

## 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 and children's activity bags are available at the back of the church. Please ask an Usher for assistance.)*

Processional Hymn 594 "God of grace and God of glory"  
Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity BCP 355  
*Gloria in excelsis* S-280 Powell

Collect of the Day BCP 233

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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*) **Jeremiah 18:1-11**

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

**Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17** (*sung*)

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*

how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

### Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gradual Hymn 675 "Take up your cross,"

The Gospel (*standing*) **Luke 14:25-33**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Sermon The Rev. Jim Reed  
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 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.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing BCP 366  
Processional Hymn 423 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"  
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  
Gerard A. & Muriel G. Roy and Martin P. Roy  
by Julie & David Howdy and family.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**September 8:** Paola Adame, Tripp Andrews, Hank VanDorp  
**September 9:** Anna Rianhard  
**September 10:** Tamara Northern  
**September 11:** Henry Moore  
**September 12:** Charlie Brown, Trish Litchfield, Susan Pendergrass,  
Lilly Woolard  
**September 13:** Don Stroud  
**September 14:** Lex Mann

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monday September 9

ECW Board Meeting at 2pm in the Woolard Meeting Room  
Back Pack Buddies Committee at 3pm in the Library  
EFM at 6:30pm in the Woolard Meeting Room  
Habitat for Humanity Meeting at 7pm in the Library

#### Tuesday, September 10

Outreach Committee at 12pm in the Library

#### Wednesday, September 11

Worship at 7am & 11am in the Chapel  
ECW Meeting at 9:30am in the Music Room  
Junior Choir at 5:30pm in the Music Suite  
Senior Choir at 6:30pm in the Music Suite

Thursday, September 12

Zion Shelter Board at 12pm in the Woolard Meeting Room

#### Sunday, September 15

Youth Confirmation Class at 8:30am  
Sunday Breakfast at 9am in ASH  
Cursillo Reunion Group at 11:30am at Ribeyes

### Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will meet Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in the Library. New members are welcome! Ken Hadley (946-7282)

### New Members Class

Beginning Monday September 16 at 6:00pm Fr. Jim will lead a class for adults interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and Saint Peter's. This class will also be an opportunity for those desiring to learn the requirements of being received or confirmed into membership when Bishop Skirving visits on October 27. Any adult interested in a refresher course on the history, theology, structure and practice of Anglicanism are also welcome to attend. Please sign up on the bulletin board prior to the course or call the office to let Jennifer know you are interested (946-8151). Questions may be addressed to Fr. Jim.

### Visitation Ministry

If you want to learn about this ministry, we will be meeting in the Library on Tuesday, September 17 at 4pm. It is difficult to realize the "ray of light" that a visit from a member of the church brings to those who can't leave their homes. This is the goal of our brief social visits. A few members of the team also volunteer for nursing home and hospital visits if needed. We do not want to miss anyone in need of connectedness. So, if you know someone who would like a visit, contact the church office or Laura Bliley at 252-495-3008.

### A Bell Tower Adventure

Check out the video of the cross restoration on our website.  
[www.saintpetersnc.org](http://www.saintpetersnc.org).

### Meal Train for Open Door Community Center

September Meal Train sign-ups are open for ODCC. Please sign up to provide a meal or meals to homeless women and children. The meal train online address is [www.mealtrain.com/5yd4ry](http://www.mealtrain.com/5yd4ry). If you are interested in this worthy cause, please contact Ken Hadley at (252) 946-7282 or call the ODCC directly at (252) 833-8514.

### Backpack Buddies

Our committee of volunteers is gearing up soon to feed our little friends at Eastern Elementary this coming school year. Monetary donations are always appreciated for grocery shopping. Your checks may be made payable to St. Peter's Church, with "BPB" on the memo line. On behalf of the children, their parents/guardians and their teachers, thank you for your kindness and generosity!

### ECW Monthly Meetings Begin Soon!

It seems like it was yesterday that we were all together at Carol Tayloe's beautiful home for our annual covered dish luncheon and now we are looking forward to our fall programs which will all take place in the Music Room at 9:30am as follows: Wednesdays Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> (Fr. Jim Reed), October 2<sup>nd</sup> (Pam Hodges) and November 6<sup>th</sup> (Doug Cutler). We hope you will all be able to attend these meetings featuring excellent speakers who will each have a great presentation as in their previous meetings with us.

### Nursery Help Needed

We are presently in need of members who will help keep the Nursery Sunday mornings for the 10am service. If you are willing to help out for a few Sundays, please sign up on the list by the Nursery door. Attendants should arrive at 9:45am to open the Nursery and stay until the last child is picked up by his/her caregiver. If you know somebody who would like to apply for the position and

would be a good fit for Saint Peter's, please let Fr. Jim know or someone on the Vestry.

### 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](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org)) You may also give anytime using the Online Giving link on the website. [www.saintpetersnc.org](http://www.saintpetersnc.org).

**Please Pray for:** **Billy Anderson**-son-in-law of Barbara & Dewey Walker, **Mallory Atkins**-friend of Mike & Ann Behar, **David Barillaro**-friend of Kathie Kriss, **Sugie Battin**-friend of Patrick & Carol Nash, **Sue Beck**-friend of Jay & Bernice Marle, **Shannon Bowen**-friend of the Harringtons, **Bob Byrum**-member, **Patti Campbell**-member, **Roger Carpenter**-family friend of Leslie Whitehurst, **Shirley Causby**-friend of Ann Peters, **Blake Collie**-friend of Susan Dawson, **Riffe Culpepper**-son of The Rev. Polk & Cathy Culpepper, **Peggy Daniels & Family**-daughter of Leslie Whitehurst, **Charles Davis**-brother-in-law of Betty & Bill Cochran, **Glenda Davis**-niece of Bill & Betty Cochran, **Bragg Dawson**-member, **Pat DeVivo**-friend of Kathie Kriss, **Peter Dimsey**-relative of Sandy Mitchell, **Camden Green**-friend of Janet Bradbury, **Danielle Hodges**-friend, **Wade Hosey & Family**, **Nicholas Jernigan**-nephew of Jean Sterling, **Dawn Johnston**-daughter-in-law of Sharon Johnston, **Peggy Lewis**-friend of Dr. Josh & Carol Tayloe, **Marion Liles**-father of Mary Parker Liles, **Ann Mackey**-friend of Cathy & Henry Capogna, **Coly McCauley**-son of Nancy Hamblin, **Jackie Midyette**-friend of Rosalyn Edwards, **Caleb Orr**-grandson of John & Leta Thompson, **Verna Perry**-friend of Saint Peter's, **Ann Peters**-member, **Ted Philpot**-friend of Dr. Josh & Carol Tayloe, **Charlotte Reynolds**-friend of Jean Sterling, **David Roy**-brother of Julie Howdy, **Acra Samuels**-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, **Carol Sime**-cousin of Sandy Mitchell, **Larry Smithwick**-friend of William & Cindy Cochran, **David Steenbergen & Family**-nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, **Linda Strader**-mother of Stacey Lynch, **Gary Tyer**-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, **Sara Waidi**, **Sue Walker**-friend of the Marles, **Martha Wall**-member, **Barbara Winfield**-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](mailto:jennifer@saintpetersnc.org)). Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days.

### Those Serving in the Liturgy

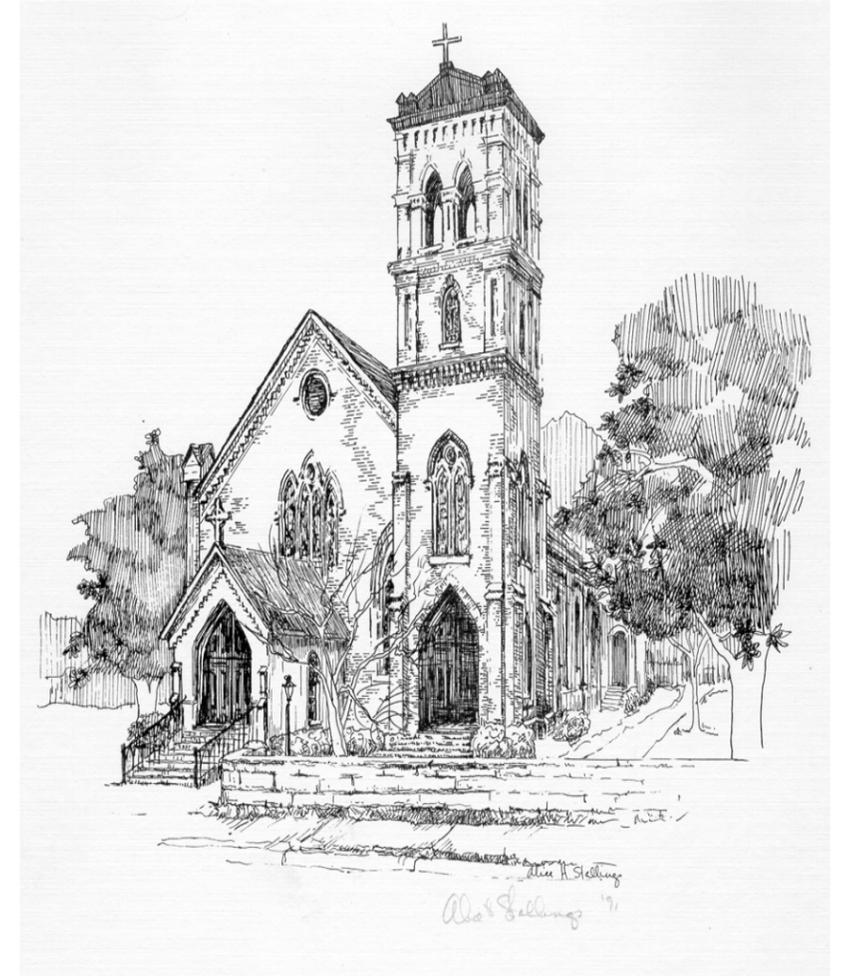
Organist & Choirmaster; Douglas Cutler  
Lay Readers: Hodges Hackney, Tom Archie  
Paten Server: Pam Hodges  
Chalice Bearer: Aynn Hadley  
Acolytes: Grace Paszt, Olivia Paszt, Mac Hudson  
Altar Guild: Lind Graves, Lois McLaughlin, Carol Nash, Roxanne Holloman, Laura Bliley & Belinda King  
Greeter: Katherine Tate  
Ushers: Mike Behar, Bill Darden, Sandy Mitchell & Chris Padgett  
Vestry Person of the Week: Catherine Pfeiffer

### Office Information

Mon-Thurs 8am-12:30pm & 1pm-3pm, Fri 8am-12pm  
(252) 946-8151  
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## *Saint Peter's Episcopal Church Washington, North Carolina*



**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 8, 2019  
10 am**

**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.*