The Episcopal Church of St. Peter by-the-Lake
Morning Prayer – Rite II
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8th, 2026

Prelude Music & Lighting of the Candles

Opening Sentence **BCP 78**

The Confession & Absolution **BCP 79**

Canticle: The First Song of Isaiah (sung) **BCP 86**

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25: 1-13

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor

The Lord's Prayer **BCP 54**

Suffrage 'A' **BCP 97**

The Collect of the Day **BCP 97**

Prayers of Intercession & Thanksgiving

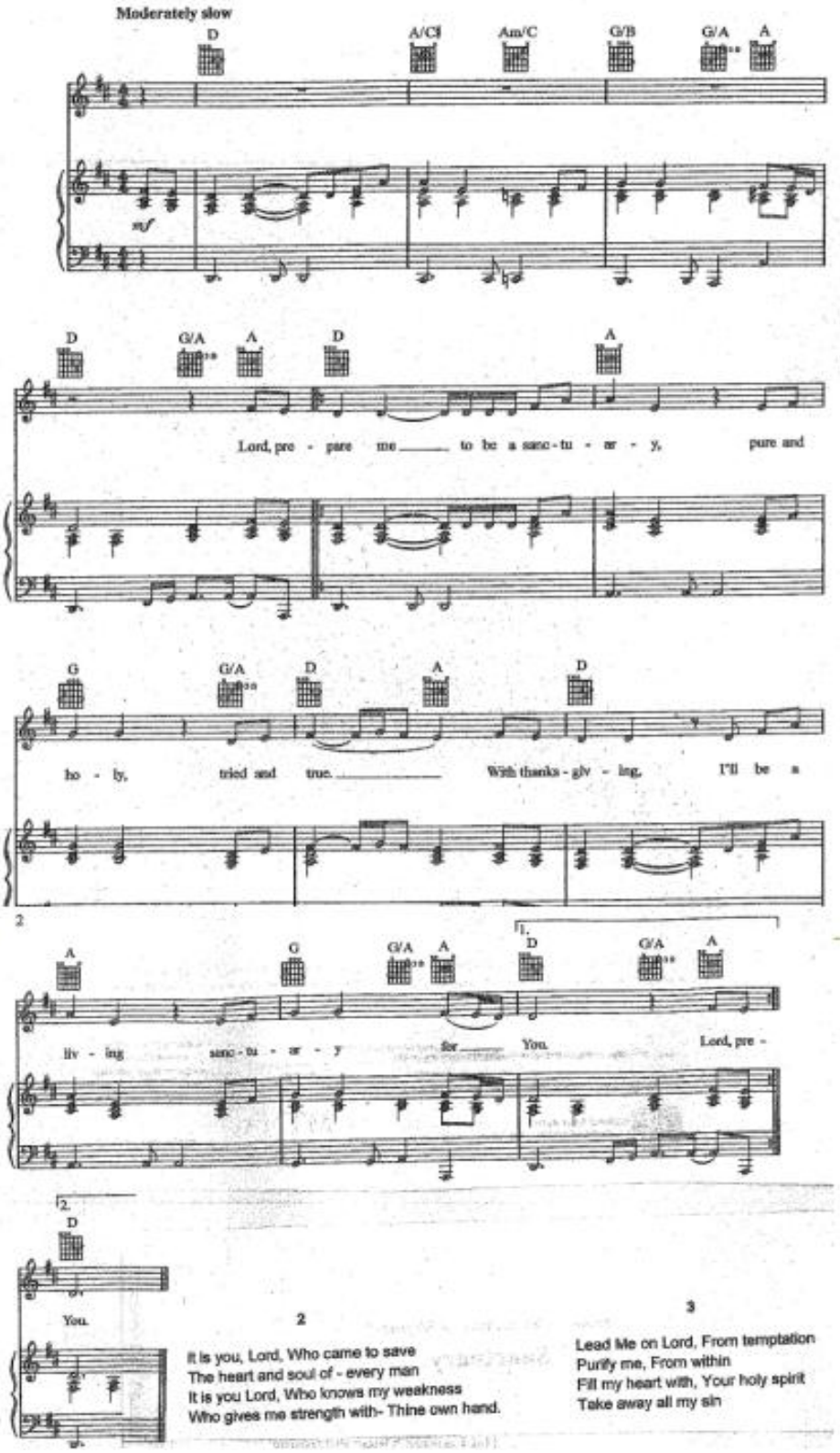
The Grace **BCP 59**

'Sanctuary' (sung)

The Blessing & Dismissal

SANCTUARY

Words and Music by
JOHN THOMPSON
and RANDY SCRUGGS



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It is you, Lord, Who came to save
The heart and soul of - every man
It is you Lord, Who knows my weakness
Who gives me strength with- Thine own hand.

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Lead Me on Lord, From temptation
Purify me, From within
Fill my heart with, Your holy spirit
Take away all my sin

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SPBTL NEWS AND EVENTS

CENTERING PRAYER 10AM, Meets in the parlor every Wed. Please join us!

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: **Chancel Choir** practice –Wednesdays at 7pm and **Handbell Choir** Wednesdays at 6pm.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGNUP FOR 2027 It's that time again…to sign up for altar flowers for next year. Once again, we are using an online signup via SignUpGenius. Click on this link, or scan the QR code:

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE Join Fr. Ron and Fr. Nick as they guide the group in an exploration of the Bible. All are welcome for any or all of the sessions! Sessions will be every Tuesday in November (3, 10, 17, 24), 6:30-8PM in Fotinos Hall. NO SIGNUP REQUIRED!

BLANKETS NEEDED FOR ANSWERED PRAYERS MINISTRY The recent change in the weather means the need for blankets for the unhoused is once again upon us. St. Mark's has already given out all of the extra blankets that they had remaining from last winter season. If you are able, please consider donating gently used or new blankets to this ministry. Please place your donations on the Answered Prayers table located in Furr Hall.

ADVENT 2026 - Advent Season begins November 29th**,** and we are looking forward to celebrating the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. We are starting preparations to publish **the 26th 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**.

One of the things that makes our Advent devotional so special is that it comes from the hearts and faith experiences of our own parish family. As we read a different reflection each day, we are reminded of the many ways God is working in the lives of those around us, enriching our own Advent journey. 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.**

Also, Continuing from last couple of years. 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 & share with all!

Please complete and **submit by November 11th**. If you have any questions, please contact us at **(704) 663-9004**. Please place devotions in our Church mailbox, or email in Word format to **budhawkins@charter.net**. Thanks, in advance, for your support!

Jeanne & Bud Hawkins

Backpacks for Kids- Holiday Food Donations Needed! It's that time of year again! Our Backpacks Team is preparing Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes to help provide holiday meals for students in need at St. James Elementary and G.E. Massey Elementary.

We need your help to ensure these students and their families have food to enjoy during the holidays!

How You Can Help:

- Visit the posters in Fotinos Hall to see the needed food items.
- Remove one or two sticky notes from the posters.
- Purchase the requested items and bring them back to the church.
- Place your donations on the floor beneath the posters.



Our Backpacks Team will collect the donations and use them to prepare holiday food boxes for these students.

Thank you for your generosity and support in helping make the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays brighter for the children and families in our community. Your kindness truly makes a difference!

EAST LINCOLN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES (ELCM) NEWS St. Peter by-the-Lake is a supporter of ELCM, and many of our parishioners volunteer in different capacities there. ELCM is adding another program to serve the community: McAdams Free Clinic. This clinic is a nonprofit organization with a mission to transform the lives of low income, uninsured individuals by expanding access to free comprehensive healthcare. It will provide primary care, dental care, behavioral health, and lab & pharmacy services to uninsured low income families in Lincoln County. Anyone interested in finding out more is invited to attend a Community Care Day on Saturday, November 14th from 9AM to 1PM at the ELCM Campus at 4278 Catawba-Burris Rd in Denver. Please contact Marilyn Saunders (704-589-1530) with any questions you may have.

CHECK DISBURSEMENT REQUESTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR 2026

All requests for disbursement of various ministry funds, as well as personal reimbursement requests for 2026, must be received by the Finance Office no later than November 23rd. Requests received after this date will be processed in 2027. All requests must be pre-approved by the specific ministry fund owner and include the specific account number from which the disbursement is to be paid. Reimbursement request forms are available in the copy room left-side wall should you need them. Please contact Sherree Brady at financeadmin@spbtl.com if you have any questions.

To give online, scan the PayPal QR code with your phone – this will take you directly to St. Peter's gift entry screen.

Please use the "NOTE" field to indicate where the gift is to be directed (pledge, tithe, flowers, etc.)

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by John & Michelle Stewart in honor of John and Michelle, Richard Stewart and Melanie Zerbe, all their family birthdays in November.

At the Liturgy:

Officiant: The Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor

Filming: Sherree Brady