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1712 St. Peter's Church 2023

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*THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 19, 2023*



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

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~ Sunday School and Child Care ~

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PRELUDE	SCHMÜCKE DICH, O LIEBE SEELE, BWV 654	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	9 NOT HERE FOR HIGH AND HOLY THINGS	MORNING SONG
+ OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS	HERBERT SUMSION IN F	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		SEE INSERT
THE FIRST LESSON		ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18
THE PSALM		PSALM 90:1-8, 12
THE EPISTLE		1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-10
+ HYMN	680 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST	ST. ANNE
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		MATTHEW 25:14-15, 19-29
SERMON ~ THE REV. CHRISTINA HUNTER, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE		
+ 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
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	O THOU THE CENTRAL ORB	CHARLES WOOD
+ SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS	SUMSION	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
AGNUS DEI	SUMSION	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
COMMUNION HYMN	655 O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED	NYLAND
COMMUNION MOTET	AVE VERUM	WILLIAM BYRD
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339
THE BLESSING		
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	290 COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME	ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR
POSTLUDE	NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD	J. S. BACH / VIRGIL FOX

(+All Standing)

**Food items on the altars have been donated by the congregation to assist the  
Regional Food Bank and local people in need.**

**The altar decorations are given in loving memory of Jan D'Agostino  
by the St. Peter's Flower Guild**

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*THE USHERS* at the 10:30AM Service are John Davis, Samuel Hartt and Robin LaPlante

*THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER* at the 10:30AM Service is Susan Smith

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~ **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 2024 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. 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.

**Pumpkin Goods:** Last week the Sunday School children baked pumpkin goods and today the goods will be blessed and are available for all parishioners to take home.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service:** On Thanksgiving Eve, this Wednesday, November 22nd there will be a Noonday Prayer service at 12:05PM.

**Christmas Giving Tree:** This year, St. Peter's Church will be providing Christmas gifts for the children at the South End Children's Café. Next Sunday, November 27th, a Christmas Giving Tree will be located in the Pumpelly Room and will be decorated with paper ornaments. The ornaments will indicate the age and gift you are to buy and we hope you will consider taking one. The gift should be returned to St. Peter's, wrapped (with gift tag attached), no later than Sunday, December 17th. As always, we thank you for your continued support and your generosity! Questions? Please call Laura Saffares at (518)368-4284.

**Advent:** Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. Advent calendars will be distributed and Advent wreaths and candles will be available to the congregation.

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal:** On Sunday, December 3rd, all children that want to participate in our Annual Christmas Pageant should report to the Sunday School rooms to get your parts, try on costumes and do a little rehearsing. The pageant will be performed during the 10:30AM service on Sunday, December 10th.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH:** On Sunday, December 3rd at 3PM the St. Peter's Choir will present a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, accompanied by a chamber orchestra. All are welcome to this performance. Mark your calendars for this seasonal favorite.

**WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION:** Keep a look out for the green barrels! Once again St. Peter's will be collecting gently used coats for children and adults in need at the St. Francis Mission. Please drop off your donations in the green barrels located in the Pumpelly Room or at the back of the church or you may call the church office to schedule a time for drop off. Sizes needed are: Children: 2t - 5, Women: Medium - 2XX, Men: Large - 2XX. We are also collecting hats and gloves/mittens for children and adults. As always, thank you for your support.

**CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE DAMIEN CENTER:** This Christmas the Outreach Committee will once again be assisting the Damien Center in hosting a midday meal for the members who don't have anywhere else to go (and who have found a home with the Center). Laura Saffares and I will be there and I will be coordinating the meal. We would truly appreciate any assistance with preparing food ahead of time, serving on the day of, or both. The main course will be turkey, so side dishes for turkey would be greatly appreciated. We will have more specific suggestions next week, while you're still thinking about turkey. This year disposable aluminum pans will be available in the back of the church starting next week, to assist in your presentation and delivery. I don't bake so desserts would be especially welcome. Please let me know if you are interested. Sharon DeBonis [scdebonis@verizon.net](mailto:scdebonis@verizon.net), (518)669-5054 (cell and text).

**Please remember in your prayers:** Mari Bennett, Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Gina Chenot, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Anne deVos, Moriah, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Donald Fahd, Donna Hershey, Fred Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Mark Lundberg, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Sonya, Lindsay Norville, Grant Ohlman, Donna Ohlman, Deej Patterson, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, Liam, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Sherrell Smith, Susan Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christina Wright.

**Birthdays:** 11/21 ~ Dax Adams; 11/23 ~ Robert Carton; 11/25 ~ Jackson Leon

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Sunday, November 19th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon  
10:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon, Sunday School and Child Care

#### Wednesday, November 22nd

12:05PM Noonday Prayer  
12:30PM Lectionary Lunch in the Pumpelly Room

#### Thursday, November 23rd ~ *Thanksgiving Day*

Office Closed  
No Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, November 24th

Office Closed

**ADVENT IV SUNDAY:** On Sunday morning, December 24th, please note that there will only be one morning service offered to celebrate Advent IV. This service will be a regular Sunday morning 8:30AM Holy Communion "said" service. The 10:30AM service will not be held. Christmas Eve services will be held later that day at 4:30PM and 10PM.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Advent Calendars, Wreaths & Candles:** Available on December 3rd
- **Handel's Messiah:** Sunday, December 3rd at 3PM
- **Angels in Training:** Saturday, December 9th & 16th ~ 11AM to 1PM at St. Francis Mission
- **Christmas Pageant:** Sunday, December 10th during the 10:30AM service
- **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, December 12th at 5:15PM
- **Lessons and Carols:** Sunday, December 17th during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Sunday, December 17th following the 10:30AM service with ham luncheon served at 1PM.
- **Advent IV Service:** Sunday, December 24th at 8:30AM
- **Christmas Eve Service with Crèche:** Sunday, December 24th at 4:30PM  
All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Sunday, December 24th at 10PM  
Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM
- **Christmas Day:** Monday, December 25th ~ 9AM Holy Communion

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