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St. Peter's Church

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*THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 11, 2022*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these three 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:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: Our King and Savior draweth nigh.

People: O 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 & upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 11, 2022

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

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

~ Sunday School and Child Care ~

+ PRELUDE	NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	56 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL <i>(verses 1 through 5)</i>	VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH **SEE FRONT COVER**

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.	
+ VENITE	CHANT S-4	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 44
+ PSALM		PSALM 146
THE FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 35:1-10
+ BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE	T. F. H. CANDLYN IN D	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE
THE SECOND LESSON		MATTHEW 11:2-11
+ BENEDICTUS	CHANT S-193	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 50
+ THE APOSTLES' CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 53
THE PRAYERS AND GRACE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 54
COLLECTS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 56
+ SERMON HYMN	66 COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS	STUTTGART

SERMON ~ DR. JOHN DAVIS, LAY PREACHER, ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	CAROL OF THE ADVENT	ARR. NEIL KEEN
+ 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 GRACE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 59
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	68 REJOICE! REJOICE, BELIEVERS	LLANGLOFFAN
POSTLUDE	MAGNIFICAT ON THE VTH TONE	HEINRICH SCHEIDEMANN

(+ All Standing)

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

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

THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER at the 10:30AM Service is Judy Burns

~ **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 2023 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.

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

Christmas Giving Tree: This year, St. Peter's Church will be providing Christmas gifts (board games and card games) for the children at the St. Francis Soup Kitchen and the South End Children's Café. A Christmas Giving Tree is located in the Pumpelly Room and is decorated with paper ornaments indicating the age group you are to buy a game for (no electronics, please). We hope you will consider taking one or more of the ornaments. The game should be returned to St. Peter's, wrapped (with gift tag attached), no later than next Sunday, December 18th. As always, we thank you for your continued support and your generosity! Questions? Please call Laura Saffares at (518)368-4284.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING ALONG: Today, December 11th at 3PM the St. Peter's Choir, along with a chamber orchestra and soloists, will host a *Handel's Messiah Sing Along*. Dr. Tim Reno will be the guest conductor with Mary Bon on the organ. Come sing with the choir or come just to listen. Scores will be available or bring your own. Free admission with donations received.

Vestry Meeting: The December Vestry Meeting will be held this Tuesday, December 13th at 5:15PM in the Meeting Room on the second floor of the Guild House.

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.

Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form: The deadline to submit your requests is next Sunday, **December 18th** (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 "Special Event Forms" and then "2022 Christmas Poinsettia and Memorial Form".

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 side dish or a dessert to share. We are looking for servers, set-up and clean-up help. We hope that you will join us for this long-time festive tradition.

CHRISTMAS AT THE DAMIEN CENTER: On Sunday, December 25th, the Outreach Committee and the parishioners of St. Peter's will be hosting a turkey dinner at the Center. Service will start at 1PM. We welcome any assistance in serving the meal itself, or in preparing a side dish or dessert in advance. If you have a favorite side dish for turkey (maybe one you usually make for Thanksgiving?), or a favorite dessert, here's your chance to showcase it for a new audience. Our guests will be some of the members of the Center for whom the Center is home. We are expecting 25-30 people. If you are interested, or have questions, please speak to Sharon DeBonis at church or contact her at (518) 237-1871 (home), (518) 669-5054 (cell/text) or scedebonis@verizon.net

Please remember in your prayers: Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Gina Chenot, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman, Donna Hershey, Fred Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Christy Judge, Mark Lundberg, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Sonya, Donna Ohlman, Grant Ohlman, DeeJ Patterson, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Moriah, Eileen Smith, Susan Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright.

Birthdays: 12/11 ~ Michael Barnes; 12/12 ~ Lynne Jonquieres; 12/13 ~ Caitlin Cehowski; 12/14 ~ Sharon Bornt; 12/15 ~ Kareem Chatman; 12/17 ~ Raymon Perricone

OFFICE HOURS

MON. - FRI. 9:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 11th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon

10:30AM Morning Prayer and Sermon, Christmas Pageant, Sunday School and Child Care

3:00PM Messiah Sing-Along

Tuesday, December 13th

5:15PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, December 14th

8:45AM Top of the Hill

Thursday, December 15th

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

Saturday, December 17th

11:00AM - 1:00PM Angels in Training at St. Francis Mission

Overflow Shelter: The Overflow Shelter is now open at St. Peter's and they are scheduling volunteers to stay for a few hours during the evening or overnight. Volunteers support the Mission staff and act as an extra pair of hands serving the men. The hours of service are from 7:45PM until "lights out" (no later than 11PM) on the 2nd floor of the Guild House (next to the church) or overnight until 6AM the next morning.

To volunteer through the Mission, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator!
Hope Smith Office (518)462-0459 ext. 237 ycoordinator@albanymission.com

To volunteer through St. Peter's, please call or email one of the following:
Ruth Manss: Office (518)434-3502 x 5 or email receptionist@stpeterschurhalbany.org
Mtr. Christina Hunter: Office (518)434-3502 x4 or email priest@stpeterschurhalbany.org
Jim Chenot: Cell (518)669-3096

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ADVENT/DECEMBER

- **Christmas Pageant:** Sunday, December 11th during the 10:30AM service
- **Handel's Messiah Sing-Along:** Sunday, December 11th at 3PM
- **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, December 13th at 5:15PM
- **Angels in Training:** Saturday, December 17th ~ 11AM to 1PM at St. Francis Mission
- **Lessons and Carols:** Sunday, December 18th during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Sunday, December 18th following the 10:30AM service with ham luncheon served at 1PM.
- **Christmas Eve Service with Crèche:** Saturday, December 24th at 4:30PM
All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Saturday, December 24th at 10PM
Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM
- **Christmas Day:** Sunday, December 25th ~ 9AM Holy Communion
- **New Year's Day:** Sunday, January 1st ~ 8:30AM & 10:30AM Holy Communion services