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St. Peter's Church

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*THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10, 2023*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these two candles of Advent to proclaim the fire of God's judgment that the world may prepare for the coming of the Lord.

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 4)
O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 10, 2023

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, BWV 659	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	76 ON JORDNA'S BANK	WINCHESTER NEW
	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 85:7-13
THE FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 40:1-11
+ BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE	PLAINSONG WITH FAUXBOURDONS	HEALEY WILLAN
THE SECOND LESSON		MARK 1:1-8
+ BENEDICTUS	CHANT S-193	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 50
+ THE APOSTLES' CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 53
THE PRAYERS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 54
COLLECTS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 56
+ SERMON HYMN	67 COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE	PSALM 42
	SERMON ~ THE REV. CHRISTINA HUNTER, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE	
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	54 SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME	NUNKOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
POSTLUDE	NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND, BWV 661	J. S. BACH

(+ 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 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. 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.

Advent Early Morning Prayer on Zoom: Please join Mtr. Christina for Morning Prayer on Zoom, Monday through Friday at 6:30AM from December 4th through December 22nd. The service takes about 20 minutes. Coffee and pajamas are just fine. Bring your Prayer Book and Bible or just come to listen. All are welcome to prepare with prayer for the arrival of the Lord! Zoom Meeting ID: 837 6018 1434. Password: 027098.

Vestry Meeting: The December Vestry Meeting will be held this Tuesday, December 12th at 5:15PM in the Meeting Room on the second floor of the Guild House.

Learn to Pray – St. Peter's Prayer School: This adult education course will meet today following the 10:30AM service and a repeat class this Wednesday, December 13th at 12:30PM in the Pumpelly Room for those that can't meet today. This month's class is: "Candles and Contemplation."

ANGELS IN TRAINING: This month the Angels in Training will feed the homeless at Grace and Holy Innocents this Saturday, December 16th from 11AM to 1PM. Please consider helping for these 2 hours and give back to those less fortunate.

Christmas Giving Tree: If you took a tag from the Giving Tree please bring the wrapped gift (with gift tag attached), to St. Peter's Church by next Sunday, December 17th. Please give the gift to Laura, Janice or Pat. As always, we thank you for your continued support and your generosity! Questions? Please call Laura Saffares at (518)368-4284.

Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form: The deadline to submit your requests is next Sunday, **December 17th** (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 17th. 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.

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.

Children's Chapel: Children's Chapel will be held on Sunday, December 31st and on every 5th Sunday of the month. Please join Mother Christina in the Sunday School Room on the second floor of the Guild House. We hope you will bring your children to participate in this children's ministry. Dr. John Davis will be preaching at both the 8:30AM and 10:30AM services.

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: 12/11 ~ Michael Barnes; 12/12 ~ Lynne Jonquieres; 12/13 ~ Caitlin Sharp; 12/14 ~ Sharon Bornt; 12/15 ~ Kareem Chatman

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 EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALBANY**

The Rt. Rev. Michael G. Smith

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 10th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon
 10:30AM Morning Prayer and Sermon, Christmas Pageant, Sunday School and Child Care
 11:30AM St. Peter's Prayer School "Candles and Contemplation"

Tuesday, December 12th

5:15PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, December 13th

12:05PM Noonday Prayer
 12:30PM St. Peter's Prayer School "Candles and Contemplation"

Thursday, December 14th

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

Saturday, December 16th

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

CHRISTMAS AT THE DAMIEN CENTER: Thanks to all who signed up early, we have our basic menu for Christmas Day covered. We welcome any additional side dishes or desserts that you may be moved to provide – perhaps something that is special to you. There are disposable pans available in the back of the church to make your presentation and delivery as easy as possible. Please take what you need. We will be collecting and delivering dishes for Christmas Day after each service on Christmas Eve – if you could put your dish in the Pumpelly Room refrigerator, or just hand it off to Laura Saffares (4:30) or me (10:00) at one of the services, we will make sure it is at the Damien Center on Christmas Day. If it's easier to bring your dish in before Christmas Eve, just let us know. Thank you for your ongoing support. Sharon DeBonis scdebonis@verizon.net, 518-669-5054 (cell and text).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Christmas Pageant:** Today, Sunday, December 10th during the 10:30AM service
- **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, December 12th at 5:15PM
- **Angels in Training:** Saturday, December 16th ~ 11AM to 1PM at St. Francis Mission
- **Lessons and Carols:** Next Sunday, December 17th during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Next 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
- **Annual Parish Meeting:** Sunday, January 28th, 2024 following the 10:30AM service