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1712 St. Peter's Church 2019

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*THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 8, 2019*

## 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

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 8, 2019**

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

**10:30 A.M. ~ MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON**

**~ Sunday School and Child Care ~**

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<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>LORD CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON</b>	<b>HEINRICH SCHEIDEMANN</b>
<b>+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN</b>	<b>59 HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING</b>	<b>MERTON</b>

**CHILDREN'S HOMILY ~ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**~ Children are invited to come forward to the "crossing" for the Children's Homily ~**

**MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE ONE**

<b>+ INVITATORY ANTIPHON</b>	<b>OUR KING AND SAVIOR DRAWETH NIGH; O COME, LET US ADORE HIM.</b>	
<b>+ VENITE</b>	<b>CHANT S-4</b>	<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 44</b>
<b>+ PSALM</b>		<b>PSALM 72:1-8</b>
<b>THE FIRST LESSON</b>		<b>ISAIAH 11:1-10</b>
<b>+ BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE</b>	<b>PLAINSONG WITH FAUXBOURDONS</b>	<b>HEALY WILLAN</b>

**~ Children leave to go to Sunday School ~**

<b>THE SECOND LESSON</b>		<b>MATTHEW 3:1-12</b>
<b>+ BENEDICTUS</b>	<b>CHANT S-193</b>	<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 50</b>
<b>+ THE APOSTLES' CREED</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 53</b>
<b>THE PRAYERS AND GRACE</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 54</b>
<b>+ SERMON HYMN</b>	<b>76 ON JORDAN'S BANK</b>	<b>WINCHESTER NEW</b>

**SERMON ~ THE REV. SUSAN WALDRON, ASSOCIATE RECTOR**

<b>OFFERTORY ANTHEM</b>	<b>AND THE GLORY</b>	<b>G. F. HANDEL</b>
<b>+ DOXOLOGY AND VERSE 4 OF "AMERICA"</b>	<b>HYMN 380 VERSE 3 ~ AND ~ HYMN 717 VERSE 4</b>	
<b>CLOSING PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>+ RECESSIONAL HYMN</b>	<b>616 HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED</b>	<b>WOODBIRD</b>
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<b>LORD CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON</b>	<b>J. S. BACH</b>

**(+ 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 Bernie Burnell and Clark Daggett

*THE USHERS* at the 10:30AM Service are William Collins, Kevin Creagan and Jeff Russom

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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.

**Pledge Cards:** Pledge cards for 2020 have been mailed out to all parishioners. If you did not receive a pledge card please call the church office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please take a minute to complete your card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate during the service. Pledges can also be made on the St. Peter's website at [www.stpeterschurchalbany.org](http://www.stpeterschurchalbany.org) by clicking on the "Get your pledge card" button. You may also call the church office and we would be more than happy to complete a card for you. Thank you to those that have promptly completed and returned their pledge card or pledged online.

**New Treble Choristers:** We are pleased to recognize the achievement of three new treble choristers: Cole Cehowski, Nathan Douglas, and Silas Madison. Having demonstrated a knowledge of basic musical notation and a growing understanding of the liturgies of the church, they have advanced from probationary status and earned the right to wear cottas over their cassocks. Congratulations!

**Christmas Giving Tree:** This year, St. Peter's Parish will be providing Christmas gifts for the Men in our Overflow Shelter. A Christmas Giving Tree is located in the Pumpelly Room and is decorated with paper ornaments indicating various clothing items. We hope that you will consider taking one or more of the ornaments. The gift you select should be returned to St. Peter's wrapped (with gift tag attached) no later than Sunday, December 22nd. As always, we thank you for your extreme generosity!

**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 15th. Please have the children arrive in costume at 10AM on the 15th.

**Blessing Bags:** All are invited to join the DOK today following the 10:30AM service to help assemble Blessing Bags. We will meet in the 2nd floor, front Sunday School room.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH:** Today at 3PM the St. Peter's Choir will present a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, accompanied by a chamber orchestra. There is no charge for admission and all are welcome to this performance.

**ANGELS IN TRAINING:** This month the Angels in Training will feed the homeless at Grace and Holy Innocents on Saturday, December 21st from 11AM to 1PM. Please consider helping for these 2 hours and give back to those less fortunate.

**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 22nd. 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. We hope that you will join us for this long-time festive tradition.

**Christmas Eve Choral / Family Service:** Tuesday, December 24th at 4:30PM. All the children of St. Peter's are invited to join in the procession of the Crèche. Each child will carry a piece of the manger to be put together before the service. Please meet in the Pumpelly Room for your piece. Questions? Give Laura Rulison a call at (518)368-4284.

**Christmas Day Service:** On Wednesday, December 25th there will be one Service of Holy Communion held at 9AM.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** On Sunday, January 26th, 2020 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, The Rev. Thomas Burr, Inga Carpenter, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman III, Moriah, Donna Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Gordon Lattey, Mark Lundberg, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Bill Purdy, Liam, Missy, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Denise Thomson, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

**Birthdays:** 12/8 ~ Fr. Paul Hartt; 12/10 ~ Jimmy Troiano; 12/11 ~ Michael Barnes; 12/12 ~ Carol Pitsas; 12/13 ~ Caitlin Cehowski

### OFFICE HOURS

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[WWW.STPETERSCHURCHALBANY.ORG](http://WWW.STPETERSCHURCHALBANY.ORG)

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William Love, Bishop  
Daniel Herzog, Bishop

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Sunday, December 8th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Homily  
10:30AM Morning Prayer and Sermon, Sunday School and Child Care  
11:45AM DOK assembling Blessing Bags  
12:15PM Alpha Course  
3:00PM Handel's *Messiah*

#### Tuesday, December 10th

4:30PM Outreach Committee Meeting  
5:15PM Vestry Meeting

#### Wednesday, December 11th

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

#### Thursday, December 12th

4:30PM - 6:30PM Treble Choir Rehearsal  
5:30PM - 7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, December 13th

12:30PM Organ Concert

**Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form:** The deadline to submit your requests is Monday, **December 16th** ~ See Insert

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

- **Outreach Committee Meeting:** This Tuesday, December 10th at 4:30PM
- **Vestry Meeting:** This Tuesday, December 10th at 5:15PM
- **Christmas Pageant:** Next Sunday, December 15th during the 10:30AM service
- **Angels in Training:** Saturday, December 21st at 11AM
- **Lessons and Carols:** Sunday, December 22nd during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Sunday, December 22nd following the 10:30AM service with ham luncheon served at 1PM.
- **Christmas Eve Service with Crèche:** Tuesday, December 24th ~ 4:30PM  
All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM.
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Tuesday, December 24th ~ 10PM  
Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM.
- **Christmas Day Holy Communion Service:** Wednesday, December 25th ~ 9AM
- **Waldron/Troiano Wedding:** Sunday, December 29th during the 10:30AM service
- **Annual Parish Meeting:** Sunday, January 26th, 2020 following the 10:30AM service