

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

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.

The Great Litany
Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 148
BCP 325

The First Lesson:

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121 *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

**3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

**4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

**7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.**

**8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.**

The Second Lesson:

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Gospel:

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Carver

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

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:	Wes Smith & Kathleen Brady
Lector:	Wes Smith & Kathleen Brady
Chalice Bearer	Dot Closs & Marty Masters
VPOD:	Gina Pelino
Organist:	Carla Padgett
Celebrant:	The Rev. Chuck Messer
Preacher:	The Rev. Sarah Carver
Opener:	Kathy Lundy
Closer:	David Rhodes
Altar Guild:	Kathy Lundy, Barabara Ellis, Adriana Brooks
Technology Guild:	Marilyn Jones & Mike Jones

Vestry: Tom Priddy—Sr. Warden, Shannon Sports—Jr. Warden,
Debbie Cannada, Todd LaFrance, Shannon Sports, Gayle McKee – '26 Nick Morse, Tom Priddy,
Tim Wilkerson, Mary Wright – '27 Frank Boineau, Sarah Hoeschen, Gina Pelino, Ken Shabel - '28
Harrison Hitner—Youth Rep., Gil Harper—Treasurer, Holly Kraus—Clerk

St. Peter's Parishioner Prayer List

Meta Armstrong	Charlie Faust	Katherine Lumpkin-Leech	Heather Saccamano
Teresa Burns	Franca George	Melinda Long	Finn Smith
Debbie Cannada	Josie Harper	Sandy McKenna	Pam Smith
Connie Clark	Jim Huber	Brenda McKinney	Marion Sprague
Terry Davidson	Sherry Hunt	Gayle Meacham	Ginny Tate
Don Ellis	Lauren Juarez	Bev Myatt	Olga Torres
Jody Fails	Sharon Kruse	Elizabeth Norris	Shirley Twiss
Wain Fallow		George Paszkiewicz	
		John Perrow	

The Sanctuary Candle is given today by Doug & Gerri Miezio to the Glory of God and in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.