

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Lewes, Delaware

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025, 10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II with Baptism

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in D minor

Anton Bruckner (1824 – 1896)

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION

Awake, my soul, and with the sun

The Hymnal 1982, # 11

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

▲ THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Lamentations 1:1–6

Reader A reading from the book of Lamentations.

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

▲ Indicates the People stand, as able.

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

LAMENTATIONS 3:19–26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!

**My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.**

But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

**The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;**
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

**“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”**

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

**It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.**

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Reader A reading from the letter to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God— whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did— when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

▲ HYMN

Rise up, ye saints of God!

The Hymnal 1982, # 551

▲ GOSPEL

Luke 17:1–10 (CEV)

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples: There will always be something that causes people to sin. But anyone who causes them to sin is in for trouble. A person who causes even one of my little followers to sin would be better off thrown into the ocean with a heavy stone tied around their neck. So be careful what you do. Correct any followers of mine who sin, and forgive the ones who say they are sorry. Even if one of them mistreats you seven times in one day and says, “I am sorry,” you should still forgive that person. The apostles said to the Lord, “Make our faith stronger!” Jesus replied: If you had faith no bigger than a tiny mustard seed, you could tell this mulberry tree to pull itself up, roots and all, and to plant itself in the ocean. And it would! If your servant comes in from plowing or from taking care of the sheep, would you say, “Welcome! Come on in and have something to eat”? No, you wouldn’t say that. You would say, “Fix me something to eat. Get ready to serve me, so I can have my meal. Then later on you can eat and drink.” Servants don’t deserve special thanks for doing what they are supposed to do. And that’s how it should be with you. When you’ve done all you should, then say, “We are merely servants, and we have simply done our duty.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jeffrey Ross, *Rector*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents I present Virginia Ruth Wright to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God’s help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After the Candidate has been presented the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Virginia in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with Virginia who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

▲ THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection ✙ of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

▲ PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant Let us now pray for Virginia who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

▲ THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

▲ THE BAPTISM

Virginia, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
 Virginia, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

▲ THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

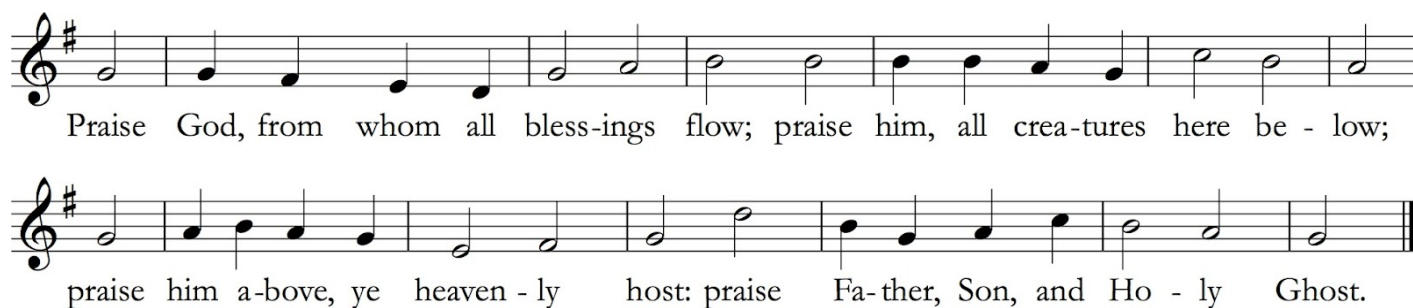
John Gardner (1917–2011)

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally. Run the straight race through God's good grace, Lift up thine eyes and seek his face; Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize. Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: His boundless mercy will provide; Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love. Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear; Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

—J.S.B. Monsell (1811–1875)

▲ PRESENTATION HYMN

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▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

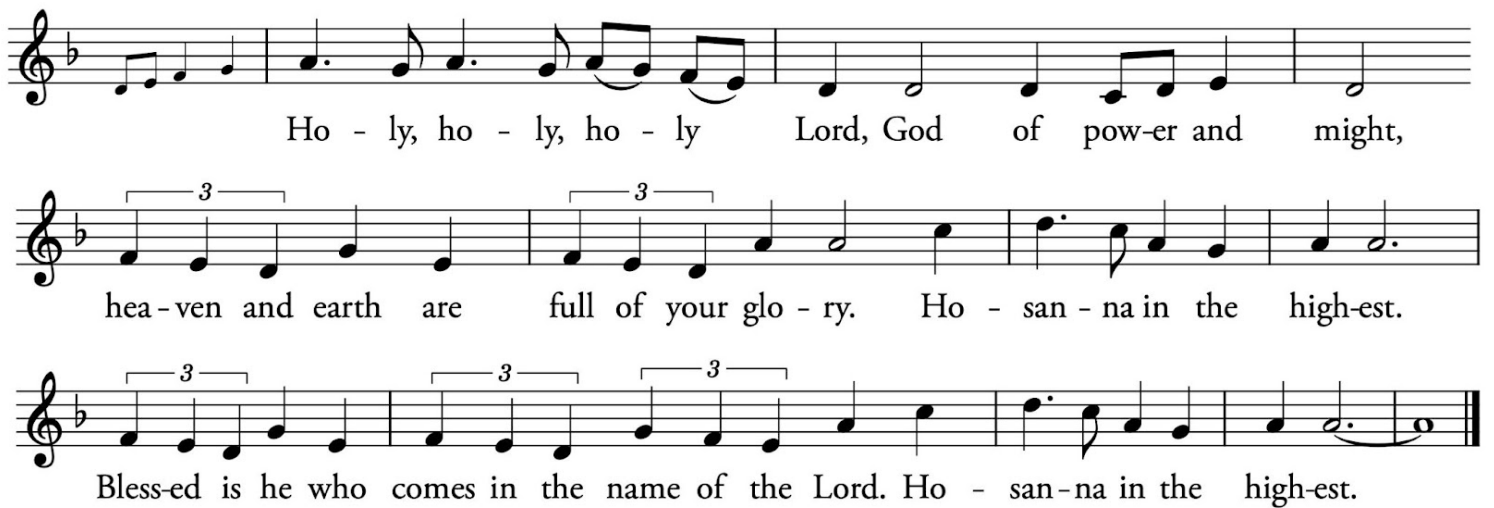
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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:



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

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.

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

New every morning is the love
O Master let me walk with thee

The Hymnal 1982, # 10
The Hymnal 1982, #660

When a lay minister is sent to bear the Eucharist to those unable to come to Church, the congregation says the following:

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant
People

Let us pray.

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

Come, labor on

The Hymnal 1982, # 541

▲ THE DISMISSAL

Deacon
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude in D minor

Anton Bruckner (1824–1926)

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: David & Kitty Wildes in loving memory of Jonathan Wildes, and by James & Mary McQuilkin in memory of their son, Jimmy McQuilkin.

Prayer List:*(names usually stay on for about a month):* Mary Ellen Adams, Brian Atchison, Frank & Vicki Ball, Bill Beihl, Sharon Bembry, Patty Bennett, Olga Brocco, Charles Brown, Brian Cahill, Tom Campione, Dave Canan, Tom Carlson, Lorraine Carr, Rebecca Carr, Pat Casadei, Bill Chaney, Owen Cheevers, Diane Clark, Mike Clemmer, Guy Corriero, Rebekah Crager & Richard Sweeney, Mike Davitt, Carol Decatur, Angelique Devlin, Pat Ditmars, Justin Dodd, 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, 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, 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, Arthur Sutton, Andrew Taylor, Doug Thomson, Gary Tice, Pat Vallese, Rebecca Vasan, Tom Waite, Irving Walls, Patty Warden, Tom Welch, Don Wessel, Ken Wheeler, Louise White, Suzette Whiting, Marianne Wiedmann, Sara Wilkinson, Doug Williams, Jerry 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., 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, Valerie, Vicki, Wesley, William K. **Deaths:** Ruth Macintire, Bonnie Perratto

The Women's Spirituality Group at St. Peter's The WSG meets on the 1st & 3rd Fridays, 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. Women are welcome to attend any meeting. The group does not meet in August. 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. October is a good month to join the group since we have just begun discussion of our next book, *See No Stranger -a Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*, by Valerie Kaur. For October 3 & 17, we will discuss Chapters 3 & 4. 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

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.**

CALENDAR

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

Sunday, October 5

8 am Holy Eucharist
 9³⁰ am Godly Play
 10¹⁵ am Holy Eucharist w/Baptism
 11⁴⁵ am Usher & Greeter Training
 Noon Blessing of the Animals

Monday, October 6

11 am Yoga
 11 am Ruth Macintire Funeral
 1 pm Yoga
 6 pm Pack One Committee
 7 pm AA
 7 pm Parish Nurses

Tuesday, October 7

10 am Love God, Love God's Creation
 10 am Art Strong
 Noon AA
 Noon Stephen Leaders (via Zoom)
 1 pm S.T.a.R. Class
 2 pm Parish Nurses' Balance Class
 4 pm Beginner Bells
 5 pm Handbell Rehearsal
 6 pm Scouts
 7 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, October 8

9³⁰ am Clergy Group
 10³⁰ am Centering Prayer
 11 am Invite*Welcome*Connect
 3 pm Eucharist at The Moorings
 4 pm Eucharist at The Lodge
 5 pm S.T.a.R. Class
 7 pm AA
 7 pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, October 9

9³⁰ am Bible Study
 11 am Yoga
 6 pm Scouts
 7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 10

Saturday, October 11

8³⁰ am Men's Breakfast
 9 am Parish Nurses' CPR Training
 5 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, October 12

8 am Holy Eucharist
 9³⁰ am Godly Play
 10¹⁵ am Holy Eucharist

Today's Servants

Acolyte	Lector	Chalice Bearers	Ushers
Jackson Cohen	Patrick Whittam	Mary Beth Krytzer & Jody Barbarulo	Bill & Ann Lyn Martin

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:** George & Carol Flett and Rich & Salli Innes.

St. Peter's Readers We meet in person in the church conference room on the third Sunday of the month. All readers are welcome! Upcoming sessions:

- **October 19 - 5 pm:** "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon (postponed from September)
- **November 16 - 4 pm:** "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald (note the change in time).

***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. **This Sunday, October 5th following the 10:15 service, will be the second of two scheduled training courses. Please plan on attending if you are interested in becoming an Usher**

Newcomers

So often, we are asked, "How do I become a member of St. Peter's?"

After you have been here a while (maybe even a short while!), you may want to know "how do I become a member of St. Peter's?" Here are a few things to help with your questions and discernment:

- Request a membership packet from the office. (302-645-8479 or office@stpeterslewes.org)
- Reach out to Fr. Jeff or Rev. Kathy for conversation, prayer, and spiritual discernment.
- Attend one of the "Welcome to the Episcopal Church" programs offered four times each year (see below).
- Continue to join us for worship and other ministry programs!

Inquirers Class 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.

Fall 2025 Wednesdays, October 15, 22, 29, and November 5, 1-2:30 PM In-person and via Zoom, and Wednesdays, October 15, 22, 29, and November 5, 6-7:30 PM via Zoom only - please contact the office for the Zoom link.

Vestry Nominees We have seven candidates for election this year! Thank you to everyone who agreed to run: we really appreciate your willingness to serve. Here are their bios:



Barabra Conroy Greetings! I have been a member of St Peters for a few years now. I live in Long Neck with my spouse Elizabeth Kaeton+ and our pups., Elliot and Olivia. I am proud to have been Abbess of the Anamchara Fellowship for nine years and remain a member of the Leadership Team. At St Peter's I am a recent licensed Worship Leader/Preacher, a Stephen Minister/Leader and a Licensed Eucharistic Visitor. A retired Nurse, having retired as a hospice home care provider, I also volunteer at the Delaware Hospice Center as a Spiritual Visitor. My focus is Pastoral Care and Steven Ministry In addition I am committed to outreach and mission and bringing the needs of our Community back to the Church.



Robert Gotwalt Robert is hoping to be re-elected to serve his second term on St. Peter's Vestry. He has been a member of St. Peter's since November 2017 having transferred from Mount Olive Lutheran church in Minneapolis, MN. Since then, and upon his retirement in 2020 as a SVP of Operations and Consultant Delivery for Lee Hecht Harrison, LLC, a global human talent solutions company, he has been actively involved at St. Peter's in a number of roles, including: the Vestry from 2023-2025 as the Adult Formation and Spirituality representative for the congregation; graduated from EfM in 2022 and now mentors our STaR programme in its 3rd year this September; he additionally organises and facilitates our Lenten and

Summer Spirituality Series. Robert serves as an usher, a lector, coordinator of our Prayer Shawl Ministry, as needed as a SPY and Godly Play facilitator, leads Daily Prayer, and an art fair volunteer. Most recently he was certified through the Dean T. Stevenson School for Ministry and Bishop Brown to serve as a lay worship leader and preacher. He volunteers as a pre-opening volunteer at the Lewes Library one day per week. Robert earned his BA in Latin from Gettysburg College, and his MDiv from what is now Martin Luther University College, Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. Robert lives with his life-partner of 41 years in Rehoboth Beach.



Steve Hrybyk Steve and his wife Beth joined St. Peter's in 2022 shortly after they moved here from the Baltimore area. Steve sings as a tenor in the St. Peter's Choir, volunteers as an Intake Coordinator at the Rehoboth Community Resource Center, and volunteers each year at the annual art show. Steve retired from the Federal Government in 2020 where he worked at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in various roles over 15 years. His last assignment was in the Office of the Director where he was a facilitator in Performance Improvement, which included facilitating Strategy Development, Lean and Value Stream mapping, and Human Centered Design. Prior to that, he worked in Medicaid grant oversight and Federal contract management and monitored States' Medicaid program expenditures and

demonstration program evaluations. Steve also worked for the State of Maryland for 22 years where he was the COO at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center in Jessup, MD and began his career in healthcare as a music therapist. His degrees include a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Music with certifications in Music Education and Music Therapy. Steve has a passion for choral music and has been singing professionally in groups since his college days. He was a tenor soloist for 30 years at St. John's Episcopal Western Run Parish in Glyndon, MD and has sung with the Baltimore Opera Chorus, Concert Artists of Baltimore, the Baltimore Symphony Chorus, Baltimore Choral Arts Society and, most recently, the Arundel Vocal Arts Society where he served as the president of the Board of Directors for 4 years. Steve and Beth live in Lewes with their daughter Katie and their 15 year old, 80 pound Goldendoodle, Teddy.



Brian Jenkins I was baptized Lutheran at the age of 2. At age 5 we as a family moved from the greater Baltimore area to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, specifically the town of Rock Hall. At the age of 7, my mother and myself began attending the oldest church in Maryland, St. Paul's Kent County. There I sang in the children's choir and assisted with the annual Thanksgiving dinner. During the following years, I assisted my mother with her altar guild duties. Every Sunday that she served in that capacity, the rector would take us to breakfast. During those formative years, I became close to George Taylor, our rector. In seminary, Fr. Taylor was roommates with Allen Miller. Allen Miller went on to be the Bishop of the Diocese of Easton and Fr. Taylor's boss. When the Rt. Rev. Miller retired, Fr. Taylor was

elected Bishop of the Diocese of Easton. Seminary roommates succeeding one another is very unusual. While at St. Paul's I was confirmed and went on to be the 8 o'clock acolyte/chalicer for the next 6 years every Sunday. My liturgical training was very specific and thorough. More than 30 years later, the Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland relied on me to train 10 diaconate candidates in their liturgical duties. Nine of those candidates were vocational trainees and one was transitional. After 6 months the transitional candidate got her own church. Duties and responsibilities over a lifetime: Acolyte, Chalice Bearer, Reader, Celebrant (morning prayer), Sermons while Church was searching for a new Rector, Choir member, Groundskeeper (volunteer), Altar guild member, Director of Altar Guild, Vestry Member, Senior Warden (While senior warden, solicited and received \$1 million donation for the church), Bishop's visitation committee member, visited 5 churches for the Bishop with other committee members and visited 30 of on my own. Bishop Sutton was one of Father Ross's instructors while at seminary.



Sandra Jost For as long as I can remember, I have always been involved in the life of the church. While I am a newly minted Episcopal (just over 2 1/2 years), I came from a 45 year journey as a Lutheran. Prior to that my family was Presbyterian. Through it all I have been nurtured and fed by many wonderful shepherds who have guided me in my faith adventure, My biggest strengths have been music and mission. I have spent years singing, accompanying and directing choirs, bells, dramas and assisting with VBS. My passion for mission has included organizing a mission trip to New Orleans to help with the Hurricane Katrina rebuild, participating in 2 mission trips to Bosnia to help teach children peace and reconciliation skills

through the arts, and serving twice in Los Cocos, Dominican Republic building new homes and providing educational, vocational and health needs in the community. I would be honored to serve on the vestry and welcome the opportunity to share my experiences as well as be open to new ways where my gifts and talents could be used.



Minnie Shorter St. Peter's has been my spiritual home since 2013. I have found it to be incredibly welcoming and inclusive. I moved to Lewes from Baltimore, Maryland, after I retired from a 30+ year career in Information Technology, in both private and public sectors, rising from a Programmer Trainee to an IT Project Manager. I am honored to serve on the Financial Advisory Committee, the Open Door Campaign, and on the Vestry as your Treasurer. In the past year, I developed and maintained the annual budget, monitored costs related to the construction of the Hart House, and renegotiated terms for the Line of Credit for Phases 1 and 2, and the mortgage on the Rectory. Previously I worked with the Diocese's Disaster

Preparedness Team, and prepared a presentation on hurricanes, tornados and flooding. I live in the Villages of Five Points with Tom Crowley, who is your Chancellor. In my free time, I read and discuss books with my book club, learn different languages (currently working on Spanish), I travel the world with Tom, visit friends and family (sons, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins) in the Baltimore/Washington area, dine out with friends in our wonderful restaurants, garden on our patio, and whip up meals based on what is growing in the garden and what dishes we have tried out on our travels.



Dan Somerset My name is Dan Somerset and I am seeking your consideration in electing me to serve on your Vestry. As we prepare to grant ourselves a little respite from the tremendous work of the Open Door Project's first two phases, I would like to offer my time and talent to assist our parish leadership in preparing for a revitalized Phase III, focusing on the Parish Hall. In Phase I, we strengthened our "sanctuary" in Lewes. Phase II has given us the breathing room to contemplate the other half of our mission: being the "heart" of Lewes. I have been a member of St. Peter's Church since 2004, and my husband Paul and I have raised our three sons in this parish. I have served in various leadership positions over the last two

decades, most recently with the Invite-Welcome-Connect, Mission & Outreach, and Financial Advisory committees. With your indulgence, I welcome the opportunity to tend the embers of the Open Door Project until we're ready to rekindle the fire and forge a new Community Hall at the heart of Lewes. Thank you in advance for your support.



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Foyer Groups are now forming! The St. Peter's Foyer (Dinner) Groups are a fun way of getting to know each other over the year. Each group meets once a month or so for a meal (breakfast, lunch, or dinner) in groups of 6-12 people. The groups are set up based on preferences you state on the registration form. It's a wonderful time to meet fellow parishioners and make new friends. Meet in a home, restaurant, on the beach. You choose. As in years past, we also have Spiritual Foyer Groups! Interested parishioners may request assignment to a foyer group with an intentional focus on spiritual engagement. As with all foyer groups, the members themselves will settle on organizing details, but those in a "spiritual foyer group" are likely to begin their time together in prayer, to read the Gospel, to talk about what is happening with the Spirit in their lives, to extend grace to one another, and of course to share a meal. The intent is to promote spiritual connection with others in ways reminiscent of early Christianity. Please note that once again we are offering the option to join a "Spiritual Foyer Group." As with all Foyer Groups, the members themselves settle on organizing details, but those in a spiritual foyer group are likely to begin their time together in prayer or reading the Gospel, talking about what is happening with the Spirit in their lives, extending grace to one another, and, of course, sharing a meal. Members of past spiritual foyer groups at St. Peter's have enjoyed learning and growing in this model, and want to encourage others in our church community to give it a try. Simply check the appropriate space on the Foyer Group form and one of them will be in touch with you to answer any questions you may have. If you are interested in signing up for a foyer group, please fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate.

Name _____

Ages of children to be included (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Development _____

Food/Pet Allergies _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Yes! I am interested in a spiritual Foyer Group. _____

Choose one of the options below:

_____ Dinner in Home or _____ Dine Out Only

_____ Lunch in Home or _____ Lunch Out Only

_____ I am flexible and can do anything the host chooses.