

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.)*

Prelude

Processional Hymn 58 “Lo! He comes with clouds descending”

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity BCP 355

Trisagion (3 times) S-102 Archangelsky

Collect of the Day BCP 211

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons (*seated*) **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Psalm 25:1-9 (*sung*)

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

1st Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And

may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gradual Hymn 324 “Let all mortal flesh keep silence,”

The Gospel (*standing*) **Luke 21:25-36**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Sermon	The Reverend Jim Reed
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People: Form IV	BCP 388
Confession	BCP 360
The Peace	

(Prayer request cards may be filled out and dropped in the collection plate.)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Presentation Hymn

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

Sanctus and Benedictus S-130 Schubert

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S-161 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 to not 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.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing BCP 365

Processional Hymn 72 “Hark! The glad sound!”

Dismissal

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

ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frederick and Marion Troutman and James and Margaret Hackney, Jr. by Hodges and Marsha Hackney.

ALTAR GREENERY

Today's altar greenery is given to the Glory of God and in appreciation for all Volunteers at Saint Peter's.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 3: Lilly Dudley, Father Jim Reed

December 4: Joe Vick

December 7: Jay Campbell, Mary Wesley Harvey

December 8: Ben Brewer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 3

Holy Crafters at 10am in the Woolard Meeting Room

ECW Board Meeting at 2pm in the Woolard Meeting Room

EFM at 6:30pm in the Woolard Meeting Room

Tuesday, December 4

Ridgewood Eucharist at 3pm

Ruth's House Board Meeting at 6pm in the Woolard Meeting Room

Wednesday, December 5

Worship at 7am in the Chapel

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

ECW Christmas Tea at 10:30am in All Saints' Hall

Worship at 11am in the Chapel

Jr. Choir practice at 5:30pm in the Music Suite

Sr. Choir practice at 6:30pm in the Music Suite

Friday, December 7

Keynotes Deadline

Church Reserved

Saturday, December 8

Church Reserved

BACK PACK BUDDIES...A Christmas Story

As most of you know, Saint Peter's sponsors/feeds 12 little children (K class) at Eastern Elementary. We want to serve more but other churches and groups help too, so for now we have 12.

I asked the guidance counselor (our liaison, Liz Picone, a wonderful lady) to share something during this holiday season with our congregants to show how important the program is to these families. This is what she shared.

"Last year, we had a family living in a motel room long term. The little girl would get very excited when she received her "back pack" and go through it at school. As she took each item out, she would tell her teacher (and me) how much her daddy loved corn, so she would share that with him. Then she would take out something else and say how much her brother would like that item and she would share with him. This would go until it was empty and every family member had a special "present" from her bag.

We have a child this year, who asks me every day 'Do I get my bag today?' I love my bag and then will give me a big hug and thank me. It is amazing how appreciative some of these babies are for the necessities of life.

Thank you for listening."

2019 Pledge Certificate Reminder

Please remember to turn in your 2019 Pledge Certificate to the church office as soon as possible. If for some reason you have not received one or have misplaced it, please call or email Jennifer at the church office and she will be glad to help you. (946-8151 or jennifer@saintpetersnc.org)

Last Chance: ECW Raffle Tickets for Sale in the Atrium

If you missed the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the framed lighted Christmas Tree and the hand-painted silk scarf at our Attic Sale, we will be selling raffle tickets again after the services today. The raffle drawing will take place **TODAY** after the 10am service.

Successful Angel Tree Project

With very grateful hearts, we thank everyone who adopted a Salvation Army Angel for Christmas. It was heart-warming to see the angel tags fly off the tree. We felt much pride when it became necessary to request more little Angels due to your generosity. We felt excited when we peeked into the bags to see the gifts that are sure to bring joy to the Angel children on Christmas morning. And, we felt love from the generous parishioners who used their resources to provide this source of joy to 35 young Angels. Roy and I, as well as the Salvation Army, appreciate your participation. Merry Christmas! Cathy Whichard

ECW Christmas Tea, December 5th at 10:30am in All Saints' Hall

Please join us as we honor all the women of Saint Peter's with a Christmas Tea. This will be a good time to enjoy each other's company and exchange views and news before the Christmas season gets into its busy period.

Help us decorate for Christmas!

We are now receiving monetary contributions to cover the cost of wreaths, poinsettias and other decorations for the church. You may give these gifts in memory or honor of a loved one. Please stop by the office or mail your contributions and information by Monday, December 10th.

Save the Date: Toys for Tots

Mark your calendar for Toys for Tots December 13-17 in All Saints' Hall. Distribution Date is Sunday December 16th. Sign-Up Sheets are on the Outreach bulletin board by the Main Street Entrance.

Sack Lunch Ministry

Saint Peter's has been participating in the "Sack Lunch Ministry" for several years – a wonderful outreach program which allows us to provide bagged lunches for gentlemen at the Zion Shelter on the first Friday of each month. It is easy and appreciated – so find a partner and please sign up!! You can split the job and the enjoyment. The cost is around \$40 for the 15 lunches. Receipts may be turned in to Jennifer. The sign-up sheet and detailed instructions are found on the bulletin board outside her office. We need **NEW TEAMS** to sign up in order to lighten the load on others. Thanks so much!! Sallie Scales (944-4842) & Catherine Partrick (943-1687)

Prayer Team

Contact Person: Julie Howdy---Please call (252)944-6321, 24/7 Day or Night for emergency and crisis situations or any serious or pressing problems. We are here for you when you need support and the power of prayer immediately. New members are always welcome.

Online Giving & Monthly Automatic Bank Draft

If you would like your pledge commitment to be paid online or automatically drafted monthly from your bank account, 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: **David Barillaro**-friend of Kathie Kriss, **Fred Beachler**-nephew of Michael Beachler, **Jock Beachler**-brother of Michael Beachler, **Sue Beck**-friend of Jay & Bernice Marle, **Shannon Bowen**-friend of the Harringtons, **Nancy Chaffee**-member, **Betty Cochran**-member, **The Rev. Polk Culpepper**-friend of Roy & Cathy Whichard, **Riffe Culpepper**-friend of Roy & Cathy Whichard, **Joey Duke**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Gene Felton**-sister of John Thompson, **Brian Fuller** -friend of Michelle Clancy, **Camden Green**-friend of Janet Bradbury, **Mary Wesley Harvey**-member, **John Heath**-brother of Ray Heath, **John Keais Hoyt**-friend of Saint Peter's, **Cathy Hutto**-sister-in-law of Gayle Nadel, **Dawn Johnston**-daughter-in-law of Sharon Johnston, **Terry Leeds**-friend of Gayle Nadel, **Geraldine Little**-mother of Leta Thompson, **Drew Lloyd**-family member of Judy Van Dorp, **Coly McCauley**-son of Nancy Hamblin, **Bill McFeely**-friend of the Mitchells, **Craig McPherson**-son-in-law of Seb & Nadine Barrett, **Jimi Paderick**-Executive Assistant to Bishop Skirving, **Sarah Purvis**-friend of Peggy Hudson, **Barbara Rasmussen**-mother of Conoley Blake, **David Roy**-brother of Julie Howdy, **Acra Samuels**-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, **Pam Savage**-friend of the Marles, **Danny Sleeper**-friend of Fr. Jim Reed, **Paul Stevenson**-grandson of Dill Lynch, **Linda Strader**-mother of Stacey Lynch, **Avett Wallace Such**-nephew of William & Cindy Cochran, **Stephanie Teal**-niece of Michael Beachler, **Nena Tyndall**-member, **Don Vosburgh**-friend of Taylor Whichard, **Anne Williams**-mother of Barbara Francisco, **Jeff Williams**-nephew of Michael Beachler, **Walt Young**-member.

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: Paul Keel, Aynn Hadley

Paten Server: Tom Archie

Chalice Bearer: Whit Stroud

Acolytes: Mary Emma Holscher, Suzie Harrington, Claire Harrington

Altar Guild: Cathy Whichard, Lois McLaughlin, Carol Nash,

Roxanne Holloman, Laura Bliley, Belinda King

Greeter: Lynn Harrington

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

Vestry Person of the Week: Mark Henley

Office Information

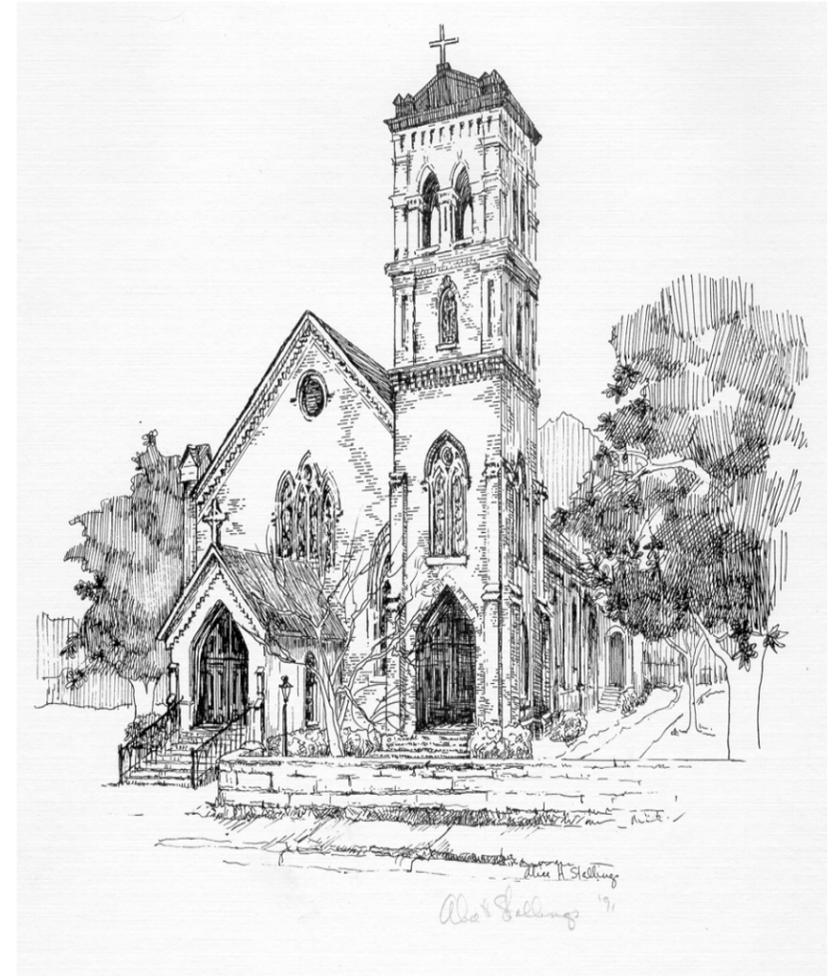
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - noon

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Saint Peter's Episcopal Church Washington, North Carolina



**The First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018
10 a.m.**

Holy Eucharist

*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.*