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St. Peter's Church

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 1, 2019

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:

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 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 and 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. ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

~ Sunday School and Child Care ~

+ PRELUDE	WACHET AUF RUFT UNS DIE STIMME	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	61 SLEEPERS, WAKE!	WACHET AUF
CHILDREN'S HOMILY ~ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		
~ Children are invited to come forward to the "crossing" for the Children's Homily ~		
OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ KYRIE ELEISON	MISSA DIXIT MARIA	HANS-LEO HASSLER
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		SEE INSERT
THE FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 2:1-5
THE PSALM		PSALM 122
THE EPISTLE		ROMANS 13:8-14
+ HYMN	66 COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS	STUTTGART
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		MATTHEW 24:37-44
SERMON ~ THE REV. PAUL J. HARTT, RECTOR		
+ 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
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS	JOHN STAINER
~ Children Return from Sunday School ~		
+ SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS	HASSLER	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
AGNUS DEI	HASSLER	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
COMMUNION HYMN	613 THY KINGDOM COME, O GOD	ST. CECILIA
COMMUNION MOTET	UBI CARITAS	GJEILO
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339
THE BLESSING		
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	73 THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS	ST. STEPHEN
POSTLUDE	TRUMPET TUNE	DAVID JOHNSON

(+ All Standing)

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

THE USHER at the 8:30AM Service is Fred Lincoln

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are Sharon DeBonis, Julie Hotmer Drao and Catherine Schunk

~ **Parish Notes** ~

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

Pledge Cards: Pledge cards for 2020 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.

Healing Prayers: Today is the first Sunday of the month and prayers for healing will be offered *during* Holy Communion in the Tower Altar at the rear of the church. If you desire prayers and/or anointing, please join us in the Tower Altar after you have received Holy Communion.

Advent: Advent begins today. Advent calendars will be distributed and Advent wreaths and candles will be available to the congregation.

Women's Book and Bible Study: The Women's Book and Bible Study group will have their final meeting this Tuesday, December 3rd at 5PM in the vestry room. Please read Chapter 12 prior to the meeting.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: Next Sunday, December 8th at 3PM 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.

Christmas Giving Tree: This year, St. Peter's Parish will be providing Christmas gifts for the Men in the Overflow Shelter. Next Sunday, December 8th, a Christmas Giving Tree will be located in the Pumpelly Room and will be decorated with paper ornaments indicating various clothing items and a few surprises. We hope that you will consider taking one or more of the ornaments. The gift you select should be returned to St. Peter's wrapped (with gift tag attached) no later than Sunday, December 22nd. Thank you for your generosity!

Blessing Bag Donations: To assist and offer comfort for individuals who stay in the homeless shelters, the Daughters of the King will be assembling Blessing Bags next Sunday, December 8th. These are small (quart size) bags of good will and hospitality that are given to people who may need some cheer and comfort. Please consider bringing an offering of care products such as: toothpaste, tooth brush, a comb, scented lotion, hair bands, mints, candies, wipes, granola bars, travel deodorant, lip balms, band aids, cotton swabs, small cracker packets, Slim Jim snacks, feminine pads/wipes, small tissue packets, small note pads and pens can also be useful. Products that contain alcohol such as mouth wash and hand sanitizer should not be included (hand sanitizer wipes are ok). Gently used purses/handbags are also welcomed to assist women in need. Please bring in your donations by next Sunday, December 8th. If you'd like to join the Daughters in assembling the bags, please join us in the 2nd floor Sunday School classroom immediately following the 10:30am service.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal: Next Sunday, December 8th, 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 15th.

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 22nd. 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. We hope that you will join us for this long-time festive tradition.

Please remember in your prayers: Peter Adams, Tom Arnold, Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, The Rev. Thomas Burr, Inga Carpenter, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman III, Moriah, Donna Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Gordon Lattey, Mark Lundberg, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Bill Purdy, Liam, Missy, Barbara Richardson, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Denise Thomson, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

Birthdays: 12/3 ~ Richard Sweeney; 12/5 ~ Zachary Benson

OFFICE HOURS

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 1st

8:30AM Holy Communion, Homily and Healing Prayers
10:30AM Holy Communion, Sermon and Healing Prayers, Sunday School, Child Care
12:15PM Alpha Course

Tuesday, December 3rd

5:00PM Women's Book & Bible Study (Final Class)

Wednesday, December 4th

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

Thursday, December 5th

4:30PM - 6:30PM Treble Choir Rehearsal
5:30PM - 7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 6th

12:30PM Organ Concert

Saturday, December 7th

9:30AM Messiah Choir Rehearsal with the orchestra

Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form: The deadline to submit your requests is Monday, **December 16th** ~ See Insert

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

- **Advent Calendars:** Will be given out today Sunday, December 1st
- **Advent Wreaths & Candles:** Available today Sunday, December 1st
- **Handel's Messiah:** Next Sunday, December 8th at 3PM
- **Outreach Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, December 10th at 4:30PM
- **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, December 10th at 5:15PM
- **Christmas Pageant:** Sunday, December 15th during the 10:30AM service
- **Angels in Training:** Saturday, December 21st ~ 11AM to 1PM
- **Lessons and Carols:** Sunday, December 22nd during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Sunday, December 22nd following the 10:30AM service with ham luncheon served at 1PM.
- **Christmas Eve Service with Crèche:** Tuesday, December 24th ~ 4:30PM
All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM.
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Tuesday, December 24th ~ 10PM
Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM.
- **Christmas Day Holy Communion Service:** Wednesday, December 25th ~ 9AM