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St. Peter's Church

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*THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 19, 2021 ~ 8:30am Service*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these four candles of Advent to proclaim
the great humility of God our Savior.

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 7)

O come, Desire of nations,
bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.

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

Thou art Peter & 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 SERMON

+ PRELUDE	VARIATIONS ON “COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE”	JOHANN PACHELBEL
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	102 ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID’S CITY	IRBY
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		
+ OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ KYRIE ELEISON		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		SEE INSERT
THE FIRST LESSON		MICAH 5:2-4
THE PSALM		PSALM 80:1-7
THE EPISTLE		HEBREWS 10:5-10
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		LUKE 1:39-56

SERMON ~ THE REV. HELENE PATTERSON

DEACON AT ST. STEPHEN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SCHUYLERVILLE, NY

+ 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		
OFFERTORY HYMN	81 LOW, HOW A ROSE E’ER BLOOMING	ES IST EIN ROS
DEACON’S PRAYER		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 336
AGNUS DEI		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sins. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

THE GREENS ON THE MAIN ALTAR are given to the **Glory of God**
and in thanksgiving for God's Blessings

THE USHERS at the 8:30AM Service are

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN

100 JOY TO THE WORLD!

ANTIOCH

POSTLUDE

VARIATIONS ON "REJOICE GREATLY, O MY SOUL"

GEORG BOEHM

(+ALL STANDING)

~ Parish Notes ~

Coffee Hour: No coffee hour is offered after the 8:30AM service.

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.

Guest Preacher: Today we welcome back Deacon Helene Patterson as our guest preacher. Deacon Helene joins us today from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Schuylerville, NY. We thank her for her time and her continued willingness to serve in our time of transition.

Christmas Cookies: If you baked a dozen or more cookies for the South End Children's Café, please leave them on the table at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of the Children's Café.

Hanging of the Greens: The decorating of the church will take place today immediately following the 10:30AM service and the traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM. We hope that you will stay for this long-time festive tradition.

Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form: The deadline to submit your requests is today, Sunday, **December 19th** (See Insert). The form can also be downloaded from the church website. On the home page of the website click on the "Info Center" tab and when it opens up click on "Christmas Poinsettia Form".

Christmas Eve Choral/Family Service: This Friday, December 24th at 4:30PM. All the children of St. Peter's are invited to join in the procession of the Crèche. Each child will carry a piece of the manger to be put together before the service. Please meet in the Pumpelly Room for your piece. Questions? Give Laura Rulison a call at (518)368-4284.

Christmas Eve Choral Service: This Friday, December 24th at 10PM. Prior to this service the choir will sing a choral prelude at 9:30PM.

Christmas Day Service: No services will be held on Christmas Day.

Church Office Closed: In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed this Friday, December 24th, Monday, December 27th and on Friday, December 31st, respectively..

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 30th 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, Willard Bridgham, Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Liam, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Donna Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Christy Judge, Neil Keen, Mark Lundberg, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Donna Ohlman, Grant Ohlman, Deej Patterson, Sonya, Moriah, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Frank Spath, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

Birthdays: 12/19 ~ John DeBonis; 12/21 ~ Nancy Guest

Anniversaries: 12/19 ~ Raymond & Dorothy Roohan; 12/22 ~ Terrence & Barbara Kelly

OFFICE HOURS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 19th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon
10:30AM A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Christmas Pageant, Sunday School and Child Care
11:30AM Hanging of the Greens immediately following the service
1:00PM Ham Luncheon in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 22nd

No Holy Communion

Thursday, December 23rd

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

Friday, December 24th ~ *Christmas Eve*

Office Closed
4:30PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion with Crèche Procession
9:30PM Choral Prelude
10:00PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion

Saturday, December 25th ~ *Christmas Day*

No services

Latest COVID-19 Update

Following the directives of the New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, a statewide mask mandate went into effect on Monday, December 13th and will be re-evaluated on January 15th.

At the present time, St. Peter's Church does not have " A Proof of Vaccination Requirement" in place (meaning we do not require you to be vaccinated and show proof of vaccination to enter the church). Therefore, anyone entering the church, regardless of your vaccination status, must wear a mask at all times unless they are eating or drinking.

Please be aware that we do offer several hand sanitizing stations and we follow all CDC guidelines for sanitizing the church.

We hope this temporary mask mandate will not deter you from attending our wonderful church services and all of the traditional holiday events that we have planned for the next several weeks.