



One body of transformation embracing all people through Christ's love.

ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Welcome, December! Welcome, Advent! Welcome, Christmas!

This is the time of year when we eagerly look forward to a transcendent experience, a moment of anticipation. In December, our plans—from schedules to travel arrangements—revolve around the 24th and 25th, Christmas, a time most of us spend with family and loved ones.

We dedicate the entire month to preparing for those two special days. Whether we are recovering quickly from illness, getting the house ready for company, or baking cookies, we are all pressing toward Christmas, excited for the moment when everyone is together.

The season of Advent is a time when the Church calls us to pause, slow down, and prepare our hearts and minds for the profound, miraculous reality of God becoming human. Our tradition views Advent much like a mini-Lent: a period dedicated to self-reflection and restraint. We are urged to shift our focus from our own needs to the needs of others.

As Christmas approaches, the signs begin to subtly emerge each Sunday: a touch of green appears, and parts of the Nativity scene are unveiled. However, the celebration of Christmas is not yet upon us. While we may hear the 24-hour Christmas music stations and remember the joy of singing "Joy To The World" together at St. Peter's, we must temper that excitement. It can be tempting to abandon the Advent focus, especially when other traditions may already be singing carols, but we intentionally hold back our complete joy because it is not Christmas yet.

During this short period of waiting, we anticipate celebrating the Messiah's birth at Christmas. However, the Church also directs us to look ahead to the day of his glorious second coming. The return of Jesus Christ is the central hope of Christians. Every Sunday, we affirm our belief that his return will usher in an unending reign, fully establishing God's rule on earth as it is in heaven. It will be a time when wars cease, and everyone has plenty, with no one suffering want. The command of Jesus to love one another will be a tangible reality, leading nations to abandon conflict and the ways of war forever. Although this future may seem too wonderful to be true, by faith, Christians look forward to this certain assurance.

We are called to live faithfully until the Lord returns, primarily by following Jesus's command to love God with our whole selves, demonstrated especially in how we treat one another. Our baptismal vow commits us to working for justice and peace for all people and to respecting everyone's inherent dignity. Our chosen language is love, not hate, and our loyalty belongs solely to Jesus, not to any human or earthly movement. This way of life will be noticeable to others, who will then seek the peace we experience. By consistently practicing this spiritual discipline, we continue to advance God's Kingdom until the time of Jesus's second coming.

Be ready, Advent calls to us. Be prepared. The Messiah is on the way. So, slow down, take stock of what's important, and become the life Jesus calls us to live by loving others.

Joy is on the way! Christmas will soon be here. I am so looking forward to being with all of you on the 24th and 25th. Until then, let's prepare and get ready.

May God bless you. May you have a blessed Advent and a holy Christmas season with your family at home and here at St. Peter's.

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**SUNDAY IN-PERSON
WORSHIP**

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

WORSHIP ONLINE

Our Sunday Morning 10:30 Service will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

ST. PETER'S (CHILDREN & FAMILIES)

St. Nicholas Service

We will be hosting a St. Nicholas Service on **Saturday, December 6th at 11am** in the Sanctuary. Join us to learn more about St. Nicholas and how he still inspires us today. Bring a new toy to share with a child in need this holiday season. After the service, there will be surprises and crafts for the children to enjoy.



Children's Choir Lessons and Carols Rehearsal

Our Children's Choir has been working hard to perform with the adult choir for our Lessons and Carols service. We will have a rehearsal on Saturday, December 20th at 9:30am. We will meet in the Sanctuary and break for breakfast snacks.

Lessons and Carols

Join our Children's Choir and Adult Choir for a very special Lessons and Carols service at 10:30am on **Sunday, December 21st**.



Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal



All children 3 years old through 2nd grade are invited to participate.

Christmas Eve at 5pm in Stockstill Hall.

Pageant Rehearsal

We will have a brief pageant rehearsal at 9:30am on Sunday, December 21st. There will be no Sunday School this day. Those with major roles (Mary, Joseph, and the Star) are strongly encouraged to attend. All other children 3yo through 2nd grade are also encouraged to attend.

Christmas Pageant and Family Christmas Eve Service

All children 3yo through 2nd grade are invited to participate in our Christmas Pageant during our Family Christmas Eve Service. Children participating in the pageant should arrive at 5pm in Stockstill Hall to get fitted for costumes and rehearse. Families will help with costume fitting and then find their seats in the church for the service. Children will perform in the pageant and then join their families at the Peace for the rest of the service. Children will enjoy a snack and crafts while waiting to perform.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

One 10:00 AM Service

One service at 10:00 AM—Rite II

Annual Meeting—11:15 AM

This is an official notice of our Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary. This is an important business day in the life of our community as we elect new Vestry, new Delegates and Alternates to Diocesan Convention and hear year end reports. **Childcare will be provided for infants—5th grade.** We will share a story, wonder together, make crafts, and enjoy a snack.

Chili Cook-Off—12:15 PM

Bring your best pot of chili and see how you fare in our annual Chili Cook-off at 12:15 in Stockstill Hall.



**Men's Fellowship Breakfast
December 13th Stockstill Hall 8:00am**

Come and join us for the December Men's Breakfast! It's a great time for fellowship and some good food. Whether you're new at St. Peter's or a long time member, breakfast is open to all men. The breakfast cost is \$10 and all profits go to charity. We look forward to seeing you on December 13th!

**Please join us for A Blue Christmas
December 14th, 3:00 p.m.**

A service for anyone for whom the holidays are difficult. If you are dealing with loss, transition, life change or any grief or sadness, join us for a special service of prayer and reflection.



ROMEOS

Join us for our monthly gathering of St. Peter's Romeos, a.k.a. Retired Old Men Eating Out, on **Tuesday, December 16th, 11:30 am**, at the Acropolis on Pelham Road. All men of the church and guests, even if not old or retired, are welcome to join us for a time of food and fellowship. No program or agenda, just lively conversation and maybe a few tall tales.

Acolyte training—Sunday, Dec. 21 at 11:45

This is for anyone in 3rd grade and up that is interested in becoming an acolyte as well as those who are already serving.

CENTERING PRAYER

St. Peter's offers an opportunity each Wednesday afternoon at **2:00 p.m.** to gather with a small community for Centering Prayer in Stockstill Hall. If you would like more information about joining our group, please contact our facilitator, Sally Hansen, via email at: sallyhansen100@gmail.com

**WEDNESDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Our Midweek Celebration
Of The Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in
the Chapel**

Join us for Holy Communion in the chapel on Wednesdays at **1:30 p.m.** This small gathering often commemorates a saint whose feast day occurs on that day or in close proximity. The liturgy lasts about 30 minutes.



**Join us for St. Peter's Christmas Market
featuring handmade crafts and creations!**

*** Saturday, Dec 6th from 9 to 1pm * Stockstill Hall ***

**Vendors Needed!!! Go to Signup Genius
on Outreach Page of website! Contact Bob James**

2025 Final Contributions

Final contributions for 2025 will need to be in the church office no later than **Monday, December 29 by 12:00 p.m.** We will make our last deposit of the year that day. You can drop off your contribution during office hours or put it in the secure and locked mailbox after hours. If you would like a current statement or information about your 2025 pledge, please call the church office or email Sue at accounting@stpetersgreenville.com. Thank you!



2026 Annual Pledge

Please remember to hand in your pledge card for 2026. You can place it in the offering plate, mail it to the church office or drop it off during office hours. For your convenience, you can also make your annual pledge online at stpetersgreenville.com/pledge-card or by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your continued support of St. Peter's through your time, talent, and treasure.



SPY 12 Hours of Christmas—December 27th

Save the date for 12 hours of fun on Saturday, December 27th! All 6th—12th graders are welcome. More details to come!

DEC. 14 - BLUE CHRISTMAS - 3:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

★	FAMILY SERVICE	5:30 PM	★
★	CHRIST MASS	8:30 PM	★
	CHRIST MASS	10:30 PM	

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 10:00 AM

Creation Care Corner—December 2025



**CREATION
CARE**

The Three Rs at St. Peter's – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle – St. Peter's is doing all three! **We have reduced our reliance on single-use plastics (plates, utensils, cups etc.).** Many ministries that serve food now use washable items instead! Contact a member of the Creation Care team if you need to learn how to use the dish sterilizer. **We encourage reuse** – after recently purchasing new chairs for Stockstill hall, we donated 28 usable older chairs to our friends at Palmetto Care and Share! We have been recycling paper and plastic for a long time, and **now we are recycling glass!** WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00pm Olli Players - SH	2 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 7:00pm AA Stockstill	3 8:30am Greenville Garden Club - SH/Choir rm 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	4 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:00pm Olli Players - SH 2:30pm Daughters of the King - Zoom Mtg.	5 No AA 12:00pm Christmas Market Set-up - Stockstill	6 9:00am Christmas Market - Stockstill 11:00am St. Nicholas Service
7 Advent 2 10:00am Eucharist Rite II 11:15am Annual Meeting 11:15am Children's Program 12:15pm Chili Cook-off	8 12:00pm Soul Food Lunch 1:00pm Olli Players - Choir Rm 6:00pm Vestry	9 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 7:00pm AA Stockstill	10 9:00am PEO Chapter F 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	11 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 1:00pm Olli Players - SH	12 7:00pm AA Stockstill	13 8:00am Men's Breakfast - Stockstill Hall
14 Advent 3 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Faith Forum 10:30am Eucharist Rite II 11:45am CCAC 11:45am Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:45am Outreach - Children's room 3:00pm Blue Christmas Service	15 1:00pm Olli Players - SH	16 9:45am Yoga - Stockstill 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 11:00am Bible Study @ St. Giles 3:30pm Stephen Ministry - Stockstill 7:00pm AA Stockstill	17 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	18 10:30am Staff Meeting - Parlor 12:00pm Staff Christmas Lunch - Choir Rm 1:00pm Olli Players - SH 2:30pm Daughters of the King - Parlor	19 7:00pm AA Stockstill	20 9:30am Lessons & Carols Rehearsal
21 Advent 4 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Acolyte Rehearsal 9:30am Faith Forum 9:30am Pageant Rehearsal 10:30am Eucharist Rite II Lessons & Carols	22 12:00pm Soul Food Lunch	23 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 7:00pm AA Stockstill	24 5:30pm Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist 8:30pm Christmas Mass 10:30pm Christmas Mass (incense)	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 10:00am Eucharist Rite II	26 Office Closed 7:00pm AA Stockstill	27 SPY 12 Hours of Christmas 6:30am Feed Thy Neighbor
28 No Sunday School 8:30am Eucharist Rite I 10:30am Eucharist Rite II	29	30 10:00am The Yarn Spinners - Parlor 7:00pm AA Stockstill	31 1:30pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel 2:00pm Centering Prayer- SH			

St. Peter's Family & Friends Prayer Lists

In an effort to maintain a timely prayer list, please review any names you may have added and email us at office@stpetersgreenville.com if it is time for that person's name to come off the list.

Prayer List of Family members of Parishioners

Jessica Watson, niece of Mimi Abels
Ruby Taylor, aunt of Glenn Allison
Carol Bauer Lopis & family, sister of Lynn Bauer
Cathy, friend of Stephen & Diane Boney
Shiloh Esselburn, granddaughter of Jane Auge
Kristine Drinnon, daughter of Suzanne Brehm
Jennifer Fanning Brunetto, daughter-in-law of Sam & Juliette Brunetto
Emerson Brock, niece of Sam & Juliette Brunetto
Marie Sheley, sister of Sue Bunnell
Lynn Burns, sister of JoDee Burns
Vincent "Brad" Pope, son of Teresa Burns & brother of Sharon Turner
Frieda Creasman, mother of Debbie Cannada
Charles Johnson, brother-in-law of Dot Closs
Geri Delzingaro, mother of Terry Davidson
Sylvia Stivers, mother of Shawn Dunham
Lois Guinto, sister of Tom Durst
Gail Stone, sister-in-law of Barbara & Don Ellis
Becki Peterson, sister of Jody Fails
Van Phillips, brother of Jody Fails
Wayne & Rhonda Lanier, family of Jody Fails
Doris Phillips, sister-in-law of Jody Fails
Brian & Sylvia Shutts, brother & sister-in-law of Sally Hansen
Norma Havens, little sister of Marv Havens
Vanessa Lindeberg, niece of Marv Havens
Barbra McPike, sister of Sue Havens
Carolyn Keever, sister of Bill Hawkins
Sara Ann Lovell, cousin of Jim & Ellen Huber
Gordon Kear, son of Rhys and Susan Kear
The Rev. Alice Haynes, sister of Pam Kitson
Nicole Poole, daughter of Sharon Kruse
Rick Skelton, brother-in-law of Thom Long
Ryan Garbee, cousin of Katherine Lumpkin—Leech
Mary Anne Achee, sister of Priscilla Maumus
Cheryl—niece of Sandy McKenna
Sharen McKenna, daughter of Sandy McKenna
Pam Elwell, sister of Littlejohn McSwain
Beau Chattell, nephew of Mary Mills
Susie Mathews, sister of Mary Mills
Caldwell Murray, son of Sarah Murray
Leighton Yates, relative of Sarah Murray
Jennifer Pendergast, daughter of Bev & Larry Myatt
Laine Pendergast, granddaughter of Bev & Larry Myatt
Tracey Myatt, daughter-in-law of Bev & Larry Myatt
Stuart Neal, son of Tina & Larry Neal
Erik Nichols, son of Rich & Bobbie Nichols
Lucas Stalder, cousin of Rich & Bobbie Nichols
Val Bate, cousin of Rich & Bobbie Nichols
Gary Olivier, father of Karen Olivier & grandfather of Jackson
Harry Orscheln, father of Nell Orscheln
Vonda Dodd, family to Lindsey Johnson
Elizabeth & David Norris, children of Barbara & Ron Plemmons
Crystal Blackwell, family of Tim of Deidre Price
Abbas Rangwalla, father of Akil Rangwalla
Susan Remick, sister of Marty Remick
Judy King, mother of Janiece Robinson
Blake Hedrik, granddaughter of Nancy Roush
Ken Wagner, father of Kara Scalzitti
Remedios Cerezo Aragon, Val Schnauffer's aunt (Eric's daughter in law)
Charlie & Chandler, family to Sarah Sewell
Doris Rebert, great grandmother of Delaney & Logan Shabel
J.J. Lee, cousin of Pam & Phil Smith
Logan Welsh, family of Pam & Phil Smith

Prayer List of Family members of Parishioners (cont.)

Caroline Elizabeth Smith, great grandchild of Gary & Judy Taylor
Julee McDonald, cousin of Ed Venters
The Moses Family, relatives of Ed & Martha Venters
Aden Gilliam, great nephew of Louisa & John Wagoner
Olga Torres, mother of Venus Williams
Ralph Kellar, brother of Mary Ann Whiten
Janet & Craig Christy, daughter and son-in-law of Mary Ann Whiten
Emily Anderson, granddaughter of Mary Ann Whiten
Jaclynn Wilkerson, daughter of Tim & Denise Wilkerson
Susan Reddix, sister-in-law of Tim & Denise Wilkerson

Prayer List of Friends of Parishioners

Marty Rusonis—friend of Lynn Bauer
Melanie Anderson—friend of Palmer & Boo Brown
JoJo Kaiser—friend of Jo Dee Burns
Pat Spears—friend of Jo Dee Burns
Rudy Capece—friend of Jane Auge & Debbie Cannada
Michele Thompson, friend of Centering Prayer
Marlenea Vaughn, friend of Cathy Church
Miller & Allie Carroll—friend of Shawn Dunham
The Parker family —friends of Barbara Ellis
Shannon Woodruff—friend to Amy Gore
Will Habel—friend of Caden Gore
Richard Fulton—friend of Pete & Sally Hansen
Susan Ebans—friend of Pete & Sally Hansen
Mike, John & Alison Simpson- Josie Harper
Cathy Stephens—friend of Bill & Loretta Hartzell
Steve Fowler—friend of Marv Havens
Tony & Diane Smith—friends of Marv & Sue Havens
Deb Culbertson—friend of Marv & Sue Havens
Glenn Wampole—friend of Marv Havens
John Gentile—friend of Marv Havens
Almeter Butler – friend of Malissa Hawkins
Dave Holec, friend of Rhys and Susan Kear
Paul Porter, friend of Rhys and Susan Kear
Bob Post, friend of Rhys and Susan Kear
Elizabeth Deming, friend of Milena Lombardi
Evie Elrod, friend of Thom Long
Mary Ella Kenesake—friend of Katherine Lumpkin-Leech
Tyler Johnston, friend of Ben Martin
Sal—friend of Sandy McKenna
Stephanie Shutes, friend of Brenda McKinney
Steve Hixson, friend of Brenda McKinney
Ivey & Carolyn Radcliff- friends of Sarah Murray
David & Martha Hewitt—friend of Richard and Judi Myers
Rob, friend of Bobbie & Rich Nichols
Michael Mathers, friend of Marty Remick
Dierdre Hixson—friend of Nancy Roush
Mary Kathleen Markham-Kara & Tony Scalzitti
Kimberly Greene—friend of Ken & Emelyn Shabel
Sarah— friend of Shirley Twiss
Mary Ann Cooper—friend of Bob Vail
The Daniels Family-Martha Venters
Claire Yarborough—friend of Ed & Martha Venters
Rose Neely—friend of Ed & Martha Venters
Carmen & Ken Grier—friends of Denise & Tim Wilkerson

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

	December 7 10:00 AM Service only	December 14	December 21	December 28
Ushers 8:30		Kathleen Brady Wes Smith	Kathy Lundy	Marty & Tim Masters
Ushers 10:30	John Wagoner Courtney Goforth Kyle Davis Haddie Davis Kale Davis	Glenn Allison Shelby Allison Nathan Search	Ken Shabel Al Mina Brad Kluttz Cory McGee	Jackson Olivier Edison Cope Hayne Cope Bill Hawkins
VPOD	Nick Morse	Debbie Cannada	Tony Scalzitti	Todd LaFrance Shannon Sports
Altar Guild	Kathy Lundy Barbara Ellis Adriana Brooks	Kathy Siegel Charlotte McIlroy Delores Smith Karla McSwain	Shannon Lawton Margaret Boineau Beck Sullivan Marty Masters	Marilyn Jones Martha Venters Kathy Greenan
Opener	Kathy Lundy	Bill Hartzell	Tim Masters	Palmer Brown
Closer	David Rhodes	Brock Vaughn	Thom Long	Bill Hawkins
Lector 8:30	N/A	Kathy Siegel Bob James	Wes Smith Kathleen Brady	Kelly Romero Marilyn Jones
Lector 10:30	10 AM Ken Shabel Mary Wright	Patti Navilliat Shannon Sports	TBD	Melinda Long Thom Long
Server	Tucker Allison	Kale Davis	Jack Forbes	Leila Kluttz
Crucifer	Nora Durham	Haddie Davis	Nora Durham	Matthew Purvis
Torch Bearers	Shelby Allison Henry Purvis	Cameron Brooks Sadie Chapman	Shelby Allison Henry Purvis	Haddie Davis Harry Hawkins
Chalice Bearers 8:30	N/A	Dot Closs Littlejohn McSwain	Margaret Boineau Marty Masters	Kathleen Brady Kathy Siegel
Chalice Bearers 10:30	10 AM Gina Pelino Glenn Allison	James Hoskinson Larry Neal	Linda Remick Marilyn Jones	Shannon Sports Carolyn Foster
A/V	Brad Brooks Matthew Purvis	Marilyn Jones Mike Jones	Mike Jones Glenn Allison	Zeb Forbes Jack Forbes

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Priscilla Maumus	16	Holly Kraus
	Mary Ann Whiten	17	Barbara Bailey
02	Leila Kluttz		Brita Hoskinson
	Mary Pauly	19	Amy Gore
	Ted Vonder Haar		Karla McSwain
03	Jackie Fryt	20	Ellen Huber
	Paula Janczak		Larry Myatt
04	Alex Dewey		Karen Olivier
07	Marty Masters	23	Cathy Church
08	Bill Hartzell		Leo Hoeschen
	Harry Hawkins	24	Beck Sullivan
	John Perrow	25	Robert Baker
	Kara Scalzitti	27	Aaliyah Dailey
09	Greg Galaher		Gayle Meacham
	John Parrott		Callum Stauff
10	Scott Kemp	29	Mike Jones
13	Dave Strickland		Todd LaFrance
14	Clive Gobbett	31	Cameron Brooks
	Blakely Madden		



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

04	Kathy & Joe Siegel
11	Caroline & Taylor Garrett
14	Adriana & Brad Brooks
18	Cindy & Kyle Davis
24	Caron & Dave Strickland
28	Rod & Donna Scott
30	Pete & Sally Hansen



FAITH FORUM

Sunday, 9:30 am - Stockstill Hall

Faith Forum is an adult Christian formation experience presented on Sunday mornings, from 9:30-10:15 a.m., in Stockstill Hall. We explore a wide range of topics, including Scripture, church history and traditions, liturgical seasons, community outreach, and creation care. All parishioners and visitors are welcome. (No sign-up or preparation required.)

Dec. 7—No Faith Forum—Annual Meeting and Chili Cook-Off

Dec. 14—During Advent, we think a lot about Mary, and rightly so. But on this Sunday in Advent, Dotti Priddy will discuss the great importance of Joseph, “The Silent Man of the Gospels,” in the Nativity story and the life of Jesus.

Dec. 21—No Faith Forum. Christmas Holidays.

Dec. 28—No Faith Forum. Christmas Holidays.

Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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