



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

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

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



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.

Jeremiah & Paul: Words of Hope

Our Old Testament reading today from Jeremiah provides insights into what it means to faithfully await the fulfillment of God's promises in the midst of great difficulties. In 587 B.C. when Jerusalem was destroyed by Babylon, its inhabitants were sent into exile in that land. The Prophet Jeremiah composes a letter from the God of Israel to all those carried away into captivity. The letter is a prophesy of hope in the midst of despair.

However, the words of Jeremiah are not what one might expect. He tells these refugees to build houses in Babylon, eat the produce from their gardens, and marry and raise families. They are not to give up their identity, but to increase and multiply. And they are to pray for the well-being of Babylon, for there they will find their welfare. They are to accept their stay in Babylon and build lives for at least two generations.

The Epistle from Paul to Timothy offers further aspects of faithful living. Despite the risks to be faced and the suffering to be endured, Paul encourages his readers to be faithful just as God remains faithful. As an example, Paul himself is willing to be imprisoned in chains for the sake of the Gospel, which itself cannot ever be chained. The Gospel message is one of redemption, liberation, and hope because of Christ's resurrection. In the end, nothing can stop this faithful proclamation. (Synthesis, 2013)

Faithfully,
Father Ron

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Voluntary:

Opening Hymn: *"Come, Though Fount of Every Blessing"* Songbook 21

GENERAL ACCLAMATION

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

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

The Collect for Purity

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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

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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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Reader: A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66: 1-11

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
**sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.**
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Reader: A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn:

"What Wondrous Love is This"

Hymnal 439

The Gospel (*standing*)

Luke 17:11-19

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children, Preschool—5th grade may leave for Kingdom Kids

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form VI

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(said responsively by celebrant and congregation)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and José, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People:

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
In your compassion forgive us our sins, Known and unknown,
Things done and left undone; And so uphold us by your Spirit
That we may live and serve you in newness of life,
To the honor and glory of your Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

All these pieces, broken and scattered
In mercy gathered, mended and whole
Empty-handed but not forsaken
I've been set free, I've been set free

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I am found
Was blind but now I see
Oh, I can see You now
Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes
Laying Yourself down
Raising up the broken to life

You take our failure, You take our weakness
You set Your treasure in jars of clay
So take this heart, Lord, I'll be Your vessel
The world to see, Your life in me

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I am found
Was blind but now I see
Oh, I can see You now
Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes
Laying Yourself down
Raising up the broken to life

At the Presentation

Doxology

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

Hymnal 380

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 B)

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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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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or sit.

Celebrant: 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,

Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: 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, 10 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 [_____ 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,

Danish 3-fold (10:30) And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
THE LORD'S PRAYER **BCP 364**

**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!**

Administration of the Sacrament

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn *'Down to the River to Pray'*

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way

Oh, fathers, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Oh, fathers, let's go down
Down to the river to pray

Oh, sisters, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Oh, sisters, let's go down
Down to the river to pray

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way

Oh, mothers, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Oh, mothers, let's go down
Down to the river to pray

Oh, brothers, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Oh, brothers, let's go down
Down to the river to pray

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way

Oh, sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Oh, sinners, let's go down
Down to the river to pray

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way

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:

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Songbook 60

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Dave and Michele Moss
in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary .*

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.

SPBTL Theater Group: The Green Room Theater 2025-26 Season

Sundays at 3:00 p.m. w/lunch \$16.00/ticket

\$10.00/person lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Pride & Prejudice	Furr Hall	10/12/25
Shrek	Furr Hall	11/16/25
The Thursday Night Bridge Circle	Furr Hall	3/1/26
Having our Say - The Delaney Sister - 100 yrs	Furr Hall	4/12/26
The Wizard of Oz	Furr Hall	5/3/26
Four Old Broads	Furr Hall	6/21/26

All are welcome! If you have not participated in the past, please join us for good food, fellowship, & entertainment Contact Cathy Littlejohn @ 704-650-4947 with any questions.

COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY is back! 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!

Fellowship Bible Study Circle! This fall we will be diving into the book Half Truths by Adam Hamilton. They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. Join Adam Hamilton in this 5-week Bible study to search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture. The clichés include:

- ⇒ Everything happens for a reason.
- ⇒ God helps those who help themselves.
- ⇒ God won't give you more than you can handle.
- ⇒ God said it, I believe it, that settles it.
- ⇒ Love the sinner, hate the sin.

We will gather every other Wednesday evening from 6-7 PM in the City Room, located downstairs in the Church. Just look for the room filled with cozy couches. Begins October 1st. Meeting dates: October 1st, 15th, & 29th. November 12

MARK YOUR CALENDARS —- Please check your calendars in advance so we don't have missing servants. We will see these Special Servants next week, 10/19/25:

8:30 AM

Usher— Ronnie Rudd
Acolyte - Tracey Engel
Reader - Cathy Melesh

10:30 AM

Ushers - Kathy Campbell, Roger Simpson
Acolytes - Ava Prouty, Lillian Finch
Reader - Elaine Jacobs
Lay Reader - Jim Bowden
Livestream - Dick & Beth Lunney

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL Advent Season will be starting in a few weeks, and we are looking forward to celebrating the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. We are starting preparations to publish the **25th edition of the Advent Devotional**. We would really like to have you participate by writing a devotion about memorable past Christmases / traditions, Advent Season thoughts, and favorite scriptures. So please take a few moments and write a devotion it does not have to be long or a "Biblical Epistle" just from you !

This year we would like to make an extra special request to help your children write a devotion also! Devotions written by our youth are "special" and enriches our Advent experience. Please complete and submit by November 11th. **If you have any questions, please contact us. (704) 663-9004. Jeanne & Bud Hawkins**

P.S. Please place devotion in our Church mailbox, or transmit via E-mail, word format to budhawkins@charter.net Thanks, in advance, for your support !

P.S. Continuing from last year. We are also asking the SPBTL artistic community to create Nativity Artwork of various forms which will be included in this year's devotional. (We are not looking for "Hallmark card art" Just productions of Nativity scenes / Christmas artwork created by you or your family). Artwork from your children are very special treasures to include and share with all.

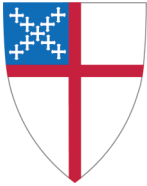
Scan the QR Code with your phone — this will take you directly to St. Peter's gift entry screen.





ITEMS NEEDED for the Fall Fest — If you are able to contribute any of the below items, please reach out to Ginia ASAP at gedwards@spbtl.com

- Potato Sacks - 4
- Corn Hole Board - 2 sets
- 10-15 large different colors pumpkins
- 10 empty cans
- On the day of 10-12 cakes pies sweet treat
- Old pickup truck for photobooth
- 10-12 bale of hay or straw
- Fall colored plaid festive throws
- Halloween CANDY chocolate and other
- Prizes for games (oriental trading)



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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

Christian Formation Director: Ginia Edwards

Director of Music: David Wilcox

Director of Music Emeritus: Leigh Ann Johnston

Licensed Lay Reader: Cyndi Jarvis

Ushers: Cathy Melesh, Duane Rinkus, Jim Racz

Chalice Bearers: Michele Moss, Mary Sansbury, Frances Smith

Acolytes: Libby Motto, Bonnie Grant, Audrey Prouty

Readers: Libby Motto, Lisa Anzalone

Altar Guild Team 2 – Jill McPeak, Betsy Clements, Marge Fairbanks, Cathy Melesh,
Michele Moss, Karen Taylor, Claire and Bob Tracy, Diana Mushill,
Rene Sliwoski, Tricia Wagner

Bread Guild Team 1: Vicki Levi, Diana Mushill, Rene Sliwoski

Livestream Tech: Beth & Dick Lunney

Coffee Hour: Martha Parton

THE VESTRY

Senior Warden – Jessica Gustis

Junior Warden – Stephanie Heil

Tracey Engel, Pat Higbie, Gary Jarvis, Connie Mathis, Bill Reid, Mary Sansbury, Pamela Weed

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