

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lewes, Delaware

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025, 10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II

OPENING VOLUNTARY

My Lord, What a Morning

arr. Richard Billingham (1934–2024)

▲ HYMN IN PROCESSION

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

The Hymnal 1982, # 632

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.

O God our loving Creator, in Christ you give us hope for a new heaven and a new earth; grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of our times, courage to stand in the time of trial, and faith to witness to your truth and love, as we are empowered by your Holy Spirit through whom all things are possible. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17–25

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed

together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent— its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 9 The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce Deus*

chant: Charles Frederick South (1850–1916)

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the LORD is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the LORD, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Reader A reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

▲ HYMN

Teach me, my God and King

The Hymnal 1982, # 592

▲ GOSPEL

Luke 21:5–19

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone

will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Kaeton

▲ 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 Gathered with one voice, we offer prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.
Leader We pray for the church. God of roots and branches, grant your people wise discernment to interpret the signs of our times, courage to keep the faith and brave witness, and waiting in spirited hope for the new heaven and earth. Hear us, O God,
People **Your mercy is great.**
Leader We pray for St. Peter’s Church. Energize us for compassionate service through vital worship, impactful preaching, inspired prayers, and inclusive gatherings at your welcoming table. Build our faith community to be a place where all are valued. Hear us, O God,
People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader We pray for creation. God of roaring seas, in a world of hurricanes, earthquakes, drought, famine, and plague, inspire us by your mighty power to nurture the earth. Bring recovery to places reeling from natural disasters and strengthen organizations providing aid. Hear us, O God,

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader We pray for the nations of the world and their leaders. God of good overcoming evil, guide governments, courts, law enforcement, and military away from stoking conflict and violence towards policies and actions that care for the common good. Hear us, O God,

People **Your mercy is great.**

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 and anyone in time of need. God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in people being marginalized, abandoned by friends, hurt by family, or harmed by violence, bring recovery. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain; especially _____, and those we now name silently or aloud. *(Pause)* Use us as means of grace. Hear us, O God,

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader God of every generation, we remember the steadfast love and faithfulness of saints past and present ✠; especially [_____, and] those we now name silently or aloud. *(Pause)* Confident in Christ’s resurrection, inspire us by their examples. Hear us, O God,

People **Your mercy is great.**

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

Edgar L. Bainton (1880–1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.”

—Revelation 21:1–4

▲ PRESENTATION HYMN

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

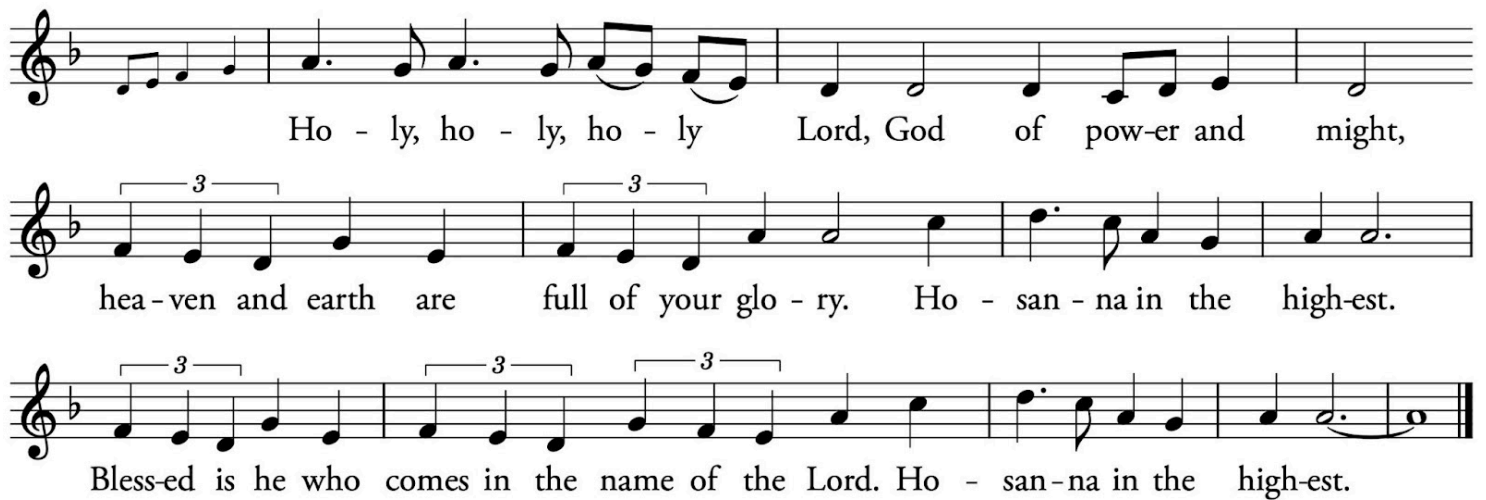
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

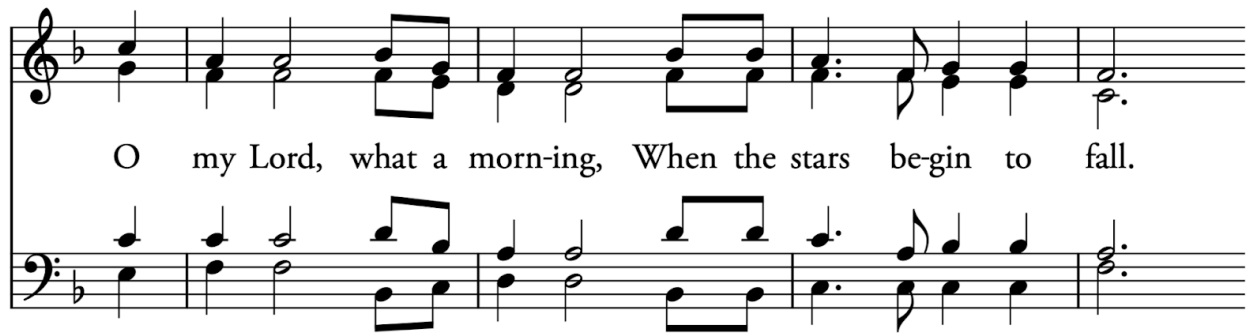
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. (Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.)

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 HYMNS

O God of every nation

The Hymnal 1982, # 607



1. You'll hear the trum-pet sound,
2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, To wake the na-tions un-der-ground,
3. You'll hear the Christian shout,



Look-ing to my God's right hand, When the stars be-gin to fall.

Words: Traditional
Music: Negro Spiritual

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I 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.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

▲ 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

Wonder, Love, and Praise, #721



1 Signs of end - ings all a - round us— dark-ness, death, and win - ter days—
 2 Can it be that from our end-ings, new be - gin-nings you cre - ate?
 3 Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres-ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb-ing mouths that long to praise.
 Life from death, and from our rend-ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad-ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod-ings still.



Come, O ³ Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos-som now through-out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad-ness. Show us ³ what there yet can be.
 Fad-ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav-ing birth.

Words: Dean W. Nelson (b. 1944) © Dean W. Nelson
 Music: *Ton-y-Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869–1944)

▲ 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.

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 today are given by the Graham Girls in memory of their parents, Victor and Jane Graham.

Prayer List: *(names usually stay on for about a month):* Mary Ellen Adams, Brian Atchison, Frank & Vicki Ball, Bill Beihl, Sharon Bembry, 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, Dotty Eisenhower, 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, The Rev. Bob Kriesat, 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, Lisa Peterson, 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, 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, Gabriel, 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, Steve T., Susan, Tammy, Tara, Tess, Thomas, Tosha, Valerie, Vicki, Wesley, William K. **Deaths:** John Eisenhower

PLEASE NOTE: *Beginning December 31, 2025, (and thereafter every three months, March 31, June 30, and September 30) the entire prayer list will be reset and names will need to be resubmitted. Questions or concerns, please speak to Fr. Jeff.*

Paperwhites St. Peter's Weeders are selling paperwhite narcissus bulbs for the holidays. We are taking orders now: individual bulbs are \$1 each and can be ordered and picked up anytime. Gift bags (\$5 each) will be available in about 10 days but orders can be placed now. Orders can be placed with Tracy Mulveny by either calling, texting (302-379-0072) or emailing tmulveny@comcast.net. Last year we sold out in 10 days so it is important to place orders ASAP. Once they're gone, they're gone!

CALENDAR

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

Sunday, November 16

8 am Holy Eucharist
 9³⁰ am Godly Play
 10¹⁵ am Holy Eucharist
 5 pm St. Peter's Readers

Monday, November 17

11 am Yoga
 12³⁰ pm Daughters of the King
 1 pm Yoga
 7 pm AA
 7 pm Mission & Outreach
 7 pm Mystic Monday - Iona Liturgy

Tuesday, November 18

Noon AA
 1 pm S.T.a.R. Class
 4 pm Beginner Bells
 5 pm Handbell Rehearsal
 6 pm Scouts

Wednesday, November 19

9³⁰ am Clergy Group
 10³⁰ am Centering Prayer
 11 am Staff Meeting
 3 pm Eucharist at The Moorings

Wednesday (continued)

4 pm Eucharist at The Lodge
 5 pm S.T.a.R. Class
 5 pm Stephen Ministry
 7 pm AA
 7 pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, November 20

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

Friday, November 21

Diocesan Convention (Friday - Saturday)

10³⁰ am Women's Spirituality

Saturday, November 22

9 am Tai Chi
 5 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, November 23

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

Today's Servants

Acolyte	Lector	Chalice Bearers	Ushers
Preston Dunne	Jackson Cohen	Jody Barbarulo & Rob Blye	Brenda Mitchell & Blake Turnbull

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:** Flett & Thoretz

Please join us for the next Ladies Night Out on December 10th at 5 pm. Get ready for an evening of fun, laughter, and great company! Join us at Brenda Mitchell's house located at 11 California Ave in Lewes. (In the Lewes Beach area, near the Children's Beach House) Please consider bringing a dessert,

appetizer, or your preferred wine. This is a perfect opportunity to unwind, catch up, and enjoy each other's company over drinks and delicious food. We can't wait to see you there!

The Annual Autumn Coat Drive! Thank you for your generosity in donating men's and women's winter coats! We are still in need of children's winter coats, as well as hats, mittens and gloves. The collection box remains in the Parish Hall and your kindness is VERY much appreciated by the children at Primeros Pasos! The coat drive will run through November, so keep those rivers of generosity flowing!

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, December 13th; 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!**

Primeros Pasos presents the "First Steps, Big Dreams" 5K fundraiser! Saturday, November 15 at 9:00 am at Sandhill Fields, 20330 Sand Hill Road, Georgetown. Come run or walk with us for a good cause and enjoy fun and fellowship for the whole family. For more information or to register, go to raceroster.com and search for First Steps, Big Dreams 5K

Volunteers Needed For the last few years, some St. Peter's parishioners have generously volunteered to feed the homeless with volunteers from St. Edmond Church in Rehoboth. We will be providing food for adults at the Community Center every Wednesday from 12/31-3/25. We will also provide food for 50 adults and 30 children every Sunday from December through March to Lighthouse for Broken Wings (at the Red Mill Inn). If you are interested in joining a team of volunteers to feed the homeless again this winter, please contact Nancy and Tony Marks at nmarks51355@gmail.com and let them know:

1. Whether they'd like to help on Wednesday mornings (10:30) or Sunday afternoons (4pm). If they are available to help on either day, please let us know.
2. Any dates you are NOT AVAILABLE from December 2025 through March 2026.
3. A phone number to reach them.

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

- **November 16 - *5 pm:** "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald

(*Note the change from our recently advertised time of 4 pm. We have moved the book discussion to 5 pm so that those who wish can attend the Delaware Symphony concert at the high school before the Readers meeting.)

For What Are YOU Grateful? November is United Thank Offering (UTO) time at St. Peter's. The United Thank Offering is a program sponsored by the Episcopal Church as a whole. It benefits grant recipients' projects for the good of those in need throughout the United States and the world. You will find little UTO boxes and envelopes at the ends of the church pews. Each day during the month of November participants are asked to take special notice of their blessings, offer thanks to God for them, and mark their thanks with a monetary offering. Some choose to place pocket change coins or paper money in their UTO box daily. Others find it more convenient to place a check for their month's blessings in a UTO envelope. (Checks should be made out to St. Peter's and clearly marked UTO on the memo line). We will collect the UTO boxes and envelopes on the weekend of November 29 and 30. You may also drop off UTO Boxes, envelopes, or checks at the church office until Friday, December 5. UTO is a wonderful spiritual fortifier as well as a way to pass blessings on to others!

Advent Quiet Day Advent begins November 30 and there are two Advent Quiet Day offerings planned early in the season. They will be somewhat different, so if you need an extra boost of QUIET and intentionality to prepare for whatever the holidays bring, you are invited to attend either or both. Thursday December 4, 1 to 4 pm, we will meet in the St Peter's sacristy / Absalom Jones Chapel. The theme will be "Actively Waiting," and our time will include personal quiet time to reflect on some questions (anywhere you'd like to be on St Peter's square) and group sharing. Please note that December 4 is "hospitality night" in Lewes, when 2nd Street between Savannah Rd and Market St is closed, so parking to the north or west of the hub would be recommended. Once you are focused and centered, you may want to grab a bite to eat and savor the merchants' offerings. Saturday, December 6, 9 to 11:30 am, we will meet at the Moorings in the Quiet Room. The theme for this gathering is "Abiding," and the format will be similar to what the Spiritual Companionship Group does: gather, introductions and brief sharing, introduction of the theme, and alone time for meditation, prayer, journaling... finishing with some group sharing and holy communion. You'll have time to get to the Christmas Bazaar at church afterwards. Please let Rebecca Brenner know if you plan to attend, and which session(s).

Christmas Bazaar Cookie drop off If you have volunteered to bake cookies or other goodies to sell at the Christmas Bazaar, please drop them off at the Parish Hall on Thursday, December 4th between noon and 4 pm.

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!

For more than 300 years, this church has been a hospitable, engaged, and spiritually vibrant part of the local community. Whether you are new to the area, in transition, or a lifelong resident, we invite you to join in worship, explore the historic grounds, and participate in our diverse programs. St. Peter’s is known as a church that lives out its faith through service, civic engagement, and commitment to justice, reconciliation, and peace. We serve God through serving others with compassion and hope. We invite you to learn more about the spiritual life and ministry programs of St. Peter’s by participating in worship, Christian formation programs, outreach ministries, or any of our many events and activities. Your participation and ideas will be joyfully welcomed. In doing so, you will deepen your spiritual life, make new friends, and uplift the community. Please take a moment to share a little about yourselves by filling out our visitor form. We look forward to connecting with you!

Are you new here? Tell us about yourself!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ email _____

What is your preferred method of contact? _____

(phone) (email) (other - please specify)

Do you want to receive our weekly email? ____ Are you interested in becoming a member? ____

How did you find us? _____

What do you want us to know about you?

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