

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 495 “Hail, thou once despised Jesus!”
Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis S-280 Powell

Collect of the Day BCP 234

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons (*seated*) **Isaiah 5:1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Psalm 80:7-14 (*sung*)

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *

you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *

it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *

and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

behold and tend this vine; *

preserve what your right hand has planted.

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gradual Hymn 391 “*Before the Lord’s eternal throne,*”

The Gospel (*standing*) **Matthew 21:33-46**

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Sermon The Reverend Deacon Katherine Mitchell
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 552 “*Fight the good fight with all thy might,*”
Dismissal

The loose and undesignated offering goes to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Billy Edwards by the family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 8: Catherine Pfeiffer

October 10: Michael Beachler

October 11: Andy Bradbury, Mary Tucker Talley

October 13: Henry Arvizu, Grayson Spruill, Sarah Vick

October 14: Catie Ward

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 9

Sisters in Christ at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room Upstairs

Tuesday, October 10

Men’s Cursillo Reunion Group at 7:00 a.m. at Bojangles

ECW District Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Habitat for Humanity Board at 7:00 p.m. in the Woolard Meeting Room

Wednesday, October 11

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

Jr. Choir practice at 5:30 p.m. in Music Suite

Sr. Choir practice at 6:30 p.m. in Music Suite

Calling All Parents

Emily Gowdy Canady, Program Officer for Youth, College Campus and Young Adult Ministries will be hosting a Youth Leader Gathering here at St. Peter's on Tuesday, October 17, from 7:00pm until 8:30 pm. Leaders from Pamlico and Albemarle Deaneries are invited to attend. It is our wish to begin a Youth group for Middle Schoolers (6th, 7th and 8th graders). If you are interested, Emily would love to have you come to learn more about the workings of Youth Groups. If you are interested, please speak to Father Jim or Ann.

Back Pack Buddies

Now that school is in full swing,
Back Pack Buddies is delivering!
Our 12 little students are in great need;
They're just plain hungry, so let us feed!

A monetary gift or a quick grocery run,
Both easy to do and right much fun!
The children, parents and teachers too
Are so very grateful for what we do.

Checks to "BPB" may be given to Jen,
Or food may be placed in the Gardner Hall bin.
God's wondrous blessings are everywhere;
Let's keep our young friends in our prayers!

Volunteer for our Newcomer Ministry

We are currently looking for volunteers to help at the 8am or 10am service to greet and welcome new visitors to Saint Peter's. This is a great way to share God's love by inviting others to be a part of our church, while also helping Saint Peter's grow as a church family. It does not take much time, and you will feel so rewarded as you look around our church and see all the new faces. Please call or email Julie Howdy at jhowdy@suddenlink.net or 252-944-6321. Also, a sign-up sheet is located outside the offices on the bulletin board by the stairs. Thank you.

Saint Peter's Prayer Chain

Are you looking for a way to be involved in a ministry at Saint Peter's, but don't have a lot of time, or can't get out like you used to? Here is your chance to do something for the Lord and your church, and all you need to do is pray!!

We are to "...pray for one another, "James 5:16, "carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ," Galatians 6:2, "pray continually," 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

A prayer chain is a way for people to gain assistance in prayer for any serious and pressing problem. It will give each member of the congregation an immediate access to the prayers and support of the members of the chain. There is power in prayer, especially when a number of people are praying at the same time for the same request.

We will have an initial meeting and decide what our guidelines will be and then we should be able to start right away. You may email Julie Howdy at jhowdy@suddenlink.net, or call 252-944-6321. There is also a sign-up sheet outside the offices on the bulletin board by the stairs. Please give this ministry prayerful consideration. Thank you, Julie Howdy

Lost and Found

Over the summer a few things have accumulated in the kitchen. Have you been missing your small blue and white cooler, or perhaps a glass serving dish?

Please check out the table in the middle office space of Gardner Hall to retrieve your things. We would love to return these items to you.

All Aboard!!

The Parish Life train is planning another stop at the All Saint's Hall Depot. On Wednesday night, October 18 we will have a **Low Country Boil** prepared by Master Chef of the Boil, Keith Hardt. Keith plans to take the hard part out of this by peeling the shrimp ahead of time. It is a perfect dish to share with our parish family for a relaxed fun evening. Dinner will be served at 6:00. Early arrivals—5:30—can enjoy a return of Wine Time. Reserve your seat on board the dining car by signing up on the bulletin board. You don't want to be caught grabbing the end of the caboose; so sign up early!

Online Giving

Good news! Saint Peter's is even more tech savvy! If you would like your pledge commitment to be paid online, email or call Jennifer Spivey at the church office. (946-8151, jennifer@saintpetersnc.org) Also, anytime you feel called to give for any reason, you can do so from our website via the online giving link. Visit www.saintpetersnc.org.

Please Pray for: **Fred Beachler**—nephew of Michael Beachler, **Bill Bingham**—friend of the Tayloes, **Nancy Chaffee**—member, **Ed Clement**—friend of Patrick & Carol Nash, **Greg Cooper**—friend of William & Cindy Cochran, **Mary Charles Coppage**—mother of Lind Graves, **Evan Cornelius**—friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Jim Gifford**—friend of Mavis Burns, **Mary Thompson Goss**—sister of Randy Thompson, **Barbara Grimes**—member, **Aynn Hadley**—member, **Mary Wesley Harvey**—member, **Mark Henley**—member, **Patti Jackson**—friend of Pat & Fred Holscher, **Betty Jarvis**—member, **Pem Jenkins**—friend of Patrick & Carol Nash, **The Rev. Lee Kinney**—First Presbyterian Church, **Jay Marle**—member, **Eleanor May**—member, **Henry & Florette Moore**—members, **Peggy Moore**—member, **Bruno Pagnani**—father of Jim Pagnani, **Pat Pate**—friend of Ann Peters, **Jimmy Pendergast**—son of Kathie Kriss, **Catherine Powell**—member, **Bill Rianhard**—member, **Acra Samuels**—daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, **Jan Silverman**—friend of Kathleen Couch, **Joe Sleeper**—friend of Fr. Jim Reed, **Elwood Sprouse**—friend of Saint Peter's, **Paul Thompson**—friend of Saint Peter's, **Paul Wesley Thompson**—brother of Randy Thompson, **Sis Thornburgh**—member, **Cathy Waters**—member, **Jeff Williams**—nephew of Michael Beachler.

Prayer list requests may be made by completing a prayer card from the pew rack in church or by calling (946-8151) or emailing the church office (jennifer@saintpetersnc.org). Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days.

Those Serving in the Liturgy

Organist & Choirmaster: Douglas Cutler

Lay Readers: Laura Bliley, Whit Stroud

Patent Server: Tom Archie, Chalice Bearer: Bet Archie

Acolytes: Whit Stroud, Lilly Woolard, Davis Jones

Altar Guild: Sallie Scales, Janet Bradbury, Marsha Hackney,

Peggy Hudson, Diane Furlough

Greeter: Gayle Nadel

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

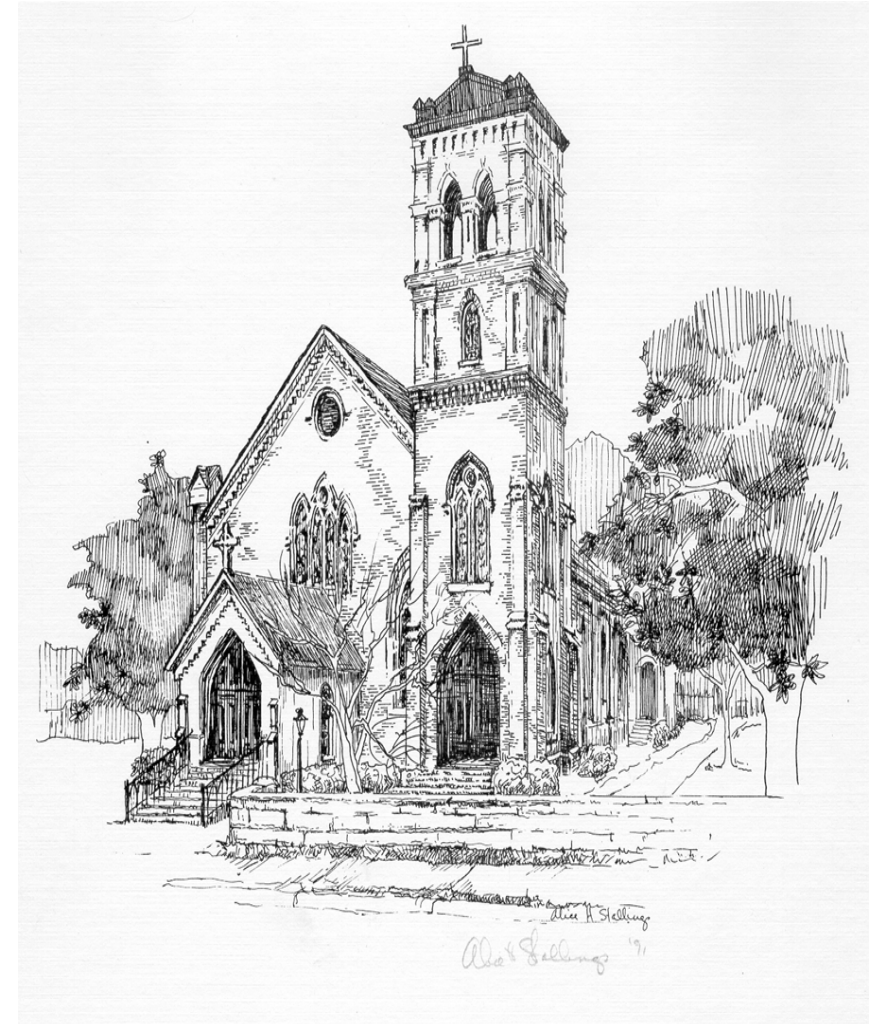
Office Information

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2017
10 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.*