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St. Peter's Church

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*THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 2, 2018*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light this first candle of Advent to proclaim the coming of the  
Light of Christ into the darkness of our lives.

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*Priest and People:*

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Priest:* Our King and Savior now draws near.

*People:* Come let us adore Him.

**ADVENT HYMN #56 (stanza 1)**

O come, O come Emmanuel  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 2, 2018**

**8:30 A.M. ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND HOMILY**

**10:30 A.M. ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON**

**~ Sunday School and Child Care ~**

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+ PRELUDE	NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	66 COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS	STUTTGART
<b>CHILDREN'S HOMILY ~ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH</b>		
<b>~ Children are invited to come forward to the "crossing" for the Children's Homily ~</b>		
OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ KYRIE ELEISON	HAROLD DARKE IN E	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		SEE INSERT
THE FIRST LESSON		ZECHARIAH 14:4-9
THE PSALM		PSALM 50:1-6
THE EPISTLE		1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13
+ HYMN	73 THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS	ST. STEPHEN
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		LUKE 21:25-31
<b>SERMON ~ THE REV. PAUL J. HARTT, RECTOR</b>		
+ THE NICENE CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 327
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 328
THE GENERAL CONFSSION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 330
ABSOLUTION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	AND THE GLORY	G. F. HANDEL
<b>~ Children Return from Sunday School ~</b>		
+ SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS	DARKE	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
AGNUS DEI	DARKE	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
COMMUNION HYMN	54 SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME!	NUN KOMM
COMMUNION MOTET	HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS	JOHN STAINER
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339
THE BLESSING		
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	436 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES	TRURO
POSTLUDE	CONCERTO OP. 4, NO. 2 (ALLEGRO)	G. F. HANDEL

**(+ All Standing)**

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***THE ADVENT WREATH*** is given to the **Glory of God**  
and in memory of Donald Cramer Martin given by Diana Martin

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*THE USHERS* at the 8:30AM Service are Clark Daggett and Fred Lincoln

*THE USHERS* at the 10:30AM Service are Sharon DeBonis, Julie Hotmer Drao and Catherine Schunk

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~ **Parish Notes** ~

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us for coffee hour after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Services. All are welcome.

**Newcomers:** If you are interested in receiving more information about St. Peter's Church please feel free to call the church office or fill out an information card that is located in your pew. If you would like to be added to the church directory please call the church office.

**Healing Prayers:** Today is the first Sunday of the month and prayers for healing will be offered *during* Holy Communion in the Tower Altar at the rear of the church. If you desire prayers and/or anointing, please join us in the Tower Altar after you have received Holy Communion.

**Advent:** Advent begins today. Advent calendars will be distributed and Advent wreaths and candles will be available to the congregation.

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal:** Today all children that want to participate in our Annual Christmas Pageant should report to the Sunday School rooms to get your parts, try on costumes and do a little rehearsing. The pageant will be performed during the 10:30AM service next Sunday, December 9th. Please have the children arrive in costume at 10AM on the 9th.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH:** Today at 3PM the St. Peter's Choir will present a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, accompanied by a chamber orchestra. There is no charge for admission and all are welcome to this performance.

**Giving Tree:** St. Peter's Parish is partnering with St. David's Parish, East Greenbush, to provide Christmas gifts to recently relocated Burmese families. A Christmas Giving Tree is located in the Pumpelly Room and is decorated with paper ornaments indicating the recipient's age, gender, size and gift idea. Items of need are winter jackets, sweaters, boots, toys and gift cards. Please take one or more of the ornaments. The ornament should be attached to the wrapped gift and returned under the tree no later than Sunday, December 16th. Instructions are printed on the ornament as well.

**Service of Remembrance:** This Thursday, December 6th at 7PM an ecumenical prayer service will be held to gather and remember our departed loved ones. Each remembrance will be signified by the lighting of a candle and an ornament placed on our Remembrance Tree. A reception follows the service in the Pumpelly Room. We thank Judy Burns for coordinating this annual prayer event.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** The annual Hanging of the Greens in which we decorate the church for Christmas with pine and balsam will take place immediately following the 10:30AM service on Sunday, December 16th. The traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM. We ask you to please dress comfortably and bring a dish to share. We are looking for cooks, servers, set-up and clean-up help. We hope that you will join us for this long-time festive tradition.

**Blessing Bags:** To assist and offer comfort for the women who stay in our Overflow Shelter, all are invited to join the Daughters of the King in assembling Blessing Bags next Sunday, December 9th. These are small (quart size) bags of good will and hospitality that are given to people who may need some cheer and comfort. Please consider bringing an offering of women's care products such as toothpaste, toothbrush, a comb, scented lotion, hair rubber bands, mints, candies, wipes, granola bars, travel deodorant, lip balms, band aids, cotton swabs, small cracker packets, Slim Jim snacks, feminine pads/wipes, small tissue packets, small note pads and pens can also be useful. Products that contain alcohol such as mouth wash and hand sanitizer should not be included (hand sanitizer wipes are ok).

**Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form:** The deadline to submit your requests is Sunday, December 16th ~ See Insert

**Please remember in your prayers:** Peter Adams, Abdu Aghzafi, Tom Arnold, Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Georgia Sue Carlin, Inga Carpenter, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nancy Dennis, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Liam, Missy, James Dykeman III, Doreen Johnson, Mark Lundberg, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Moriah, Bill Purdy, Barbara Richardson, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Denise Thomson, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

**Birthdays:** 12/3 ~ Richard Sweeney; 12/5 ~ Zachary Benson; 12/7 ~ Denis Leon; 12/8 ~ Fr. Paul Hartt

### OFFICE HOURS

MON. - FRI. 9:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Sunday, December 2nd

8:30AM Holy Communion, Homily and Healing Prayers  
 10:30AM Holy Communion, Sermon and Healing Prayers, Sunday School, Child Care  
 11:45AM Confirmation Class  
 3:00PM Handel's *Messiah*

#### Monday, December 3rd

5:00PM - 6:15PM Treble Make-up Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, December 5th

8:45AM Top of the Hill  
 12:05PM Holy Communion  
 6:00PM Alpha Course

#### Thursday, December 6th

5:00PM - 6:30PM Treble Choir Rehearsal  
 5:30PM - 7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00PM Service of Remembrance

#### Friday, December 7th

12:30PM Organ Concert

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

- **Advent Calendars:** Will be given out today Sunday, December 2nd
- **Advent Wreaths & Candles:** Available today Sunday, December 2nd
- **Handel's Messiah:** Today Sunday, December 2nd at 3PM
- **Service of Remembrance:** This Thursday, December 6th at 7PM
- **Christmas Pageant:** Next Sunday, December 9th during the 10:30AM service
- **Outreach Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, December 11th at 4:30PM
- **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, December 11th at 5:15PM
- **Angels in Training:** Saturday, December 15th ~ 11AM to 1PM
- **Lessons and Carols:** Sunday, December 16th during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Sunday, December 16th following the 10:30AM service with ham luncheon served at 1PM.
- **Christmas Eve Service with Crèche:** Monday, December 24th ~ 4:30PM  
 All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM.
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Monday, December 24th ~ 10PM  
 Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM.
- **Christmas Day Holy Communion Service:** Tuesday, December 25th ~ 9AM