

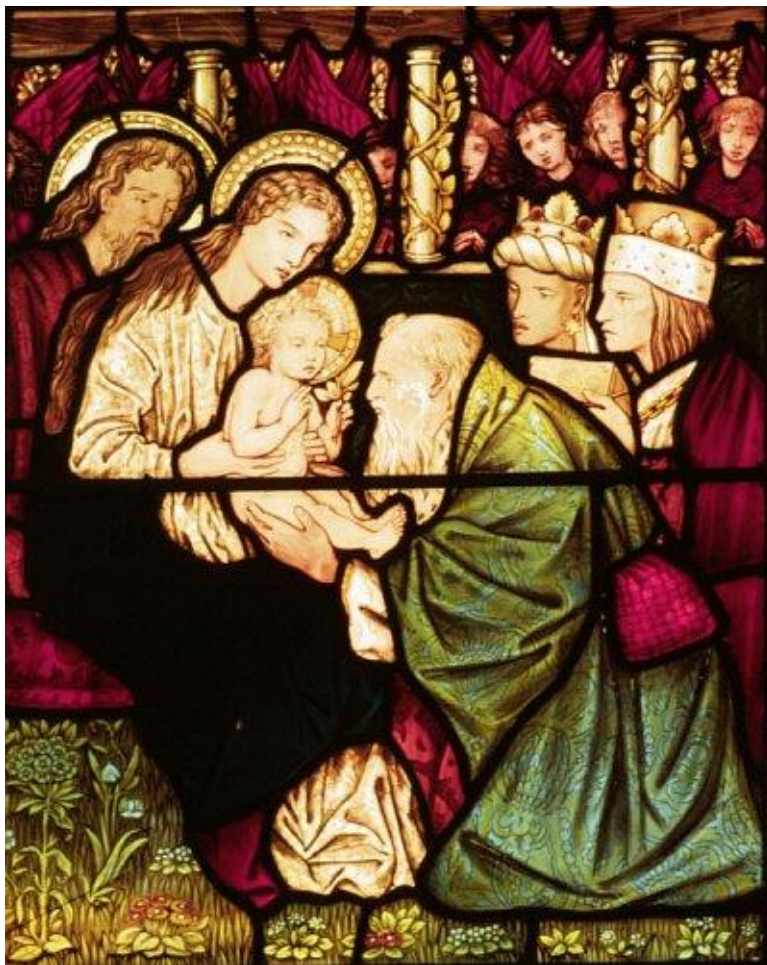
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THE LEAFLET

1712 St. Peter's Church 2021

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THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY  
DECEMBER 24, 2021 ~ 10:00PM Service



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, 2021  
10:00PM ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

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PRELUDE	CAROLS SUNG BY THE CHOIR	
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	83 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL STANZAS 1, 2, 3	ADESTE FIDELES
	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
THE EPISTLE		TITUS 2:11-14
+ HYMN	87 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING	MENDELSSOHN
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		LUKE 2:1-20
	SERMON ~ THE VERY REV. N. BRADLEY JONES RECTOR AT CHRIST CHURCH IN SCHENECTADY, NY	
+ 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	ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT	ARR. PHILIP LEDGER
+ SANCTUS / BENEDICTUS	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	BETHLEHEM DOWN SING LULLABY	PETER WARLOCK
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		ARR. EDGAR PETTMAN
CANDLE LIGHTING CAROL	AWAY IN A MANGER	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339 ARR. D. WILLCOCKS

***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)*

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**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**

**IN DULCI JUBILO**

**J. S. BACH**

*Mary Bon, Assisting Organist*

**(+ ALL STANDING)**

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*THE USHERS* at the 10:00PM Service are William Collins, Kevin Creagan, Sharon DeBonis and Jeff Russom

*THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS* at the 10:00PM Service are John Davis and Susan Smith

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~ **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.

**Guest Preacher:** Today we welcome The Very Rev. N. Bradley Jones as our guest celebrant and preacher. Fr. Bradley joins us today from Christ Church in Schenectady. We thank him for giving up time with his family this Christmas Eve to help us in our time of transition.

**Holy Communion:** This evening Holy Communion will be received at the Crossing and not at the Communion rail. You will be handed the host and you will have the option to intinct your host yourself or not at all. There will be no drinking from the chalice.

**Christmas Day Service:** There will be no services tomorrow on Christmas Day.

**Church Office Closed:** In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed on Monday, December 27th and on Friday, December 31st, respectively.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** On Sunday, January 30th, 2022 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:** Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Willard Bridgham, Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Liam, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Donna Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Christy Judge, Neil Keen, Mark Lundberg, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Donna Ohlman, Grant Ohlman, Deej Patterson, Sonya, Moriah, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Frank Spath, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

### OFFICE HOURS

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

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Deborah Spath.....Jr. Warden  
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Christie Gordon, Fred Hershey,  
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### INTERIM BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALBANY

The Rt. Rev. Michael G. Smith

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Friday, December 24th ~ *Christmas Eve*

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

#### Saturday, December 25th ~ *Christmas Day*

No services

#### Sunday, December 26th

10:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon, Sunday School and Child Care

### Latest COVID-19 Update

Following the directives of the New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, a statewide mask mandate went into effect on Monday, December 13th and will be re-evaluated on January 15th.

At the present time, St. Peter's Church does not have "A Proof of Vaccination Requirement" in place (meaning we do not require you to be vaccinated and show proof of vaccination to enter the church). Therefore, anyone entering the church, regardless of your vaccination status, must wear a mask at all times unless they are eating or drinking.

Please be aware that we do offer several hand sanitizing stations and we follow all CDC guidelines for sanitizing the church.

We hope this temporary mask mandate will not deter you from attending our wonderful church services and all of the traditional holiday events that we have planned for the next several weeks.



# Merry Christmas