



ST. PETER'S
EST 1889 EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:30 am | February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

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.

In the Episcopal tradition, our worship is guided by *The Book of Common Prayer*, which can be found in the pews, along with the *Hymnal 1982*, but everything for today's service can also be found in this leaflet.

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.

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



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

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.

Hymn: Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord! (H1982 #437)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;

tender to me the promise of his word;

in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

his mercy sure, from age to age the same;

his holy name -- the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,

the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

to children's children and forevermore!

The Word of God

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Canticle 13

A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine

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1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be -
tween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you. Glo - ry to you! _____

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8 *(Please be seated)*

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter: Psalm 15 (*People respond singing bold text*)

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from *his* heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon *his* neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear *the* Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back *his* word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against *the* innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: What Does the Lord Require (H1982 #605)

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?

What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice show?

Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Still down the ages ring the prophet's stern commands.

To merchant, worker, king he brings God's high demand

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

How shall my soul fulfill God's law so hard and high?

Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.

Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 *(Please stand)*

Gospeller The ✠ Holy Gospel of our ✠ Lord Jesus ✠ Christ
according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord

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

Homily: The Rev. Derek Larson *(Please be seated)*

A moment of quiet reflection will follow the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

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

Written by Daughters of the King

Deacon's invitation to prayer

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers saying, "Shine your light upon us."

Loving God, we gather as your people this morning, seeking your presence, your comfort, and your love.

In this Epiphany season: **Shine your light upon us.**

We pray for the peace of the world and the leaders of all nations, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples.

God of compassion and mercy: **Shine your light upon us.**

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Doug our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers. For the Diocese of Southwest Florida and our companion dioceses: Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana; and for those named in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. For those named on the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James' House of Prayer,

St. John's, St. Mark's, and St. Mary's in Tampa; St. Catherine's in Temple Terrace; Holy Innocents Church in Valrico; St. Paul's in Wesley Chapel; and St. Elizabeth's in Zephyrhills.

God of hope and strength: **Shine your light upon us.**

We pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for those who have requested our prayers, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name:

God of grace and healing: **Shine your light upon us.**

We ask you to send light into the recesses of our spirits; Those places where we experience anxiety, depression, fear, and despair. This morning, we pray especially for all among us who are grieving as we remember those who have departed this life.

God of mercy: **Shine your light upon us.**

We pray for all who serve others, especially those in our armed forces, first responders, medical professionals, educators, clergy, and others we name.

God of devotion and spiritual gifts: **Shine your light upon us.**

We pray for those places of conflict and tension: In our families, In our friendships, In our work and community relationships, and our nation and throughout the world. Remind us that you have created all of us in your image, unique and beloved by you.

God of forgiveness and reconciliation: **Shine your light upon us.**

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life.

God of all creation: **Shine your light upon us.**

Gracious God, we thank you for the light that shines through St. Peter's community and its members, young and old, who remind us of your presence in tears and laughter, teaching and learning, work and play.

Shine your light upon us; And around us; And within us:

That we, too, may be a light to the world.

During this season after the Epiphany, we thank you for inviting us on this journey of faith. Like the wise ones of old, let us look for the light of Christ wherever we go and see His likeness in all your children.

God of Illumination: **Let us never stop seeking your light that shines in the darkness.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin (*kneeling, as able*)

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

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 (*Please stand*)

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.

Today, and every first Sunday of the month, any loose cash in the offering plate is designated to our discretionary fund, which the clergy of our parish use to offer financial assistance to those in need in our community. Please give generously.

Offertory Sentence: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8.*

Offertory Anthem: Offertory – *John Ness Beck*

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)*

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 Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p.367 – standing*)

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Celebrant and People *S-125*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

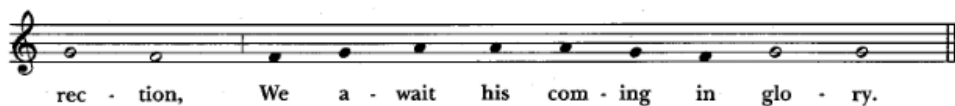
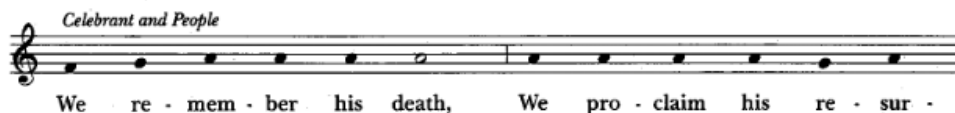
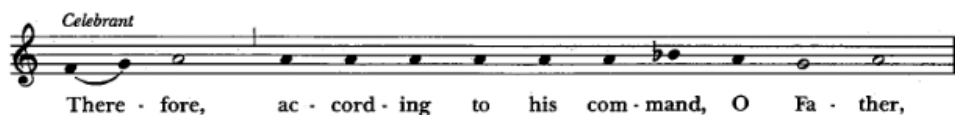
Then the Celebrant continues

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." ✠

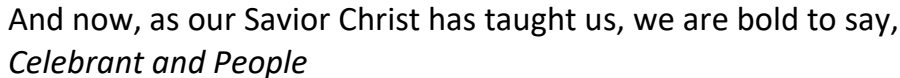
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ✠



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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, 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.

Amen S-146



The Breaking of the Bread S-152



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Communion Hymn: Lord Make Us Servants of Your Peace (H1982 #593)

Lord, makes us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day: Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

Prayer after Communion

The people stand or kneel, as able.

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 Priest blesses the people

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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: 'Tis the Gift to be Simple (H1982 #554)

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn, will be our delight
till by turning, turning we come round right.

When true simplicity is gained
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn, will be our delight
till by turning, turning we come round right.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Ministers Serving Today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Derek Larson

Organist: Helen Jones

Lectors: Patty Linder, Sally Fuhrman

Crucifer: Christy Lyle

Ushers: Diana Weeks, Bruce Nichols

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

St. Peter's Choir Altar Guild

Intercessor: Patty Linder

Acolytes: Elizabeth Lyle & Glenn Lyle

Eucharistic Ministers:

By the Numbers:

Last Sunday's Attendance (including 18 online): 145

Average Sunday Attendance in 2026: 120

Readings for next Sunday, February 8:

Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 112:1-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-16, Matthew 5:13-20

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:

- Today at 9:15am - Youth and Children's Sunday School with classes for toddlers, elementary schoolers, and teenagers!
- Pathfinders: Join us for a series called "Here is the Church; Here are the People" for a reflection on the Church, its role in our lives, and what the Bible has to say about it.
- Join us tomorrow, February 2 at 8am for mass in place of Morning Prayer for the observance of the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord.
- Join us for an instructed Morning and Evening Prayer on Tuesday, February 3 for a prayerful explanation from Fr. Derek of our daily weekday services at 8am and 5:15pm.
- Engage café Wednesday at 5:30 in Bender Hall. **CHILI COOKOFF!!** Bring your chili hot and ready to serve. Please bring canned foods to help support our local food bank. RSVP by noon Monday. See TWASP for more details.
- Next Sunday, February 8 – Refresher/Training session from 9am-10am in the church for lectors, leaders of Prayers of the People, and Eucharistic Ministers. Please make every effort to attend. See TWASP for more details.
- Saturday, February 14 – Valentine's Brunch for ladies of all ages! See TWASP for details.
- Be sure to see TW@SP for our many Outreach opportunities.

Please Pray For:

- Amanda, Anthony, Bernie, Bill, Bill, Billie, Bernice, Betty, Bruce, Bud, Carol, Carolyn, Casey, Charley, Chris, Dale, Darlene, Daryll, David, David, Don, Dorothy, Drex, Ellie, Evelyn, Everidge Family, Evon, Fred, Glen, Glenn, Gregg, Hugh, Jackie, James, Jane, Janet, Janice, Janice, Jason, Jeff, Jenna, Jim, Jim, JoAnne, John, John & Jane, Leslie & family, Linda, Lori, Luke, Marilyn, Mary, Mary, Mary Katherine, Millie, Nancy, Nora, Priscilla & Robert, Richard, Rosemary, Sally, Sandra, Sarah, Shirley, Stephanie, Su, Susan, Suzanne, Terri, Thomas, Tim, Tracey, Vernette
- Our Neighbors at Laundry Love and 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: Craig Davidson 02/01, Nancy Hewitt 02/02, James Jeffries 02/02, Margaret Stevens 02/03, Michael Dotson 02/05, Eleanor Lopez 02/07.
- Those recently born: Bennett Clark
- Those expecting a child and their families: Kelly Gutowski (2/26), Grace Everett (3/26), LauraAnn Larson (5/26), Brittany Eukovich Wilhelm (5/26), Laura Booher Benton (7/26), Carley Sicignano (7/26).
- St. Peter's Vestry: Brian, Chris, Christy, Diana, Eda, Lindsay, Mark, Ron, Sandy
- 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

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

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DID YOU FIND OUR CHURCH MICE?



St. Peter's has three resident mice clergy for our mouse congregation! Find all three and after mass tell Fr. Derek where they are for a cute sticker.