

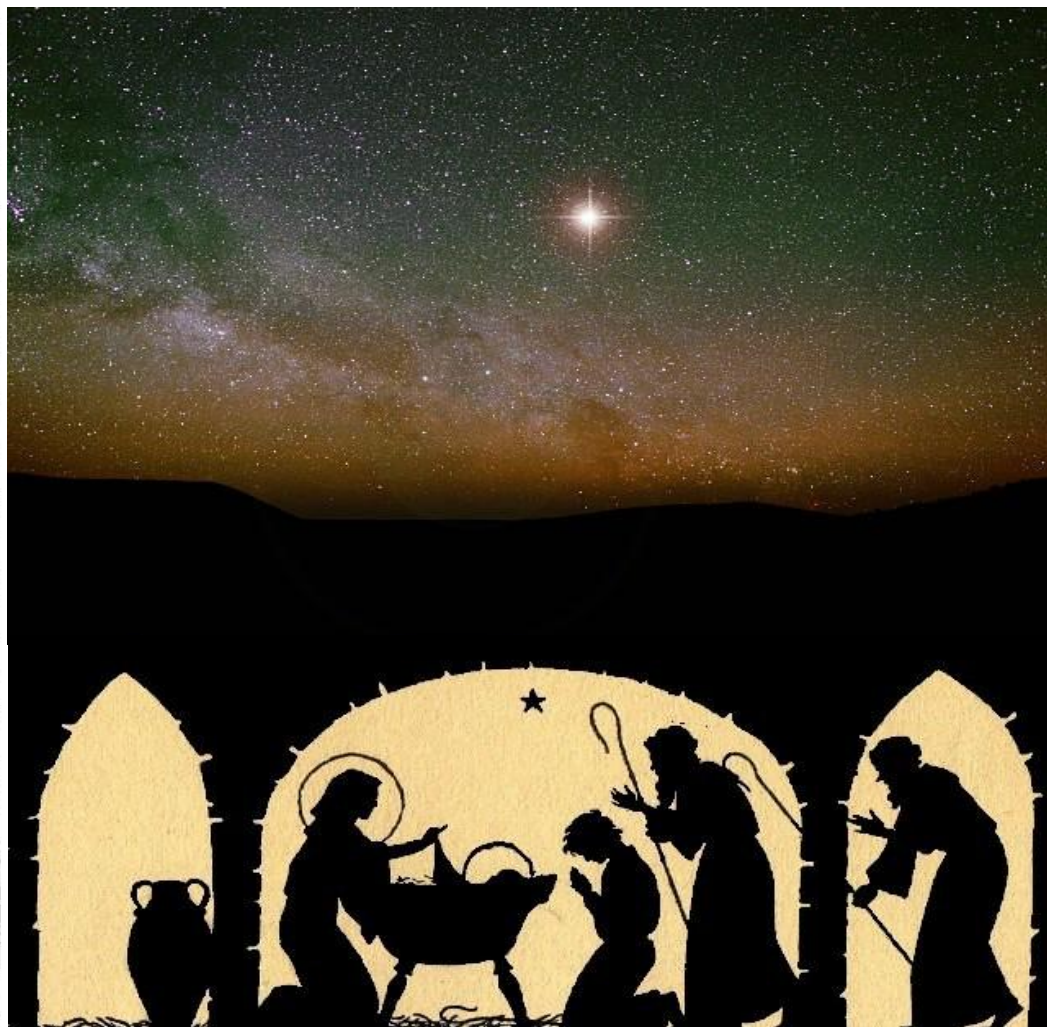
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THE LEAFLET

1712 St. Peter's Church 2017

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THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY
DECEMBER 24, 2017 ~ 10:00 PM



Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY ~ DECEMBER 24, 2017

10:00 PM ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE	CAROLS SUNG BY THE CHOIR	
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	83 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL	ADESTE FIDELES
	STANZAS 1, 2, 3 ~ BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE ~ STANZAS 4, 5, 6	
+ OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ COLLECT FOR PURITY		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ SUMMARY OF THE LAW		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
+ HYMN	96 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH	GLORIA
COLLECT OF THE DAY		SEE INSERT
FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 9:2-4, 6-7
PSALM		PSALM 96:1-4, 11-12
THE EPISTLE		TITUS 2:11-14
+ HYMN	87 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING	MENDELSSOHN
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		LUKE 2:1-20
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 CONFSSION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 330
ABSOLUTION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
THE PEACE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	A SHEPHERD'S CAROL	BOB CHILCOTT
+ SANCTUS / BENEDICTUS	A CHRISTMAS SERVICE	NEIL KEEN
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
AGNUS DEI	KEEN	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
COMMUNION HYMN	324 LET ALL MORTAL FLESH	PICARDY
COMMUNION MOTETS	MYN LYKING	RICHARD TERRY
	IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER	HAROLD DARKE
	SING LULLABY	ARR. EDGAR PETTMAN
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339
CANDLE LIGHTING CAROL	AWAY IN A MANGER	ARR. D. WILLCOCKS

THE DECORATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH are given to the **Glory of God**
and in **Loving Memory of the Faithful Departed and in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings**
(See the Memorial Leaflet)

HYMN (SUNG KNEELING)

111 SILENT NIGHT

HOLY NIGHT

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

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

+ **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

109 THE FIRST NOWELL

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POSTLUDE

TOCCATA - GIGUE ON THE SUSSEX CAROL

GEORGE BAKER

(+ **ALL STANDING**)

THE USHERS at the 10:00PM Service are Kevin Creagan, Moses Kamyra, Mark Lundberg, Michele Lundberg and Frank Spath

~ **Parish Notes** ~

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.

Christmas Day Service: Tomorrow, Monday, December 25th ~ Holy Communion at 9AM.

Church Office Closed: In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed on Monday ~ December 25th, Tuesday ~ December 26th and on Monday ~ January 1st, respectively.

Top of the Hill: There will be no meeting of The Top of the Hill on Wednesday, December 27th or on Wednesday, January 3rd. Regular meetings will resume on Wednesday, January 10th at 8:45AM.

Youth Sunday: Please note that Youth Sunday and Children's Chapel will **NOT** take place this month due to Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both falling on Sundays.

DOK Discernment: For members of the DOK, discernment is the starting point for joining an international organization of women who are committed to prayer, service and evangelism. The first class was held on December 17th, and following a brief hiatus for the holidays, will resume on January 7th. We meet immediately after the 10:30AM service in the vestry room. Classes will conclude in February and will be followed by a service of admission with the St. Peter's congregation on February 11, 2018.

URGENT HELP NEEDED!: We are in desperate need of volunteers to cook a meal for the Lutheran Church Men's Overflow Shelter for any Thursday evening from now until April 2018. The board to sign-up is located in the Pumpelly Room along with aluminum pans and instructions. For more information, please see Deborah Spath.

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 28th, 2018 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: Peter Adams, Tom Arnold, Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Inga Carpenter, Moriah, Ann Collins, Morris Daly, Nancy Dennis, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman III, Liam, Luke, Mike Higgins, Doreen Johnson, Mark Lundberg, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, 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: 12/28 ~ Farrell Leon; 12/30 ~ Liam Connors, Gordon Lattey, Emily Lupe

OFFICE HOURS

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 24th ~ *Christmas Eve*

4:30PM Christmas Eve Service with Crèche

9:30PM Choral Prelude

10:00PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion

Monday, December 25th ~ *Christmas Day*

9:00AM Holy Communion

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26th

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Wednesday, December 27th

No Top of the Hill

12:05PM Holy Communion

Thursday, December 28th

No Choir Rehearsals

Friday, December 29th

12:30PM Organ Concert

Women's Shelter - Volunteers Needed

The Women's Shelter at St. Peter's Church,
in support of the Capital City Rescue Mission (CCRM),
operates from December 1, 2017 to March 18, 2018.

This ecumenical effort is seeking **women volunteers only** for evening hours,
7PM until approximately 11PM; or overnight from 7PM until 7AM the following
morning. Volunteers provide the ministry of hospitality engaging guests
in conversation, playing board games, working puzzles, and assisting
with healthy snacks from the kitchen. Come alone or team up with a
friend or family member, acting as an extra pair of hands for the CCRM
staff and providing a welcoming "home" environment to the guests.

Additionally, we are accepting donations for the shelter's use including
monetary donations, coffee, sugar, fruit juice, microwaveable popcorn,
danish/muffins, bread, peanut butter, fresh fruit, milk and creamer.

To sign up to volunteer, please call Judy Burns at (518)441-7538
or email stpeterschurch.albany@gmail.com

Please join us in showing Jesus' love to our guests.



Merry Christmas