

Family Mass

10:30 am | December 28, 2025 First Sunday After Christmas

Welcome to St. Peter's! From the moment you walk through these doors, you are part of our 136-year story. Many like you have come here before. Some seeking solace. Some seeking community. Some who are young. Some who are old. Some with deep faith. Some with deep doubt. Some who are here for a short time. Some who are here for their whole lives. Together, we are the saints of St. Peter's, and we share the story of this place.

It is Family Sunday! All families are welcome—large and small, families of birth and of choice. At St. Peter's, part of our mission is to "celebrate children and youth", and Family Sunday is one way we do that. Today and every last Sunday of the month, children play an even greater role in our worship and our liturgy is adapted for younger participants

Restrooms are available in Bender Hall, through the north doors and down the ramp. There you will find individual restrooms on the left and men's and women's restrooms with changing tables through the second door and to your far right.



St. Peter's is equipped with a hearing loop for those using hearing aids.

This service is live streamed on YouTube. Please be aware you may be seen or heard by those worshiping with us online.

If you would like to learn more about St. Peter's or to have a prayerful conversation, please don't hesitate to reach out! You can find my contact information on the back of this leaflet. And again, welcome!

The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF

The congregation, both children and adults, is invited to worship through art, if desired, by drawing a picture of one of the Scripture readings for the day. At the offertory the art will be brought forth to adorn the altar for Communion. Clipboards and coloring utensils may be found at each entrance.

We Explore God's Word

All are invited to stand as the service begins

As we gather to pray, the first thing we do is praise God for goodness and love.

Hymn: Joy to the World ((H1982 #100)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

I've got the joy, joy, joy down in my heart. Where? Down in my heart, where, down in my heart. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. Where? Down in my heart to stay!

Celebrant

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen

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.**

All

(see pew card for music)

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

In this prayer called the "collect," the priest "collects" or "gathers" the themes of the lesson, the season, and the congregation.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

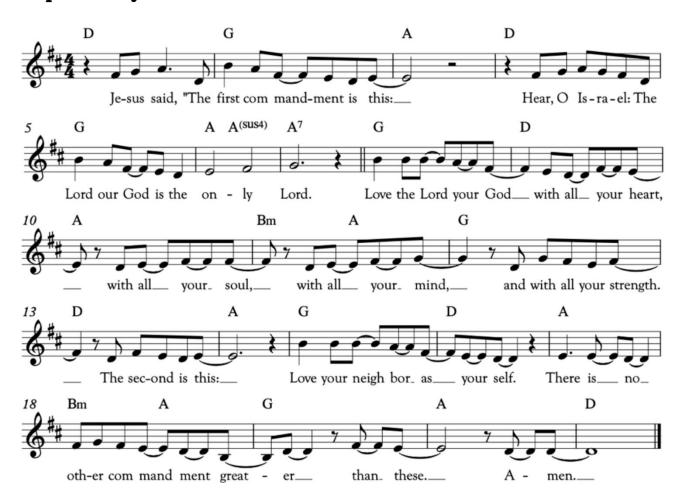
The Law controlled us and kept us under its power until the time came when we would have faith. In fact, the Law was to be our teacher Now we listen to the story and lessons of God and God's people in Scripture.

until Christ came. Then we could have faith and be acceptable to God. But once a person has learned to have faith, there is no more need to have the Law as a teacher.

But when the time was right, God sent his Son, and a woman gave birth to him. His Son obeyed the Law, so he could set us free from the Law, and we could become God's children. Now that we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts. And his Spirit tells us that God is our Father. You are no longer slaves. You are God's children, and you will be given what he has promised.

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

Sequence Hymn: Jesus Creed



The Gospel: John 1:1-18

Gospeller The ₩ Holy ₩ Gospel of our ₩ Lord Jesus Christ

according to John.

People Glory to You Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the one who is called the Word. The Word was with God and was truly God. From the very beginning the Word was with God.

And with this Word, God created all things. Nothing was made without the Word. Everything that was created received its life from him, and his life gave light to everyone. The light keeps shining in the dark, and darkness has never put it out. God sent a man named John, who came to tell about the light and to lead all people to have faith. John wasn't this light. He came only to tell about the light.

The true light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. The Word was in the world, but no one knew him, though God had made the world with his Word. He came into his own world, but his own nation did not welcome him. Yet some people accepted him and put their faith in him. So he gave them the right to be the children of God. They were not God's children by nature or because of any human desires. God himself was the one who made them his children.

The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him the complete gifts of undeserved grace and truth have come down to us. John spoke about him and shouted, "This is the one I told you would come! He is greater than I am, because he was alive before I was born."

Because of all that the Son is, we have been given one blessing after another. The Law was given by Moses, but Jesus Christ brought us undeserved kindness and truth. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is truly God and is closest to the Father, has shown us what God is like.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY - The Rev. Derek Larson (seated)

A moment of quiet reflection will follow the homily.

In the homily, the priest, deacon, or other minister helps us understand the stories and teachings of Scripture.

The Nicene Creed

(standing)

The creed is a sacred teaching passed down to us for hundreds of years to remind us of the story of the triune God.

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

(standing or kneeling, as able)

Now we pray to ask God to support our common life. We name all the things that are important to us, and especially those people in our families and communities that are in need.

Deacon Let us join together in prayer, out loud or quietly.

Leader First, we pray for our church family and all those who help us remember

the love of Jesus. Who helps you remember the love of Jesus?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of those people, places, and things that

show you God's love.]

Leader We say, "Help us follow you, God."

People Help us follow you, God.

Leader Second, we pray for all those in our communities who lead us and keep

us safe. Who keeps you safe?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of those who keep you safe.]

Leader We say, "Give them wisdom, God."

People Give them wisdom, God.

Leader Third, we pray for people or situations that make us feel worried, afraid,

mad, or sad. What hurts your heart?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of things that make you worried, afraid,

mad, or sad. Hold them up to God.]

Leader We say, "Help us, God."

People Help us, God.

Leader Fourth, we pray for those we know who are sick or hurt, or who have ₹

died, especially those on our parish prayer list. Who are you thinking of? | Pause – say out loud or think quietly of the names of people—or animals—who

are sick or hurt or who have died.]

Leader We say, "Give them strength, God."

People Give them strength, God.

Leader Fifth, we say "thank you" to God for all the good things that happen in

our lives. What are you thankful for today?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of things for which you want to say "thank

you" to God]

Leader We say, "Thank you, God."

People Thank you, God.

Celebrant God, hear and answer our prayers with your wisdom and love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be

always with you.

People And also with you.

Before we share communion, we greet one another with the sign of peace. You can shake hands, give high-fives, wave, hug, kiss, or simply say hello.

Prayer for birthdays, anniversaries, and milestones:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY



The congregation is invited to offer gifts to God through the mission of St. Peter's. Our ushers will pass an offering basin for your gifts, or you may give online using the QR

code to your left or on our website. Thank you for your ministry of giving.

Now we offer to God our love and service through art, money, bread, and wine. We place them on the altar as a gift to God.

Offertory Sentence:

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: Go Tell it on the Mountain (H1982 #99)

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

At the doxology, the congregation is invited to come forward with their art to adorn the altar as an offering of their creativity and prayer.

Doxology (please stand) all singing together

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.

We Gather at God's Table

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Common Prayer, Additional Eucharistic Prayer One

At God's table, which is also called an altar, we pray a prayer of thanksgiving and remember all that God has done for us.

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant Holy, holy, People Holy!

Celebrant It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and

faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe and

filled your world with life.

Celebrant Holy, holy, People Holy!

Celebrant You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Savior, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in

glory from the dead.

Celebrant Holy, holy, People Holy!

Celebrant You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us

with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and

sing:

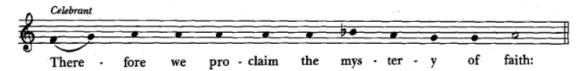
All singing together (WLP, H858 Hymn tune: Land of Rest)

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

Celebrant Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. \(\mathbf{H}\)

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me. \maltese

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Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Celebrant Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and blood. Pour your Spirit on us # that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

This part is called the "Epiclesis," where we ask God to send the Holy Spirit upon the bread and wine and upon us, God's people.

All singing together (\$146)

Amen



Setting: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

Celebrant And now, in the words that Jesus taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant This is God's table. Jesus is the host. We are the guests.

₩ Share in God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

You are invited to receive communion this morning, an ancient practice intended for all baptized Christians, no matter your tradition. You may receive just the bread (which is full participation in the sacrament), or both the bread and the wine by sipping directly from the chalice. You may also receive by intinction, in which case the minister will dip the bread in the chalice for you. You may receive the bread in your hand or on your tongue.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, you may also come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

Communion Hymn: What Child is This (H1982 #115)

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain* So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

A FINAL PRAYER AND A BLESSING

All Holy God, we thank you for being present here in the Communion we shared, and for this taste of your feast. We pray that you will be in our minds and hearts as we leave this place, showing us the best way to go and giving us the strength and courage to follow it. Amen.

The Priest blesses the people

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Invitation to Mission Please be seated

Some brief announcements for the mission of the church are offered.

Our Parish Mission (Please stand)

We, at St. Peter's, strive to be a welcoming Christian community of all ages that embodies God's word and sacraments, invites spiritual curiosity, celebrates children and youth, and embraces the world with God's Love.

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High (H1982 #96)

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer? What great brightness did you see? What glad tiding did you hear? Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THE DISMISSAL - SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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Ministers serving today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Derek Larson Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Organist: Helen Jones St. Peter's Choir Reader: Elizabeth Llyle Eucharistic Minister:

Crucifer: Trey Stevens Acolytes: Piper and Presley Stevens

Ushers: Ron Everett, Frank Cummings Altar Guild

By the Numbers:

Last Sunday's Attendance (including 14 online): 133

Average Sunday Attendance in 2025: 114

Weekly Income and Expenses Budgeted: \$7,000 (\$1,000 a day).

Finances Week of November 23, 2025: Income: \$3,590.88.

2025 Budgeted Revenue: \$368,296 2025 Revenue to Date: \$338,059.19.

Mind the Gap: \$30,236.81 needed to meet 2025 budget

2026 Pledge Goal: \$312,000 (312 days of ministry)

2026 Pledges to Date: \$277,627.06 (277 days of ministry)

Mind the Gap: \$34,372.94 (34 days of ministry) needed to meet goal

Readings for next Sunday, January 4:

Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 84, Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a, Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Are you on our email list? More announcements can be found in our weekly "This Week at St. Peter's" email. Remember that you can also check https://www.stpetersplantcity.com/calendar for up-to-date calendar listings.

Take note:

- Come celebrate the Twelfth Night of Christmas and the Feast of the Epiphany for a special family mass on Monday, January 5, 2005 at 5:30pm followed by Family Game Night in Bender Hall.
- On Sunday, **January 18th**, there will be a single, combined mass at **9:30am** followed by our Annual Meeting and brunch (No Sunday School, 8:00am or 10:30am masses).
- Be sure to see TW@SP for our many Outreach opportunities.

Please Pray For:

- Amanda, Bernie, Bill, Bill, Billie, Bernice, Betty, Bruce, Bud, Carol, Carolyn, Casey, Charley, Chris, Dale, Darlene, Daryll, David, David, David, Don, Dorothy, Drex, Ellie, Evelyn, Evon, Fred, Glen, Gregg, Hugh, Jackie, James, Jane, Janet, Janice, Janice, Jason, Jeff, Jenna, Jim, Jim, JoAnne, John, John & Jane, Leslie & family, Linda, Luke, Marilyn, Mary, Mary, Mary Katherine, Nancy, Nora, Priscilla & Robert, Richard, Sally, Sarah, Shirley, Stephanie, Su, Suzanne, Teri, Thomas, Tim, Tracey, Vernette, Our Neighbors at Laundry Love, Friends in the Park
- The victims of violence and injustice in our own country and around the world.
- People of the Middle East
- Those celebrating birthdays: Michael Johnson 12/29, Don Williams 12/29, Owen Johnson 12/30, Tony Wilson 12/30, Phillip Weronik 12/31, Charles Kellner 01/01, Philip Price 01/01, Don Richardson 01/01, John Kenney 01/02, James Frey 01/03.
- Those celebrating anniversaries: Jennifer & Mark Hamilton 12/28.
- Those expecting a child and their families: Breanna Clark (2/26), Kelly Gutowski (2/26), Grace Everett (3/26), LauraAnn Larson (5/26), Brittany Eukovich Wilhelm (5/26).
- St. Peter's Vestry: Christy, Cindy, Eda, Mark, Patti, Patty, Ron, Sandy
- Our Shared Parish: St. Peter's 2026 Pledge Campaign.
- Members of our community serving in the armed forces: Aden, Andrew, Austin, Brendan, Christopher, Dayna, Forrest, Kyle, Logan, Matt, Matthew, Nick, Paul, Robert, Scott, Timothy, Trace, Yasmine

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2025

Flower Donations are made to the Glory of God and...

In Thanksgiving for our Children and Grandchildren; and in loving Memory of our parents, and Helen Parke & Billy Herold.

by Starr & Scott Anderson

In Thanksgiving

by Chris & Jane Bender

In Memory of Angelica and Bill Biggs

by Nicolette Biggs

In Memory of Jim Black

by The Black Family

In Memory of Carol Venero

by Mike & Patti Booher

In Memory of James J. Camaratta

by James & Andrea Camaratta

Given by William Chaver

In Memory of Mary Alice Steinke

by Susan & Scott Collins

In Memory of Buddy & Nancy Conner, and Barbara Blanton

by Mark & Vicky Conner

In Memory of The Rev. Lester E. Durst

by The Durst Family

In Honor of Family and Friends

by Bob & Sherlyn Eukovich

In Memory of Arthur & Betty Gutowski

by Gwena Nicole Ford

In Memory of Loved Ones

by Richard & Evelyn Grant

In Thanksgiving for Family & St. Peter's Friends

by Cindy & Gregg Gutowski

In Celebration for our Children: Casey, Kyle and Katie

by Mark & Jennifer Hamilton

In Memory & Thanksgiving of Fulco &

Healy Family & Friends

by Deacon Denise Healy

In Memory of my parents, George & Jean Sprankle

by Barbara Hubbard

In Memory of John & Doris Jelsovsky

by Danny, Jenny, Eileen & Amelia Jelsovsky

In Memory of Dale Kemp

by Dorothy & Cindy Kemp

In Memory of Robert Manee

by Martha Manee

In Memory of Beatrice "Mary" McLaughlen and for the love your creation too

In Memory of my deceased Family

by Anthony Miller

In Memory of my parents, 7 brothers, 2 sisters, & my husband, Doug Nelson; & in Thanksgiving for my children & grandchildren

by Darlene Nelson

In Honor of our St. Peter's Family

by Bruce & Maureen Nichols

In Memory of Cecil, Mary, Reynold, George & Richard Bryan, and William Maillard

by Nola Olatubosun

In Memory of Blanche Oswald

by Philip & Rachel Oswald

In Memory of Blanche Oswald and Philip & Dolly Patrinostro

by The Oswald Family

by The Oswala Falling

In Memory of Judy Bunch, Kim Mayid, & Danny Fortin; and In Thanksgiving for our

family and many blessings. by Tom & Meredith Prokuski

In Thanksgiving for God's gifts to us

by Marilyn Reed

In Thanksgiving for the People and Clergy

of St. Peter's

by John & Janet Santosuosso

In Memory of Tom & Lillian Clarke, and

Andy & Dot Schaffer

by Art & Millie Schaffer

In Memory of James T. Beason, III

by Eda Gatliff Snyder

In Memory of Gary Gatliff

by Eda Gatliff Snyder

In Memory of Susan Parrish & Jim Stevens; & in Thanksgiving for our Grandchildren: Chloee, Cole,

Evan, Piper, Eli, Jena, Rylie, Presley, & Cash

by Margaret Stevens & Wayne Parrish

In Thanksgiving for Piper & Presley Stevens

by Trey & Ashley Stevens

In Memory of David Tuttle

In Memory of Bob Watkins

by Jane Watkins

In Thanksgiving for Family & Friends

by John & Jane Williams

Parish Administration:

Rector: The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy Parish Administrator: Sarah Dean

Director of Music Ministries: Helen Jones

Treasurer: Trey Stevens Sexton: Tony Wilson

Vestry: Sandy Black, Patti Booher (Senior Warden), Mark Conner,

Ron Everett (Junior Warden), Cindy Gutowski,

Patty Linder (Clerk), Christy Lyle, Eda Snyder, Neal Ward



Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 8am and 10:30am TruthWalkers (Godly Play-style Sunday School), Youth and Preschool Sunday School at 9:15am

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DID YOU FIND OUR CHURCH MICE?



Today we welcome the Most Rev. Evelyn Undercheese, Archbishop of Cheddarbury, Canon Rowan Whiskers, and Fr. Samuel Squeakbury. Along with our resident mouse clergy, Fr. John Mousely and Fr. Thomas Cracker, they are spread throughout the church. Find all five and tell Fr. Derek where they are for something special.