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THE LEAFLET

1712 St. Peter's Church 2023

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THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY  
DECEMBER 24, 2023 ~ 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, 2023**  
**10:00PM ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON**

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<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>CAROLS SUNG BY THE CHOIR</b>	
<b>+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN</b>	<b>83 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL</b>	<b>ADESTE FIDELES</b>
	<b>BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE</b>	
<b>+ OPENING AFFIRMATION</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323</b>
<b>+ COLLECT FOR PURITY</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323</b>
<b>+ SUMMARY OF THE LAW</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324</b>
<b>+ HYMN</b>	<b>96 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH</b>	<b>GLORIA</b>
<b>COLLECT OF THE DAY</b>		<b>SEE INSERT</b>
<b>FIRST LESSON</b>		<b>ISAIAH 9:2-4, 6-7</b>
<b>PSALM</b>		<b>PSALM 96:1-4, 11-12</b>
<b>THE EPISTLE</b>		<b>TITUS 2:11-14</b>
<b>+ HYMN</b>	<b>87 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING</b>	<b>MENDELSSOHN</b>
<b>+ THE HOLY GOSPEL</b>		<b>LUKE 2:1-20</b>
<b>SERMON ~ THE REV. CHRISTINA HUNTER, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE</b>		
<b>+ THE NICENE CREED</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 327</b>
<b>THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 328</b>
<b>THE GENERAL CONFESSION</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 330</b>
<b>ABSOLUTION</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332</b>
<b>THE PEACE</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332</b>
<b>OFFERTORY ANTHEMS</b>	<b>IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER</b>	<b>HAROLD DARKE</b>
	<b>THE SHEPHERD'S CAROL</b>	<b>BOB CHILCOTT</b>
<b>+ DOXOLOGY</b>		<b>HYMN 380, VERSE 3</b>
<b>+ SANCTUS / BENEDICTUS</b>	<b>LITTLE ORGAN MASS</b>	<b>FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN</b>
<b>PRAYER OF CONSECRATION</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334</b>
<b>AGNUS DEI</b>	<b>HAYDN</b>	<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337</b>
<b>PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337</b>
<b>COMMUNION HYMN</b>	<b>324 LET ALL MORTAL FLESH</b>	<b>PICARDY</b>
<b>COMMUNION MOTETS</b>	<b>IN DULCI JUBILO</b>	<b>ROBERT L. PEARSALL</b>
	<b>A SPOTLESS ROSE</b>	<b>HERBERT HOWELLS</b>
<b>PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339</b>

(+ 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)*

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**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**

**BRING A TORCH, JEANETTE, ISABELLA**

**KEITH CHAPMAN**

**(+ All Standing)**

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*THE USHERS* at the 10:00PM Service are Bill Collins, Sharon DeBonis, Jeff Russom, Catherine Schunk and Deborah Spath  
*THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER* at the 10:00PM Service is Robin LaPlante

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**~ Parish Notes ~**

**Pledge Cards:** Pledge cards for 2024 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.

**CHRISTMAS AT THE DAMIEN CENTER:** Thanks to all who signed up early, we have our basic menu for Christmas Day covered. We will be collecting and delivering dishes for Christmas Day after each service on Christmas Eve – if you could put your dish in the Pumpelly Room refrigerator, or just hand it off to Laura Saffares (4:30) or me (10:00) at one of the services, we will make sure it is at the Damien Center on Christmas Day. Thank you for your ongoing support. Sharon DeBonis [scdebonis@verizon.net](mailto:scdebonis@verizon.net), 518-669-5054 (cell and text).

**Christmas Day Service:** Tomorrow, Monday, December 25th ~ Holy Communion at 9AM.

**Church Office Closed:** In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th and on Monday, January 1st, 2024, respectively.

**Children's Chapel:** Children's Chapel will be held next Sunday, December 31st during the 10:30AM service (and on every 5th Sunday of the month). Please join Mother Christina in the Sunday School Room on the second floor of the Guild House. We hope you will bring your children to participate in this children's ministry. Dr. John Davis will be preaching at both the 8:30AM and 10:30AM services.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** On Sunday, January 28th, 2024 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:** Mari Bennett, Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Gina Chenot, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Liam, Hunter Dolbert, Donald Fahd, Donna Hershey, Fred Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Mark Lundberg, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Sonya, Lindsay Norville, Grant Ohlman, Donna Ohlman, Deej Patterson, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, Moriah, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Sherrell Smith, Susan Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christina Wright.

### OFFICE HOURS

MON. - FRI. 9:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM

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

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### INTERIM BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALBANY

The Rt. Rev. Michael G. Smith

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, 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

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

Office Closed

9:00AM Holy Communion

### Tuesday, December 26th

Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 27th

No Noonday Prayer or Lectionary Lunch

### Thursday, December 28th

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 November 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

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](mailto:vcoordinator@albanymission.com)

To volunteer through St. Peter's, please call or email one of the following:

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This will bring you to our website and  
you will then need to click on "Donate".  
Any amount is appreciated.  
May God bless you for your generosity!



# Merry Christmas