St. Peter's Church
IN THE GREAT VALLEY
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1700

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026 — 9:00 am & 11:15 am

Holy Eucharist — Rite Two

The Word of God

9:00 Prelude *Allein zu dir / Only to you, O Lord* Johann Pachelbel

11:15 *Prelude in B minor* Cesar Franck

Hymn 9 *Not here for high and holy things* *Morning Song*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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-280 *Glory to God* Robert Powell

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading **Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards,

they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the habitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 *Domine, refugium* *sung by the choir*

Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, * "Go back, O child of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.
For we consume away in your displeasure; * we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
Our iniquities you have set before you, * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has

destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 617 *Eternal Ruler, of the ceaseless round* *Song I*

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon The Rev. John M. Kennedy

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.

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

[Silence]

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop, John our Rector,

and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

[The intercessor adds petitions of the day.]

[Silence. The People may add their own petitions.]

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially:

[The intercessor adds thanksgivings of the day.]

[Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.]

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Esther Burrill Picou and Milton John Picou, for whom our altar memorials are given, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

[Silence. The People may add their own petitions.]

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

People **Amen.**

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *Thy Perfect Love* John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest.
Thy perfect love, close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest
And make me love thee of all thing best
And wounde my heart in thy love free,
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee. *–15th century*

The Offertory Hymn 705, v.3 *Forest Green*

With gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best to thee
To serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy son,
Help us to give ourselves each day, until life's work is done.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory,

reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S-125 Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem *Taste and See* James E. Moore, Jr. *sung by the choir*

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. *Psalm 34*

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Gluten-free wafers are available by request.
If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may come forward with the others and ask the priest for a blessing.

9:00 Communion Hymn 321 *My God, thy table now is spread* *Rockingham*

11:15 Communion Anthem *Lord as the Grain* Richard Busch

Lord, as the grain, which once on upland acres scattered abroad,
Was gathered into one, in this loaf, whereof we are partakers,
in the blest fellowship of thy dear Son:
So may thy Church, dispersed tho' all creation,
Seed of the living bread, thy holy Son,
Broken for us, and for mankind's salvation
From the world's ends be gathered into one. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 347 *Go forth for God* *Litton*

Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Fugue in F Major* *Johann Pachelbel*

Welcome to St. Peter's

WE ARE A PARISH of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. The rich life of our busy congregation, outreach opportunities, reflections, notices, prayer requests, and ways for you to be involved are detailed in our weekly email newsletter called Keynotes (named after St. Peter's "keys to the Kingdom"). To begin receiving Keynotes, simply email Melissa in the parish office at parishadministrator@stpetersgv.org. For pastoral emergencies, contact John, our priest.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS are available upon request.

SERVING TODAY: Altar Guild: Marcia McIlvain, Cathy Terlescki; **Flower Guild:** Queenie Northrop, Tammy Kraig; **Acolytes:** Wyatt Fant, Sam Fant (9:00); **Ushers:** Steve Ockenden, Roger Tellefsen (9:00), Ross & Mary Lou Unruh (11:15); **Greeter:** Helen Ockenden (9:00); **Readers:** Steve Ockenden, Roger Tellefsen (9:00), Steve Mark, Bobbie Wade (11:15); **Intercessor:** Shannon Almquist (9:00), Stephen Holt (11:15); **Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Bonnie Michael, Terry Michael (9:00), Karen Gausman (11:15); **Sound Technician:** Joe Franz (9:00), Seretha Curry (11:15); **Verger:** Joe Franz (9:00); **Fellowship Host:** The Bright Family (9:00)

NURSERY CARE DURING THE 9:00 SERVICE: Our youngest worshipers are welcome and encouraged to remain in church during the service. They rightfully contribute to our "joyful noise." If you find it helpful, you may leave your young child in the care of our lovely nursery team; they're downstairs. An usher will be glad to show you.

For Your Prayers

In the power of the Spirit who joins our prayer to Christ's enduring intercession, we pray for the sick, the suffering, and all who stand in need, especially for these individuals and their families: Laurie Sasko, Bruce Dovey, Tom Kellogg, Peter Kreek, Eric Stoltz, Bob Malcolm, Hayley & Matt Andrzejewski, Anne Edelblute, Catherine, Tom, Helen, Mary, Cheryl and Saylor Calabrese, Melissa, Abby LeGendre, Jason Hacker, Mary, Virginia McLoughlin, Don, Theresa Lang, Brenda Grove, Charlotte Mark, Priscilla Belsinger, Sue McMaster, Katie Hoffman, Ellen McAdams, Clark, George Loza, Lynda Rebarchak, Anna, Diana, Kathleen O'Brien, Kathy O'Neill, Randy Klein, Cliff

W., Eric, Sadie, Donna, Joseph Collins, Pope Leo XIV, Jeannine, Victoria, Steve Mark, Sharon Winston, Don Cheetham

For these other concerns: For the needs of others throughout our country and the world; for our nation and for all nations, that we may live in unity, peace, and concord; for justice and peace, and respect for the dignity of every human being; for all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that they may be welcomed in our midst and be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect; for wise and just leaders; for those serving in the armed forces; for wounded warriors; for those whom we see as enemies and those who see us as enemies; for our visitors and guests and all those seeking a church home; for those seeking employment; for those who are poor, hungry, lonely, oppressed or in prison; for all those in places of war and genocide, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Sudan; and for all those suffering as a result of gun violence and natural disasters.

Altar Memorials: In memory of Esther Burrill Picou and Milton John Picou given by Mrs. George Jeitles, Jr.

Parish Life Cycle of Prayer: The Green Stewards

Outreach Cycle of Prayer: Habitat for Humanity

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL takes place at 9:00 a.m. Children may go to the classrooms in the lower level of the Barn when they arrive. They return to the service at the time of the Peace. Please contact Seretha Curry (slcurry@stpetersgv.org) to learn more.

ADULT FORMATION: The Endowment Commission, led by Roger Tellefsen. How does St. Peter's manage its endowment funds, and what does that mean for our mission and our parishioners? Join us in the Barn after the 9:00 a.m. service to learn more.

STEWARDSHIP: The Stewardship Commission thanks all 90 pledgers so far in this campaign, with pledges totaling more than $426,000. This is a clear demonstration of the commitment we have to realizing the prayer "For it is in giving that we receive." We are closing in on our goals for 2027, primarily that we can cover our operating expenses without relying on parish savings. Don't worry: there is still time to pledge! You can pledge on our website or through Realm or by using a pledge card. If you need one, please take a packet from the gathering space, or you may contact the parish office. Thank you for your generosity and faithful partnership in St. Peter's mission.

JOHNVERSATIONS: We are excited to invite you to Johnversations, a series of small gatherings with John designed to help us get to know one another, share stories, and grow together as a parish family. Gatherings are offered on a variety of days, times, and locations in hopes that everyone who wishes to participate will find an opportunity that fits their schedule. While some events may be especially family-friendly, child-friendly activities may not be available at every gathering. To allow as many parishioners as possible an opportunity to participate, please sign up for only one event. Registration is available through sign-up sheets located in the Barn and the Historic Church, or online using the SignUpGenius link in Keynotes. Questions? Please contact Katie Franz at franzkgp@gmail.com.

COLD AND FLU SEASON: As the winter germs begin to spread, you may wish to pass the Peace with a nod or a wave rather than a handshake. Please be respectful of everyone's choices as we work to take care of one another.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT CHURCH HOUSING: Church Housing will host a Thanksgiving dinner during November for the residents in each of their facilities. There are multiple opportunities both on weekends and weekdays for volunteers to prepare, cook, or serve and clean up at one of their Phoenixville, West Chester, or Upland locations. The full schedule can be found in the *Beacon*. Sign-ups are in gathering spaces, or email outreach@stpetersgv.org.

GIFTING TREES: Watch for the Gifting Trees that will appear November 22 in the gathering spaces. The gifting trees will be "decorated" with tags with specific wishes for a child or an adult whose home is in one of the Church Housing communities, which provide more affordable homes for individuals and families whose incomes are limited. Please take a tag and return it with the gift. Contact Gail Guthridge (guthgirl60@gmail.com, 610-331-6521) with any questions.

GREENWOOD PLAYERS CONCERT: Come to our beautiful Bank Barn to hear the Greenwood Players, a recorder consort, perform Advent and Christmas music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods. Cookies and cocoa will be available after the concert. All are welcome -- free will donation. Registration is appreciated via the link in Keynotes.

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT: Mark your calendars for one or all of our beloved Advent offerings: an Advent wreath-making workshop on 11/29, a Quiet Evening on 12/2, Advent Lessons and Carols on 12/6, our Service Project and Pizza (making wound care kits for the Clare Project) on 12/9, and Chili and Caroling on 12/17! See Keynotes or Facebook for details and how to sign up.

MEMORIAL BRICK FUNDRAISER: Celebrate and honor loved ones while supporting our church through our Memorial Brick Fundraiser. For a donation of $100, you can purchase an engraved 4" x 8" brick personalized with up to three lines of text. Order forms are available in the gathering spaces in both the Barn and the Historic Church.

NOVEMBER IS PASTA MONTH: for the Shopping Cart food ministry. Your support provides direct relief to CYWA in Coatesville. Carts are available in the gathering spaces of both buildings.

This Week at St. Peter's

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I – Historic Church
9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Bank Barn
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School – Bank Barn, lower level
10:20 a.m.	Adult Forum – Bank Barn
11:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Historic Church*
	Fellowship follows each service.
4:00 p.m.	Family-Friendly Johnversation – Rector's Grove

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16:

11:15 a.m.	Staff meeting – Parish Office

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17:

10:00 a.m. Outreach sandwich making – Bank Barn kitchen

7:00 p.m. Vestry meeting – Parish Office

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18:

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Bible Study – via Zoom

10:00 a.m. Johnversation – Bank Barn

1:30 p.m. The Women's Circle – Historic Church

3:00 p.m. Wardens' meeting – Parish Office

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19:

9:30 a.m. Outreach Commission meeting – Historic Church

9:30 a.m. Praying our Prayer List – via Zoom

5:00 p.m. Johnversation – Historic Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20:

8:00 a.m. Gathering of Men – via Zoom

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21:

11:00 a.m. Godfrey funeral – Historic Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22: Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I – Historic Church

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Bank Barn

9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Bank Barn, lower level

10:20 a.m. Adult Forum – Bank Barn

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Historic Church*

Fellowship follows each service.

* This service will be live-streamed.

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