



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Lewes, Delaware

The Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 8, 2018, 5:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant Blessed be God: † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*** THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1–4

Reader A reading from the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL**

Luke 3:1–6

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the

* Indicates the People stand, as able.

† Indicates the People may make the sign of the cross.

crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Mark Harris, *Associate Priest*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially [____ and] those on our prayer list: *The People may add their own petitions.* Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *The People may add their own thanksgivings.* We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, † [especially ____] that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

* CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept.* Have mercy upon us,
People **most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins † through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*** THE PEACE**

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

GREETING AND BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. † Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us ✠ to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*** THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All God's people are welcome to receive the Holy Sacrament, including children. Please notify an usher if you have difficulty coming to the altar rail and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

*** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*** THE BLESSING**

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*** THE DISMISSAL**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Flowers on the Altar are Given by

Red and Barb Moulinier
In Memory Of
Doris Kernan and Rod Moulinier

The Graham Girls
In Memory Of and
Thanksgiving for
Our parents, Jane and Victor Graham

Prayer List: Jill Stevens, Mary Beth Crafts, Dorothy Crowley, Dot Sophos, Eleanor Huber, Jo Miller-Marcin, Jason Somerset, Bill Peterson, Jim Isaminger, Stephen Leaders, Ministers and Care Receivers, Janina, Lois, Fred, Andy, Zach, Mary Beth, Kerri Layton, baby Evelyn, Pamela Martin, Mary Helms, Mike Clemmer, Barbara Black, Mel Craig, Patrick Cooney, Betty Hill, Annmarie, Ginnie Holthaus, Father Norm, Patty Bennett, Ralph Peters, Barbara Orton, Richard Jundt, Elaine Stone, Rev. John and Bev, Virgil Brown, Tana Gilmore, Chip & Kelly Dunham, Mac McMahan, Nancy Brown, Nancy Grasing, Ruth Mitchell, Maxine Murrow, Elinor Boyce and family, Jim McManus, Jerry Shea, Robert Levesque, George Coverdale, Genevieve, Margaret Isaminger, Joyce, Pat Holgerson, George Huguenin, Dorothy Matthew, David Potter, Diane, Kathy Harris, Robert Derr, Jamie, Casey, Max, Sherry and Dottie, Ruth, Jack Allen, Debi Blount, Irvy Walls, Marylou Wellbrock-Reeves, Linda Best, Jon Welch, Rob Humes, Charlie and Marla W., Jim Held, Retired Rev. David E. Richards, Jayne Devlin, Laura Roper, Gene Modzelewski, Bob S., Pat Pagano, Beth Smith, Carol and Jack Fisher, Mary Taylor, Holly Gray, Gibson Alula McDade, Mary Beth Krytzer, Noah MacFarland, Paul Nichols, Tynetta Brown, Sue, Martha Jane Collins, Teri, Richie Dresen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COOKIE WALK weekend is almost here! Saturday, December 15, the parish hall patio doors will open at 9 a.m. for the Cookie Walk. Note: Last year, all the cookies (nearly 10,000 of them) were sold out within an hour, so plan to get to the sale when it begins! Thank you to all who have been working so hard to make the event a success. Baking day for Gingerbread men is this Friday, December 7, from 9 until 3 in the parish hall kitchen. (Decorating day for Gingerbread men is Tuesday, December 11, between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Join us for any part of that time!)

ECW and Pampered Chef. ECW is having a Pampered Chef catalog sale in time for the holidays. If you are interested in purchasing some of these items, catalogs and order packets are available in the church office and at coffee hour on Dec. 2nd and 9th. Orders must be in the office (paid in advance) **by December 12th.** A portion of the sales will be donated to the ECW outreach programs.

2018 Pledges. As we approach the new year, please remember that all givings for year 2018 **must be in to the church office by Friday, December 28,** to ensure that it is credited for this year.

2019 Pledge Drive. By now you should have received the information for the 2019 Pledge Drive. If you have returned your pledge card and requested envelopes, they are in the back of the church. If you have not received your packet, please contact the office. Please do not use these envelopes until after the first of the year.

Aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware and Box Tops for Education are still being collected and can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

St. Peter's Readers- Sunday, December 16, 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room: We will discuss our favorite Christmas books/stories and bring children's/young adult books for Primero Pasos and Cape Henlopen book mobile. All readers are welcome to join the discussion.

A Spiritual and Personal Growth Discussion Group for Men. We will meet on **Monday, December 10** from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the church building, for honest and lively conversation about growth issues in our lives. All men are welcome to join us for this time of enriching discussion of spiritual matters without judgment or criticism. We'll consider ideas from "Lies We Believe About God," a new book by Wm. Paul Young, author of "The Shack" - this time, the misconception (Chap. 13) that "You need to get saved" - although exploration could go anywhere from there. It's not necessary to read the book beforehand, but the book's Foreword can be previewed on Amazon, where it is available in both Kindle and paperback editions. This will be our last meeting in 2018; in the new year we'll resume meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

ECW The ECW would like to thank all the Soup Luncheon volunteers. Thank you to all who came to enjoy the delicious soup. This event supports the ECW outreach to the community. The winners of the raffle items were: Mary Willis, who won the quilt; Lee Peters, who won the gingerbread house; Helen Mitnacht, who won the wreath; and Tracy Mulveny who won the basket. Congratulations! *Reminder: Pampered Chef catalogs and order blanks are available in the parish office.*

Parents Corner

- Nursery closed on December 23rd and 30th - no nursery attendant.
- No Sunday School on December 23rd and 30th.
- Rehearsals for Christmas Pageant will be on December 16th and 23rd at 11 a.m. in the Church.

The Story of the Birth and The Way of Jesus

Monday, December 24 at 5 p.m.

*(Please meet in the SPY Room by 3:30 p.m.
on the 24th to get into costume.)*



(Formerly the Christmas Pageant)

Rehearsals—December 16 and 23 at 11 a.m. in the church

(after the conclusion of the 10 a.m. service)

Angels, Shepherds, Animals

There will be no speaking parts—only narrators

All Children are welcome to participate!

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 9

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Godly Play and Spy
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Iona Service HE
5 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 10

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
7 p.m. Men's Discussion Group

Tuesday, December 11

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10 a.m. Bible Study
1 p.m. Cookie Walk Prep
4 p.m. Bell Rehearsal
7 p.m. Global Outreach Committee

Wednesday, December 12

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:30 a.m. Clergy Group
9:30 a.m. ECW Meeting
1:30 p.m. Centering Prayer
3:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday, December 13

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist at The Moorings
Noon Cookie baking
1 p.m. EfM Class
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 14

Cookie Walk Prep
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Saturday, December 15

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
9 a.m. Cookie Walk
5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 16

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Godly Play and SPY
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Iona Service HE
Noon Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
5 p.m. St. Peter's Readers

The Third Sunday of Advent

Lectionary Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20,
Canticle 9, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH

- Restrooms are available in the parish hall, an usher can give you directions.
- This bulletin may be downloaded from www.stpeterslewes.org by selecting “Worship & Music” then clicking “Sunday Bulletin” to obtain a PDF copy. WiFi in the church building is accessed by connecting to “StPeterChurch-guest”, enter password “episcopal”.
- All God’s people are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church, including children. Ushers will help direct you to the communion rail. If it is difficult for you to come to the rail, please let an usher know and we will gladly bring Communion to you in your pew.
- The presence, sounds, and activities of children are welcome in our liturgy. Activity packets for children’s use in the pews are located at the entrance of the church, a rocking chair is also available for parents. The nursery is located the lower level of our Parish Hall and is available from 9:30 to 11:40 a.m. Godly Play is our Sunday School for children ages 3rd to 5th grade on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. September – May on the lower level of our Parish Hall.
- If you need assistance with hearing devices, please notify a clergy person.
- If you are going through a difficult time and would like a Stephen Minister, please speak to one of the clergy.

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