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St. Peter's Church

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*THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2022*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light this first candle of Advent to proclaim the coming of the
Light of Christ into the darkness of our lives.

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Priest: Let us pray.

Priest and People:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: Our King and Savior draweth nigh.
People: O come, let us adore Him.

ADVENT HYMN #56 (stanza 1)

O come, O come Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Thou art Peter & 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. ~ MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

~ Sunday School and Child Care ~

+ PRELUDE	WACHET AUF (SLEEPERS WAKE)	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	61 "SLEEPERS, WAKE!"	WACHET AUF
	LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH	SEE FRONT COVER
	MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE ONE	
+ INVITATORY ANTIPHON	OUR KING AND SAVIOR DRAWETH NIGH; O COME, LET US ADORE HIM.	
+ VENITE	CHANT S-7	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 44
+ PSALM		PSALM 122
THE FIRST LESSON		ROMANS 13:8-14
	~ CHILDREN LEAVE TO GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL ~	
+ BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE	PLAINSONG WITH FAUXBOURDONS	HEALEY WILLAN
THE SECOND LESSON		MATTHEW 24:37-44
+ BENEDICTUS	CHANT S-193	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 50
+ THE APOSTLES' CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 53
THE PRAYERS AND GRACE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 54
COLLECTS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 56
+ SERMON HYMN	59 HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING	MERTON
	SERMON ~ THE REV. CHRISTINA HUNTER, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE	
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	MESSIAH: AND HE SHALL PURIFY	G. F. HANDEL
	<i>And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.</i>	
+ DOXOLOGY AND VERSE 4 OF "AMERICA"	HYMN 380 VERSE 3 ~ AND ~ HYMN 717 VERSE 4	
THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 58
CLOSING PRAYERS AND GRACE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 59
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	616 HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED	WOODBIRD
POSTLUDE	MARCHE IN D	G. F. HANDEL

(+ All Standing)

THE ADVENT WREATH is given to the **Glory of God**
and in memory of Donald Cramer Martin given by Diana Martin

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are Mark Lundberg and Michele Lundberg

THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER at the 10:30AM Service is Judy Burns

~ **Parish Notes** ~

Coffee Hour: Please join us for coffee hour after the 10:30AM Service. 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.

Pledge Cards: Pledge cards for 2023 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.

Advent: Advent begins today. Advent calendars, wreaths, candles and the Advent Wreath Prayers leaflets are all available to the congregation.

Christmas Giving Tree: This year, St. Peter's Church will be providing Christmas gifts (board games and card games) for the children at the St. Francis Soup Kitchen and the South End Children's Café. A Christmas Giving Tree is located in the Pumpelly Room and is decorated with paper ornaments indicating the age group you are to buy a game for (no electronics, please). We hope you will consider taking one or more of the ornaments. The game should be returned to St. Peter's, wrapped (with gift tag attached), no later than Sunday, December 18th. As always, we thank you for your continued support and your generosity! Questions? Please call Laura Saffares at (518)368-4284.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal: Next Sunday, December 4th, 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 on Sunday, December 11th.

Blessing Bag Monetary Donations: To assist and offer comfort to individuals who stay in our local homeless shelters, the Daughters of the King will be assembling Blessing Bags next Sunday, December 4th. These bags of good will and hospitality contain personal items such as toothpaste, tooth brush, a comb, scented lotion, hair bands, deodorant, lip balm, band aids, cotton swabs, feminine pads/wipes, small tissue packets and small note pads and pens. This year, rather than accepting donations of specific items, the DOK will be purchasing the items that will be placed in each Blessing Bag as they are interested in continuity with each product purchased in order to make the best use of each bag. Therefore, they are asking for monetary donations. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's Church and write "Blessing Bags" on the memo line. If you'd like to join the Daughters in assembling the Blessing Bags, please join them in the 2nd floor Meeting Room immediately following the 10:30AM service next Sunday, December 4th.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING ALONG: On Sunday, December 11th at 3PM the St. Peter's Choir, along with a chamber orchestra and soloists, will host a *Handel's* Messiah Sing Along. Dr. Tim Reno will be the guest conductor with Mary Bon on the organ. Come sing with the choir or come just to listen. Scores will be available or bring your own. Free admission with donations received.

Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form: The deadline to submit your requests is Sunday, December 18th (See Insert). The form can also be downloaded from the church website. On the home page of the website click on the "Info Center" tab and when it opens up click on "Special Event Forms" and then "2022 Christmas Poinsettia and Memorial Form".

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 side dish or a dessert to share. We are looking for servers, set-up and clean-up help. We hope that you will join us for this long-time festive tradition.

Please remember in your prayers: Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Gina Chenot, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman, Donna Hershey, Fred Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Christy Judge, Mark Lundberg, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Sonya, Donna Ohlman, Grant Ohlman, DeeJ Patterson, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Moriah, Eileen Smith, Susan Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright.

Birthdays: 11/27 ~ Malcolm Moran; 11/28 ~ Fred Lincoln; 11/30 ~ Connor Scala; 12/2 ~ Mari Bennett

Anniversaries: 11/27 ~ Bill & Ann Collins; 11/28 ~ James Perry & Cindy Foster

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 27th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon
10:30AM Morning Prayer and Sermon, Sunday School and Child Care

Wednesday, November 30th

8:45AM Top of the Hill

Thursday, December 1st

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

WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION: Once again St. Peter's Church will be collecting gently used coats for children and adults in need at the St. Francis Mission. Please drop off your donations in the green barrels located in the Pumpelly Room or at the back of the church or you may call the church office to schedule a time for drop off. Sizes needed are: Children: 2t - 5, Women: Medium - 2XX, Men: Large - 2XX. We are also collecting hats and gloves/mittens for children and adults. As always, thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS AT THE DAMIEN CENTER: On Sunday, December 25th, the Outreach Committee and the parishioners of St. Peter's will be hosting a turkey dinner at the Center. Service will start at 1PM. We welcome any assistance in serving the meal itself, or in preparing a side dish or dessert in advance. If you have a favorite side dish for turkey (maybe one you usually make for Thanksgiving?), or a favorite dessert, here's your chance to showcase it for a new audience. Our guests will be some of the members of the Center for whom the Center is home. We are expecting 25-30 people. If you are interested, or have questions, please speak to Sharon DeBonis at church or contact her at (518) 237-1871 (home), (518) 669-5054 (cell/text) or scdebonis@verizon.net

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ADVENT/DECEMBER

- **Advent Calendars, Wreaths & Candles:** Available today, Sunday, November 27th
- **Christmas Pageant:** Sunday, December 11th during the 10:30AM service
- **Handel's Messiah Sing-A-Long:** Sunday, December 11th at 3PM
- **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, December 13th at 5:15PM
- **Angels in Training:** Saturday, December 17th ~ 11AM to 1PM at St. Francis Mission
- **Lessons and Carols:** Sunday, December 18th during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Sunday, December 18th following the 10:30AM service with ham luncheon served at 1PM.
- **Christmas Eve Service with Crèche:** Saturday, December 24th at 4:30PM
All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Saturday, December 24th at 10PM
Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM
- **Christmas Day:** Sunday, December 25th ~ 9AM Holy Communion
- **New Year's Day:** Sunday, January 1st ~ 8:30AM & 10:30AM Holy Communion services