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1712 St. Peter's Church 2016

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*THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 11, 2016*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these three candles of Advent to proclaim the love of God,  
for as these candles burn and shed light so we are to  
live in the one true light and love of Christ.

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*Priest and People:*

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Priest:* Our King and Savior now draws near.

*People:* Come let us adore Him.

### ADVENT HYMN #56 (stanza 6)

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

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

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 11, 2016**

**8:30 A.M. ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND HOMILY**

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

**~ Pageant and Child Care ~**

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+ PRELUDE	TWO SCHUBLER CHORALES	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	436 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS	TRURO

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**~ Children go to Sunday School when pageant is completed ~**

**MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE ONE**

+ INVITATORY ANTIPHON	OUR KING AND SAVIOR DRAWETH NIGH; O COME, LET US ADORE HIM.
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+ VENITE	CHANT S-4	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 44
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+ PSALM		PSALM 146
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THE FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 65:17-25
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+ BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE	T. F. H. CANDLYN IN D	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 49
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THE SECOND LESSON		MATTHEW 11:2-11
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+ BENEDICTUS	CHANT S-193	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 50
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+ THE APOSTLES' CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 53
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THE PRAYERS AND GRACE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 54
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+ SERMON HYMN	71 HARK! THE GLAD SOUND	BRISTOL
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**SERMON ~ THE REV. PAUL J. HARTT, RECTOR**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	AND THE GLORY	G. F. HANDEL
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+ DOXOLOGY AND VERSE 4 OF "AMERICA"	HYMN 380 VERSE 3 ~ AND ~ HYMN 717 VERSE 4
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**CLOSING PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION**

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	68 REJOICE! REJOICE, BELIEVERS	LLANGLOFFAN
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POSTLUDE	IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE	J. S. BACH
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**(+ All Standing)**

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***THE GREENS ON THE MAIN ALTAR*** are given to the **Glory of God**  
and in memory of Eugene Whitney given by the Top of the Hill

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*THE USHERS* at the 8:30AM Service are Bernie Burnell and John Davis

*THE USHERS* at the 10:30AM Service are William Collins, Kevin Creagan, Jack Ratzel and Jeff Russom

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~ **Parish Notes** ~

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us for coffee hour after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Services. All are welcome.

**Christmas Pageant:** The Sunday School will present the annual Christmas Pageant today during the 10:30AM service.

**St. Peter's Women Luncheon:** All women of St. Peter's are invited to join the Daughters of the King today, Sunday, December 11th after the 10:30AM service with lunch at the Albany Hilton Charter Restaurant directly next door to St. Peter's Church. They have a lunch menu that will fit any meal choice small or large. If you did not RSVP in advance, please see Julie Hotmer Drao.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH:** Today at 3PM the St. Peter's Choir will present a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, accompanied by a chamber orchestra. All are welcome to this performance. There is no charge for admission, but a \$10 donation is suggested.

**Christmas Project:** St. Peter's Parish is partnering with St. David's Parish, East Greenbush, to provide Christmas gifts to two recently relocated Burmese families and a third family that is in need, for a total of 19 individuals. A Christmas tree is located in the Pumpelly Room. It is decorated with paper ornaments indicating the recipient's age, gender, size and gift idea. Items of need are winter jackets, sweaters, boots, toys and gift cards for Wal-Mart. Please take one or more of the ornaments. The ornament should be attached to the wrapped gift and returned under the tree no later than next Sunday, December 18th. Instructions are printed on the ornament as well.

**ANGELS IN TRAINING:** This month the Angels in Training will feed the homeless at Grace and Holy Innocents this Saturday, December 17th from 11AM to 1PM. Please consider helping for these 2 hours and give back to those less fortunate.

**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 next Sunday, December 18th. The traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM. We ask you to please dress comfortably and bring a dish to share. We are looking for cooks, servers, set-up and clean-up help. Please contact Jack Ratzel at 466-2871 if you are available to help. We hope that you will join us for this long-time festive tradition.

**Christmas Day Services:** On Sunday, December 25th there will be two Services of Holy Communion ~ 8:30AM & 10:30AM.

**Choir Card Sale:** Handcrafted cards -- perfect for Christmas or any occasion! Charming watercolor vignettes of St. Peter's by Choir member Patrice Malatestinic are available for purchase in the Pumpelly Room or by special order. All proceeds support the Choir's 2017 trip to England and residency at Chichester Cathedral.

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING REMINDER!:** St. Peter's Church memorabilia is available for holiday purchases. Choose from 2 beautiful Christmas Tree ornaments, a Coffee Mug, Refrigerator Magnets, or a selection of prints of our First Church. Excellent stocking stuffers or hostess gifts. See Diana Martin to make your purchases.

**Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form:** The deadline to submit your requests is next Sunday, **December 18th** ~ See Insert

**URGENT HELP NEEDED!:** We are in desperate need of volunteers to cook a meal for the Lutheran Church Men's Overflow Shelter for any Thursday evening from now until April 2017. The board to sign-up is located in the Pumpelly Room along with aluminum pans and instructions. For more information, please see Deborah Spath.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** On Sunday, January 22nd, 2017 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:** Peter Adams, Tom Arnold, Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Inga Carpenter, Jordan Chenot, Ann Collins, Morris Daly, Nancy Dennis, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman III, Mike Higgins, Doreen Johnson, Ashley Labib, Mark Lundberg, Liam, Luke, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Vicky Pautler, Moriah, Barbara Richardson, Bob Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Denine White, Christina Wright.

**Birthdays:** 12/11 ~ Michael Barnes; 12/12 ~ Lynne Jonquieres, Carol Pitsas;  
12/13 ~ Caitlin Cehowski; 12/14 Caleb Westin; 12/15 ~ Kareem Chatman

**Anniversaries:** 12/15 ~ Tim & Sara Mastro

### OFFICE HOURS

MON. - FRI. 9:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Sunday, December 11th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Homily  
10:30AM Morning Prayer and Sermon with Christmas Pageant, Child Care  
12:00PM Confirmation Class  
12:00PM DOK Luncheon at the Hilton Charter Restaurant  
3:00PM Handel's *Messiah*

#### Monday, December 12th

5:00PM - 6:15PM Treble Choir Rehearsal  
6:00PM Men's Bible Study

#### Tuesday, December 13th

4:30PM Outreach Committee Meeting  
5:15PM Vestry Meeting  
No Women's Bible Study

#### Wednesday, December 14th

8:45AM Top of the Hill  
12:05PM Holy Communion

#### Thursday, December 15th

5:00PM - 6:30PM Treble Choir Rehearsal  
5:30PM - 7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, December 16th

12:30PM Organ Concert

#### Saturday, December 17th

11:00AM - 1:00PM Angels in Training at Grace and Holy Innocents

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- **Handel's Messiah:** Today at 3PM
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- **Lessons and Carols:** Next Sunday, December 18th during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Next Sunday, December 18th immediately following the 10:30AM service so please dress accordingly. The traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM and we ask you to please bring a dish to share.
- **Christmas Eve Service with Crèche:** Saturday, December 24th ~ 4:30PM  
All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM.
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Saturday, December 24th ~ 10PM  
Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM.
- **Christmas Day Holy Communion Services:** Sunday, December 25th ~ 8:30AM & 10:30AM