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THE LEAFLET

1712 St. Peter's Church 2022

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THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY
DECEMBER 24, 2022 ~ 4:30PM Service



Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

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4:30PM ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE	SETTINGS OF <i>IN DULCI JUBILO</i> FOR ORGAN	BUXTEHUDE; BACH; DUPRÉ
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	83 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL	ADESTE FIDELES
	BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE	
+ 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. CHRISTINA HUNTER, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE		
+ 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 ANTHEMS	THE SHEPHERD'S CAROL	BOB CHILCOTT
	ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT	ARR. PHILIP LEDGER
+ DOXOLOGY		HYMN 380, VERSE 3
+ 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	PETER WARLOCK
	SING LULLABY	ARR. EDGAR PETTMAN
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339

(+ All Standing)

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)

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

SYMPHONY I: FINALE

LOUIS VIERNE

(+ All Standing)

THE USHERS at the 4:30PM Service are Kevin Creagan, Jack Healy, Jeff Russom and Catherine Schunk

THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS at the 4:30PM Service are Judy Burns and Mark Lundberg

~ **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, Sunday, December 25th there will be a Holy Communion service at 9AM.

CHRISTMAS AT THE DAMIEN CENTER: Tomorrow, 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

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, respectively.

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 29th, 2023 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, 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, Mark Lundberg, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Donna Ohlman, Sonya, 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.

OFFICE HOURS

MON. - FRI. 9:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM
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WWW.STPETERSCHURCHALBANY.ORG

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, 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

Sunday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day

9:00AM Holy Communion

Monday, December 26th

Office Closed

Thursday, December 29th

No Choir Rehearsal

Overflow Shelter - Volunteers Needed

The Overflow Shelter at St. Peter's Church,
in support of the Capital City Rescue Mission (CCRM),
operates from December 2, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

This ecumenical effort is seeking volunteers for evening hours,
7:45PM until approximately 11PM; or overnight from 7:45PM until 6AM 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 volunteer through the Mission, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator!
Hope Smith Office (518)462-0459 ext. 237
or email: vcoordinator@albanymission.com

To volunteer through St. Peter's, please call or email one of the following:
Ruth Manss: Office (518)434-3502 ext. 5
or email: receptionist@stpeterschurhalbany.org

Mtr. Christina Hunter: Office (518)434-3502 ext. 4
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Merry Christmas