

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lewes, Delaware

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 2025, 10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on “Wer nur den lieben Gott”

Gerald Peterson (1934–2015)

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION

Praise to the living God!

The Hymnal 1982, # 372

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

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

The Hymnal 1982, 438

▲ THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:27–34

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say: “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt— a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or

say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:97–104 *Quomodo dilexi!*

Oh, how I love your law! *

all the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.

I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

Reader A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

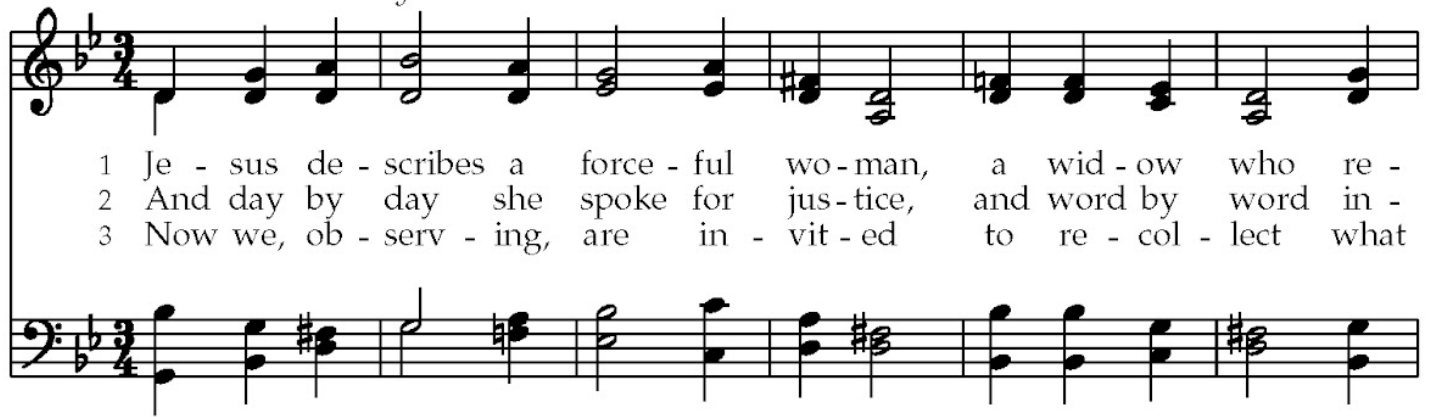
▲ HYMN

When all thy mercies, O my God

Voices Found #25

(See facing page)

Unison or harmony



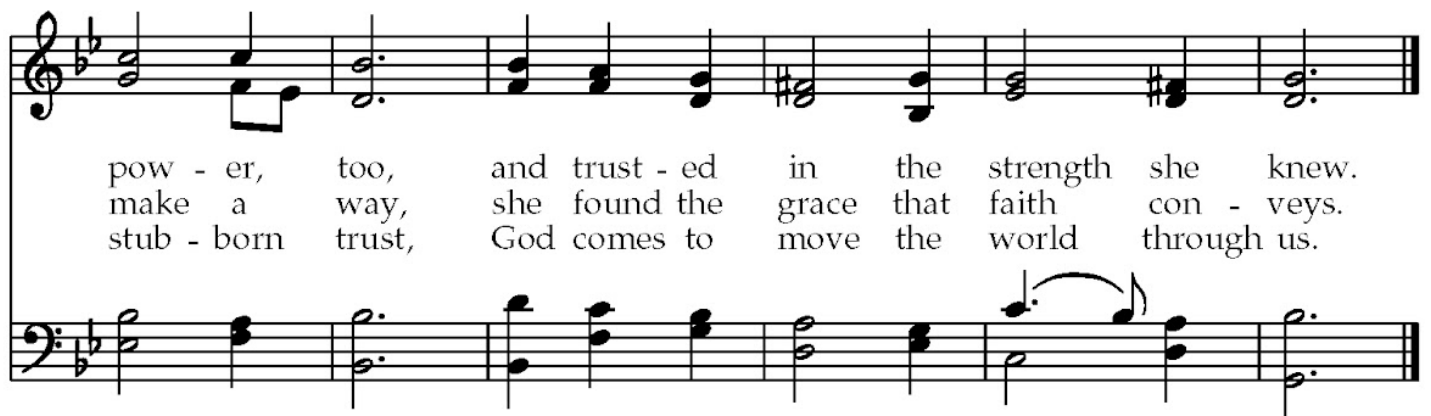
1 Je - sus de - scribes a force - ful wo - man, a wid - ow who re -
2 And day by day she spoke for jus - tice, and word by word in -
3 Now we, ob - serv - ing, are in - vit - ed to re - col - lect what



fused to bend be - fore a judge, a man of pow - er,
jus - tice waned un - til im - pas - sive will re - lent - ed,
faith can gain when faith - ful peo - ple are un - daunt - ed



whose judg - ments worked to no good end: she knew that she had
and her im - pas - sioned faith re - mained: be - liev - ing God would
and hope, in con - flict, is sus - tained: as we, like she, wield



pow - er, too, and trust - ed in the strength she knew.
make a way, she found the grace that faith con - veys.
stub - born trust, God comes to move the world through us.

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1–8

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

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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 Renewed in and reawakened by God’s unimaginable grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Leader We pray for the church. Engrave our relationship with you upon our hearts. Seal it with compassion and forgiveness. Turn us away from “an eye for an eye” justice to ways grounded in true reconciliation and fairness. God of grace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for St. Peter’s Church. Bring the good news of Jesus Christ to life through our relationships with our neighbors, advocating for and serving those who come to us in need. God of grace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for creation. God who made heaven and earth, draw us into deep appreciation for the surrounding beauty of the Delaware Bay estuary. Bring us ever closer to a right,

respectful relationship with the cosmos. Thankful for weathering last week's storms, we pray for those who experienced destruction and loss. God of grace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of every nation, state, city, and town, you rule over all the earth. Move leaders beyond narrow partisanship. We also pray for those administering justice to model the highest standards of restorative resolution. 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.*) We give thanks for the homecoming of Israeli and Palestinian hostages. May paths towards lasting peace move closer to reality. For your love and goodness, O God,

People **We give you thanks.**

Leader We pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. God who heals and strengthens, our help and best hope comes from you. Support, comfort and heal those who suffer in mind, body and spirit; especially _____, and those we now name silently or aloud. (*Pause*) God of grace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God, we offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed ✠ and the myriad ways they have shown us the way of Jesus; especially [_____, and] those we now name silently or aloud. (*Pause*) 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

Teach me, O Lord

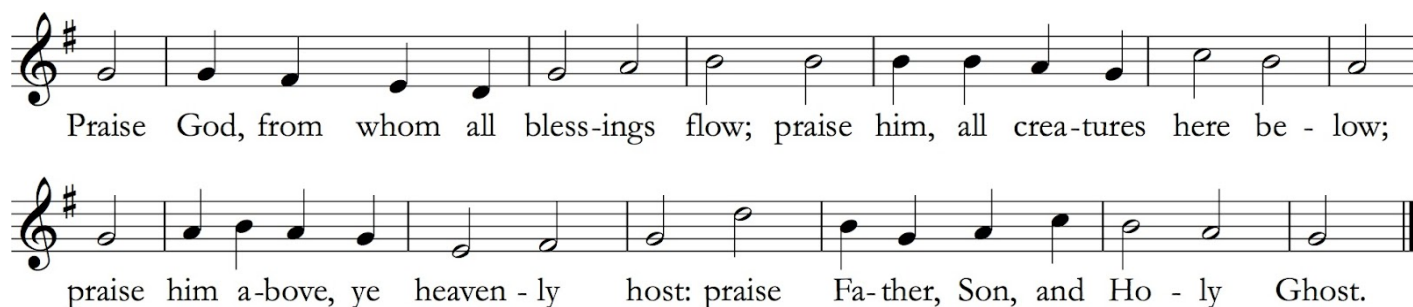
Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

—Psalm 119:33

▲ 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

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





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

And now, O Father, mindful of the love
Book of books, our people's strength

The Hymnal 1982, # 337
The Hymnal 1982, #631

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 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

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

The Hymnal 1982, # 535

▲ 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

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682–1738)
arr. Hal. H. Hopson (1933-2025)

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

Prayer List:*(names usually stay on for about a month):* Mary Ellen Adams, Brian Atchison, Frank & Vicki Ball, Bill Beihl, Sharon Bemby, Patty Bennett, Joanne Bernardo, 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, Marcia Cook, Guy Corriero, Rebekah Crager & Richard Sweeney, Emily Cronin, Mike Davitt, Carol Decatur, Angelique Devlin, Pat Ditmars, Justin Dodd, Marianna Dyal, Jody Ebert, Jim Elsner, 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 Rupert, Kyra Sampson, 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:**

The flowers on the altar this week are given by Chris Mark in memory of Cathy Mark.

This month's Mystic Monday service is October 20 at 7 pm. The theme, taken from Isaiah, is waiting for God. A vocal quartet, instrumentalists and singers in the midst of the congregation will lead familiar chants from Taize as we share meditative worship time. If you would like to participate as a lector, please contact Rebecca Brenner.

CALENDAR

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

Sunday, October 19

8 am Holy Eucharist
 9³⁰ am Godly Play
 10¹⁵ am Holy Eucharist
 3 pm St. Cecilia Music Guild presents
 Holly Lane & Shore Jazz
 4 pm Michael Krausz Art Sale (PH)
 5 pm St. Peter's Readers

Monday, October 20

11 am Yoga
 1 pm Yoga
 7 pm AA
 7 pm Mystic Monday - Taizé

Tuesday, October 21

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
 6 pm Scouts

Wednesday, October 22

9³⁰ am Clergy Group

Wednesday (continued)

10³⁰ am Centering Prayer
 1pm Newcomer's Class (Hybrid)
 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 23

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

Friday, October 24

10 am Parish Life planning committee

Saturday, October 25

9 am Pilottown Cemetery Clean up
 5 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, October 25

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

Today's Servants

Acolyte	Lector	Chalice Bearers	Ushers
Preston Dunne	Roo Brown	Judy Eger & Jo Milani	Rob & Carol Blye

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: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

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).

Mission and Outreach - One-Hit Wonders When you see all the good projects that the Mission and Outreach Team are involved in, on behalf of this congregation, you might wonder “How do they do all that?” You might wonder, “How do they line up so many volunteers?” You might wonder, “How do they get the congregation excited to share their resources, gifts and talents?” Now is your chance to find out! You, too, can be involved with any of those ministries, and you don’t even have to commit to being a member of the team. We on the committee are looking for “One Hit Wonders”, people who would be interested in helping with one of the on-going projects. You are probably asking “I wonder how I get involved?” The answer is: contact our committee chairperson, Michelle Norelli at mpnorelli@yahoo.com and she can get you matched up to whatever your interest and passion desires. This is the time of year when Halloween decorations appear in the stores, and radios will soon be playing “Monster Mash”, a song recorded by Bobby “Boris” Pickett in 1962 and was number one for two weeks that year. If Bobby Pickett can be a “one hit wonder”, so can you! Make a difference in the lives of others through Mission and Outreach.

The Annual Autumn Coat Drive!

Cold weather is approaching.

Our response is to bring in coats we don’t use so others can stay warm.

Again, we will work as a congregation to provide coats.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this outreach mission!

Scarves, gloves, mittens and hats are welcome too!

This is a co-operative ministry with Heart and Soul, to support the Community Resource Center, the Family Outreach Church and Primeros Pasos. Look for boxes in the Parish Hall marked accordingly.

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. 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 begun discussion of our next book, *See No Stranger* -a memoir and manifesto of revolutionary Love, by Valerie Kaur. For October 17 and November 7 & 21, we will discuss Chapters 4, 5 & 6. Each chapter is titled with an emotion or action on how to not see others as strangers, but as “You are a part of me whom I do not yet know.” We read a chapter at a time, so it takes us a few 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 We are pleased to announce that we believe we may have found a new venue for the monthly Men’s Breakfast. Come join us on Saturday, November 8th; at the Midway Cafe. located in the Midway shopping center (just a few doors down from the Movies at Midway). Separate checks will be available. 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. PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN LET THE RESTAURANT KNOW HOW MANY THERE WILL BE!**

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
- Continue to join us for worship and other ministry programs!

The St. Cecilia Music Guild will host a special performance of authentic jazz by Holly Lane and Shore Jazz at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19, at St. Peter’s Church, Second and Market streets, Lewes. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Seating for the concert is first come, first served. There are no tickets required, and admission is free.

Following the concert, an art sale will be held in St. Peter’s Parish Hall featuring works by the late artist Michael Krausz, who left behind a remarkable collection of original pieces in his Lewes studio. Krausz was much more than an artist; he was a musician, storyteller, philosopher and historian, as well as a devoted supporter of St. Cecilia Music Guild. The proceeds from the one-day art sale will benefit the guild’s scholarship fund, continuing Krausz’ legacy of supporting the arts and the community he loved. For more information on Michael Krausz and his work, go to krauszar.com.

Holly Lane and Shore Jazz refers to an ensemble of musicians comprising Holly Lane on vocals, Joe Holt on piano, John Ewart on sax and Mike McShane on drums. They are no strangers to the jazz scene both in Lewes and beyond.

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. Ballots were mailed by October 11th, and we need them returned to the office by Monday, October 27th. If you didn’t get one and think you should have, please contact the office.

Vestry Candidates

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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