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man^[a] shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second^[b] ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”