



The Episcopal Church of St. Peter by-the-Lake

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II: 8:30 AM and 10:30AM



Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the house of God.

**Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you;
after the service (and during the peace) speak to one another.**

Welcome Sister Madeleine Mary

Today is a very special day in the life of our parish as we welcome Sister Madeleine Mary of the Community of St. Mary, Southern Province. Before entering the religious life, Sister Madeleine Mary served as a teacher and librarian. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in History from Fordham College and a Master of Divinity Degree from the School of Theology, University of the South. She is also a licensed Spiritual Director and has served in that capacity at both Virginia Theological Seminary and the School of Theology in Sewanee TN.

Sister Madeleine Mary has been a leader in representing and advocating for religious orders through her work at the Conference of Anglican Religious Orders in the Americas, and serving on a diocesan committee on relations with the Orthodox Church in Russia. She has preached in Episcopal, Roman Catholic, and Swiss Reformed Churches in both the U.S and in Europe.

Sister Madeleine Mary came to the Community of St. Mary in 2008, and served as Prioress there from 2013 until 2023. During this time she was instrumental in stabilizing the community through improved care for elderly sisters, financial security, and building and property development. She established the Organic Prayer Program Internship, increased outreach to students at the University of the South, and reasserted the community's Benedictine roots. On October 25th, 2025, she celebrated the 50th anniversary of her Life Profession. It's an honor and privilege to have her here to preach and teach us more about this amazing community.

Faithfully,

Father Ron

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Voluntary: *Prelude* - Jacque Lemmens

Opening Hymn: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" Hymnal 423

GENERAL ACCLAMATION BCP pg. 355

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

Celebrant: 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.**

8:30 am: *Celebrant:* Lord have mercy BCP Pg. 356

People: **Christ have mercy**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

The Gloria (10:30 am) Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Almighty Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

Reader: A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Reader: A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn:

"You walk along our shoreline"



1. You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un - known sea.
2. You call us Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
3. We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king - dom's name;

We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.

And if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,
We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh-ters and God's sons,

then I will make you - fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

The Gospel (standing)

Matthew 4:12-23

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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

The Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor

The Nicene Creed (standing) BCP pg. 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.

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,
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 Form III
(*said responsively by celebrant and congregation*)

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Collect at the Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

Admission of an Associate - Community of St. Mary, Southern Province (10:30am service)

The service takes place before the peace at the Eucharist or before the dismissal at one of the Daily Offices.

Sister: What do you desire?

Candidate: I desire to become an Associate of the Community of St. Mary, Southern Province.

Sister: Will you observe your Rule of Life, based on the Great Commandment, and express your love for God, your neighbor, yourself, and creation in your daily practice?

Candidate: I will, with the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Sister: Will you support the Sisters with prayers and alms?

Candidate: I will, with God's help.

Sisters, Oblates, and other Associates present: Be assured the Community will also support you by our prayers, our correspondence, and in other ways.

The Sister takes the hand of each candidate, saying,

Sister: I admit you, N. _____ to be an Associate of the Community of St. Mary. *The priest then blesses the medal and then the Associate.*

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, may God's blessing rest upon this medal and the faithful disciple wearing it.

N. _____, may the Holy Spirit, by whose presence Mary became the God-bearer, grant you the grace to declare the good news of Christ.

The Sister puts the medal around the neck of the new Associate.

Sister: Receive this medal as an Associate of the Community of St. Mary. May it remind you of your fellowship with the Sisters and other Associates. May you continue to grow in grace and to reach out and up in love, to the glory of God. Amen.

The Priest declares the Peace of the Lord to the congregation.

The Peace

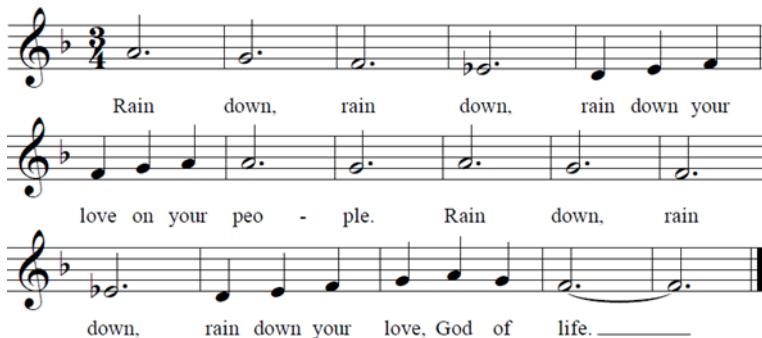
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory "Rain Down" - arr. John Carter



Rain down, rain down, rain down your
love on your people. Rain down, rain
down, rain down your love, God of life. _____

Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
Full of God's love is the earth. (Refrain)

We who revere and find hope in our God
Live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death;
God will not leave us to starve. (Refrain)

God of creation, we long for your truth;
You are the water of life that we thirst,
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
all of our hope lies in you. (Refrain)

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At the Presentation

Doxology

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

Hymnal 380, stanza 3

The Bidding Prayer

Celebrant: This is the table of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is made ready for all. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been here long, You who have tried to follow and those who struggle to find the path. Come, because it is God who invites you. It is God's will that those who desire to do so should meet God here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (Preface of the day.) 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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people kneel or sit.

Celebrant: 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:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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.

Danish 3-fold (10:30) And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

Administration of the Sacrament

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn *"Dear Lord and Father of mankind"*

Hymnal 653

Post Communion Prayer (Celebrant and People)

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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

Recessional Hymn: “Today, we are called to be disciples” **Songbook 110**

The Dismissal

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Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary: *Fanfare* - Jacque Lemmens

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark and Tricia Wagner in loving memory of Mrs. Dot Horne.

September 16, 1925 - January 20, 2026

SPBTL NEWS AND EVENTS

CENTERING PRAYER 10AM, Meets downstairs every Wed. Please join us!

COFFEE HOUR Sign up in Fotinos Hall or call the office.

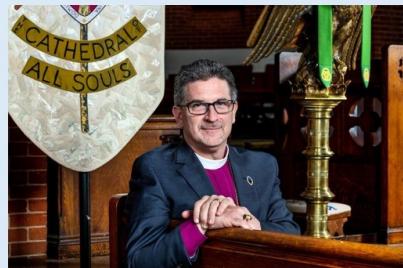
MUSIC MINISTRY: Chancel Choir rehearsals, Wednesday 7PM in the Nave. **Handbell Choir** rehearsals Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM downstairs in the choir room.

COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY Gather in Fr. Ron's office at 9:30am on Sunday mornings for a relaxed, casual conversation based on questions you may have regarding faith, church, and society. We hope you can join us!

KITCHEN CLEAN 2026 We need for people to sign up for monthly kitchen cleaning in 2026. Please see the sign up sheet in the kitchen and sign up with a friend! Thank you.

February 1, 2026, at 10:30am

Bishop José ~ Confirmation



Join us in a special celebration as Bishop José visits our parish! It will be a joyous occasion of worship as he confirms and receives the latest members of our church family. Please stay for a luncheon following the service to welcome our newest Episcopalians and greet the Bishop.

Scan the QR Code with your phone — this will take you directly to St. Peter's gift entry screen.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- Please check your calendars in advance so we don't have missing servants. We will see these Special Servants next week, 2/1/25:

8:30 AM

Chalice Bearer—Cathy Melesh
Ushers - Jenifer Baker
Acolytes - Cathy Hiney
Reader - Michele Moss

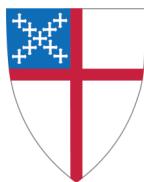
10:30 AM Confirmation & Bishop's visit

Chalice Bearers— Mary Sansbury, Diana Mushill
Ushers - Dick Lunney, Roger Simpson
Acolytes - Ethan Graham, Freya Gustis
Reader—Freya Gustis
LLR—Emeka Eziri
Livestream - Bill Reid, Cha Wuerdeman

Financial Status as of Dec 31, 2025

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD
Total Revenues	\$534,118	\$495,428	\$38,691
Total Expenses	\$500,097	\$495,428	(\$4,670)
Net Total	\$34,021	\$0	\$34,021

Note: Budget figures are adjusted to reflect Mother Tara's departure starting in June.



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Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

Ministers: All members of the Church

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Nick McDonald

Christian Formation Director: Ginia Edwards

Director of Music: David Wilcox

Director of Music Emeritus: Leigh Ann Johnston

Licensed Lay Reader: Cyndi Jarvis

Ushers: Tracey Engel, Joe Anzalone, David Plyler

Chalice Bearers: Michele Moss, Scott Major, Beckye Smith

Acolytes: Michele Moss, Audrey Prouty, Bonnie Grant

Readers: Cathy Melesh, Frances Smith

Altar Guild Team 4 – Becky Smith, Karen Horne, Pamela Weed, Jenny Hunter, Chuck Hunter, Scott Major, Emily Gentry, Kathryn Graham, Patsy Roosa

Bread Guild Team 4: Karen Horne, Pamela Weed

Livestream Tech: Walter Smith, Beth Lunney

Coffee Hour: No 8:30am Coffee Hour, 10:30am— Frances & Walter Smith

THE VESTRY

Senior Warden – Stephanie Heil

Junior Warden – Mary Sansbury

Tracey Engel, Pat Higbie, Steve Hiney,
Gary Jarvis, Connie Mathis, Michele
Moss, John Stewart

Clerk of the Vestry: Daphne Wagner

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