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THE LEAFLET

1712 *St. Peter's Church* 2018

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16, 2018 ~ 8:30AM

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these three candles of Advent to proclaim
the great humility of God our Savior.

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 6)
O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

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

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8:30 A.M. • HOLY COMMUNION and HOMILY

+ PRELUDE	WACHET AUF RUFT UNS DIE STIMME	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	7 CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES	RATISBON
+ OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ KYRIE ELEISON		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		SEE INSERT
THE FIRST LESSON		ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20
THE PSALM		PSALM 85:7-13
THE EPISTLE		PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		LUKE 3:7-18

SERMON ~ THE REV. PAUL J. HARTT, RECTOR

+ THE NICENE CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 327
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 328
THE GENERAL CONFESSION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 330
ABSOLUTION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY HYMN	56 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL	VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL
SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sins. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

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

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN

68 REJOICE! REJOICE, BELIEVERS

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POSTLUDE

IN DULCI JUBILO

J. S. BACH

(+ALL STANDING)

THE USHERS at the 8:30AM Service are Robin LaPlante and John Sterret

~ Parish Notes ~

Coffee Hour: Please join us for coffee hour today after the 8:30AM service. 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 2019 have been mailed out to all parishioners. If you did not receive a pledge card please call the church office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please take a minute to complete your card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate during the service. You may also call the church office and we would be more than happy to complete a card for you. Thank you to those that have promptly completed and returned their pledge card.

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

Christmas Project: Today is the deadline to return the gifts for the Burmese families. If you took an ornament from the Christmas tree please give your wrapped gift, with the paper ornament attached, to Pat Shortall or Janice Chenot or leave it under the tree in the Pumpelly Room. Thank you for giving these families a very 'Merry Christmas'.

Hanging of the Greens: The decorating of the church will take place today immediately following the 10:30AM service and the traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM. We hope that you will stay for this long-time festive tradition.

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

Christmas Eve Choral / Family Service: Monday, December 24th at 4:30PM. All the children of St. Peter's are invited to join in the procession of the Crèche. Each child will carry a piece of the manger to be put together before the service. Please meet in the Pumpelly Room for your piece. Questions? Give Laura Rulison a call at (518)368-4284.

Christmas Eve Choral Service: Monday, December 24th at 10PM. Prior to this service the choir will sing a choral prelude at 9:30PM.

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

Church Office Closed: In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th, Wednesday, December 26th and on Tuesday, January 1st, 2019, respectively.

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 27th, 2019 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, 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, Carol Tripp, Hillary Tucker, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

Birthdays: 12/19 ~ John DeBonis; 12/21 ~ Nancy Guest

Anniversaries: 12/19 ~ Raymond & Dorothy Roohan; 12/22 ~ Terrence & Barbara Kelly

OFFICE HOURS

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

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 Daniel Herzog, Bishop

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 16th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Homily
 10:30AM A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday School, Child Care
 No Confirmation Class
 Hanging of the Greens immediately following the 10:30AM service
 1:00PM Ham Luncheon

Monday, December 17th

5:30PM - 6:15PM Treble Make-up Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 19th

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

Thursday, December 20th

5:30PM - 7:00PM Full Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 21st

12:30PM Organ Concert

Overflow Shelter: The Women's Overflow Shelter is now open at St. Peter's and they are scheduling volunteers (women volunteers only) to stay for a few hours during the evening or overnight. Volunteers support the Mission staff and act as an extra pair of hands serving the women. The hours of service are from 7PM until "lights out" (no later than 11PM) on the 2nd floor of the Guild House (next to the church) or overnight until 6:30AM the next morning. To sign up to volunteer please contact Mary Malone, Director of the Women's Emergency Winter Shelter at (518)527-5025 or email at mmmalone2017@gmail.com. You may also visit the Capital City Rescue Mission website at: <https://www.capitalcityrescuemission.org/>

- **Lessons and Carols:** Today during the 10:30AM service
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