

# The First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2025

8:30 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

## 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
The Gloria	BCP 324
Collect of the Day	BCP 325

### **The First Lesson:** *Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**Psalm 147:13-21** - Read responsively by whole verse

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.

Hallelujah!

**The Second Lesson:** *Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

**The Gospel:** *John 1:1-18*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Sermon

The Rev. Chuck Messer

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

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

<b>Ushers:</b>	8:30 a.m.	Marty & Tim Masters
<b>Lector:</b>	8:30 a.m.	Kelly Romero & Marilyn Jones
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	8:30 a.m.	Kathleen Brady & Kathy Siegel
<b>VPOD:</b>	10:30 a.m.	Todd LaFrance/Shannon Sports
<b>Organist:</b>		Carla Padgett
<b>Celebrant:</b>	8:30 a.m.	The Rev. Chuck Messer
<b>Preacher:</b>		The Rev. Chuck Messer
<b>Opener:</b>		Palmer Brown
<b>Closer:</b>		Bill Hawkins
<b>Altar Guild:</b>		Marilyn Jones, Martha Venters, Kathy Siegel
<b>Technology Guild:</b>		Zeb Forbes & Jack Forbes

### 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	Lauren Juarez	Meta Armstrong	Katherine Lumpkin-Leech
Teresa Burns	Sharon Kruse	Debbie Cannada	Gayle Meacham
Connie Clark	Bev Myatt	Wain Fallow	George Paszkiewicz
Terry Davidson	Judi Myers	Josie Harper	Ginny Tate
Don Ellis	John Perrow		Shirley Twiss
Franca George	Heather Saccamano		
Anne Gobbett	Finn Smith		
Sue Havens	Pam Smith		
Jim Huber	Olga Torres		
Sherry Hunt			