ST. PETER'S
MOUNTAIN LAKES



The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
10:15am

Welcome to St. Peter's

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by,
Alyson Pearl. In Thanksgiving for those Serving in the Military.
In Memory of Dorothy VanDine,
Loving Mother of Alyson Pearl and Family.

Ministers of the Service

	Today's Servers
Presider & Preacher:	The Reverend Michael Muller
Deacon:	The Reverend Nancy Hansen
Lay Pastoral Leader:	Peeka Trenkle
Verger:	Tim O'Donnell
Organist/Music Director:	Sal Lagattuta
Soloist:	Sue Fleischman
Clarinetist:	Janet Vidovich
Crucifer:	Colson Russo
torch Bearers:	Brooklyn Harris & Ryan Harris
Ushers:	Jim Muhaw & John Garrison
Lay Readers:	Jim Ferguson & Kris Garrison
Eucharistic Minister:	Tom George
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Coffee Hour Host:	The Russo Family

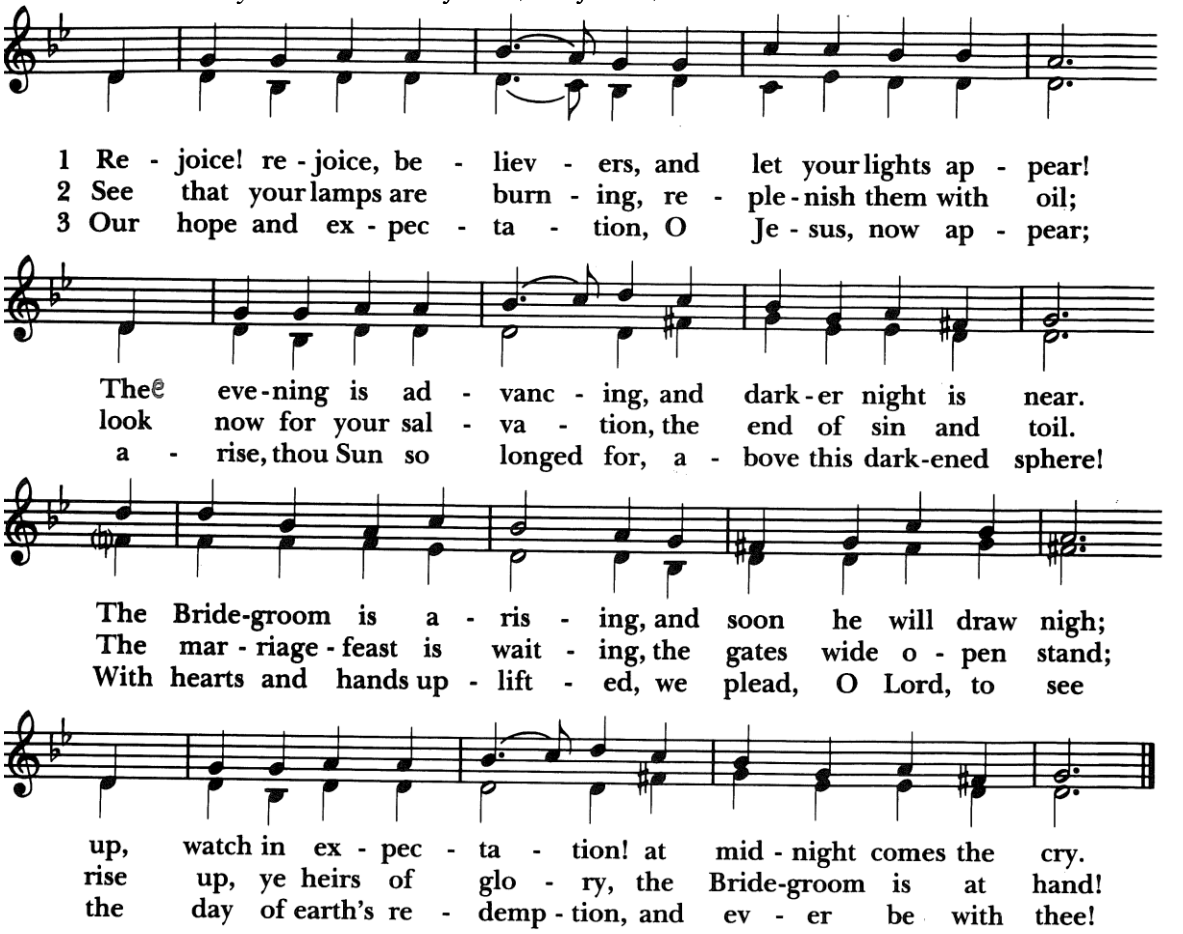
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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: "Lord I Want To Be A Christian In My Heart" ~ B. Glyncannon

(Please stand)

Processional Hymn: #68 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"



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.**

Collect for Purity

Presider: 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis Hymnal S 280



The Collect of the Day

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

First Reading: **Wisdom 6:12-20**

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.
The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

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

Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

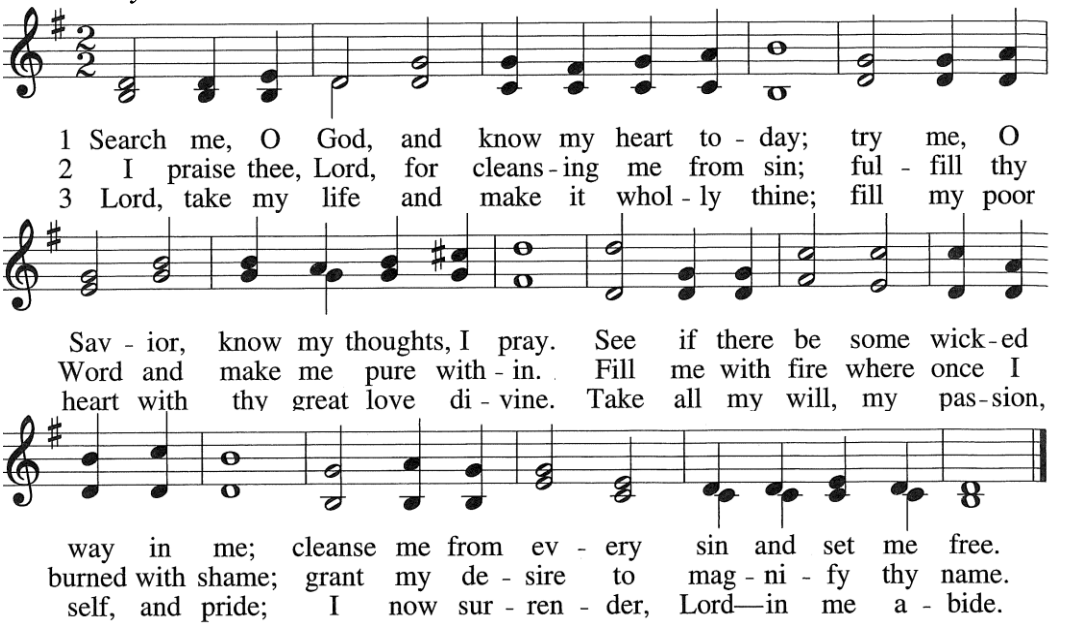
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Gradual Hymn: #385 W&R "Search Me O God"



Gospel Announcement

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

Gospel: **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord
"Praise to you, Lord Christ"

HOMILY The Reverend Michael Muller

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer page 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*

Leader: Almighty God, you have called us to your Church to be witnesses of the new life given to us in your risen Son. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that our torches may stay lit to light the way to the feast that you have prepared for all people. Deliver us, O God;

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Leader: Merciful God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges that you have granted unto us. Through the administration of wise laws, may the rights of all be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes. Deliver us, O God;

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Leader: Creator God, you crown the year with your goodness. Forgive the times that we have not honored all that you have made. Deliver us, O God;

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Leader: Redeemer God, you have taught us that darkness is not dark for you, night and day are both alike. We pray that you give the light of faith to all that are suffering so that they know that you are near. 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: Deliver us, O God;

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us..**

Leader: Gracious God, make us love wisdom and the keeping of your laws. May we who follow you know the beauty of holiness and strive for her as a cherished possession. In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for; Randy & Beka Immitt and Emily & Chris Johnson and for those celebrating birthdays this week; Ellen Emr, Owen Roth, Don MacGowan, Nancy Nickens and Lilith Astrup. We pray for Liberian students Fatumata, Princess, Maxwell, George & Derick. Deliver us, O God;

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Leader: Living God, we pray for Norn Myatt, Sally Spinosa, Fernando Peñafiel and all who have died. You have assured us that when the last trumpet sounds the dead will be raised to life imperishable. May we encourage one another with these words and be joined, by the merits of your Son, with all the faithful departed in your inaccessible light. Deliver us, O God;

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence may be kept)*

Presider and 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.

The Presider stands and says

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.**

Announcements

The Peace

The Presider says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence:

Choral Anthem: "Ave Maria" ~ G. Caccini

Janet Vidovich ~ Clairinet

Presentation Hymn: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" Hymn #380

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the presider. (vs. 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 B — BCP page 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.**

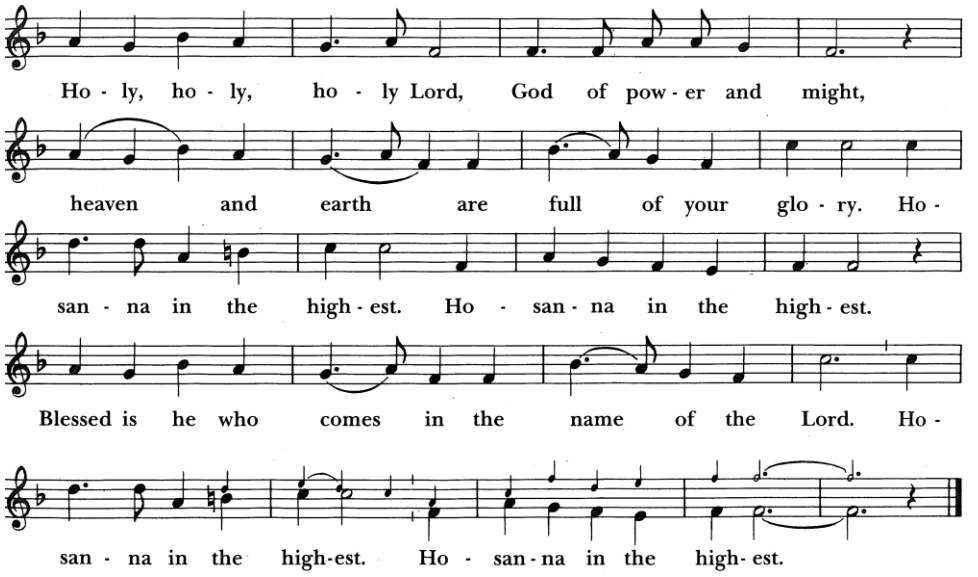
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show fourth your glory in all the world.

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 125



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.

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 St. 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,

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.**

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Solo: "Lord I Want To Be A Christian In My Heart"

arr. S. Lagattuta / Sue Fleischman ~ soprano

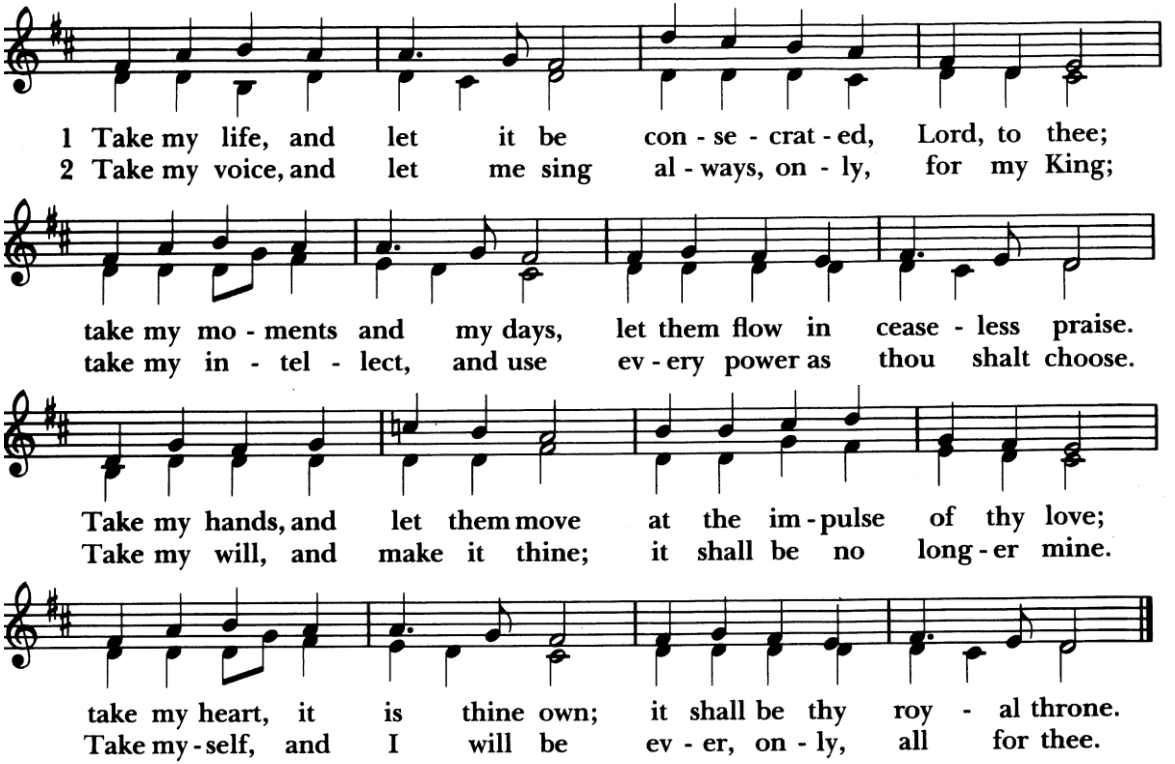
Post Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer page 366

Presider and people

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 #707 "Take My Life"



Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude: "A Celebration Of Praise" – J. Denton

PARISH NOTES

NOVEMBER

10	**Tuesday**	**5:00 to 7:00 pm**	**MHA Social Club Dinner**
13 & 14	**Friday & Saturday**		**152nd Diocesan Convention @ Hilton Parsippany**
14	Saturday	10:30-1:30pm	Saint John's Luncheon (Steve's Group)
8	Wednesday	7-8pm	Regional Faith Community (St. Peter's) "Kingdom"
21	Saturday	7:30-9am	Men's Breakfast
22	Sunday	10:15am	Holy Baptism of Kai Johnston
29	Sunday	10:15am	Advent 1 ~ **Advent Craft** for all Sunday School Children

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)**
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

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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
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