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THE LEAFLET

1712 St. Peter's Church 2019

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THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY
DECEMBER 24, 2019 ~ 10:00 PM



*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth;
we have beheld his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father.”*

(John 1:14)

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY ~ DECEMBER 24, 2019

10:00PM ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE	CAROLS SUNG BY THE CHOIR	
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	83 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL	ADESTE FIDELES
	STANZAS 1, 2, 3	
	BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE	
<i>Celebrant:</i>	<i>And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.</i>	
<i>People:</i>	<i>And we beheld His glory.</i>	
	STANZAS 4, 5, 6	
+ OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ COLLECT FOR PURITY		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ SUMMARY OF THE LAW		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
+ HYMN	96 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH	GLORIA
COLLECT OF THE DAY		SEE INSERT
FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 9:2-4, 6-7
PSALM		PSALM 96:1-4, 11-12
THE EPISTLE		TITUS 2:11-14
+ HYMN	87 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING	MENDELSSOHN
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		LUKE 2:1-20
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		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM	MORTEN LAURIDSEN
+ SANCTUS / BENEDICTUS	A CHRISTMAS SERVICE	NEIL KEEN
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
AGNUS DEI	KEEN	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
COMMUNION HYMN	324 LET ALL MORTAL FLESH	PICARDY
COMMUNION MOTETS	IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER	HAROLD DARKE
	A BABE IS BORN I WYS	F. BANTON
	THERE IS NO ROSE	JOHN JOUBERT

THE DECORATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH are given to the **Glory of God**
and in **Loving Memory of the Faithful Departed and in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings**
(See the Memorial Leaflet)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339

CANDLE LIGHTING CAROL

AWAY IN A MANGER

ARR. D. WILLCOCKS

HYMN (SUNG KNEELING)

111 SILENT NIGHT

HOLY NIGHT

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

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

+ **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

109 THE FIRST NOWELL

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POSTLUDE

PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN B MAJOR, OP 7

MARCEL DUPRÉ

(+ **ALL STANDING**)

THE USHERS at the 10:00PM Service are Bill Collins, Kevin Creagan, Sharon DeBonis, Moses Kamy, Jeff Russom, and Frank Spath

~ **Parish Notes** ~

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 Day Service: Tomorrow, Wednesday, December 25th ~ Holy Communion at 9AM.

Church Office Closed: In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday ~ December 25th, Thursday ~ December 26th and next Wednesday ~ January 1st, respectively.

Interior Restoration Project: If you made an Interior Restoration Project pledge for 2019, now is the time to send in your payments. We are also accepting additional donations for Phase 2 of the Interior Restoration Project. Please make your checks payable to: St. Peter's Church Interior Restoration Fund. Thank you for your support.

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 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.

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, Missy, Liam, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

OFFICE HOURS

MON. - FRI. 9:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, December 24th ~ *Christmas Eve*

4:30PM Christmas Eve Service with Crèche

9:30PM Choral Prelude

10:00PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 25th ~ *Christmas Day*

9:00AM Holy Communion

Office Closed

Thursday, December 26th

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No Choir Rehearsals

5:30PM Spath/Closson Wedding Rehearsal

Friday, December 27th

No Organ Concert

5:30PM Spath/Closson Wedding

Overflow Shelter - Volunteers Needed

The Overflow Shelter at St. Peter's Church,
in support of the Capital City Rescue Mission (CCRM),
operates from December 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

This ecumenical effort is seeking volunteers for evening hours,
8PM until approximately 11PM; or overnight from 8PM until 7AM the
following morning. Volunteers provide the ministry of hospitality engaging
guests in conversation, playing board games, working puzzles, and
assisting with healthy snacks from the kitchen. Come alone or team up
with a friend or family member, acting as an extra pair of hands for the
CCRM staff and providing a welcoming "home" environment to the guests.

Additionally, we are accepting donations for the shelter's use including
monetary donations, coffee, sugar, fruit juice, microwaveable popcorn,
danish/muffins, bread, peanut butter, fresh fruit, milk and creamer.

To sign up to volunteer, please call Ruth or Mtr. Sue in the church office
at (518)434-3502 or email the church at: stpeterschurch.albany@gmail.com.

You may also visit the Capital City Rescue Mission website at:

<https://www.capitalcityrescuemission.org/>

Please join us in showing Jesus' love to our guests.



Merry Christmas