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St. Peter's Church

2023

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*THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 31, 2023*



*The Lord is My Light
Mike Moyers (2014)*

*"What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."*

(John 1:4-5)

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY ~ DECEMBER 31, 2023

8:30 A.M. ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

10:30 A.M. ~ MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

~ Children's Chapel and Child Care ~

PRELUDE	AVE MARIA VON ARCADELT	FRANZ LISZT
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	107 GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE	IN DULCI JUBILO
	MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE ONE	
CONFESSION OF SIN		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 41
+ INVITATORY ANTIPHON	ALLELUIA. UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN; O COME, LET US ADORE HIM. ALLELUIA.	
+ VENITE	CHANT S-4	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 44
+ PSALM		PSALM 147:13-21
THE FIRST LESSON		GALATIANS 3:23-25; 4:4-7
+ BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE	CHANT S-184	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 49
	~ CHILDREN LEAVE TO GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL ~	
THE SECOND LESSON		JOHN 1:1-18
+ JUBILATE DEO	CHANT S-13	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 45
+ THE APOSTLES' CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 53
THE PRAYERS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 54
COLLECT OF THE DAY		SEE INSERT
COLLECTS		
+ SERMON HYMN	126 THE PEOPLE WHO IN DARKNESS WALKED	DUNDEE
	SERMON: "LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS"	
	DR. JOHN DAVIS ~ LAY PREACHER, ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH	
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	WHAT SWEETER MUSIC	JOHN RUTTER
+ 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 BENEDICTION		
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	79 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM	ST. LOUIS
POSTLUDE	NOËL "ÉTRANGER"	LOUIS-CLAUDE DAQUIN
	(+ 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****

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are Sharon DeBonis and Deborah Spath

THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER at the 10:30AM Service is Mark Lundberg

~ **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 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. 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.

Today's Organist: Our Assistant Music Director, Malcolm Moran, will be playing the entire 10:30AM service today while Daniel is home visiting his family in Denver.

Guest Preacher: Today Dr. John Davis will be preaching. John is licensed as a Lay Preacher by the Albany Diocese. We are grateful to John and we thank him for his service today and for his continued dedication to St. Peter's Church and our congregation.

Children's Chapel: Children's Chapel will be held today 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.

Vestry Meeting: The January Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th at 5:15PM in the Meeting Room on the second floor of the Guild House.

ANGELS IN TRAINING: In January the Angels in Training will feed the hungry at St. Francis Mission on Saturday, January 13th and again on Saturday, January 20th from 11AM to 1PM. Please consider helping for these 2 hours and give back to those less fortunate.

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 28th 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, Liam, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Donald Fahd, Donna Hershey, Fred Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Mark Lundberg, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Moriah, Ed Murphy, Sonya, Lindsay Norville, Grant Ohlman, Donna Ohlman, DeeJ Patterson, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Sherrell Smith, Susan Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christina Wright.

Birthdays: 12/31 ~ Timothy DiStefano; 1/2 ~ Cristi Kovacs

Anniversaries: 12/31 ~ Rino & Emily Crisafulli

OFFICE HOURS

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

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The Rt. Rev. Michael G. Smith

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 31st ~ New Year's Eve

8:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon

10:30AM Morning Prayer and Sermon, Children's Chapel and Child Care

Monday, January 1st ~ New Year's Day

Office Closed

Wednesday, January 3rd

12:05PM Holy Communion

Thursday, January 4th

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

Saturday, January 6th ~ The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

9:00AM - Holy Communion

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. 2

or email: receptionist@stpeterschurchalbany.org

Mtr. Christina Hunter: Office (518)434-3502 ext. 1

or email: priest@stpeterschurchalbany.org

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May God bless you for your generosity!

