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St. Peter's Church

2024

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*THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 29, 2024*



"The Light of the World"

Frank Wesley (1923-2002)

Thou art Peter and 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

10:30 A.M. ~ MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

~ Children's Chapel and Child Care ~

PRELUDE	NOËL "ÉTRANGER"	LOUIS-CLAUDE DAQUIN
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	82 OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN	DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
~ CHILDREN'S ABCS BIBLE MEMORY CHALLENGE ~		
MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE ONE		
CONFESSION OF SIN		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 41
+ INVITATORY ANTIPHON	ALLELUIA. UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN; O COME, LET US ADORE HIM. ALLELUIA.	
+ VENITE	CHANT S-4	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 44
+ PSALM		PSALM 147:13-21
THE FIRST LESSON		GALATIANS 3:23-25; 4:4-7
+ BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE	PLAINSONG WITH FAUXBOURDONS	HEALEY WILLAN
THE SECOND LESSON		JOHN 1:1-18
+ JUBILATE DEO	CHANT S-13	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 45
+ THE APOSTLES' CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 53
THE PRAYERS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 54
COLLECT OF THE DAY		SEE INSERT
COLLECTS		
+ SERMON HYMN	81 LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING	ES IST EIN ROS
SERMON: "NOW THAT FAITH HAS COME"		
DR. JOHN DAVIS ~ LAY PREACHER, ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH		
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER	HAROLD DARKE
+ 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 BENEDICTION		
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	115 WHAT CHILD IS THIS	GREENSLEEVES
POSTLUDE	FUGETTA ON THE THEME "O FATHER, ALMIGHTY GOD"	J. S. BACH

(+ All Standing)

***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****

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are Jeff Russom and Deborah Spath

THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER at the 10:30AM Service is Robin LaPlante

~ **Parish Notes** ~

ABCs Bible Memory Challenge: This week's ABCs Bible Memory Challenge verse is:

"A Quiet spirit...is of great worth in God's sight. (1 Peter 3:4)

For more information about this "Memory Challenge" please see your September Newsletter for all the details.

Coffee Hour: Please join us for coffee hour in the Pumpelly Room following the 10:30AM service. All are welcome. Thanks to all who have made coffee hour so enjoyable the past few months. Well now it's time to fill up the calendar for January - March 2025. There is sign up sheet in the kitchen - Please don't be shy and help is always available. For more information please contact Michele Vennard at (518)858-0525 or at mlvennard@gmail.com.

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 2025 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.

Today's Organist: Our Assistant Music Director, Malcolm Moran, will be playing the entire 10:30AM service today while Daniel is home visiting his family in Denver.

Guest Preacher: Today Dr. John Davis will be preaching. John is licensed as a Lay Preacher by the Albany Diocese. We are grateful to John and we thank him for his service today and for his continued dedication to St. Peter's Church and our congregation.

Children's Chapel: Children's Chapel will be held today during the 10:30AM service (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.

Teen Breakfast Club: The Teen Breakfast Club will meet next Sunday, January 5th to discuss Armor of God New Year's Resolutions. The club meets the first Sunday of each month from 9:30AM to 10:10AM in Mtr. Christina's office for food, a spiritual discussion, and prayer. All teens are welcome to attend.

Epiphany Holy Communion: A celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ will take place on Monday, January 6th at 12:05PM in St. Mark's Chapel. We hope you can join us for Holy Communion and reflection on the story of the wise kings who sought out Jesus.

ANGELS IN TRAINING: In January the Angels in Training will feed the hungry at Loaves & Fishes on Saturday, January 11th and again on Saturday, January 18th from 11AM to 1PM. Please consider helping for these 2 hours and give back to those less fortunate.

Adult Education ~ Walking with Peter: Our Adult Education course, Walking with Peter, will meet on Sunday, January 12th at 12PM for about 45 minutes. We'll be reflecting on the story of Peter depicted in the window that's second to the right of the main altar, the "Healing of the Lame Man." We hope to see you there.

Vestry Meeting: The January Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14th at 5:15PM in the Meeting Room on the second floor of the Guild House.

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 26th the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 12PM noon. A Hymn Sing and Tea are two features of our Annual Meeting. We're asking parishioners to submit their favorite hymns -- with one or two sentences about why it's a favorite -- by sending an email to: priest@stpeterschurhalbany.org. The day of the meeting, four hymns will be selected at random and sung. See your January Newsletter for the meeting schedule.

Please remember in your prayers: Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Gina Chenot, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Carol Daggett, Sonya, Morris Daly, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Donald Fahd, Andrew Farrington, Pamela Gerfin, Donna Hershey, Liam, Doreen Johnson, Mark Lundberg, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Moriah, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Janet O'Connell, Donna Ohlman, Grant Ohlman, Deej Patterson, Vicky Pautler, John (JP) Powell, Bill Purdy, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Susan Smith, Carol Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christina Wright.

Birthdays: 12/30 ~ Liam Connors; 12/31 ~ Timothy DiStefano; 1/1 ~ John Clark; 1/2 ~ Cristi Kovacs

Anniversaries: 12/31 ~ Rino & Emily Crisafulli

OFFICE HOURS

MON. - FRI. 9:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 29th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon
10:30AM Morning Prayer and Sermon, Children's Chapel and Child Care

Tuesday, December 31st ~ New Year's Eve

No Treble Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 1st ~ New Year's Day

Office Closed

Thursday, January 2nd

5:00PM - 6:00PM Treble Rehearsal
5:30PM - 7:00PM Full Choir Rehearsal

Overflow Shelter - Volunteers Needed

The Overflow Shelter at St. Peter's Church,
in support of the Capital City Rescue Mission (CCRM),
operates from November 4, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

This ecumenical effort is seeking volunteers for evening hours,
7:45PM until approximately 11PM; or overnight from 7:45PM until 6AM 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 volunteer through the Mission, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator!
Hope Smith Office (518)462-0459 ext. 237
or email: vcoordinator@albanymission.com

To volunteer through St. Peter's, please call or email one of the following:
Ruth Manss: Office (518)434-3502 ext. 2
or email: receptionist@stpeterschurchalbany.org

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This will bring you to our website and you
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May God bless you for your generosity!**

