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St. Peter's Church

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*THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 4, 2016*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these two candles of Advent to proclaim the fire of God's judgment that the world may prepare for the coming of the Lord.

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*Priest and People:*

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Priest:* Our King and Savior now draws near.

*People:* Come let us adore Him.

### **ADVENT HYMN #56 (stanza 4)**

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny  
that trust thy mighty power to save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

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**8:30 A.M. ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND HOMILY**

**10:30 A.M. ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON**

**~ Sunday School and Child Care ~**

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+ PRELUDE	COME, SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	59 HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING	MERTON
<b>CHILDREN'S HOMILY ~ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH</b>		
<b>~ Children are invited to come forward to the "crossing" for the Children's Homily ~</b>		
OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ KYRIE ELEISON	MISSA IN G	JOSEF RHEINBERGER
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		SEE INSERT
THE FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 11:1-10
THE PSALM		PSALM 72:1-8
THE EPISTLE		ROMANS 15:4-13
+ HYMN	76 ON JORDAN'S BANK	WINCHESTER NEW
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		MATTHEW 3:1-12
<b>SERMON ~ THE REV. PAUL J. HARTT, RECTOR</b>		
+ THE NICENE CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 327
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 328
THE GENERAL CONFESSION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 330
ABSOLUTION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	NEVER WEATHER BEATEN SAIL	CHARLES WOOD
<b>(Children Return from Sunday School)</b>		
+ SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS	RHEINBERGER	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
AGNUS DEI	RHEINBERGER	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
COMMUNION HYMN	67 COMFORT, COMFORT YE	PSALM 42
COMMUNION MOTET	REMEMBER, O THOU MAN	T. RAVENSCROFT
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339
THE BLESSING		
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	616 HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED	WOODBIRD
POSTLUDE	FUGA CROMATICA (SONATA 4)	JOSEF RHEINBERGER

(+ All Standing)

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***THE GREENS ON THE MAIN ALTAR*** are given to the **Glory of God**  
and in thanksgiving for God's Blessings

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*THE USHERS* at the 8:30AM Service are Clark Daggett and Fred Lincoln

*THE USHERS* at the 10:30AM Service are Sharon DeBonis, Julie Hotmer Drao, George Saide and Catherine Schunk

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~ **Parish Notes** ~

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us for coffee hour after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Services. All are welcome.

**Newcomers:** If you are interested in receiving more information about St. Peter's Church please feel free to call the church office or fill out an information card that is located in your pew. If you would like to be added to the church directory please call the church office.

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal:** Today all children that want to participate in our Annual Christmas Pageant should report to the Sunday School rooms to get your parts, try on costumes and do a little rehearsing. The pageant will be performed during the 10:30AM service next Sunday, December 11th. Please have the children arrive in costume at 10AM on the 11th.

**Christmas Project:** St. Peter's Parish is partnering with St. David's Parish, East Greenbush, to provide Christmas gifts to two recently relocated Burmese families, and a third family that is in need for a total of 19 individuals. A Christmas tree is located in the Pumpelly Room. It is decorated with paper ornaments indicating the recipient's age, gender, size and gift idea. Items of need are winter jackets, sweaters, boots, toys and gift cards for Wal-Mart. Please take one or more of the ornaments. The ornament should be attached to the wrapped gift and returned under the tree no later than Sunday, December 18th. Instructions are printed on the ornament as well.

**Service of Remembrance:** This Wednesday, December 7th at 7PM. An ecumenical prayer service will be held to gather and remember our departed loved ones. Each remembrance will be signified by the lighting of a candle and an ornament placed on our Remembrance Tree. A reception follows the service in the Pumpelly Room. We thank Judy Burns for coordinating this annual prayer event.

**St. Peter's Women Luncheon:** All women of St. Peter's are invited to join the Daughters of the King next Sunday, December 11th after the 10:30AM service with lunch at the Albany Hilton Charter Restaurant directly next door to St. Peter's Church. They have a lunch menu that will fit any meal choice small or large. Please RSVP by Monday, December 5th, whether you can attend or not, to Julie (Murphy) Drao at: [hotmermurphy@gmail.com](mailto:hotmermurphy@gmail.com).

**Handel's Messiah:** Next Sunday, December 11th at 3PM the St. Peter's Choir will present a performance of Handel's Messiah, accompanied by a chamber orchestra. All are welcome to this performance. There is no charge for admission, but a \$10 donation is suggested.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** The annual Hanging of the Greens in which we decorate the church for Christmas with pine and balsam will take place immediately following the 10:30AM service on Sunday, December 18th. The traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM. We ask you to please dress comfortably and bring a dish to share. We are looking for cooks, servers, set-up and clean-up help. Please contact Jack Ratzel at 466-2871 if you are available to help. We hope that you will join us for this long-time festive tradition.

**URGENT HELP NEEDED!:** We are in desperate need of volunteers to cook a meal for the Lutheran Church Men's Overflow Shelter for any Thursday evening from now until April 2016. The board to sign-up is located in the Pumpelly Room along with aluminum pans and instructions. For more information, please see Deborah Spath.

**Choir Card Sale:** Handcrafted cards -- perfect for Christmas or any occasion! Charming watercolor vignettes of St. Peter's by Choir member Patrice Malatestinic are available for purchase in the Pumpelly Room or by special order. All proceeds support the Choir's 2017 trip to England and residency at Chichester Cathedral.

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING REMINDER!:** St. Peter's Church memorabilia is available for holiday purchases. Choose from 2 beautiful Christmas Tree ornaments, a Coffee Mug, Refrigerator Magnets, or a selection of prints of our First Church. Excellent stocking stuffers or hostess gifts. See Diana Martin to make your purchases.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Peter Adams, Tom Arnold, Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Inga Carpenter, Jordan Chenot, Ann Collins, Morris Daly, Nancy Dennis, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman III, Mike Higgins, Doreen Johnson, Ashley Labib, Mark Lundberg, Liam, Luke, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Vicky Pautler, Moriah, Barbara Richardson, Bob Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Denine White, Christina Wright.

**Birthdays:** 12/5 ~ Zachary Benson; 12/7 ~ Denis Leon; 12/8 ~ Fr. Paul Hartt

### OFFICE HOURS

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Sunday, December 4th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Homily  
10:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon, Sunday School and Child Care  
12:00PM Confirmation Class

#### Monday, December 5th

5:00PM - 6:15PM Treble Choir Rehearsal  
7:00PM Overflow Shelter Orientation

#### Tuesday, December 6th

5:30PM Women's Bible Study at Mtr. Sue's Home  
6:00PM Men's Bible Study

#### Wednesday, December 7th

8:45AM Top of the Hill  
12:05PM Holy Communion  
7:00PM Service of Remembrance

#### Thursday, December 8th

5:00PM - 6:30PM Treble Choir Rehearsal  
5:30PM - 7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, December 9th

12:30PM Organ Concert

#### Saturday, December 10th

9:30AM - 12:00PM Messiah Choir Rehearsal with chamber orchestra

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

- **Service of Remembrance:** Wednesday, December 7th at 7PM
- **Christmas Pageant:** Sunday, December 11th during the 10:30AM service
- **Handel's Messiah:** Sunday, December 11th at 3PM
- **Outreach Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, December 13th at 4:30PM
- **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, December 13th at 5:15PM
- **Angels in Training:** Saturday, December 17th from 11AM to 1PM
- **Lessons and Carols:** December 18th during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Sunday, December 18th immediately following the 10:30AM service so please dress accordingly. The traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM and we ask you to please bring a dish to share.
- **Christmas Eve Service with Crèche:** Saturday, December 24th ~ 4:30PM  
All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM.
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Saturday, December 24th ~ 10PM  
Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM.
- **Christmas Day Holy Communion Service:** Sunday, December 25th ~ 8:30AM & 10:30AM