

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lewes, Delaware

Holy Cross Day
September 14, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II

OPENING VOLUNTARY Contemplation on *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* Joyce Jones (1933–2022)

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION Lift High the Cross The Hymnal 1982, # 473

Celebrant ✙ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

▲ THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

▲ HYMN OF PRAISE Glory to God The Hymnal 1982, S 280

▲ THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 45:21–25

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98:1–4 *Cantate Domino*

Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

**With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**

The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5–11

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

▲ HYMN

At the name of Jesus

The Hymnal 1982, # 435

▲ GOSPEL

John 12:31–36a

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Kathy Andonian, *Associate Priest*

▲ THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the ✚ resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

▲ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

by The Rev. Dr. Fred Day

Deacon Let us pray for the church, creation, and all in need.

Leader We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us to make choices that are life giving. Give us the resolve and strength to confront forces of despair, evil, and death with a message of new life. God of grace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for St. Peter's Church to be united in love and faith. Inspire and equip the leaders in planning programs for the fall. Bless teachers, administrators, and students in this new school year. May our living faith transform lives. God of grace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities. Shield coastlands from damaging storms, hurricanes, rising rivers and seas. God of grace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those in authority to act with wisdom, governing justly, with compassion actions that serve the common good. May we be active and fervent in prayer for those who lead us. Keep us vigilant in pleading for people in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti and other perilous places, for we may be one of the few voices they have. God of grace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader "O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever." God, thank you for the joys and blessings of this life. (*The people may offer thanksgivings, silently or aloud.*) For your love and goodness, O God,

People **We give you thanks.**

Leader We pray for the sick, hungry, the unhoused, and lonely; especially _____, and those we now name silently or aloud. (*Pause*) May they find healing and hope through your love and the caring of those around them. Call and send us to be your light and hope in the world. God of grace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We thank you for those who have died ✠ and now dwell with the saints in light; especially [_____, and] those we now name silently or aloud. (*Pause*) Surround them with your mercy and grant your peace to those grieving loss. God of grace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Let us pray together in the words of St. Francis:

All **Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

▲ CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept.* God of all mercy,
People **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.**

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

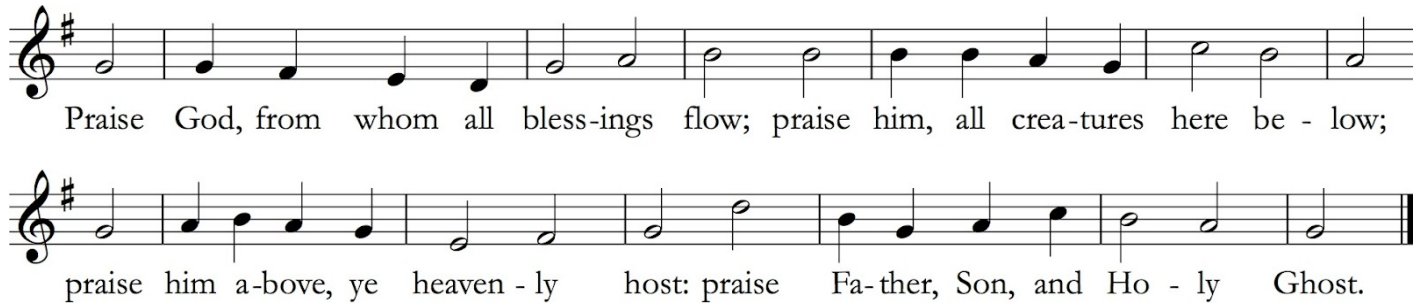
T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892–1964)

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, Who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be; Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail. Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail. O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to men doth here afford! O may our souls for ever feed on Thee, And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, Cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood; Increase our faith and love, that we may know The hope and peace which from Thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, May that we thirst for soon our portion be, To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face, The vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

—St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274)

▲ PRESENTATION HYMN

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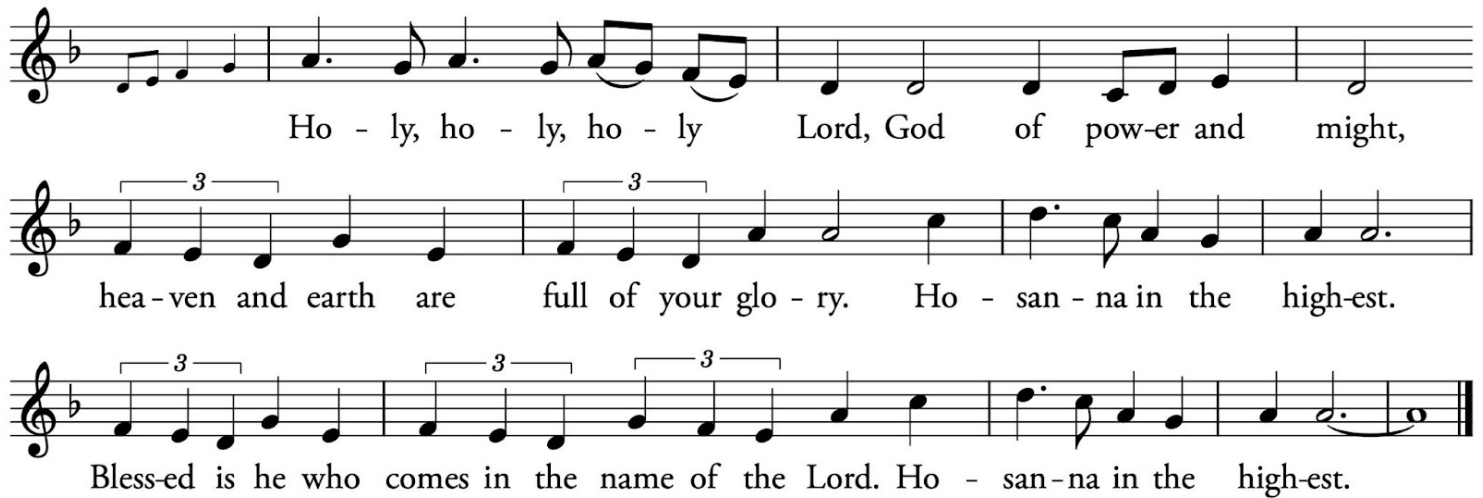
▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

The Hymnal 1982, S 129



Setting: Robert Powell (1932–2025)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also ☩ that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

The Hymnal 1982, S 119



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name, thy king-dom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
And for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is
the king-dom, and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944)

▲ THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Hymnal 1982, S 163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: Robert Powell (1932–2025)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. (Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.)

The Sacrament is distributed at the communion rail; you are welcome to kneel or stand to receive. Please grasp the chalice at the base and guide it to your lips. Gluten-free wafers are available, please ask the priest if you need one. Communion is full and complete in either the host or the chalice. If you desire to receive a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross
What wondrous love is this

The Hymnal 1982, # 474
The Hymnal 1982, #439

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

▲ THE BLESSING

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

The Hymnal 1982, # 477

▲ THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

**All are welcome to sit and enjoy the postlude.
If you wish to leave, please do so quietly in respect for others.**

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Hymn to Joy

Albert Travis (b. 1940)

Please note that this service is being live streamed on Facebook and YouTube. You might be visible on the video feed.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by: Sherry Chappelle in memory of Bruce Chappelle, and by Tracy Mulveny in celebration of children & grandchildren.

Prayer List:*(names usually stay on for about a month):* Helen Abrams, Mary Ellen Adams, The Alumna family, Brian Atchison, Frank & Vicki Ball, Bill Beihl, Sharon Bembry, Patty Bennett, Olga Brocco, Charles Brown, Brian Cahill, Tom Campione, Dave Canan, Tom Carlson, KC Carmine, Lorraine Carr, Rebecca Carr, Pat Casadei, Bill Chaney, Owen Cheevers, Diane Clark, Zeke Clark, Mike Clemmer, Guy Corriero, Rebekah Crager & Richard Sweeney, Mike Davitt, Carol Decatur, Angelique Devlin, Stephanie Donato, Jody Ebert, Jim Elsner, Paul Evanoff, Dean Ferris, Robert Fields, Olga Fitch, Susan Fortier, Ann France, Pere Yvan Francois, Pamela Gallamore, Al Gensch, Patty Gibler, Emily Gibson, Tanya Gilden, Carlyle Gill, Bernie Gilmore, Paul Goebel, William Golding, Charles Graham & Ray Myrtle, Bill Granger, Nancy Grasing, Mary Beth & John Grau, Don Harlan, Alice Harris, Laurie Hawkins, Bruce Heisler, Ginny Holthaus, Beth Hoolehan, Bob Howard, Vernon Huber, Margaret Isaminger, Chloe Jackson, Rebecca Jackson, Brian Jenkins, Mary & Fran Kane, Almira Kikic, Charlotte King, Casen Kirk, Susan Kubler, Christine Layden, Kerri Layton, David Levin, Charles Lewis Jr., Joyce Lindsay, Charles LoPresto, Chris Long, Jack Lord, Ruth Macintire, Eleanor Martchmont, Joseph Marcin, Greg Martin, Mary Alice Martus, Don Matthews, Penny McCaffrey, Kathy McClune, Gibson Alula McDade, Lindy McMillian, Brian McQuilkin, Bernadette Michaels, Jo Miller-Marcin, Dan Mulveny, Josey Mulveny, Tracy Mulveny, Helen Murphy, Steve Nieblas, Brian North, Melissa Nowell, Michael Overbey, Debbie Padgett, Penny Pagano, Joe Parker, Steve Portalupi, Valerie Providenza, Theresa Pugh, Jim Ralston, Linda Reiter, Angie Rummel, Paul Rummel, Ed Ruperd, Vicky Satz, Pat Schofield, Julie Schonfield, Mary Shea, Levi Shorter, Linda Simeone, Beth Smith, Beth Snyder, Carolyn Snyder, Steve Spofford, Arthur Sutton, Andrew Taylor, Doug Thomson, Gary Tice, Pat Vallese, Myra Vanderwerker, Rebecca Vasan, Tom Waite, Irving Walls, Patty Warden, Tom Welch, Bob & Mary Ellen Werner, Don Wessel, Ken Wheeler, Louise White, Suzette Whiting, Marianne Wiedmann, Sara Wilkinson, Doug Williams, Jerry Williams, Roberta Williams, Carol Wzorek, Andy, Anita and Hailey, Anne, Ben, Bill D., Bob, Bonnie, Brucie, Carol, Caroline, Charlie, Chase, Chris, Christa, Christopher, Clayton, Cynthia Jean, Daniel, Deb, Debi, Derek, Diane, Dina, Doug, Eleanor, Fran, Garrett, Gillian S., Hazel, Heather, Helen & Carol, Helena, Jacqueline C., Jason & Kim, Jaxon, John, Julian, Juliana, Karen K., Kathy W., Kerry, Larry, Leo & Donna, Liz, Lynn, Marje, Marjory, Mark, Mark Thomas, Maryann K, Mandy, Maverick, Nancy, Ned, Nicholas & Steve, Paul, Pierson, Raymond, Rowan, Ruth, Sam, Sarah, Sarah P, Stephanie, Susan, Tammy, Tara, Tess, Thomas, Tosha, Vicki, Wesley, William K. **Deaths:**

CALENDAR

Morning and Evening Prayer are offered daily at 9 am and 5 pm on our Facebook page

Sunday, September 14

8 am Holy Eucharist
10 am Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 15

11 am Yoga
1 pm Yoga
7 pm AA
7 pm Mission & Outreach
7 pm Parish Nurses
7 pm Mystic Monday: Iona Healing

Tuesday, September 16

10 am Love God, Love God's Creation
10 am Art Strong
Noon AA
1 pm S.T.a.R. Class
2 pm Parish Nurses' Balance Class
4 pm Beginner Bells
5 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 17

9³⁰ am Clergy Group
10³⁰ am Centering Prayer
3 pm Eucharist at The Moorings
4 pm Eucharist at The Lodge
5 pm S.T.a.R. Class

Wednesday (continued)

5 pm Stephen Ministry
7 pm AA
7 pm Holy Eucharist
7 pm Dementia Caregivers

Thursday, September 18

9³⁰ am Bible Study
11 am Yoga
11 am Art Show Committee
4 pm FAC
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 19

10³⁰ am Women's Spirituality

Saturday, September 20

9 am Spiritual Companionship Group (will meet on the Labyrinth - weather permitting)
2³⁰ pm Wedding
5 pm Holy Eucharist

Youth overnight at Camp Arrowhead

Sunday, September 21

8 am Holy Eucharist
10¹⁵ am* Holy Eucharist @ Camp Arrowhead
(*Note special time and location)
11³⁰ am Parish Picnic @ Camp Arrowhead

Today's Servants

Acolyte

Mary Beth Krytzer

Lector

Tim Vezzetti

Chalice Bearers

Ingrid Miller & Elinor
Boyce

Ushers

Paul & Eileen Kraeger

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED The second most important hour of our week together at St. Peter's (after Holy Eucharist) is our fellowship/coffee hour. **Sunday's Host:** Candy Williams & Jackie Ferris

Did you know that there is an international order for women who pray? And did you know that there is a chapter of that order here at St. Peter's? Every 4th Monday at 12:30, we gather to pray for our congregation, St. Peter's rector and staff, the state of the world, and other concerns on our hearts and minds. On Thursday September 25, from 4-5:30pm, come to a wine and cheese informational session in St. Peter's Parish Hall. You'll have a chance to meet and talk with current members of the order, and to learn more about this organization that was started in 1847. Visit this website to read about The Order.: www.doknational.org *Vision Statement of The Order*: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world.

Staying Connected with Our Graduates This year, Family Ministries is launching a new program with the help of Mission and Outreach. Keep in Touch (or KiT, for short) is a way for our congregation to continue showing support for our high school graduates. We are asking for notes of encouragement and small, easy-to-ship items to remind our youth that they are in our prayers. Notes and items will be collected in the Narthex and the church office from September 4 through October 4, 2025. Please label all notes and items with the name of the youth, so they reach the right person. For more information about our youth and their likes contact Jessica@stpeterslewes.org.

SAVE THE DATE : The St. Peter's Nurses will be sponsoring through Beebe's Out Reach, a Friends and Family non certification CPR class which will include learning about AED, care of choking victims and use of Narcan. The date is Saturday OCTOBER 11 from 9-12 noon in our Parish Hall. To sign up, the Parish Nurses will have a sign up sheet available while they are doing their monthly blood pressure clinic, or you can contact the office and we will put you on the list.

Mystic Monday— September 15th - 7 pm Join us for a healing service using liturgy and prayers from the Iona Abbey. To volunteer as a liturgist or lector for future services, contact Rebecca Brenner. To offer your participation as a choir member or instrumentalist, contact Annie Freeman. We are also hoping to develop a cadre of volunteers willing to help with set up (all those candles!) prior to the services and clean up afterward. If you can assist in this way, please speak with Rebecca or Annie.

The Women's Spirituality Group at St. Peter's meets on the 1st & 3rd Fridays, 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. Books are chosen by the women and discussion facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Carol Flett and the Rev. Rebecca Brenner. Women obtain their own copy of the book. September 5 & 19 is a good month to join the group since we will begin discussion of our next book, *See No Stranger* -a memoir and manifesto of revolutionary Love, by Valerie Kaur. We read a chapter or two at a time, so it takes us a couple of months to finish discussing a book. Come and see if this group is what you are looking for. Questions? Contact revflett@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed: We're serving breakfast! Do you ever wonder who goes to the other service on Sunday? We are planning to have breakfast between the 8:00 am and 10:15 am services on October 19, November 16, and December 21 to help the 'Eighthers' and the 'Teners' connect. We need volunteers to set up, cook/serve, and clean up. If you can help for any or all of these dates, please contact Suzanne Crager at cragersuzanne@gmail.com.

St Peter's Readers are continuing to meet in person in the church conference room. September 21 - 5 pm *Fiction* - "Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. Come when you can, leave when you must.

A Huge THANK YOU!!! to all of our presenters at our Summer Spirituality Series 2025. I greatly appreciate all of you, the topics presented, the participants who attended, and of course , Harvey and Michael for their outstanding ice cream scooping skills! Our presenters and topics were: Rev. Paula Waite M.Th., ACC – Life Before Death, Living a better life now by planning ahead; David Schofield Jr. MSc, MACM, Chaplain – Creation Care: Water, Water Everywhere; Father Jeffrey Ross, Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lewes, DE – SOAH (Speak Out Against Hate); Nancy Alexander, Executive Director, Community Resource Center – "Welcoming the Stranger"; Kathryn Andonian - Walking the Labyrinth: A Path to Peace, Hope, and Wisdom Labyrinth Walk, (Cancelled due to the Art Show); Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Kaeton - A Decade of Marriage Equality; Rev. Fred Day – "Baptizing America" by Bryan Kaylor & Beau Underwood; Lisa Swanger, Director of Outreach & Education at the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays - "Protecting the Inland Bays: One Yard At A Time"; Rev. Jeffrey Ross, Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lewes, DE, "Monks without Temples: The future of the church; T.J. Thomas, Minister of Music, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lewes, DE – Compline with choir; Annie Freeman and Robert Gotwalt present a reading of "Murder in the Cathedral" – Two Sessions (to be completed on Monday evening, 22 September), – A round of applause for all of our readers, chorus, and choir members. We are truly blessed to have such incredible talent within our congregation!!!; and finally, Rev. Dr. Carol Flett for arranging a Power Point Presentation by Jessica Clark, Journalist, and a panel discussion discussing experiences and challenges by members of the First State African American Black Farmers Association.

Gratefully, Robert Gotwalt

Men's Breakfast The next monthly Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, October 11, at 8:30 am at the Lewes Diner, 1201 Savannah Rd, Lewes. These monthly get-togethers are held on the second Saturday of each month, September through June. All St. Peter's men are welcomed to join these informal gatherings, regardless of which worship services they may usually attend. The breakfasts afford us the opportunity to establish and/or renew acquaintances, especially as the parish continues to grow. For further information and to RSVP (always helpful) contact Stu Brahs at sjbrahs@prodigy.net.

PARISH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY Join us for Holy Eucharist at 10:15 (note new time) at Camp Arrowhead (note special location)! Immediately following the 10:15 service, we will enjoy our annual Parish Picnic. We will provide hot dogs and burgers. Please bring your favorite casserole, salad, dessert, or side dish to share. Parking is available in the wooded area across from the chapel. There will be outdoor games and, if we are able to have a lifeguard, swimming for the kids. All are welcome. Bring your family, friends, and appetite for a great day of food, fellowship, and fun. *Please note that there will not be a service in the Sanctuary at 10:15 and we are unable to webcast the service from camp, so there will be no livestream next Sunday.*

Newcomers Are you interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and St. Peter's? Do you have questions about our worship? Are you curious about our approach to Holy Scripture? Would you like to learn more about the common life of our congregation? Do you seek to learn more about your faith and deepen your spiritual life? Whether you are new to St. Peter's, new to the Episcopal Church, or have been a part of our worshipping community for a long time and have some questions, this program is for you. We will offer both a daytime and evening program in the Fall. The class meets four times, and each meeting is 90 minutes in length. You may attend either in-person or via Zoom.

The schedule for the daytime class is below and the evening class dates will be announced soon.

Fall 2025 Daytime Class:

Wednesdays, October 15, 22, 29, and November 5

1-2:30 PM

In-person and via Zoom

Fall 2025 Evening Class: To be announced soon!

***Volunteers Needed: Greeters and Ushers**

We welcome volunteers for two very important ministries of hospitality at St. Peter's: greeters and ushers. Our greeters are on the look-out for newcomers and infrequent attendees to offer welcome, information, and invitation to join us at coffee hour and other activities. Ushers welcome people to the church, hand out leaflets, help people find a place to sit, and assist with the offertory. Additional volunteers are needed at all services. If you would like to know more about these ministries and/or are able and willing to help out once a month or so, please contact the Rev. Kathy Andonian. **We will be holding a training session for new and existing Ushers on Sunday, October 5th following the 10:15 service.**



Give online



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