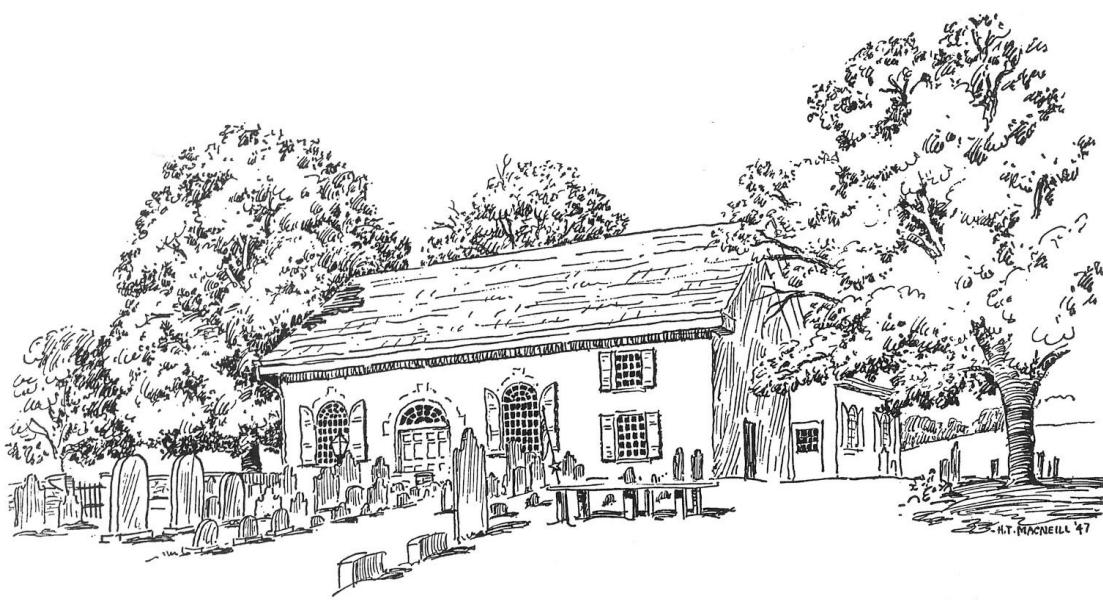


St. Peter's Church

IN THE GREAT VALLEY



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST — RITE TWO
DECEMBER 13, 2020 — 10:00 AM

Welcome! We are so glad that you are joining us virtually this morning. Corporate worship is important to us and we want to do whatever we can to maintain our sense of community even when we cannot be together physically. We encourage you to leave comments and even post pictures of yourself. In this way we can see one another even when we are not able to be with one another. In this leaflet the words to be said by all are bolded.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13:

10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II – Via Facebook Live
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour – Via Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Youth Gathering (Cookie Decorating) – Via Zoom

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14:

9:30 a.m.	Abigail's Atwater walk
12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
5:15 p.m.	Advent Evening Prayer – Via Zoom

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15:

12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
7:15 p.m.	Vestry – Via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16:

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study – Via Zoom
12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
6:00 p.m.	Advent program – Via Zoom

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17:

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18:

8:00 a.m.	Gathering of Men – Via Zoom
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20:

10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II – Via Facebook Live
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour – Via Zoom
12:30 p.m.	Pastoral Care – Via Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Youth Gathering – Via Zoom

* all services Via Facebook live can also be viewed on our website stpetersgv.org

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen* ("A Rose has bloomed ")

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Hymn 59 *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

Merton

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

The people standing, the Presider says

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

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

People 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.**

Presider Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their

offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

In convertendo

Refrain



The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad in - deed.

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

[Refrain]

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

[Refrain]

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

[Refrain]

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 76 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

The Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Christopher W. Exley

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For God’s holy Church, its ministers, and its members; especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Abigail and Chris, our priests; and this parish community; that the Church may be a witness of peace, mercy, and justice in a troubled world. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the United States of America and its elected leaders, especially Donald our President and Tom our Governor; that they may serve all peoples with compassion and humility and build up the common good. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the various local communities in which we live, that they may be places of safety in which all peoples may gather and live in peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all nations and races of the world, that they may seek ways to live with difference in a spirit of concord and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this parish community, that it may prayerfully discern ways to respond in love to events in the life of our nation. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For wise and responsible care of this beautiful earth that God has created, that we may be faithful stewards of God’s gifts to us. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are sick and suffering, especially those in our hearts and those on our parish prayer list, that they may know the healing power of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have died, especially Bernard John Guest and Evelyn Ann Guest, for whom our altar memorials are given, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Presider adds the concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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 the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with 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.

In order to keep everyone safe, only the bread will be distributed.

Please remain at your place, the Presider will bring the host to each person. Please use hand sanitizer before and after receiving.

Please remove your mask to consume the host after the Presider has moved on to the next person.

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

The Anthem *Bereite dich, Zion*, from *Weinachts-Oratorium*

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Katherine Mallon-Day, mezzo soprano

Bereite dich, Zion mit zärtlichen Trieben
den Schönsten, den Liebsten bald bei dir zu sehn.

*Prepare thyself Zion with tender affection
The fairest, the beloved will be revealed.*

Deine Wangen müssen heut viel schöner prangen,
eile, den Bräutigam sehnlichst zu lieben.

*Your cheeks today you must make lovely,
Hurry, the Bridegroom to love with longing.*

text: Isaiah 9:2–7

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give
thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with
all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of
your Name:

Presider and People

**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.

Then the Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in

subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.

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

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

As a reminder, please remain at your place, the Presider will come to you with communion.

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you 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.

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the People.

People **Amen.**

Hymn 72 Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

Richmond

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 pris - oners 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

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Fugue in d minor*

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Altar Guild: Gail Guthridge, Gail Malcolm
Flower Guild: Linda Huggler, Ginger Dagit

Reader: Kate Mallon-Day

Thank you to Mark Clark for assistance with filming.

Thank you to Jeanne Lockner for providing beautiful photographs.

Thank you to Liam Reid for his technical assistance and film editing skills.

Thank you to Michael Trycickyyj for making it possible to hear our choir singing together even when they are in their separate homes.

THE VESTRY

Rector's Warden: Eileen Klein
Vestry Warden: David Graves

Secretary: Susy Baum
Treasurer: Peter Kreek

Class of 2021

Don Cheetham
Doug Jones
Eileen Klein
Charlotte Tellefsen

Class of 2022

David Graves
Linda Holden
Cathy Terlescki
Laurel Veitch

Class of 2023

Mark Clark
Mike Harman
Lyndsay Knupp
Dave Lockner

Youth Representative: Honor Nestlehutt

ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY STAFF

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ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEIVING COMMUNION One of the clergy will remain in the barn until 12:30 p.m. so that after you have finished watching the livestream of the service you may come to receive the consecrated bread. The host will be in an individual cup on the Altar. Come, offer prayer, retrieve your communion and consume. You may spend some more time in prayer if you wish. The doors will remain open, please wear a mask and maintain any physical distancing necessary. Friendly signs will remind you of all Covid protocols.

ST. PETER'S STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN We need your help! We are moving towards our Stewardship goal and are now at 78% of our \$461,000 goal. Every pledge, no matter the amount, is cherished. You may make your pledge online at www.stpetersgv.org, simply click on "Giving," mail your pledge card, or place it in offering plates at any Sunday service. If you would like a pledge booklet and or a pledge card you may find them at St. Peter's or call the parish office, 610-644-1161. Thank you to 96 parishioners who have already pledged \$358,558!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT We are grateful for all who have made on-going or one-time donations to support the ministry of St. Peter's. Your kind gifts may be mailed to the parish office or you can give electronically, via our PayPal account. Click [HERE](#) to make a one-time donation. You will also have the opportunity to make these donations recur every month. Again, thank you for your support.

EVENING PRAYER FOR ADVENT Monday evenings at 5:15 p.m. Traditionally Advent is a time when we encourage you to slow down. Just as the world is ramping up for the holidays, the church takes a measured, deliberate approach as we prepare for the birth of the Christ child. This year, more than ever, we welcome the message of hope this season embraces. You are invited for a simple service of Evening Prayer at 5:15 p.m. on Mondays. Please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org if you wish to attend so that she can be sure you have the information that you need to participate as fully as possible.

WAWA COUPONS The youth group was originally going to be fundraising by selling Wawa coupons back in March. Unfortunately, Covid derailed our original plans. We have PLENTY of Wawa coupons (Each is good for one Shorti Hoagie). They are \$5 per coupon, they never expire and can be used at every Wawa. Please email Chris (chris@stpetersgv.org) for information on placing your order.

GIFTING TREES A heartfelt THANK YOU!! to all those of you who participated in this year's ONLINE GIFTING TREE! Thanks to you, children and their mothers at CYWA and Darby Mission, a family of eleven from St. James School, and residents at the Church Housing Corporation will receive Christmas gifts this year! In spite of the challenge of navigating Sign-Up Genius, Amazon and determining a way to purchase and deliver those gifts, we will provide something special to over seventy-five souls who might otherwise have a sparse Christmas!! IF you have not made arrangements for delivery of your gift, please contact Kate Mallon-Day immediately (610-613-8965). Thanks and Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS are a wonderful way to remember loved ones or to celebrate family milestones (weddings, births, anniversaries). Maybe this year there is a special essential worker you wish to honor. Your gift "In thanksgiving for" or "In memory of" will be listed in the Christmas service leaflets and on the screen at the end of the Christmas Eve services. The minimum contribution suggested is \$30.00. Order forms are available via the Keynotes link or you may contact the parish office. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's Church with Christmas Memorials in the memo and send them in or take them to the office by **December 14**. Please be sure to include the names of the people you wish to honor or remember. Thank you!

ADVENT ESCHATOLOGICAL EXPLORATION The Sunday readings and lessons in Advent are centered around waiting for the second coming of Jesus and what will happen in the end times. The study of these things is called Eschatology. Eschatology is the part of theology concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind. What do we believe? What do we think happens? When will the end times be? This is going to be a dialog, not a lecture. Please plan on attending and bring your questions. Contact Chris (chris@stpetersgv.org) to receive the Zoom link for these conversations. These will occur every Wednesday (16th, 23rd) in Advent at 6pm (It is not necessary to come to each one).

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE for St. Peter's families. The Bad Boys & Girls have a large supply of split, seasoned hardwoods, mostly oak & walnut, ready for delivery. Scheduling a pick-up-truck load of wood is as easy as emailing Dave Tatum at davetatum@aol.com or calling the church office. The minimum cost for a truckload is \$150, but you can give more if you wish; please make your check payable to St. Peter's in the Great Valley and write BB&G4J on the memo line. Thank you.

SEND US YOUR CRECHE PICTURES Many families include a creche or manger scene setup with their Christmas decorations. Please send Chris (Chris@stpetersgv.org) the pictures of your set up (including you, your children (if you have any), your pets, etc. Every type of family configuration is welcome and needed). We will stitch these together into a video that will be shown on our website and social media sites. It's a great way to get to see everyone!

BEDTIME STORIES HAVE RESUMED Abigail, Chris and others have rounded up their favorite seasonal story books for the reprise of "Bedtime Stories with St. Peter's," The series will be available via Facebook at 7:00 p.m. each evening. If you are interested in recording yourself reading your favorite seasonal story for our Facebook page, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org.

ST. PETER'S MASKS We have complimentary, white masks available with a small St. Peter's logo on the side available for parishioners. If you would like one, please email Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 to arrange for pick up.

FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE Thank you for your food generosity to our various local ministries. Our friends in Phoenixville and Coatesville are so very appreciative of your outpouring of support! For the months of November and December we will be collecting for the Community Youth and Women's Alliance (CYWA) in Coatesville. They welcome proteins of canned chicken, tuna and other meats. Pasta and sauce, rice and beans are always favorites. In celebration of the holidays, boxed stuffing and mashed potatoes, gravy packs, and canned cranberry sauce, green beans, and corn would be very appreciated offerings. For questions or to volunteer to deliver, please contact Eileen Klein. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information. Thank you for your continuing support.

CALLING ALL READERS We have created a fun FREE library in a cabinet outside on the edge of the Historic Church parking lot. Readers of all ages are encouraged to pick up a book, and when possible to leave a book. We do not need any further mass donations. A separate bin of thought-provoking mission-related books are also available on the Parish House porch.

NEEDLEWORK MINISTRY COMFORT AVAILABLE Do you know someone who is struggling due to illness or grief or could simply use encouragement? The Needlework Ministry has created items to meet those needs. You can request a prayer shawl or lap blanket for someone who is ill in almost any weight or color. These also come with a cloth gift bag and booklet of prayers. If someone has lost hair due to chemo treatments, we have prepared chemo caps too. Or a simple prayer square can be sent. If you wish to support someone in this way, please contact Gail Malcolm. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information.

PRAYER LISTS Because our leaflets are now on a public platform each week, they do not include the parish prayer list, however we are happy to share it with you at your request. Please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 and she will be happy to send one to you. Thank you.

ATWATER WALKS Join Abigail on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a 45-60 minute walk through the neighborhood adjacent to St. Peter's, weather permitting of course. Limit of 4 people. Please contact Abigail directly if you wish to attend.

BIBLE STUDY will continue to take place on Wednesday mornings via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org or Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org for the necessary details.

PRAYER GROUP Join us on Thursdays via Zoom. Please contact Chris for the link details at chris@stpetersgv.org.

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

DAILY DEVOTIONS BOOKLETS for August through October are available through the church office. While we are apart, if you would like to receive a Day by Day Daily Devotions for Disciples booklet please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 and she would be happy to send one to you.

PLEASE DRIVE GENTLY One of the blessings of this pandemic time is that we are seeing a large, but safe, number of visitors on our beautiful church grounds. Many of them walk or jog over from Atwater. If you are driving on campus, please be especially careful, particularly at the turn in the exit road. Thank you!

VISITING SAFELY AT YOUR HOME OR AT CHURCH We cannot sit with you inside your home, but Abigail and Chris are happy to stop by your house for a visit in your driveway or yard. You can stay at a safe distance, but enjoy a bit of face to face company. Another option is that we can visit with you over the phone or by Zoom. Please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org if you or someone you know would welcome a visit.

TECHNOLOGY HELP Since we have moved all church programming into the virtual space, you may be struggling with how to connect to some of the events we are having. Help is available anytime, to handle your technology and connection issues and questions. We want to help you, in any way possible, to participate in our events and worship. Please reach out to Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org or call the office at 610-644-2261.

NOONDAY PRAYER To help keep us grounded in this time, Abigail and Chris have added daily Noonday prayer to our offerings. This will be available on Facebook live at 12:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday. Please join us virtually as you are able. Also, if you wish to spend time in either the historic church or bank.