

The First Sunday of Advent

November 30th, 2025

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL

Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us! All baptized Christians (any church) are invited to receive Holy Communion. We offer two options for receiving consecrated wine, the first is to dip the edge of the consecrated wafer you have received into the chalice; the second is to consume your wafer and then take a small sip from the chalice. Please choose the option you prefer. If you would simply prefer a blessing from a priest, indicate by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; indicate your need to the priest.

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:30 AM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Book of Common Prayer is the red book found in the pew rack.

Opening Acclamation	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323
The Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Salutation and Collect of the Day	BCP 325

The First Lesson: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 122 Read responsively by whole verse

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.
5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *

I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *

I will seek to do you good."

The Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Sermon

The Rev. Chuck Messer

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

The Confession

BCP 331

The Peace

BCP 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer I*

BCP 333

Sanctus

BCP 341

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 339

Dismissal

BCP 339

Those Who Serve Today

Ushers:	Kathy Lundy
Lector:	Malissa Hawkins & Kelly Romero
Chalice Bearer	Littlejohn McSwain & Bob James
VPOD:	Katie Kluttz
Organist:	Carla Padgett
Celebrant:	The Rev. Chuck Messer
Preacher:	The Rev. Chuck Messer
Opener:	Bill Hartzell
Closer:	Glenn Allison
Altar Guild:	Kathy Lundy, Beck Sullivan & Martha Venters
Technology Guild:	TBD

Vestry: Tony Scalzitti—Sr. Warden, Tom Priddy—Jr. Warden,
 Katie Kluttz, Alison Hitner, Martin Remick and Tony Scalzitti – '25 Debbie Cannada, Todd LaFrance,
 Shannon Sports, Gayle McKee – '26 Nick Morse, Tom Priddy, Tim Wilkerson, Mary Wright – '27
 Michael Coward—Treasurer, Holly Kraus—Clerk

Prayer List of St. Peter's Parishioners

The clergy will verbally offer the names on the acute list weekly, and the names on our chronic list bi-weekly in hopes of keeping those for whom we pray in the awareness of our community members who may be able and willing to reach out with other expressions of love and care.

Parishioners preparing for/recovering from hospitalization/surgery or receiving regular therapy or hospice care.		Parishioners who are homebound, in skilled care, or experiencing chronic pain or limiting conditions.	
Barbara Bailey	Sherry Hunt	Meta Armstrong	Katherine Lumpkin-Leech
Teresa Burns	Bev Myatt	Andrea Bryant	Gayle Meacham
Connie Clark	Heather Saccamano	Debbie Cannada	George Paszkiewicz
Terry Davidson	Victor Sherlock	Don Ellis	Ginny Tate
Jody Fails	Finn Smith	Wain Fallow	Shirley Twiss
Franca George	Pam Smith	Josie Harper	
Anne Gobbett	Olga Torres		
Jim Huber			