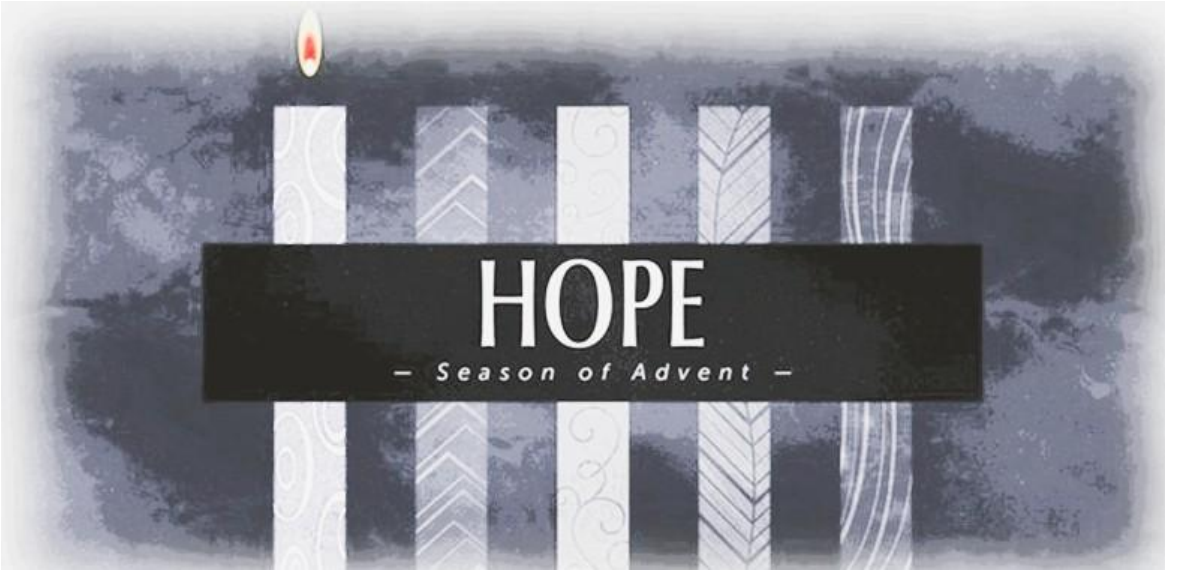
ST. PETER'S
MOUNTAIN LAKES



The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026
10:15 AM

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S!

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Ministers of the Service

Today's Servers

Presider & Preacher:	The Reverend Michael Muller
Deacon:	The Reverend Deacon Nancy Hansen
Verger:	Tim O'Donnell
Lay Pastoral Leader:	Peeka Trenkle
Organist/Music Director:	Sal Lagattuta
Cantor/Soloist:	Jonathan Dawson
Ushers:	Wilson Mitchell & Frank Perrone
Crucifer:	Ryan Harris
Torch Bearers:	Luke Maloney & Joelle Gutierrez
Lay Readers:	Tom George & Steve Shaw
Eucharistic Minister:	Tim Berrios
Camera Operator:	Bob Soni
Altar Guild:	Rutt Team: Traci Rutt, Marlene Graver, Karen Cattlet, Lois Morlock, Janet Wilson, Katie Danbury, Charlotte Kalb, Pam Soni, Kathleen Junkerman
Coffee Hour:	The Johnson Family

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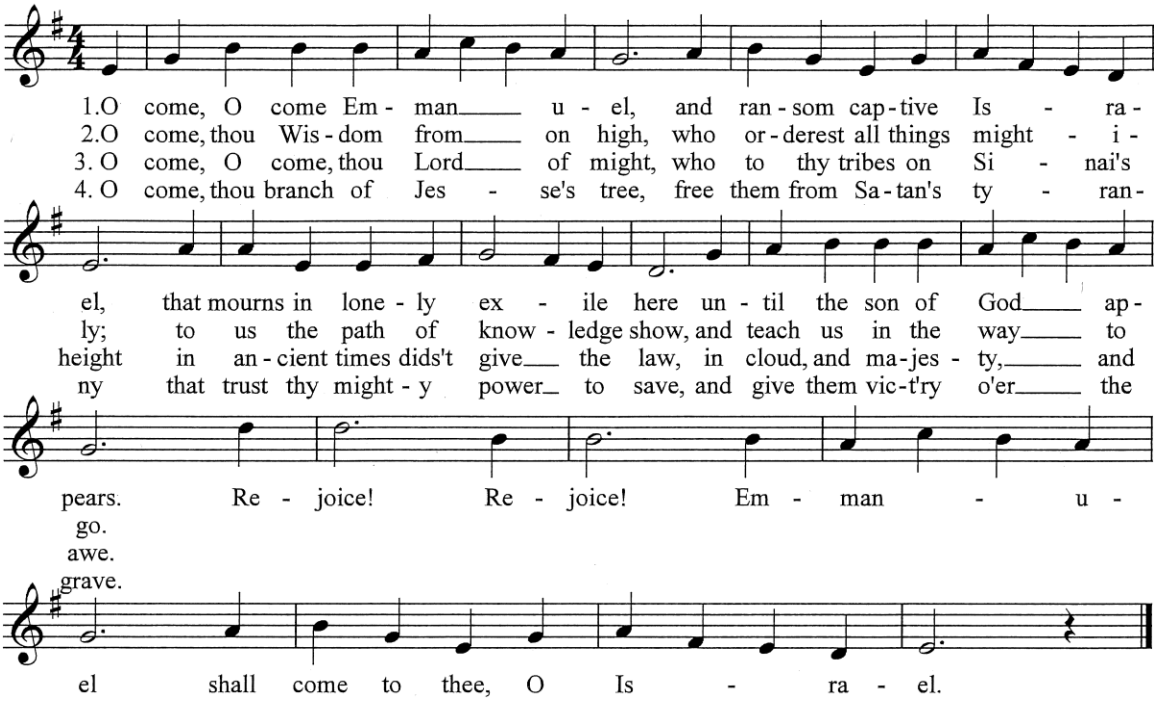
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Word of God

Prelude: "But Who May Abide The Day Of His Coming" from 'Messiah'

Johnathan Dawson ~ Baritone G.F. Handel

Processional Hymn: Hymn #56 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs 1-4



Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *(The First Candle is Lit.)*

Reader: Our Advent candles remind us that Jesus, our Savior is coming. We eagerly wait for him for he brings salvation and light and life. Today on this first Sunday of Advent, we remember that he is our HOPE.

Light the first Advent Candle.

Reader: With the psalmist, we pray, "We wait in hope for the LORD, for God is our help and our shield. Indeed, our heart rejoices in God, for in God's name we put our trust. Let your loving kindness, O LORD, be upon us, as our HOPE rests in you." (Psalm 33:20-22)

Presider: Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope and trust in you. Give us grace to see your loving plan for our lives, for this community, and for the whole world. May we have unbounded confidence in you, who are always near to us, through Jesus Christ, the eternal source of our redemption and our HOPE. **AMEN.**

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

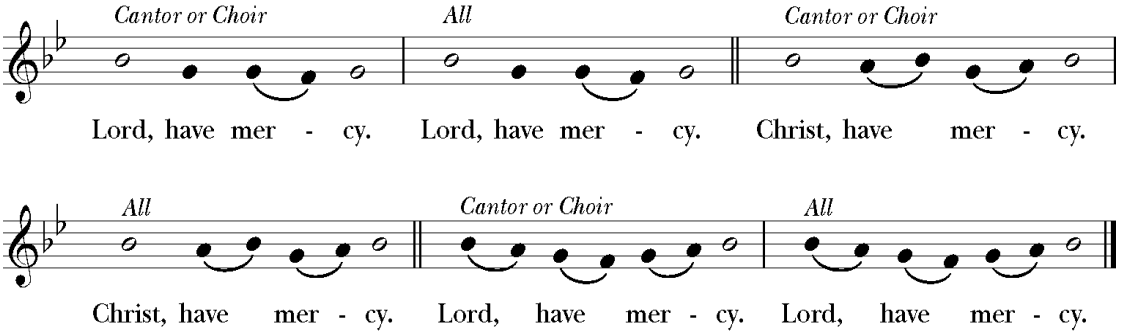
Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Kyrie S 95



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.***

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

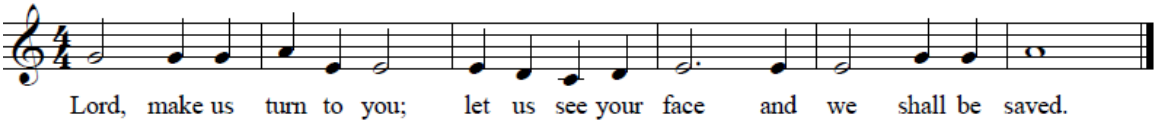
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Cantor will sing refrain first: followed by congregation. The congregation sings refrain after each verse



1. O shepherd of Israel, harken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
   Rouse your power, and come to save us. (refrain)
2. Once again, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, and see;
   Take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong. (refrain)
3. May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man, whom you yourself made strong.
   Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. (refrain)

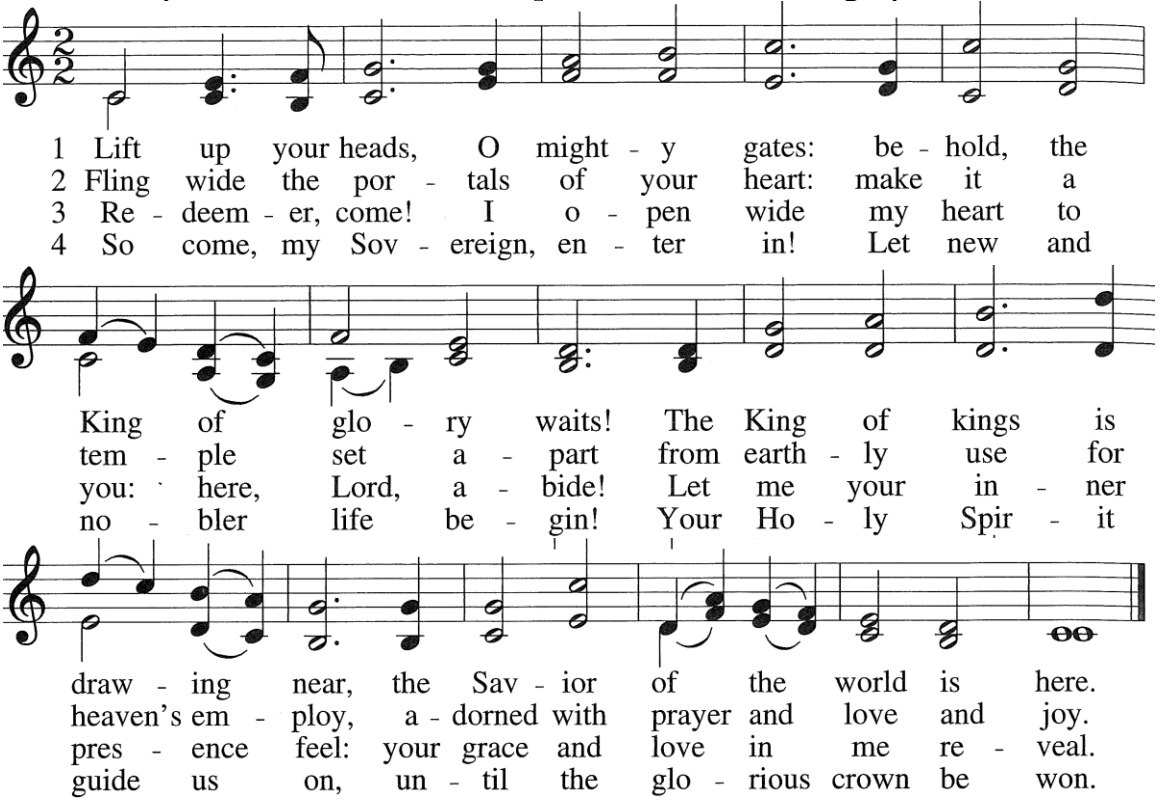
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn #176 W&R "Lift Up Your Heads O Mighty Gates"



Gospel Announcement

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark
People: **"Glory to you, Lord Christ."**

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Apostles Creed Book of Common Prayer page 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: Surround your church, her leaders, and people with your armor of light. We pray especially for Sean, our presiding bishop; Carlye, our bishop, Michael, our priest, Nancy, our deacon and Peeka, our lay pastoral leader. Strengthen them and all your people as we reach out to you, our Savior, in prayer and hope. Shine you light on us, O Lord;

People: **May we place all our hope in You.**

Leader: O Lord, that you would tear open the heavens and come down to us to mold us as the work of your hand. Spread abroad your justice in the world that you may put to and end the nation's warring madness. Bend our hearts to your will to cease our wanton selfish gladness less we miss your Kingdom's goal. Shine you light on us, O Lord;

People: **May we place all our hope in You.**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. May you rule in our hearts so that we may exercise gentle stewardship over everything that you have created. Shine you light on us, O Lord;

People: **May we place all our hope in You.**

Leader: Lover of souls, we ask your blessing on all those that struggle with illness, anxiety, grief or fear. Fill them with the hope that comes from the assurance of your presence. Reading their names out loud we pray especially for: **Cesar Pacheco, Mike Marucci, Eva Cordova, Kathy Mack, Bob Messick, Mary Del Ojo, Dave Baker, Dana & Bill Dean, Evelyn & Jerry Watkins, Lee Westbrook, Nancy Pignatello, Jack Christel, Walt & Nancy Nickens, Ray Rogers, Tessie, Christopher, Martha, Cicely, Elyse, Joseph, Micah, Aidan and Jaclyn.**

Leader: Shine you light on us, O Lord;

People: **May we place all our hope in You.**

Leader: Lord God, we pray for our parish community that we may be a people who always calls on your name. May our community of togetherness and support always be a sign of hope to those we live with and meet in our days. In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Don & Sally Krudop and Sal & Nancy Lagattuta. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week; Marlene Graver, Susan Spagnola, Geoff Avery, Tim Catlett Darlene Hart-Sylvester, and John Giordano.
Shine you light on us, O Lord;

People: **May we place all our hope in You.**

Leader: Lord God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ to live and die as one of us so that we might hold onto blessed hope of everlasting life. We pray for all, especially Sally Spinosa, Alyson Pearl and Sandra Worster, who have returned to your embrace. Be with us who mourn their loss and console us with assurance of your never-failing love. Shine you light on us, O Lord;

People: **May we place all our hope in You.**

Presider: Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

The Peace

The Presider says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All are invited to share God's peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence:

Choral Anthem: "And The Glory Of The Lord" from 'Messiah' ~ G.F. Handel

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B BCB p.367

The people remain standing. The Presider, faces them and says

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

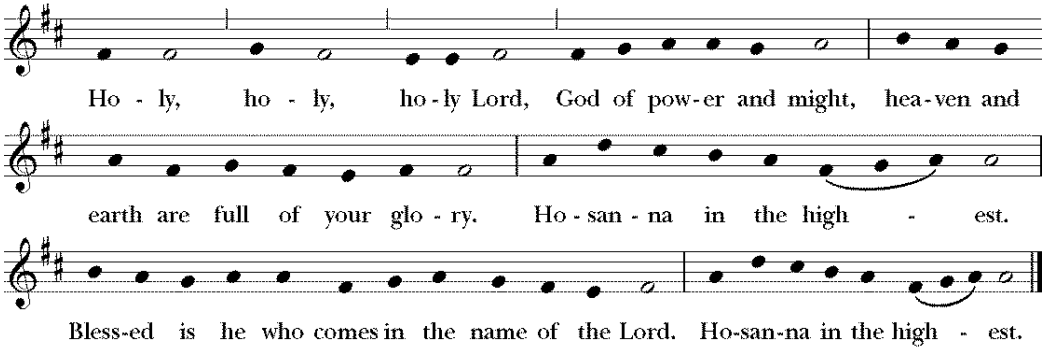
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise**.

The Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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 to 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 Hymnal S 124



The people stand or kneel as able. 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 Saint 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.**

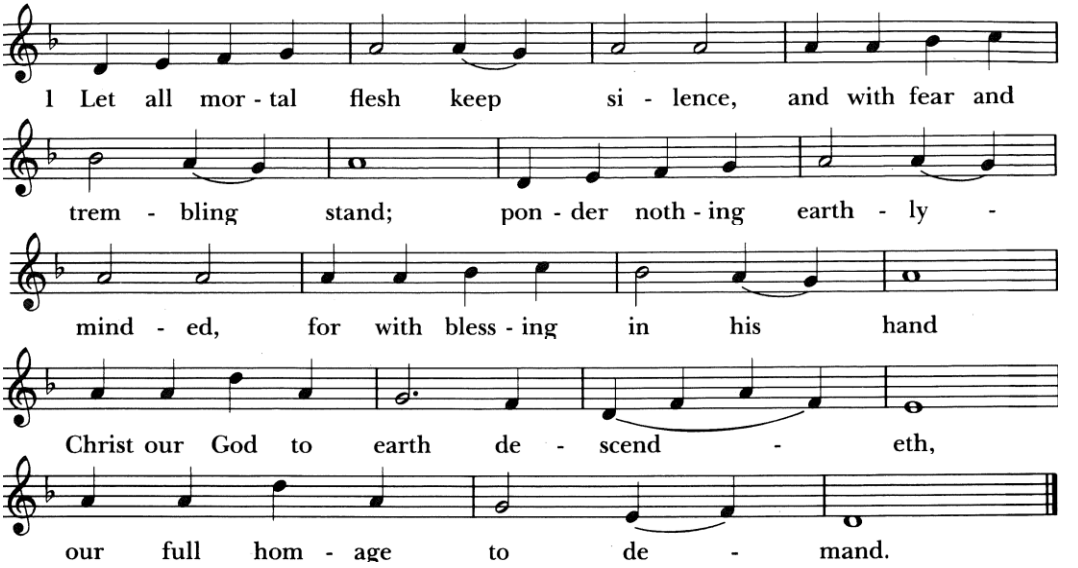
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and 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

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem:



Invitation to Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Please tell the Eucharistic Minister if you wish a gluten-free Communion wafer.

Please approach the Altar by the center aisle and return to your pew by exiting to the right.

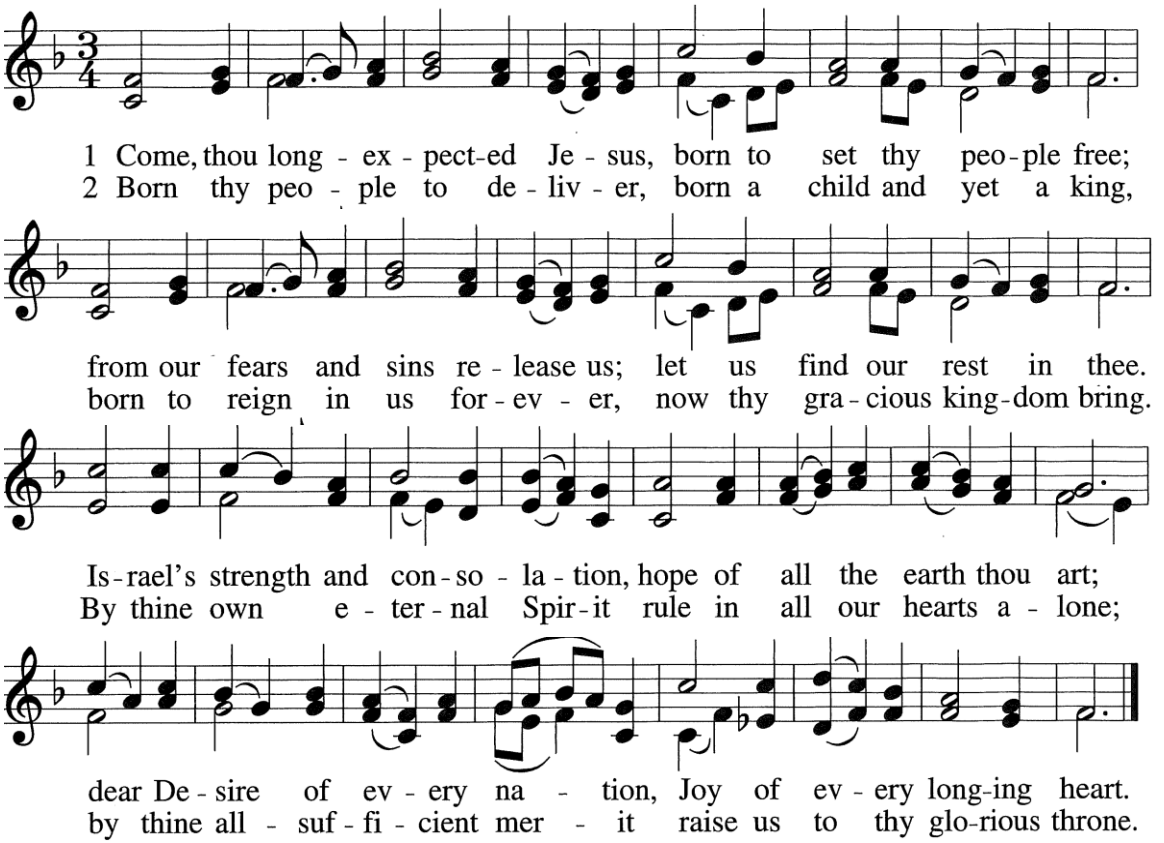
Communion Meditation: "Let The Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" ~ G. Martin

Post Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer p. 366

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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #153 W&R "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"



Dismissal Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" ~ arr. R. Lau

PARISH NOTES

DECEMBER

2	Wednesday	7-8pm	Regional Faith Community (COTS) "Spouse"
11	**Friday**	**4:30-5:30pm**	**Christmas Pageant Casting & Practice 1**
12	Saturday	10:30am-1:30pm	Saint John's Luncheon (Helen's Group)
13	**Sunday**	**3-5pm**	**Youth Group ~ Cookie Bake**
		5-6pm	**Carols by Candlelight on the Centennial Terrace**
16	Wednesday	7-8pm	Regional Faith Community (St. Peter's) "Earth"
17	**Thursday**	**4:30-5:30pm**	**Christmas Pageant Practice 2**
18	**Friday**	**4-5pm**	**Christmas Caroling at the Oaks Health Center in Denville**
19	**Saturday**	**7:30-9am**	**Men's Breakfast**
		10:30am-1:30pm	**Saint John's Luncheon (Steve's Group)**
22	**Tuesday**	**10:00am**	**Alyson Pearl Memorial Service**
24	**Thursday**	**4:30pm**	**Christmas Eve Family Service & Christmas Pageant**
		9:15pm	**Christmas Carol Sing & Festival Christmas Eve Eucharist**
25	**Friday**	**9:30am**	**Christmas Day Eucharist**
30	Wednesday	10:30-12:30pm	Faith Kitchen at Holy Trinity Lutheran in Dover



Acolytes
Please Fill in Where you Can
(And let Lisa, in the office know)

Advent 2026 - Easter 2027Acolyte Schedule

Date & Sunday	Ministry	Name		
Nov 29,2026 Advent 1	Cucifer	Ryan Harris		
	Torchbearer	Luke Maloney		
	Torchbearer	Joelle Gutierrez	**Junior Ministry**	**Name**
Dec 6, 2026 Family Service Advent 2	Sr. Crucifer	Matthew Muller	Jr. Crucifer	Hank Johnson
	Sr. Torchbearer	Joelle Gutierrez	Jr. Torcberaer	
	Sr. Torchbearer	Molly Johnson	Jr. Torcberaer	
	Lay Reader 1	Joelle Gutierrez	Jr. Usher & Oblation	
	Lay Reader 2		Jr. Usher & Oblation	
Dec 13, 2026 Advent 3	Cucifer			
	Torchbearer	Liam Ganley		
	Torchbearer			
Dec 20, 2026 Advent 4	Cucifer	Wesley Immitt		
	Torchbearer			
	Torchbearer			
Dec 24, 2026 **CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30 PM**	Cucifer	Thomas Corbo		
	Torchbearer	Molly Johnson		
	Torchbearer			
	Lay Reader	Emily Johnson		
Dec 24, 2026 **CHRISTMAS EVE 9:30 PM**	Thurifer	Jonathan Spell		
	Cucifer			
	Torchbearer			
	Torchbearer			
Dec 27, 2026 Christmas 1 **9:30 AM**	Cucifer			
	Torchbearer	Joelle Gutierrez		
	Torchbearer			
Jan 3, 2027 Family Service EPIPHANY	Sr. Crucifer		Jr. Crucifer	Joelle Gutierrez
	Sr. Torchbearer		Jr. Torcberaer	
	Sr. Torchbearer		Jr. Torcberaer	
	Lay Reader 1	Joelle Gutierrez	Jr. Usher & Oblation	
	Lay Reader 2		Jr. Usher & Oblation	

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Jan 10, 2027 Epiphnay 1	Cucifer	Matthew Muller		
	Torchbearer			
	Torchbearer			
Jan 17, 2027 Epiphnay 2	Cucifer			
	Torchbearer			
	Torchbearer			
Jan 24, 2027 Epiphnay 3	Cucifer			
	Torchbearer			
	Torchbearer			
Jan 10, 2027 Epiphnay 4	Cucifer			
	Torchbearer			
	Torchbearer			
Feb 7, 2027 Family Service Epiphany Last	Sr. Crucifer		Jr. Crucifer	Joelle Gutierrez
	Sr. Torchbearer		Jr. Torcberaer	
	Sr. Torchbearer		Jr. Torcberaer	
	Lay Reader 1	Joelle Gutierrez	Jr. Usher & Oblation	
	Lay Reader 2		Jr. Usher & Oblation	
Feb 14, 2027 Lent 1	Cucifer			
	Torchbearer			
	Torchbearer			
Feb 21, 2027 Lent 2	Cucifer	Matthew Muller		
	Torchbearer			
	Torchbearer			
Feb 28 2027 Lent 3	Cucifer			
	Torchbearer			
	Torchbearer			
Mar 7, 2027 Family Service Lent 4	Sr. Crucifer		Jr. Crucifer	
	Sr. Torchbearer		Jr. Torcberaer	
	Sr. Torchbearer		Jr. Torcberaer	
	Lay Reader 1		Jr. Usher & Oblation	

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St. Peter's Mission Statement

St. Peter's exists to celebrate our Christian faith through worship, fellowship and the demonstration of Christian love in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

To accomplish this purpose we must

- Invite and welcome all persons into the warmth and fellowship of the St. Peter's family.
- Strengthen and support all members of our church family in their daily lives and minister to their needs.
- Create a rich environment where our common Christian values are shared and taught through worship, through study of the Bible and through example.
- Reach out to the world around us and demonstrate Christian love, sharing our gifts and talents with our neighbors and those in need of them.

The Staff at St. Peter's

The Reverend Michael Muller, Rector
Sal Lagattuta, Music Director
Lisa Kawalek, Parish Administrator

The Wardens and Vestry

Jeff Roth, Senior Warden; Hope White, Junior Warden

2027	2028	2029
Steve Emr	Sandra Narain	Patty Vitiello
Dan Verrengia	Andy Newson	Anthony Floreno
Jeanne Stevens	Pam Soni	Revin Philip