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THE LEAFLET

1712 *St. Peter's Church* 2016

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*THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 18, 2016 ~ 8:30AM*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these four candles of Advent to proclaim
the great humility of God our Savior.

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 7)

O come, Desire of nations,
bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.

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

+ PRELUDE	LORD CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON	HEINRICH SCHEIDEMANN
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	102 ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY	IRBY
+ OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ KYRIE ELEISON		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		SEE INSERT
THE FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 7:10-17
THE PSALM		PSALM 24
THE EPISTLE		ROMANS 1:1-7
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		MATTHEW 1:18-25

SERMON ~ THE REV. SUSAN WALDRON, ASSOCIATE RECTOR

+ 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
THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY HYMN	56 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL	VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL
SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sins. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

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

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN

100 JOY TO THE WORLD!

ANTIOCH

POSTLUDE

IN DULCI JUBILO

J. S. BACH

(+ALL STANDING)

THE USHERS at the 8:30AM Service are Clark Daggett or Fred Lincoln, and John Sterrett

~ Parish Notes ~

Coffee Hour: Please join us for coffee hour after the 8:30AM service. All are welcome. Coffee hour after the 10:30AM service will not be held today due to the Hanging of the Greens and the luncheon.

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 Project: Today is the deadline to return the gifts for the 2 relocated Burmese families and the family in need. If you took an ornament from the Christmas tree please give your wrapped gift, with the paper ornament attached, to Pat Shortall or Janice Chenot or leave it on the table in the Pumpelly Room. Thank you for giving these families a very 'Merry Christmas'.

Hanging of the Greens: The decorating of the church will take place today immediately following the 10:30AM service and the traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM. We need volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean-up for the luncheon and workers to help in the church with decorating. We hope that you will stay for this long-time festive tradition.

Church Office Closed: In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed on Monday, December 26th and on Monday, January 2nd, 2017, respectively.

Women's Shelter: The Women's Shelter (formally the Overflow Shelter) is now open at St. Peter's and we are scheduling **women volunteers only** to stay for a few hours during the evening this winter. Volunteers support the Mission staff and act as an extra pair of hands serving the women. The hours of service are from 8PM until "lights out" (no later than 11PM) on the 2nd floor of the Guild House (next to the church). To sign up to volunteer please contact Judy Burns at (518)441-7538 or email the church at stpeterschurch.albany@gmail.com.

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.

Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form: The deadline to submit your requests is today, Sunday, **December 18th** ~ See Insert

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 22nd, 2017 the Annual Parish Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30AM service. We invite you to grab a cup of coffee and join us in the church.

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, Connie Whitehurst, Christina Wright.

Birthdays: 12/19 ~ John DeBonis; 12/21 ~ Nancy Guest

Anniversaries: 12/19 ~ Raymond & Dorothy Roohan; 12/22 ~ Terrence & Barbara Kelly; 12/24 ~ Tom & Amy Maggs

Entered into Eternal Rest: 12/4 ~ William Moran

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 18th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon
9:30AM Usher, Acolyte and LEM Rehearsal
10:30AM A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday School and Child Care
12:00PM Confirmation Class
Hanging of the Greens immediately following the 10:30AM service
1:00PM Traditional Ham Luncheon

Monday, December 19th

5:00PM - 6:15PM Treble Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 20th

No Men's or Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 21st

8:45AM Top of the Hill
12:05PM Holy Communion

Thursday, December 22nd

5:30PM - 7:00PM Full Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 23rd

12:30PM Organ Concert

Saturday, December 24th ~ *Christmas Eve*

4:30PM Christmas Eve Service with Crèche
9:30PM Choral Prelude
10:00PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion

- **Lessons and Carols:** Today during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Today immediately following the 10:30AM service. 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 Services:** Sunday, December 25th ~ 8:30AM & 10:30AM
- **Annual Parish Meeting:** Sunday, January 22nd following the 10:30AM service