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THE LEAFLET

1712 St. Peter's Church 2017

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 10, 2017

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these two candles of Advent to proclaim the fire of God's judgment that the world may prepare for the coming of the Lord.

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 4)

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 10, 2017
 8:30 A.M. ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND HOMILY
 10:30 A.M. ~ MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON
 ~ Pageant and Child Care ~

+ PRELUDE LORD CHRIST, GOD’S ONLY SON HEINRICH SCHEIDEMAN

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59 HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING MERTON

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

~ Children go to Sunday School when pageant is completed ~

MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE ONE

+ INVITATORY ANTIPHON OUR KING AND SAVIOR DRAWETH NIGH;
 O COME, LET US ADORE HIM.

+ VENITE CHANT S-4 PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 44

+ PSALM PSALM 85:7-13

THE FIRST LESSON 2 PETER 3:8-15a, 18

+ BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE PLAINSONG WITH FAUXBOURDONS HEALY WILLAN

THE SECOND LESSON MARK 1:1-8

+ BENEDICTUS CHANT S-193 PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 50

+ THE APOSTLES’ CREED PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 53

THE PRAYERS AND GRACE PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 54

+ SERMON HYMN 76 ON JORDAN’S BANK WINCHESTER NEW

SERMON ~ THE REV. SUSAN WALDRON, ASSOCIATE RECTOR

OFFERTORY ANTHEM THE LORD HATH BEEN MINDFUL OF US S. S. WESLEY

+ DOXOLOGY AND VERSE 4 OF “AMERICA” HYMN 380 VERSE 3 ~ AND ~ HYMN 717 VERSE 4

CLOSING PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN 598 LORD CHRIST, WHEN FIRST THOU CAM’ST TO EARTH MIT FREUDEN ZART

POSTLUDE ALLEGRO (SONATA IV) JOSEPH RHEINBERGER

(+ All Standing)

THE GREENS ON THE MAIN ALTAR are given to the **Glory of God**
and in thanksgiving for God's Blessings

THE USHERS at the 8:30AM Service are Bernie Burnell and John Davis

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are William Collins, Kevin Creagan, Jack Ratzel and Jeff Russom

~ **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.

Pledge Cards: Pledge cards for 2018 have been mailed out to all parishioners. If you did not receive a pledge card please call the church office. Those wishing to pledge that did not do so during the Stewardship Campaign, are welcome to complete a pledge card and return it to the church office or place in the offering plate during the service. Pledges may also be made by phone. Thank you to those that have promptly completed and returned their pledge card.

Christmas Pageant: The Sunday School will present the annual Christmas Pageant today during the 10:30AM service. After the pageant, Laura will take the children upstairs to the Sunday School rooms to make goody bags for the people of the Soup Kitchen. All are welcome to join.

Christmas Project: St. Peter's Parish is partnering with St. David's Parish, East Greenbush, to provide Christmas gifts to two recently relocated Burmese families for a total of 18 individuals. A Christmas tree is located in the Pumpelly Room. It 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 for Wal-Mart. Please take one or more of the ornaments and sign your name on the sheet next to the gift number. The ornament should be attached to the wrapped gift and returned under the tree no later than next Sunday, December 17th. Instructions are printed on the ornament as well.

Blessing Bags: All are invited to join the DOK today following the 10:30AM service to help assemble Blessing Bags. These bags are given to assist and offer comfort to the women who stay in our overflow shelter.

ANGELS IN TRAINING: This month the Angels in Training will feed the homeless at Grace and Holy Innocents this Saturday, December 16th from 11AM to 1PM. Please consider helping for these 2 hours and give back to those less fortunate.

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 next Sunday, December 17th. 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. Please contact Jeff Russom at (518)879-2388 if you are available to help. We hope that you will join us for this long-time festive tradition.

Christmas Day Service: On Monday, December 25th there will be one Service of Holy Communion held at 9AM.

Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form: The deadline to submit your requests is next Sunday, **December 17th** ~ See Insert

1/2 PRICE HOLIDAY SHOPPING: St. Peter's Church memorabilia is available for holiday purchases at 1/2 price. Choose from 2 beautiful Christmas Tree ornaments, a Coffee Mug, Refrigerator Magnets, or a selection of prints of our First Church. Excellent stocking stuffers or hostess gifts. See Diana Martin to make your purchases.

URGENT HELP NEEDED!: We are in desperate need of volunteers to cook a meal for the Lutheran Church Men's Overflow Shelter for any Thursday evening from now until April 2018. The board to sign-up is located in the Pumpelly Room along with aluminum pans and instructions. For more information, please see Deborah Spath.

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 28th, 2018 the Annual Parish Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30AM service. We invite you to grab a cup of coffee and join us in the church.

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

Birthdays: 12/11 ~ Michael Barnes; 12/12 ~ Lynne Jonquieres, Carol Pitsas;
12/13 ~ Caitlin Cehowski; 12/14 Caleb Westin; 12/15 ~ Kareem Chatman

Anniversaries: 12/15 ~ Tim & Sara Mastro

OFFICE HOURS

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Daniel Herzog, Bishop

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 10th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Homily
10:30AM Morning Prayer and Sermon with Christmas Pageant, Child Care
11:45AM DOK assembling Blessing Bags
12:00PM Confirmation Class

Monday, December 11th

5:00PM - 6:15PM Treble Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 12th

1:00PM Friends of St. Peter's
4:30PM Outreach Committee Meeting
5:15PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, December 13th

8:45AM Top of the Hill
12:05PM Holy Communion

Thursday, December 14th

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

Friday, December 15th

12:30PM Organ Concert

Saturday, December 16th

11:00AM - 1:00PM Angels in Training at Grace and Holy Innocents

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ADVENT/DECEMBER

- **Christmas Pageant:** Today, December 10th during the 10:30AM service
- **Outreach Committee Meeting:** This Tuesday, December 12th at 4:30PM
- **Vestry Meeting:** This Tuesday, December 12th at 5:15PM
- **Lessons and Carols:** Next Sunday, December 17th during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Next Sunday, December 17th following the 10:30AM service with ham luncheon served at 1PM.
- **Advent IV:** Sunday, December 24th ~ 8:30AM Holy Communion Service
- **Christmas Eve Service with Crèche:** Sunday, December 24th ~ 4:30PM
All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM.
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Sunday, December 24th ~ 10PM
Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM.
- **Christmas Day Holy Communion Service:** Monday, December 25th ~ 9AM