

HOLY EUCHARIST

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022  
8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

## **UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR WORSHIP**

**As we enter the autumn season, the Diocese of Massachusetts offered new guidance for congregations regarding COVID-19.**

Much of the advice is common sense and has been part of our shared experience over the last two years: these include encouraging being vaccinated and boosted, staying home if you're feeling unwell and adhering to the health guidelines of our local community.

If you are interested in the specifics, please visit the Diocesan Website section that articulates both practical and theological considerations that have led us to this place at: [www.diomass.org/covid-19-updates-resources](http://www.diomass.org/covid-19-updates-resources).

**The most recent guidelines offer only a few changes to our worship pattern here at St. Peter's.**

- While masks are no longer required, they are recommended for anyone with a weakened immune system, or if they are at increased risk of severe disease because of age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in their household has a weakened immune system, or is at risk for severe disease.
- Communion will be given at the main altar in both kinds (bread and wine). The wine will continue to be given in individual cups that should be deposited in the available baskets on the way back to your seat.

We appreciate your generosity and patience as we navigate this new way of worshipping together.

As always, we are guided by Jesus teaching from the twenty- second chapter of Matthew where Jesus commands his disciples. 'to love your neighbor as yourself (verse 39).

# Welcome to St. Peter's Church

*By God's grace, we strive to be an inclusive community that invites and supports each person to see Christ in every human being and to live by Jesus' example, through worship, education, parish life and outreach.*

We are glad you are with us today. It is our hope and prayer you will find it a place to encounter the God who loves you unconditionally. If you are visiting this morning, we are especially delighted you have joined us for worship. No matter where you are in your journey of faith, there is a place for you here. If you would like more information about this community of faith, please fill out a visitor card located in the pew and near the front doors of the church. Place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.



## About the Service

“BCP” page numbers refer to the red **Book of Common Prayer**. EOW refers to Enriching Our Worship, a supplemental liturgical resource offered by the The Episcopal Church to enhance our liturgical prayer. Hymn numbers may be found in the blue **Hymnal 1982** Everything you need for our worship service can be found in your worship bulletin and the hymnal. The people’s responses are in bold.

## Children and Youth

Children are always welcome in our liturgy. Crayons and coloring sheets are available in the pews and in the back of the church.

## Pastoral Care

The clergy and lay members of the Pastoral Care Team are available for home or hospital visits to those who are homebound, bereaved, or lonely. Meal delivery, visits and/or home Communion can be arranged for those in need. Please contact the church for more information.



## HOLY EUCHARIST (Rite II) at 8:00 AM

Welcome  
Collect for Purity  
Gloria  
Collect of the Day

*Please stand (as you are able)*

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### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7,16-18 (*Said responsively in half-verse*)  
The Second Lesson: Romans 1:1-7  
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25  
Sermon  
Nicene Creed  
Prayers of the People  
Confession of Sin  
The Peace  
Announcements  
Offertory Sentence

*Please be seated*

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*Please stand*

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### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)  
The Lord's Prayer  
Breaking of the Bread  
Fraction Anthem  
Ministration of the Sacrament  
*All who seek Christ or a deeper knowledge of Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*  
Post-Communion Prayer  
Dismissal

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HOLY EUCHARIST (Rite II) at 10:00 AM

**Prelude**

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Sleepers Wake, a Voice is Sounding)

BWV 645

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Welcome**

**Processional Hymn**

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Hymnal 497

**Opening Acclamation**

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

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

**Collect for Purity**

BCP 355

Almighty God, 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.**

**Kyrie (Sung by all)**

S96

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

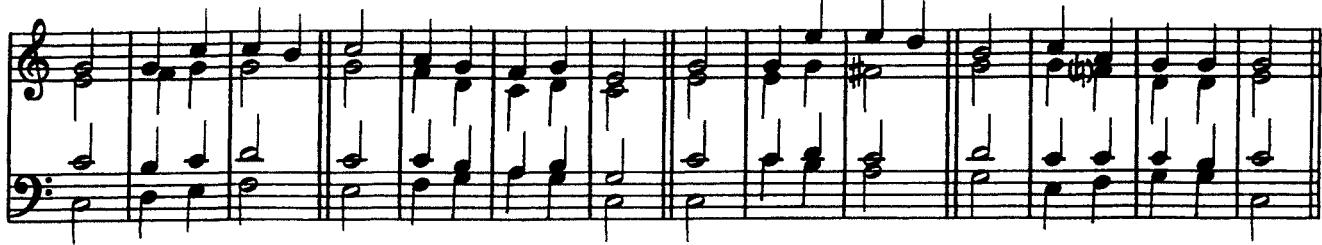
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 80:1-7,16-18



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading 'Joseph like a' flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are en'throned up'on the 'cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, 'Benjamin, and Ma'nasseeh, \*  
stir up your'strength and'come to'help us.
- 3 Restore us, O 'God of'hosts; \*  
show the light of your'countenance, and 'we shall be'saved.
- 4 O LORD'God of'hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
de'spite the 'prayers of your'people?



5 You have fed them with the 'bread of' tears; \*  
you have given them 'bowls of' tears to 'drink.

6 You have made us the de'ris'ion of our 'neighbors, \*  
and our 'enemies' laugh us to 'scorn.

7 Restore us, O 'God of' hosts; \*  
show the light of your 'countenance, and 'we shall be 'saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the 'man of your 'right hand, \*  
the son of man you have 'made so 'strong for your 'self.

17 And so will we never 'turn a'way from you; \*  
give us life, that we may 'call up 'on your 'Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD 'God of' hosts; \*  
show the light of your 'countenance, and 'we shall be 'saved.

## The Second Lesson: Romans 1:1-17

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

God Himself Is With Us

Hymnal 475

### The Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

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

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Sermon

#### The Nicene Creed (*Said by all*)

BCP 358

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** (*The Leader and People pray responsively*)

Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead. The Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad, saying, “You are our God; **and we thank you.**”

We ask you, O God, to bless your Church. Give us your grace. Stir up your strength and come to help us even as we declare the gospel concerning your Son.

*Silence*

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

We ask you, O God, to bless this nation. May our leaders not trust in their own strength but in you, O God of hosts. Teach us to refuse the evil and choose the good.

*Silence*

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

We ask you, O God, to bless our city. Let your hand be upon us. Guide and strengthen all those who find themselves in difficult situations—especially young and single parents.

*Silence*

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

We ask you, O God, to bless all those who are distressed. Hear their prayers, O Shepherd of the flock. May they take comfort in the knowledge that you are with them.

*Silence*

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

O God, you are good; your mercy endures forever: be the strength of the weak and the song of those who mourn. We pray especially for Ace, Cathy, Donna, Elvert, Kenny, Mark, Penelope, Rhonda, Tom, Emery, Wayne, Will, Valerie, and those suffering with COVID. We pray also for all who serve in the military, especially Ewan, Ben, Meg, and Joey.

*Silence*

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

We ask you, O God, to bless all who have died. Welcome into your heavenly kingdom all who are called to be saints.

*Silence*

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

I invite your own prayers of intercession or thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

### **Concluding Collect**

BCP 395

*Celebrant* Gracious and Holy God, through the humble trust of Jesus on the cross you have showed us the path of eternal life: Give us courage and grace to follow his example of obedient love, to walk in the way of the cross, and to share in his glorious resurrection, that we may live in the power of his Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*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.

*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. **Amen.**

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

### Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

He Comes To Us text by Albert Schweitzer  
music by Jane M. Marshall (1924-2019)

He comes to us as one unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside He came, He came to those men who knew Him not.

He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: "Follow, follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.

He commands, and to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts,

the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship. And, as in ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.

O Morning Star, how fair and bright, Thou beamest forth in truth and light! O Sovereign meek and lowly.

Thou root of Jesse, David's Son, my Lord and Master, Thou hast won my heart to serve Thee solely.

Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.

*Please stand*

## Hymn at the Presentation Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 355

*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.**

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

## Sanctus (*Sung by all*)

S130

**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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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**

BCP 361

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

BCP 364

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

### Fraction Anthem (*Sung by all*)

S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

### The Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Ministration of the Sacrament

### Communion Anthem

Zion Hears Her Watchmen's Voices from Cantata 140, Sleepers Wake, a Voice is Sounding  
J.S. Bach

Zion hears her watchmen's voices, their gladdening cry her soul rejoices. The shadows of her night depart.

In his might her Lord appeareth, His word of grace and truth she heareth, the Daystar riseth in her heart.

O come, in splendor bright, Lord Jesus, Light of Light! Hosanna, we follow Thee, Thy joy to see where everlasting bliss shall be.

Glory now to Thee be given, on earth as in the highest heaven. With lute and harp in sweetest tone,

all of pearl each dazzling portal, where we shall join the song immortal, of saints and angels round Thy throne.

Beyond all earthly ken, those wondrous joys remain that God prepares. Our hearts rejoice, io! io! Ever in dulci jubilo.

### Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Advent Blessing**

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel vv.5-8

Hymnal 56

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

Variation on O Come, O Come Emmanuel

arr. Paul Otto Manz (1919-2009)

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**How Bright Appears the Morning Star**

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es;  
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## God Himself Is With Us



Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen (1697-1769); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.;

st. 3, tr. Henry Sloane Coffin (1877-1954)

Music: Tysk, from *Psalm und Choralbuch*, 1719

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## O Come, O Come Emmanuel vv.5-8



(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, 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.



*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

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## Announcements for Sunday, December 18, 2022

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- **Coffee Hour After 10AM Service!** Join us at coffee hour following the 10AM service for conversation and community.
- **Christmas Services and Times!**
  - Christmas Eve Family Pageant Service at 3PM
  - Christmas Eve Festive Choral Service at 5:30PM with Prelude at 5PM
  - Christmas Day Service at 10AM (No 8AM service!)
- **Calling All Angels, Wise Men, & Shepherds!** Children of all ages are needed to stage this year's Christmas Pageant. Held during the family service at 3PM on Christmas Eve, this annual tradition has a place for all! Please reach out to Wink van Ogtrop with the names and ages of your children or grandchildren. Wink can be reached at [winkvo@me.com](mailto:winkvo@me.com). Rehearsal will take place at 2:15PM on the day of the pageant and there will be an optional rehearsal on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> following the 10AM service.
- **Christmas Memorial Flower and Music Donations** If you wish to make a seasonal donation in memory of a loved one, use this [LINK](#) and select the "Flower Donation" and/or "Music Donation" options in the Realm drop down menu. **Please email Emily with the name(s) of your loved one(s). The deadline is Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** if you would like the names to be published in the Christmas bulletins.
- **Greening of the Church!** Please join us for the fun and festive annual greening of the church for Christmas this Sunday, December 18th immediately following the 10AM service. We will decorate and hang wreaths in the windows, place poinsettias, and add birch logs, candles, greens, etc. to the window sills. Everyone is welcome!
- Volunteers needed to help deliver medium sized poinsettias to folks who are unable to get to church. There will be a sign-up sheet by the coffee treats. Thank you so much!
- **2023 Stewardship Campaign** The Stewardship Committee mailed and emailed information about St. Peter's 2023 Stewardship Campaign. We are grateful for all those who have already responded with a pledge! Pledge cards are available in the Narthex. Please reach out to committee members, Scott Westvold, Tom Keery, John Jacobs, and Mike Iacono if you have any questions.

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### Assisting at the 8:00am Service

Lucy Bradley, *Lector*

Cheryl Murphy, *Litanist*

### Assisting at the 10:00am Service

Gretchen von Mering, *Lector*

*The Altar Flowers are given for the Glory of God*

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## People Who Have Pledged to the 2023 Stewardship Campaign

Please note, this list is alphabetical and reflects pledges received as of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.  
It will be updated weekly. Many thanks to those who have already pledged.

Cynthia Abbott  
Camille Batarekh and Ann O'Rourke  
Richard and Peggy Batchelder  
Deborah Boshart  
Lucy and Chip Bradley  
John Bulbrook and Carolyn Ellis  
Becky and Dana Callow  
The Campos Family  
Cynthia and Steve Chapra  
James Daughtry  
Hansi Dean  
Lance and Beverly Mason Dillaway  
The Estes Family  
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## Our Mission

*By God's grace, we strive to build a welcoming, joyful community,  
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and those in need with love and acceptance*