



St. Peter's Church
IN THE GREAT VALLEY

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1700

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 — 9:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome! In this leaflet the words to be said by all are bolded.

As we prepare for worship you are warmly invited to enter into silence to best appreciate the music that is offered.

Voluntary *Variations on "O Come Emmanuel"*

Daniel Pinkham (1923-2007)

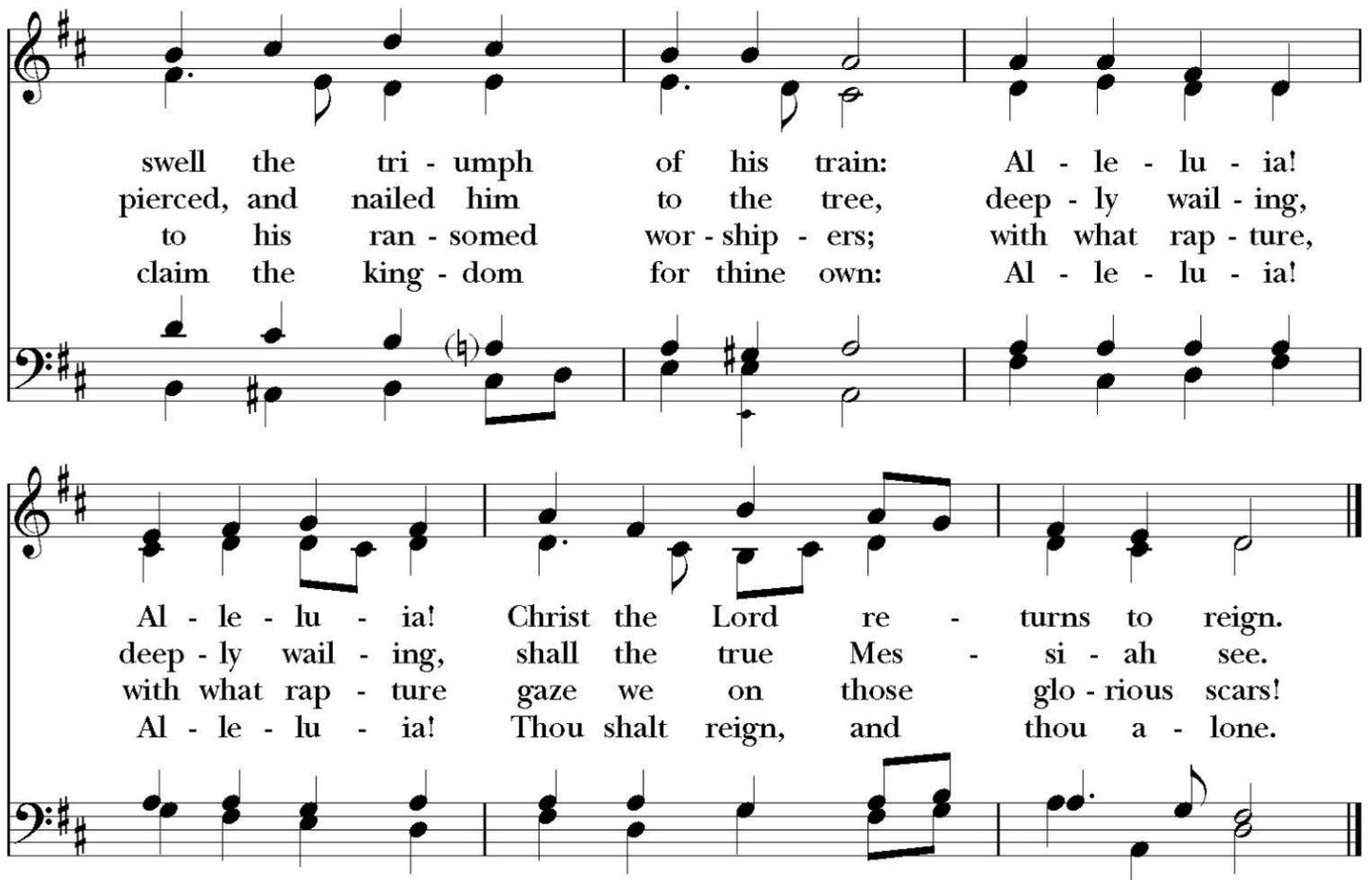
I. Joyous II. Bold III. Spirited IV. Tranquil V. Serene

Hymn 58 *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending*

St Thomas

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;



swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

The people standing, the Presider says

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

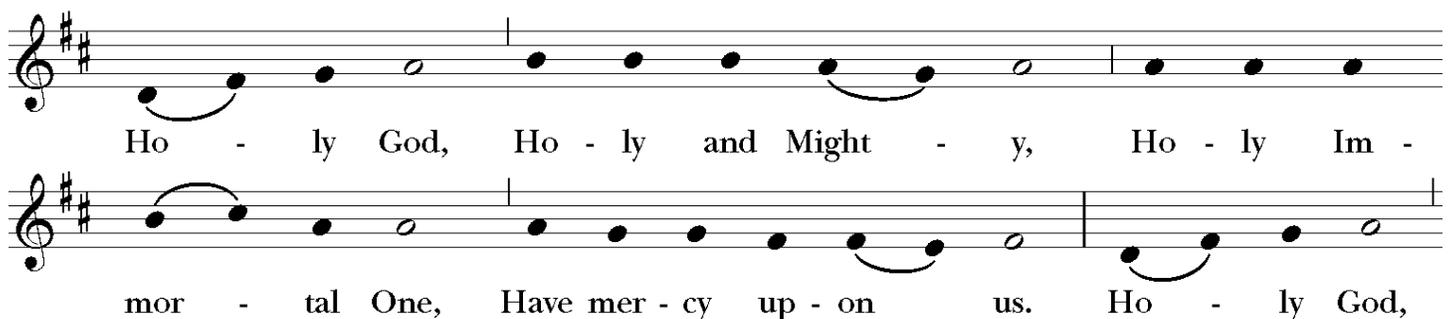
Presider Almighty God,

People to you all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymnal S-100 *Trisagion*

David Hurd (b. 1950)



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
 mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,

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Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

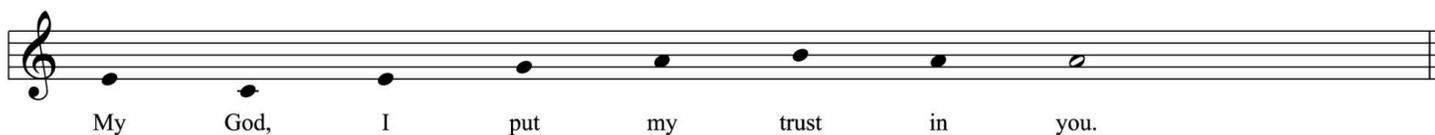
Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*



- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 56 vs. 1-4 *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



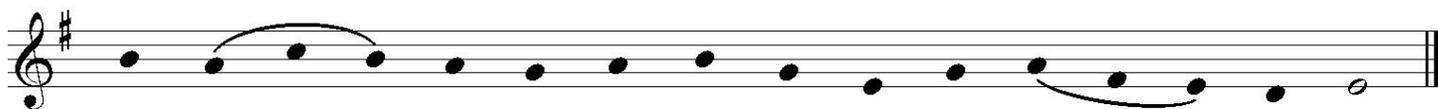
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Presider In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O God, kindle within us the desire to remain on guard; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

Intercessor O God, the days are surely coming when all your promises will be fulfilled to your faithful children. We pray for the church, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our bishop; Abigail and Chris, our priests; Jeff our deacon; and all the people of St. Peter's, that we might fulfill our promises to you, and be forgiven for all our failures.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In your time, O God, a righteous branch sprang up and you brought justice and righteousness in every land. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In your Kingdom, O God, you bring your people safety and comfort. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind especially all those on our parish prayer list; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Your great works of redemption, O God, span the ages. We pray for those who rejoice this week that they might be filled with joy and gladness.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer, especially Miranda Scott Warner, Andrea Penn Warner, Roger Mosvick, and Andrew W. Grancio, for whom our altar memorials are given.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Presider Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among riding on a cloud and with great power and might, we might come to adore him. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

People **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please remain at your place and exchange the Peace with a wave and greeting from where you are. Thank you!

Welcome and Announcements



THE HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek a closer relationship with God, including children, are invited and encouraged to participate in Holy Communion.

Please let the clergy know if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a no touch blessing.

The Anthem at the Offertory

The Truth Sent from Above

English trad. Carol collected by Cecil Sharp
arranged by Richard Lloyd (b. 1933)

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing, which I do relate,
That God at first did man create;
The next thing, which to you I tell,
Woman was made with him to dwell.

Then after this, 'twas God's own choice
To place them both in paradise,
There to remain from evil free
Except they ate of such a tree.

But they did eat, which was a sin,
And thus their ruin did begin;
Ruined themselves, both you and me,
An all of their posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose;
For so a promise soon did run
That he'd redeem us with a Son,

Text: Traditional

The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Here, a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays as appointed.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing :

Hymnal S-124 *Sanctus*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Peter and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Those worshipping at home and those worshipping at St. Peter's join in the following prayer for spiritual communion.

Gracious God we believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament. As people worshipping in different places, your love unites us. We affirm that we are one in the body of Christ. Amen

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider and People

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the People.

People **Amen.**

Descant

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
 2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated for the postlude. We will take a moment to offer thanks for the ministry of Liam Reid following the postlude before enjoying a festive reception and Advent wreath making. Thank you!

Postlude *Variations on “O Come Emmanuel”*

Daniel Pinkham

VII. Fervent

We are sent forth to be Christ’s blessing in the world.

Our prayer is that today’s worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace.

We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 First Sunday in Advent

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I – historic church
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Enriching Our Worship–bank barn*
9:00 a.m. Sunday school – bank barn, lower level
10:00 a.m. Reception in thanksgiving for the ministry of Liam Reid
10:20 a.m. Advent wreath workshop – bank barn
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II – historic church*
fellowship follows each service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 9:30 a.m. Atwater Walk
12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
3:00 p.m. Echo Lake Bible Study

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group – Via Zoom
12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 8:00 a.m. Gathering of Men – Via Zoom

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 10 a.m. Needlework – historic church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 Second Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II – barn*
10:00 a.m. Sunday school – bank barn, lower level
11:00 a.m. Farewell To The Reverend Christopher Exley
4:00 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols – barn

* Services marked with an asterisk can be viewed on YouTube or <https://youtu.be/uOfY7nBy1o8>
services in the barn are also available through our website stpetersgv.org or via Facebook.

ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins at 9:00 a.m. Children should go to the classrooms in the lower level of the bank barn when they arrive. They will return to the church service at the time of the Peace. If you have questions, please contact Cathy Terlescki.

YOUTH GROUP Will meet on Sunday, December 12 for gingerbread in Abigail's kitchen! 3:00-4:30 p.m. grades 6-9 and 4:30-6:00 p.m. grades 10-12. Please RSVP to Abigail@stpetersgv.org 610-644-2261. Thank you!

NURSERY CARE is available in the nursery room near the elevator on the lower level of the barn. Our youngest worshippers are welcome to join us for the service or may choose to be cared for in the nursery by our wonderful team of providers.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE MINISTRY OF LIAM REID Please join us today as we thank Liam Reid for his years of ministry as our weekend facilities manager and his ongoing ministry of assistance with live-streaming. We will thank him at the end of the 9:00 a.m. service and then enjoy festive fellowship in his honor.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP Please join us this morning, following the family Eucharist, at 10:20 a.m. for an intergenerational opportunity to assemble Advent wreaths this first Sunday of Advent.

YOU ARE INVITED! OUR ZOOM ADVENT PROGRAM begins this Wednesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. Writing is a way of paying close attention to our lives. Finding just the right words to describe our lives can be an act of holy gratitude and a way of connecting to ourselves and others. What does the season of Advent look like, sound like, taste like? What memories are awakened? What does it mean to anticipate? Join us for an experience of writing our thoughts and sharing them with each other. We will be guided by a program and process initiated by the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. For more information, call the church office or Shannon Almquist (610-908-3883), who will facilitate the experience and hopefully inspire you to find the writer deep within.

FAREWELL TO THE REVEREND CHRISTOPHER EXLEY With a mixture of sadness and joy we will thank Chris for his ministry at St. Peter's and send him off to All Hallows' with our love and prayers. Please join us next Sunday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. for worship followed by thank yous and festive fellowship. If you wish to donate to a purse, please send a check made payable to St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley with Assistant Rector Purse in the memo. Thank you!

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. You will not want to miss this beautiful, candlelit service, an adaptation of a medieval Christmas Vigil Service from the time of King Henry VII. The focus of the service is the lessons which tell the Biblical story leading to Christ's birth, beginning with Genesis. Together with hymns, anthems, and prayers, they provide an opportunity to reflect upon God's gift to the world. The service of Advent Lessons and Carols is intended as a preparation for the Christmas season and seeks to nurture anticipation in each of us. Treat yourself and a friend to this special service.

GATHERING OF WOMEN CHRISMON WORKSHOP Join us for this fun project that does not require artistic talent. Chrismons are lovely white and gold ornaments. At the family service on Christmas Eve the children will have the fun of using them to decorate a tree! Curious to know more? Ask Shannon Almquist (shannonalmquist@verizon.net) or Holly Hardester (hahardester@gmail.com). We will meet on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. For this gathering we will forego eating snacks and ask that everyone wear a mask. Additional information can be found in the December Beacon. Come and bring a friend. Youth are welcome too.

CENTERING PRAYER in the historic church on Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to discover the refreshment that comes from intentionally listening to God rather than fretting about what needs to get done. Martin Laird in his book, *Into the Silent Land, A guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation*, quotes Meister Eckhart, "The noblest attainment in this life is to be silent and let God work and speak within. We will begin with a very brief introduction and then enter into silent prayer together. Consider this gift of quiet in the midst of a busy season. For more information or to let her know you plan to participate, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org or 610-644-2261.

OPERATION GIFTING TREE is well underway both online (refer to Outreach tab on our website) and through our Gifting Trees in the historic church and barn! We invite you to participate in any way you feel comfortable. The pandemic has left a wake of even greater need in our neighboring communities. Gifts will be distributed to hard hit Coatesville, Phoenixville, Darby and Philadelphia. Please join us in bringing Christmas to those who may not otherwise have it. Questions? Contact Gail Guthridge or Brenda Grove, whose information is in the directory.

MASK UPDATE With love for our multigenerational parish, we require that all people wear masks for indoor worship regardless of vaccination status. Thank you! As always, if you have any questions or comments please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org.

COATS FOR COATESVILLE Once again we will be distributing new coats along with lunches during our December visit to Coatesville. Last year's offerings were received with joy and so we are repeating the coat drive again this year. Please consider donating a new coat or funds toward the purchase of coats for children, women, and men. Please bring coats to the parish house during the week or to church on Sunday. The deadline is December 12. Please contact Queenie Northrop with any questions. Thank you!

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET INVOLVED? We have lots of opportunities! One of the best ways to get to know people at St. Peter's is to volunteer for one of our many ministries. There are all sorts of things to do that are both fun and rewarding. Today we are highlighting communications. If you are excited about St. Peter's and want others to know about all that we do, please consider joining the communications commission. All you need to do is reach out to Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org or 610-644-2261 and she will help you discern whether or not this is the right ministry for you. Thank you!

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS Time to update the liturgical assistant's schedule which will run January 8 through May 2, 2022. Please email Rachel Martin Swartz, parish administrator, **no later than December 10, 2021** if: **1.)** You are not currently serving but would like to. **2.)** Wish to provide dates you are NOT available prior to the publication of the schedule. **3.)** Request to be removed from the schedule. Remember to provide the Sunday service time along with your availability. Your willingness to serve in all capacities is greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP It is the first Sunday of the new church year! We need a few more pledges to get to all the rising suns on our Rise and Shine posters in the gathering spaces. If you have not yet pledged, please do so this week so that we can begin the new year with a fully funded budget. That would truly be awesome! To pledge online go to: <https://www.stpetersgv.org/online-pledging/> The Stewardship Commission is thankful for all of you and your contributions of time, talent, and treasure. Let's all share the blessings God has relayed to us!! Thank you everyone.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY You can help low-income folks living in expensive, substandard housing own a new, attractive house in Cambridge Village, Coatesville. They invest 200+ hours of sweat equity. Can you spare a few hours wielding a hammer, saw, power tools, or paint brush at new construction? Next date is December 18. Work begins at 9 am, lunch around noon or 1pm, and head home around 3:30pm. You can volunteer for a monthly work day or for occasional times that fit your schedule. Experience is useful, but not required. **This opportunity is available to the entire congregation (16 years old or older).** Please contact Randy Klein whose contact information is in the directory, or call the parish office

FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE Thank you for your food generosity to our various local food ministry partners. Our friends in Phoenixville and Coatesville are so appreciative of your ongoing support!!! For the months of December and January, our porch donations will be delivered to CYWA (Community, Youth, and Women's Alliance) in Coatesville. All donations are greatly appreciated but especially CANNED MEATS (chicken, tuna, and other meats), PASTA and SAUCE, RICE and BEANS (canned and dried), PEANUT BUTTER, HEALTHY CANNED SOUPS. If you are able to take donations to Coatesville any week of December or January, please contact Eileen Klein, who is listed in the directory or you may call the parish office (610-644-2261). THANK YOU!!!

ATWATER WALKS Join Abigail on Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. for a 45-60 minute walk through the neighborhood adjacent to St. Peter's weather permitting, of course. Please contact Abigail directly if you wish to attend.

BIBLE STUDY takes place on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org for the necessary details.

PRAYER GROUP Join us on Thursdays via Zoom. Please contact Deacon Jeff for more information at jeff@stpetersgv.org.

THE GATHERING OF MEN Please join Rod Platt every Friday at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom or in person. All men in the parish are invited to this virtual morning gathering. If you would like to join this group, please contact Rod to receive the Zoom link. Rod is listed in the parish directory or you may contact the parish office at 610-644-2261 for his information.

Altar Guild: Marcia McIlvain, Katharine Campbell
Acolyte: Callie Stoltz
Readers: Brendan Hickey, Sarah Tellefsen
Ushers: Larry Malcolm, Pat Harvey
Verger: Mary Ann Tatum

Flower Guild: Pat Harvey, Sue McMaster, Susy Baum
Greeter: Brenda Grove
Intercessor: Tony Wirtel
Sound and livestream: Roger Tellefsen, Mark Clark
Fellowship: Holly Hardester

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Youth Representative: Tom Lockner

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