

WELCOME!

Families are valued here! Thank you for trusting us with your time and spiritual care. Kids activity sheets and crayons are available on tables as you enter worship.

Two family-friendly rooms are located to the left and right of the main level sanctuary. One room is exclusively for nursing moms while the other is available for families who might need a quieter environment or simply more space to move during worship.

Kids Care is available during the 10:45 AM worship service in the Kids Ministry hallway. Little ones (Birth–Pre-K) will be welcomed into an engaging and fun experience. They will learn how much God loves them, what a special creation they are, and how Jesus wants to be their best friend forever!

HOLY COMMUNION

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper as instituted by Jesus the night before He died. In keeping with 1 Corinthians 11:26-29, we ask everyone seeking communion to examine themselves by asking:

Am I sorry for my sins and desire forgiveness?

Do I believe that Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness?

Do I believe that I receive the true body and blood of Christ with the bread and wine?

Do I desire, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sinful ways?

All who trust in these words of Christ, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," who share our confession of faith, and can answer "Yes!" to the questions above, are invited to join us in this celebration!

If you choose not to commune with us, we invite you and any children who have not yet received communion instruction to come forward to receive a blessing. To communicate that you want a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms when you come forward. For those who prefer, we offer grape juice and gluten-free wafers. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays, and you can ask for a gluten-free wafer when you come forward.

Our worship assistants and ushers are available to bring communion to those unable to come to the rail. To indicate that you need this service, please speak to one of our team members with the blue-colored lanyards before communion, and they will make sure to bring it to you.

Please speak with a Pastor before the service if you have questions regarding communion.

Prelude

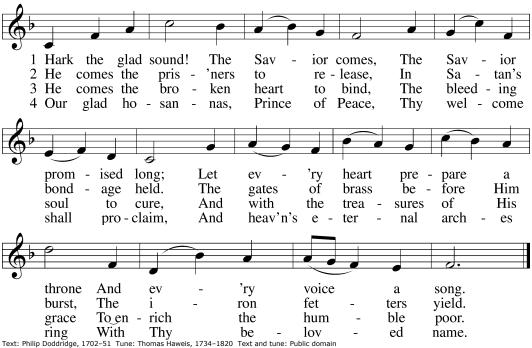
Announcements

Welcome

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Passing of the Peace

Hark the Glad Sound



Invocation

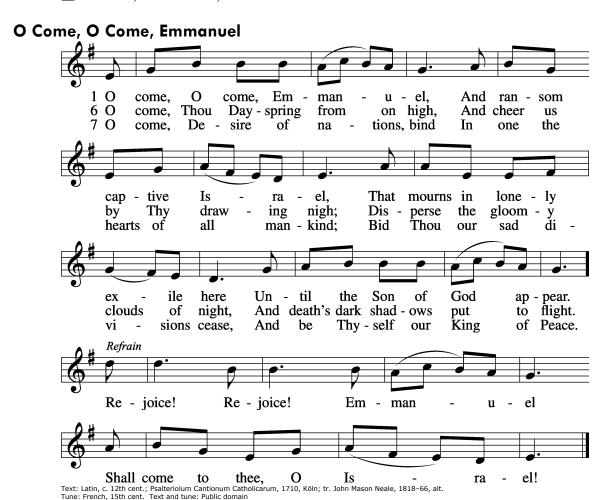
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- **P** Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
- **C** and shall call His name Immanuel.

- P She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus,
- **C** for He will save His people from their sins.
- **P** By the Holy Spirit we cry out with the whole Church,
- **C** "Prepare the way of the Lord."
- P All who wait for Jesus to return pray,
- Come, Lord Jesus, come.



Please be seated

Offering & Connect





Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:14-21

So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;

¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." ¹⁷ To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,'

"Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

²⁰ Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. ²¹ The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

I This is the Word of the Lord.

he will crush your head,

and you will strike his heel."

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 5:12–19

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned— ¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. ¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! ¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Matthew 22:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



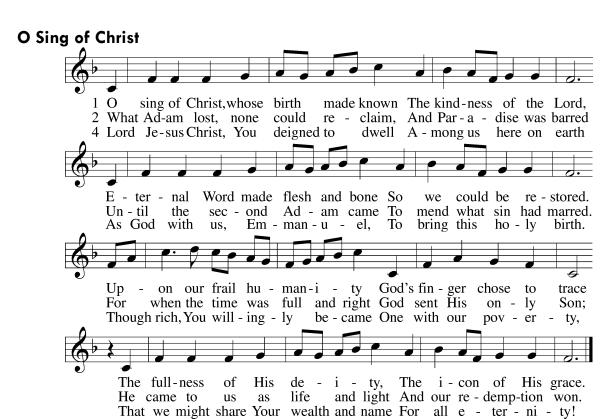
Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴ "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. ¹³ "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated



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Sermon

Please stand

Confession and Absolution

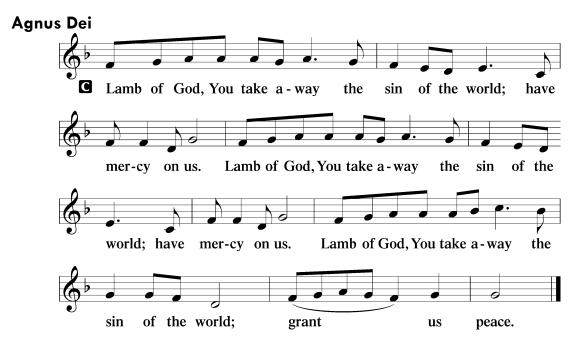
- God our Creator said to Adam and to us all to remember that "you are dust, and to dust you shall return." But now He calls all to repentance of sin and faith in His Son, who is the remembrance of God's mercy and who came to destroy sin and death and restore us to life. As we prepare to receive the newborn Redeemer of the world, let us repent and receive His forgiveness.
- O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, remember not our sins of thought, word, and deed. Because we often forget Your mercy toward us, we ask for Your forgiveness. Remember Your gracious will that whoever calls on Your name will be saved. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us always to remember Your mercy and Your steadfast love that we may live as Your own children, now and forever. Amen.

- The Lord, our God, is gracious and merciful, and clothes us in His forgiveness. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



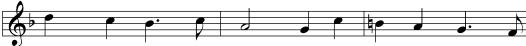
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Communion

In the Shattered Bliss of Eden

1 In the shat - tered bliss of E - den Dawned the 2 Days and months and years un - fold - ing Clear - ly

3 What fic these sac ri es prom - ised From a 4 Lamb of God. once slain for sin - ners. Host, who



of ri - fice. As dav pri - mal sac our par had wrought: Fall - en showed what sin Ad - am's chil - dren God who sought to bless, Came at last— a sec ond di - vine, spreads this meal Here You pledge our sins are



learn - ing fall -Les sons en par ents taught. Priest of Righ Ad - am and King teous - ness: ceived cov - ered, Pledge re in bread and wine:

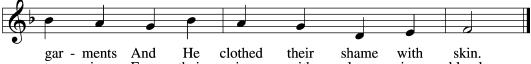


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God can cov - er sin, as a crim - son flood:
Man, both Christ and Lord, on the cross for you.

He As took their leaf -Pa - tri - archs and priests Who in na - ked shame would Take and this drink; of cup

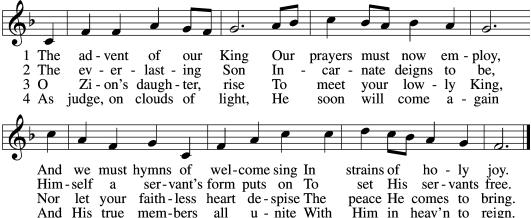


ton - ing For their sins with cleans - ing blood. of - fer On the cross His blood out poured. bless - ing Is My blood poured out for you."

- Taste and see the bliss of heaven
 Known by saints around the throne,
 Where the Lamb, in closest union,
 Lives to love and feed His own.
 From His riven side forever
 Flows the purest stream of love,
 Love that robes us with the raiment
 Worn by all who feast above.
- Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,
 Gone the age of sacrifice;
 Ours the time of grace and favor,
 Ours the call to paradise!
 Ever, Lord, impress upon us:
 Only You can cover sin—
 Take our worthless, self-made garments;
 Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

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The Advent of Our King



- 5 Before the dawning day let sin's dark deeds be gone, The sinful self be put away, the new self now put on.
- △ 6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free, With Father, Spirit, ever one through all eternity.

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Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious Father, You have nourished us at this Table with the True Light that shines in the darkness. As we go forth into the world, kindle in us the flame of hope, that we may reflect Christ's coming peace and bear His love to all who wait for redemption. Prepare our hearts for His appearing, and keep us steadfast until the dawn of His Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Prayers

We pray to the Lord of Harvest to provide workers for His kingdom and for unity within the Christian church.

We pray for those pursuing full-time church work, especially Casey Bartholomew, Abigail Clore, Adam Everroad, Chad Kelly, and Jon Spagnuolo.

We pray for the families of John Finke and Dick Titus who were called to be with Jesus. We pray for those sick and hospitalized.

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 forever and ever. Amen.

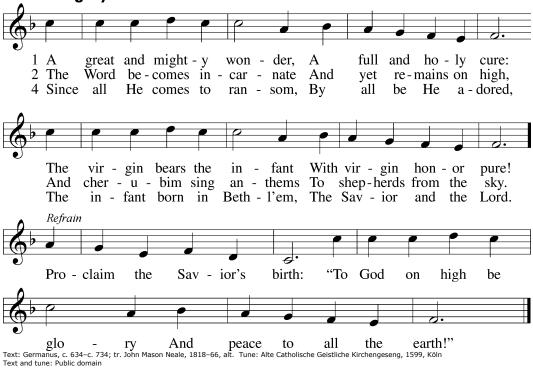
Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and H give you peace.
- C Amen.

A Great and Mighty Wonder



Postlude

St. Peter's is a place where you can breathe and belong. So we'd love for you to join us for coffee and donuts in the cafeteria! Afterward, stick around for Sunday Morning Bible Groups, Quest, and Youth Bible Study – there's a place for everyone!

SERMON NOTES

Main Idea: In Eden, humanity's sin brought shame, guilt, and separation. Yet God Himself made garments of skin to cover Adam and Eve. This first act of sacrifice points ahead to Jesus, who by His blood and death clothes us with forgiveness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS MINISTRY

December Quest Groups (Birth-6th Grade)

Quest Groups (Birth–6th Grade) meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:30 AM in the Kids Ministry hallway! This month our kids are learning all about why Jesus is so important in God's BIG story. Questions? Contact Desiree Shaw dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org

NO Quest - Sun, Nov 30 - Happy Thanksgiving

Moms Night Out

Moms of ALL ages are invited to Moms Night Out for our annual cookie exchange. It will be held at the festive home of our moms on Dec. 11 @ 6:30PM. Appetizers & drinks will be served and you are encouraged to bring 3 dozen cookies to share. Store bought treats are welcome! Come hangout and enjoy good company, yummy food, and relax kid free. Please try to RSVP by December 9th to help with planning.





Kids Ministry Play & Grow Fall Dates

Grownups with kids birth through kindergarten are invited to be a part of these fun play dates at St. Peter's. Older homeschooled siblings are also welcome! This is a great time to get to know other families through play and Jesus centered activities! If you would like notifications, contact Katey at kmeadows@stpeters-columbus.org.

Regular Dates: December 5 & 19 @ 9:15am - Meet in Kids Ministry rooms

Kids Ministry Christmas Event "The Wonder of the Greatest Gift"

Mark your calendar for the Kids Ministry Christmas event Saturday, December 6th! Families will celebrate the beginning of advent, complete a hands-on service project to bless our local community, and enjoy appetizers before walking downtown together to the Festival of Lights Parade. This interactive family celebration is geared towards all ages. Register online and join us for an evening of fun, worship, and discovery as we uncover the true gift of Christmas together.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Explore Family Lunch Sun, Dec 7, 12:00pm at St. Peter's in The Den. Join us for our monthly check-in. Please bring your Guided By Truth journal, a pen or pencil, and any questions you might have.

NO Trek and Venture Sun, Nov 30 - Happy Thanksgiving



Wednesdays of Advent: "He Shall Be Called"

December 3, 10, and 17 @ 7 pm only

The Advent season reminds us that light shines brightest when it breaks through the dark. From ancient promises to our present struggles, and even into the unknown of the future, Christ is the Light who never fades. In this Advent series, we'll journey through the story of God's faithfulness—past, present, and future. We'll remember how He kept His promises to Israel, how His presence meets us today in our laments and longings, and how His return gives us hope for tomorrow. No matter what shadows surround you, the Light of Christ shines with power, peace, and promise.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

St. Peter's has put together an Advent devotional to go alongside our preaching series this Advent season, Clothing of the King. They will be available for pick up starting November 22 and 23 in the Church Lobby. Text ADVENT to 812-775-2300 to sign up to get the devotions sent to your phone.





Weekends of Advent: "Clothing of the King"

November 30, December 7, 14, and 21

In Scripture, clothing is never just fabric—it's a sign of identity, status, shame, and salvation. From Eden's first garments to Joseph's robe, from Nineveh's sackcloth to Jesus' swaddling cloths, the wardrobe of the Bible points to Christ. He is the King who took on the rags of our sin, who was stripped for our sake, and who now clothes us in the rich robe of His righteousness. This Advent and Christmas, we discover that God is the first tailor, and in Jesus, He has stitched together a garment of grace that covers our shame and declares us His own.

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4pm – Contemporary Christmas

Featuring Christmas songs, a message that brings you back to the meaning of the season—great for young families.

6pm & 8pm – Traditional Christmas

Featuring Christmas hymns with choir, brass, & more.

10pm - Acoustic Christmas

A more intimate celebration of Christ's birth featuring guitar and voice – with communion.

Christmas treats will be served at the 4, 6, and 8pm services! All services will include singing Silent Night by candlelight.

ANGELS OF LOVE

As you live your life in praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings God has provided consider how God may be calling you to be His hands and feet blessing others in our community through the Angels of Love Christmas Mission.

Angels of Love Mission Update:

- Praising God from whom all blessings flow all Angels of Love tags have been adopted. Thank you St. Peter's members for your overflowing, generous support of this outreach ministry to our community.
- Gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 7. Be sure to attach the top portion of the tag to your gift (ensures gift goes to correct recipient). Gifts can be returned to the narthex coatroom any time church is open or the Main Entrance (Door A) Monday-Friday, 8-3pm.
- Donate homemade cookies. We are in need of 142 dozen more cookies to distribute to participating families.
- Volunteer:
 - o Friday, December 12: Set-Up Team (3:30-7:00pm)
 - o Saturday, December 13: Prep Team (9:00-11:00am)
 - o Sunday, December 14: Event Stations Welcome, Registration, Goodie Bags,
 - o Sweet Treats, Devotion Distribution, Gift Distribution, Blessings, Door Prizes,
 - o Photography, or Traffic Control
- Monetary Donation: Checks may be made out to St. Peter's with Angels of Love in the memo section or cash placed in an envelope marked Angels of Love.



AOL Volunteer

Register to volunteer or make cookies online or by contacting Karen Pinnow (karen.pinnow@att.net or 812-371-4757). Angels of Love is a great opportunity for families, small groups, connect groups, or discipleship groups to live life on mission as we seek to neighbor well and develop compelling community.



Join us for the last concert of 2025 with the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and Indy Winds Flute Choir on Sunday, December 7th, at 3:30pm.

The Philharmonic Youth Orchestra Ensemble is a small group of students from the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra program. This native program offers advanced students an experience in performance and an introduction to professional work habits. Fourth through twelfth grade students from Bartholomew and the surrounding counties participate in this group. Vanessa Edwards serves as the Director of the PYO.

The Indy Winds Flute Choir is based in Indianapolis and comprised of local flutists of all ages. They seek to provide a fun and enjoyable environment to make music together and spread their love of the flute to the community. With approximately 30 members, they play piccolo, C Flute, Alto Flute, Bass Flute and Contrabass Flute and explore all kinds of musical genres. This concert is free and takes place in the St. Peter's Sanctuary.

St. Peter's is proud to present this concert through the support of all of our patrons and sponsors, especially our Platinum Sponsors: Rusty and Holly Downey at Carpenter Realtors, and Jean and Annette Donica at Remax.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

This LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Special Event will be held on Friday, December 5 beginning at 7pm in the Old Gym. Advent by Candlelight is a special opportunity for all women of St. Peter's to gather in worship as we prepare for the coming of Jesus, both as we celebrate His birth and as we prepare our hearts for His return.

The evening will be filled with song, laughter, and words of inspiration. Our special guest speaker will be Judy Peterson, daughter of Donna Reeves. She will be sharing with us on what it means and looks like to ABIDE in Jesus. LWML is seeking hostesses to host a table of family and friends. Cost for the event are: \$10 per adult; \$5.00 for students through high school. Those interested in hosting a table or registering to attend the event may contact Karen Pinnow at 812-371-4757 or karen.pinnow@att.net.

PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM

Indoor recreational pickleball season has begun. Open play will be held in the Old Gym: Tuesdays & Thursdays between 3:30-7:00pm. Contact Julie Dietrich at jdietrich@stpeterscolumbus.org for more details.

ANGELS OF HOPE: A NIGHT OF REMBERANCE

Angels of Hope service will be on Monday, December 1 at 6pm. This is a quiet, hope-filled service for anyone who carries the memory of a child who has died through pregnancy loss, stillbirth, or infant loss. In this time of worship, we remember these little ones with love, lean on God's promises, and rest in the comfort of Christ who holds them.

Whether your loss is recent or from years ago, you're welcome to come for Scripture, prayer, and the steady hope of our Lord. If you wish for your child's name to be read out loud during the time of remembrance please email Kylee Jones at kylee jones@att.net or text 812-350-5944.

GIVINGTUESDAY

St. Peter's is a place to be loved, with space to belong, and room to grow. We invite you to save the date and join us for this year's GivingTuesday, on December 2nd. This year, we are prioritizing 3 projects that will help enhance the security of our campus so that every student, family, and guest can experience a compelling community, develop a resilient faith, and grow into the potential God has given them.

Our goal: \$50,000 for Campus Safety Enhancements:

- Metal safety doors between the Guatemala Conference Room and Church Lobby
- 3M bullet-resistant film on Lobby and Sanctuary windows
- Active Response System (ARS) blue buttons in Life Works Counseling Center

The St. Peter's Foundation has generously put forth a \$25,000 match toward this initiative, which means your gift to support GivingTuesday is doubled. Your generous support will help ensure that students are safe as they learn God's Word in Chapel and wait to be picked up in carline, families feel secure during worship, and clients at our Life Works Ministry Counseling Center experience a safe and welcoming space for healing.



Every gift supports our Mission, to transform lives and grow God's Kingdom, and accomplish our Vision to connect the next generation to Christ and lead them to lifelong discipleship.

Help keep St. Peter's a place to be loved, space to belong, and room to grow. Scan the QR code to give now and select 'Giving Tuesday' from the drop down menu under 'Fund'.

The flowers, in memory of Minnie Schultz, are presented to the glory of God by St. Peter's Foundation.

SERVING

Preacher: Pastor Adam Rodriguez Worship Leaders: Pastor John Cordrey

Organist: Lindsey Fugill

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary: 6pm Saturdays and 10:45am Sundays Traditional: 8am Sundays and 7pm Wednesdays

TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

Call 812-372-1571 x2121 or complete the Prayer Request Form at: stpeterscolumbus.org

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