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***The First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024***

Welcome

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, and open to new ideas, committed to service in community and world as part of the world-wide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The work of worship is shared by all, and we invite you to participate in the said and spoken responses as you are able.

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.



Holy Eucharist at 8 o'clock and 4 o'clock, All Saints' Chapel

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), page 352

The Lessons may be found in the 10 o'clock portion of this worship bulletin (below)

Psalm 25:1-9 may be found on page 614 of the BCP

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B, may be found on page 367 of the BCP

Holy Eucharist at 10 o'clock, Church

Voluntary *Prelude, 'Wachet auf!'*

Entrance Hymn 61 *Hymnal 1982*

As the Advent wreath is lit, the choir sings

Introit *Ad te levavi*

*Unto you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God,
in you have I trusted, let me not confounded.
neither let my enemies triumph over me;
for they all they that look to you shall not be ashamed.*

Show me your ways, O Lord: and teach me your paths.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen. Unto you...*

J.S. Bach

WACHET AUF

Tone VII

THE WORD OF GOD

A Penitential Order

Kyrie

Collect of the Day

BCP, page 351

Hymnal 1982, S-88

Advent 1, BCP, page 211

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

Haugen

Please sing the refrain after the Cantor

To you, O Lord, I lift my
soul, to you, I lift my soul.

Cantor LORD, make me know your ways,
Teach me your paths
And keep me in the way of your truth
For you are God, my Savior. Refrain

Cantor For the LORD is good and righteous,
Revealing his way to those who seek him,
Gently leading the poor and the humble. Refrain

Cantor To the ones who seek the LORD,
Who look to his word, who live his love,
He will always be near,
He will show them his mercy. Refrain

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 290 *Hymnal 1982*

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with

dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rector

Prayers of the People

Intercessor We sing the praises of the Lord,
People **For the Lord has done great things.**

The prayer concludes: "...the living God through Christ our Lord."
People **To you, O Lord our God.**

The Peace

BCP, page 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Melissa Dunphy

*I will give you a new heart
and put a new spirit within you.
I will take away your heart of stone.
I will give you a heart of flesh.*

—Ezekiel 26:26

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

BCP, page 367

Sanctus

Hymnal 1982, S-130

Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 364

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal 1982, S-154

Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.
All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intincted (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing.

Communion Hymn

SPIRITUAL
arr. Horace Boyer

My Lord, what a morn - ing, My Lord, what a morn - ing, — O

my Lord, what a morn - ing, When the stars be - gin to fall.

Fine

Unison

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound, _____
2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, _____ To wake the
3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, _____

na - tions un - der - ground, _____ Look - ing to my God's right

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall. _____

D.C.

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand and say together

ALL **Grant, O merciful Lord: that through these holy mysteries which we have received we may learn to love things heavenly: and, even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those things which shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 66 *Hymnal 1982*

STUTT GART

Blessing and Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

This Week's Parish Notices

STEWARDSHIP 2025

This year's theme is *Walk in Love*, taken from the Letter to the Ephesians: "Walk in love as Christ has loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God (Ephesians 5:2). Make your pledge online at <https://stpetersef.org/donate/pledge-form>. Contact a member of the Vestry or Father Nate to find out more about how you can *Walk in Love* at St. Peter's.

CALENDARS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Thanks to the generosity of the Shook-Farmer Funeral Home, 2025 Episcopal Calendars are available. Sundays, Holy Days, and Feast Days are listed as well as the contact information for St. Peter's Church. Please take one home--they are available in the narthex of the church and on the back table of All Saints' Chapel

COOKIE EXCHANGE: DECEMBER 2

Care and Connect invites you to a holiday cookie exchange. Bring a plate of 3-4 dozen cookies to share along with an empty container to take your cookies home. RSVP to Christine Doyle (301-802-7878, doyle531@hotmail.com)—light snacks and beverages will be provided.

ADVENT CELEBRATION FOR ALL: DECEMBER 8

Join us for coffee hour after the 10 am mass on December 8 to make ornaments to help decorate the St. Peter's Christmas tree in the church narthex. Each family can also make an Advent wreath to take home (suggested \$10 donation for supplies). This celebration is for folks of all ages! Coffee hour will be hosted by SPY (St. Peter's Youth) and do bring a snack to share! We need help collecting greens for our Advent wreaths so if you have a few pine trees or holly bushes in your yard, please do a little pruning and bring the greens to church. There will be a bucket on the porch outside the Upper Room for the greens. Email the Parish Office (info@stpetersef.org) if you are planning to bring greens.

AN ADVENT BLESSING WITH BR. EPHREM

Join us at 11:30 am on Sunday, December 15 in the Upper Room as we welcome Br. Ephrem Archement from Holy Cross Monastery for *The Wonder of the Incarnation: Discovering the Radical*

Nearness of God in our Daily Lives Check out the poster just outside the Upper Room. To RSVP and for more information, email spm.peters@gmail.com or the Parish Office at info@stpetersef.org. Everyone is welcome!

LESSONS & CAROLS: DECEMBER 15 AT 4 PM

Our annual Advent Lessons and Carols service will take place on Sunday, December 15 at 4 pm. Please mark your calendars, and bring a friend. A reception will follow.

THE CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES

While the holiday season is a wonderful time, there are many that find this time a challenge. The children from The Center for Family Services/The Patch (ranging from birth to 21) and their parents and caregivers are involved in receiving counseling and services to strengthen the family and make them more independent. The children from The Patch program are kids that have at least one incarcerated parent. You can help to make the holidays a little bit better by providing them with a gift. All gifts must be delivered to church by Sunday, December 15. Contact Christine DiGiovanni (973-618-9345) for information. Thanks in advance for your kindness and generosity!

NATIVITY PAGEANT

Calling all children interested in participating in this year's Nativity Pageant! The rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 21 from 9:30-11:30. Snacks will be provided, and a pizza lunch will follow. The Nativity Pageant will be present the Christmas Gospel story at the Christmas Eve 4 o'clock service. There is enough room for all our children from different ages, abilities and talents. Please encourage your child to participate. Copies of the pageant are available for children and parents. The children will also learn a special song for Christmas. To find out more, reach out to Laura Copeland (laura.n.copeland@gmail.com), Beth Manfre (Bethmanfre@gmail.com), or Mark Trautman (trautman@stpetersef.org).

USHERS

Grow our St. Peter's community—join the ministry of users! This work is important as we are the first impression people have as they arrive at Church. Schedules are flexible and made a month in advance. Contact Wayne Copeland (waynecopeland@keyconsult.com).

PRAYER LIST

Laurie Alcott, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Duffy Bell, Grace Bishop, Nancy Bivona, Murriel Bowness, Kathy Calfe, Martha Capel, Adele Corcoran, Gabriel Cowell, Mark Cowell, Wayne Hill, Bunny Jenkins, Tania Jenkins, Sheila & Norman Johnson, Eddie K., Jeffrey Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Katie King, Lauren L., Laurieann, Sally L., Mark Lewis, Marino Family, Tom Marriott, Mike, Nicholas Nunno, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Richardson & Dickhaus families, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Jean Whiting Smith, Kathy Stanton, Marge Vere, Frank Zupa.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

<i>Altar Guild</i>	Alice Samuels, Eloise Monzillo Hiris, Annetta Benedict
<i>Ushers</i>	Wayne Copeland
<i>Crucifer, Acolytes</i>	Chris Aliotta, Koen Vonderahe
<i>Readers</i>	Christine DiGiovanni
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Pat Aliotta
<i>Cantor</i>	Michael Barretti
<i>Director of Music</i>	Mark A. Trautman
<i>Presiding</i>	The Reverend Nathaniel Darville



THE VESTRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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