

ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN ESSEX FELLS
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The Confession of Saint Peter (transferred)
January 19, 2025

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 355

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

Psalm 23 may be found on page 476 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, 'Das alte Jahr vergangen ist'* J.S. Bach
Entrance Hymn 525 *Hymnal 1982* AURELIA

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation *BCP, page 355*
Gloria *Hymnal 1982, S 277*
Collect of the Day *BCP, page 238*

Almighty Father, who inspired Saint Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Acts 4:8-13

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.” Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

Joseph Gelineau

The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat



My shep-herd is the Lord, noth-ing in-deed shall I want.

- Cantor* *The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. Refrain*
- Cantor* *He guides me along the right path: he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. Refrain*
- Cantor* *You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil, my cup is overflowing. Refrain*
- Cantor* *Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the LORD’S own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Peter 5:1-4

As an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under

compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

PRECIOUS LORD

Thomas Dorsey, 1938



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near, When my life is al - most gone,
 near, And the day is past and gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I
 At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my



light, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 hand. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-19

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

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter

answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rector

Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

Prayers of the People

The response is Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin and the Peace

BCP, page 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Peter Aston

*I give you a new commandment: love one another;
As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.*

*If there is this love among you,
Then all will know that you are my disciples*

—John 13:34-35

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

BCP, page 367

Sanctus

Hymnal 1982, S 124

Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 364

Breaking the Bread

BCP, page 364

Christ our Passover

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.

Hymn 304 *Hymnal 1982*

LAND OF REST

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

Let us rejoice, O Lord, in these holy gifts you have given us, and grant us the grace to recognize your Son, Jesus Christ, as the Messiah, the Son of the living God; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, on God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 380 *Hymnal 1982*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Blessing and Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary and Procession

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.

ST. PETER'S ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Parish will be today following the 10 am service in the Upper Room. *Childcare will be available during the meeting.*

ADULT FORUM, SUNDAYS AT 9 AM

How did early Christians live their "heavenly citizenship" on earth in an unjust world? What did it mean to call Jesus "Lord" in the Roman Empire? What does it mean for Christians today? What can we learn about leadership roles in the early Church? Are you an adult looking to enrich your knowledge of Scripture in a relevant and challenging way? Join us from 9-9:45 in the Acolyte Room (upstairs in the main church) on Sundays for a challenging, enriching, in-depth, exegetical (analyzing verse-by-verse) study of Paul's "letters" to the Philippians. Reach out to leader Jonathan Lace (jdlace@icloud.com) for more information.

ACOLYTES

We are recruiting persons young and old who would like to serve at the Altar as acolytes. In the Episcopal Church altar servers are called acolytes and can be either gender. We are looking for both children and adults to join in this wonderful ministry to serve as an acolyte. An acolyte may assist in worship by carrying a torch, a processional cross, a banner, lighting and extinguishing candles, and assisting the Presider at mass. Confirmation is not a

requirement to be an acolyte, but it is something an acolyte should strive for in the very near future. Training is offered on an on-going basis; contact Christine DiGiovanni (adigio1562@aol.com) and Father Nate (darville@stpetersef.org).

NEW GREEN FRONTAL

The new green frontal for the main altar in the church, first used today, is given to the glory of God by Karen Mosher in loving memory of her parents.

CARE & CONNECT

We meet in the chancel in the church on the second and fourth Sundays, directly after the 10 am service. It is a brief but focused time when we offer prayers of healing and thanksgiving. Please join on January 26. If you can't join us and wish to add an intention, reach out to Dana Leach (201-694-6543, leach@stpetersef.org)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have a great group of teachers in Sunday School this year. Christine Albano, Dana Leach, Beth Manfre, and Serena Watkinson teach the PreK-3rd grade *Godly Play* class, and Laura Copeland, Christina Doyle, Quinn Egan, and Christine Mulcahy teach our 4th-6th graders. The Godly Play class is looking to recruit greeters to assist each week. It is easy to do, extremely helpful, and no experience necessary. Reach out to Dana Leach (201-694-6543, leach@stpetersef.org).

FAMILY EUCHARIST THANKS

Thanks to our youth ministers at last week's Family Eucharist: Katerina and Claire, *Lectors*; Eva and Josie, *Ushers*; Luca and Nicholas, *Oblationers*. Thanks also to Wren, Jack, and Claire who carried the Magi figures to the Manger. Our next Family Eucharist is February 9. Please mark your calendar and reach out if your children can serve in this important ministry.

ST. PETER'S YOUTH (SPY) NEWS

We will have a Chili-Super Bowl Fundraiser on Sunday, February 9, pick-up from 8:30 am-11:30 am: \$20 for 1 quart/cornbread/cookies, Vegetarian or Beef Chili available, order must be placed by Thursday, February 6. Contact Christina Doyle at 301-802-7878; proceeds to benefit the Youth Program and Mission Trip. Other dates in the spring include *January 31*, SPY lock-in; *February 8*, SPY chili making; *March 4*, Pancake Supper. Reach out to Father Nate (darville@stpetersef.org) to find out how your children can be a part of this exciting ministry.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION—ALTAR GUILD WELCOMES YOU!

Looking for a way to serve St. Peter's that is do-able and rewarding and doesn't take a lot of time? How about considering Altar Guild? Altar Guild is a quiet ministry of the church, but this quiet ministry offers a big contribution. Consider this:

- Membership in Altar Guild offers flexibility in time commitment;
- Membership in Altar Guild can be done as a couple or even a family;
- Membership in Altar Guild is an avenue to introduce people to stewardship here;
- Membership in Altar Guild can be your introduction to church ministry.

For more information, contact Alice Samuels (inkyretired@aol.com) or Karen Mosher (looker-mosher@msn.com), or the Parish Office at info@stpetersef.org.

CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES AND PATCH

Thank you to all the parishioners from St. Peter's who provided Christmas gifts to the children from the Center for Family Services and Patch (Prison Ministry of the Diocese of Newark) this past December. St. Peter's supports this ministry annually, and this year we collected 100 gifts. You truly have made such an impact on each of these children's thoughts and feelings about Christmas and provided aide to numerous families during their toughest times. Thank you so much for all of your support, and I look forward to next year. Contact Christine DiGiovanni (adigio1552@aol.com, or 973-618-9345) to find out more.

CALENDARS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Thanks to the generosity of the Shook-Farmer Funeral Home, 2025 Episcopal Calendars are available. Please take one home—they are available in the narthex of the church and on the back table of All Saints' Chapel.

NEW FLOWER CHART IN THE NARTHEX

Beautiful flowers adorn our church weekly. Flowers may be given at any time in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, or any other occasion of thankfulness for God's creation. A check for \$50 may be made to St. Peter's—put 'altar flowers' in the memo. To reserve a date, use the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or email Alice Samuels (inkyretired@aol.com) or the Parish Office (info@stpetersef.org).

PRAYER LIST

Laurie Alcott, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Duffy Bell, Grace Bishop, Nancy Bivona, Murriel Bowness, Kathy Calfe, Martha Capel, Adele Corcoran, Gabriel Cowell, Robin Delehanty, Wayne Hill, Bunny Jenkins, Tania Jenkins, Sheila & Norman Johnson, Eddie K., Jeffrey Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Katie King, Lauren L., Laurieann, Tom Leach, 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.

GIFTS AT THE ALTAR

The flowers at the Altar today are given in loving memory of Michele Copeland



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

<i>Altar Guild</i>	Karen Mosher, Annette Benedict, Candace Carr
<i>Ushers</i>	Chris Shearin, Wayne Copeland
<i>Acolytes</i>	
<i>Readers</i>	Mary Shearin, Conor Mulcahy
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Mary Shearin
<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

Mary Shearin and Wayne Copeland, *Wardens*
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