

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

*Unless otherwise noted, the service is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).  
(Large print materials are available at the back of the church.  
Please ask an Usher for assistance.)*

Processional Hymn 48 “O day of radiant gladness,”  
Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity BCP 355  
*Gloria in excelsis* S-280 Powell

Collect of the Day BCP 231

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons (*seated*) **Isaiah 55:10-13**

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**Psalm 65: 1-14** (*sung*)

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to  dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

### Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gradual Hymn 632 “O Christ, the Word Incarnate,”  
(*Children join the Procession to Children’s Chapel.*)

The Gospel (*standing*) **Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!” “Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not

understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Sermon The Reverend Bill Smyth  
The Nicene Creed BCP 358  
Prayers of the People: Form III BCP 387  
Confession BCP 360  
The Peace

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory  
Presentation Hymn 380 vs. 3 *Doxology*  
The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361  
Sanctus and Benedictus S-129 Powell  
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364  
The Breaking of the Bread  
Fraction Anthem S-154 Hurd  
Communion of the People

*In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcome to the table to receive communion. To receive the bread, please hold out your open palms. To receive the wine, you may drink directly from the cup, or you may slightly dip the wafer in the wine. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing from the priest. For a blessing, while at the altar rail, cross your arms across your chest as a sign of this preference.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing BCP 366  
Processional Hymn 530 “Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,”  
Dismissal

*The loose and undesignated offering goes to Episcopal Relief & Development.*

*Please join us under the breezeway near All Saints’ Hall for lemonade,  
snacks and fellowship after the service.*

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed & Beth Hodges and Lalla Hodges Sidbury by the family

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**July 16:** Sonia Privette  
**July 18:** Florette Moore

**July 19:** Pat Capehart Brown, David Howdy

**July 21:** Whit Stroud

**July 22:** Kristin Bradbury, Jerry Smyre

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Wednesday, July 19

Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Brotherhood of St. Andrew at 7:30 a.m. in Woolard Meeting Room

Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel

#### Education for Ministry

During July and August we are recruiting members for our Education for Ministry Seminar. The seminar meets weekly September through May and we study the Bible, Church History and Church Theology. Please stop by our display in the hallway by the office and look at our materials. You may also like to talk with any of our former seminar graduates or Mark Henley (944-5448) and Jane Taylor (402-8782) present participants. A little bit of knowledge can be an enabling tool.

#### Pledge Reminder

Don't forget to keep up to date with your 2017 pledge while you are away during summer vacations! Balances are available by calling or emailing Jennifer at 946-8151 or [jennifer@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org) during regular office hours.

#### Children's Christian Formation

In preparation for fall programming for Christian Formation, we ask that parents of children/youth fill in a survey to help us with our planning. Copies of the survey may be found on the table in the hall across from the Library. Please take the time to share your ideas with us so that we may prepare suitable offerings for your children/youth. Completed surveys should be returned to the box in the hall. You may also complete the survey online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WV3L2ZD>. Thanks in advance for sharing your opinion.

#### Summer Lemonade & Snacks

It is time for lemonade and snacks to be served under the breezeway near All Saints' Hall following the 10:15am service each week. We hope that you will join us. If you are interested in helping serve one Sunday, please sign up on the bulletin board near the church office. Many hands make the work light! Thanks!

#### Let's Do Lunch!

Date: Sunday, July 23

Time: 11:30 AM

Where: All Saints' Hall

Menu: Chicken Salad Cold Plate

Reservations: Sign up in Gardner Hall or call 946-8151 or send an email to [jennifer@saintpetersnc.org](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org) by 7/18

Who's invited? **YOU!**

#### Rena B. Harding "Facelift" Is In the Works!

Saint Peter's Church Women are at it again. They saw the need and will answer the call to restore the Rena B. Harding Room, which is upstairs in Gardner Hall, to its original beauty and usefulness.

A committee has been formed to create a plan to renovate and redecorate the Rena B. Harding room. Recent roof leaks have occurred, so wall and ceiling

damage will be repaired soon. The committee has identified both furniture and decorative needs to bring the room back to its original beauty.

In that room, many a bride has had her picture taken while she stood in front of the lovely mirror before her wedding! Sunday school classes, meetings, and luncheons have all taken place in the wonderful, light-filled space. The planned 'facelift' will bring life back to the room for all to use and enjoy!

In order to make this transformation happen, donations would be greatly appreciated to help with recovering furniture, new lighting, and renovation costs. Won't you help make our goal a reality? Let's create a lovely space for our growing family where special events will make lasting memories.

If you would like to donate to this effort, make your check payable to Saint Peter's ECW and memo that it is for the Rena B. Renovation and turn it in to Jennifer at the church office.

**Please Pray for:** **Gordon Barben**-friend of the Hadleys, **Fred Beachler**-nephew of Michael Beachler, **Conoley Blake**-member, **Nancy Chaffee**-member, **Greg Cooper**-friend of William & Cindy Cochran, **Mary Charles Coppage**-mother of Lind Graves, **Evan Cornelius**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Bob Dorn**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Mary Thompson Goss**-sister of Randy Thompson, **Kathy Griffin**-sister of Mickie Johnston, **Barbara Grimes**-member, **Katherine Hall**-member, **Patti Jackson**-friend of Pat & Fred Holscher, **Carol Keech**-friend of Cindy & William Cochran, **Virginia Koester**-aunt of Ann Peters, **Cyndi Kvalevog**-friend of Cindy & William Cochran & aunt of Samantha Baldree, **Jay Marle**-member, **Mary Maye**-friend of Kathie Kriss, **Henry & Florette Moore**-members, **Peggy Moore**-member, **Jimmy Pendergast**-son of Kathie Kriss, **David Powers**-nephew of Bob & Nita Byrum, **Betty Privette**-aunt of Sonia Privette, **Emma Reiss**-aunt of Gayle Nadel, **Acra Samuels**-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, **Carol & Grover Sawyer**-friends of Leslie Whitehurst, **Jan Silverman**-friend of Kathleen Couch, **Joe Sleeper**-friend of Fr. Jim Reed, **Stacy & Jerry Smith**-cousins of Leslie Whitehurst, **Betsy Stowell**-sister of Aynn Hadley, **Linda Strader**-mother of Stacey Lynch, **Paul Thompson**-friend of Saint Peter's, **Paul Wesley Thompson**-brother of Randy Thompson, **Sis Thornburgh**-member, **Felix Whitehurst**-friend of Leslie Whitehurst, **Jeff Williams**-nephew of Michael Beachler, **Walt Young**-friend of Richard Roy.

#### Those Serving in the Liturgy

Organist & Choirmaster: Douglas Cutler

Lay Readers: Val Johnson, Jerry Vick

Paten Server: Tom Archie

Chalice Bearer: Bet Archie

Acolytes: Frederick Holscher, Mary Emma Holscher, Suzie Harrington

Altar Guild: Lind Graves, Lois McLaughlin, Carol Nash,

Peggy Moore, Roxanne Holloman

Children's Chapel: Austin Andrews

Ushers: Chris Padgett, Bill Darden, Mike Behar, Sandy Mitchell

Vestry Person of the Week: Mark Henley

Greeter: Gayle Nadel

#### Office Information

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

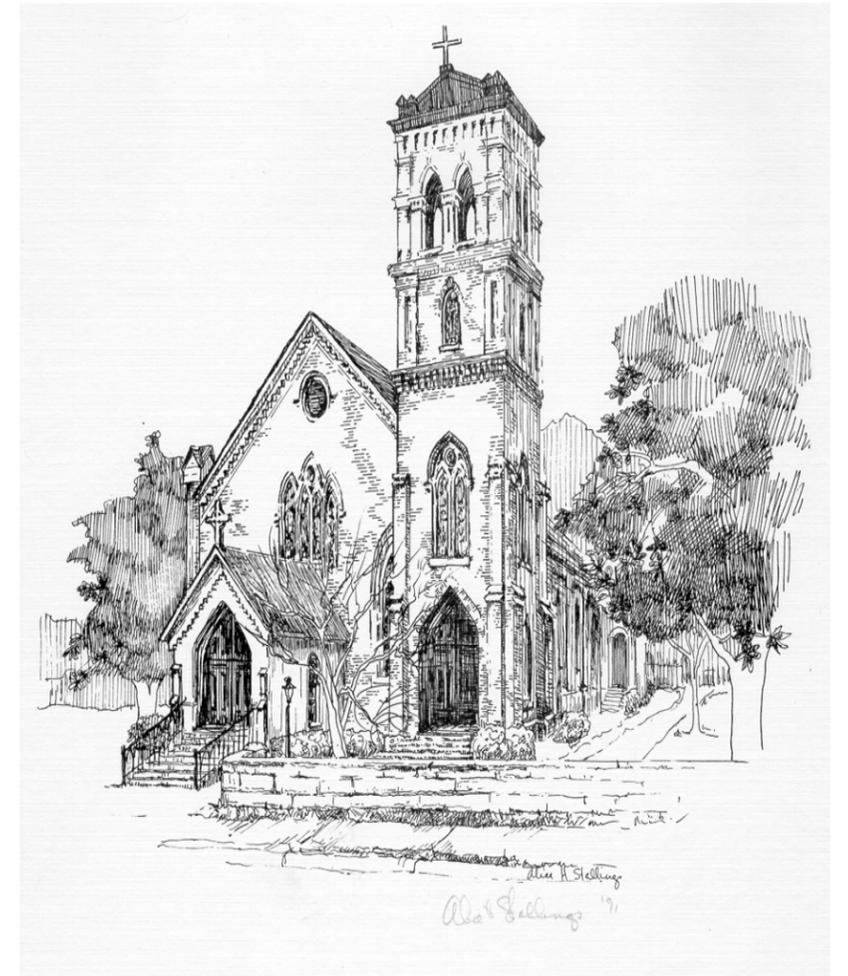
Friday 8:30 a.m. - noon

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## *Saint Peter's Episcopal Church Washington, North Carolina*



**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 16, 2017  
10:15 a.m.**

*Saint Peter's is celebrating the love of Christ by  
reaching out and empowering for ministry.*

*Welcome to Saint Peter's. Visitors and newcomers are  
encouraged to complete a welcome card from the pew rack.  
Please let us know who you are and allow us to greet you.*