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1712 St. Peter's Church 2017

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*THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 17, 2017 ~ 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	KOMMST DU NUN, JESU, VOM HIMMEL	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		ISAIAH 65:17-25
THE PSALM		PSALM 126
THE EPISTLE		1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-28
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

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

66 COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

STUTTGART

POSTLUDE

FUGUE ON THE MAGNIFICAT

J. S. BACH

(+ALL STANDING)

THE USHERS at the 8:30AM Service are Clark Daggett or Fred Lincoln, and John Sterrett

~ 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.

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

Christmas Project: Today is the deadline to return the gifts for the 2 relocated 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 need volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean-up for the luncheon and workers to help in the church with decorating. We hope that you will stay for this long-time festive tradition.

DOK: December and Discernment: For members of the DOK, discernment is the starting point for joining an international organization of women who are committed to prayer, service and evangelism. If you have an interest in joining the St. Peter's Chapter of the DOK, Discernment Classes are beginning today, December 17th. These are an opportunity to reflect on your faith, to learn about the DOK and its mission, and to decide if the DOK is right for you. We will meet immediately after the 10:30AM in the vestry room.

ADVENT IV SUNDAY: Next Sunday morning, December 24th, please note that there will only be one morning service to celebrate Advent IV. This service will be a regular Sunday morning 8:30AM Holy Communion service. The 10:30AM service will not be held. Christmas Eve services will be held later that day at 4:30PM and 10PM.

Christmas Eve Choral / Family Service: Next Sunday, 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. Meet us in the Pumpelly Room for your piece. Questions? Give Laura Rulison a call at (518)368-4284.

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

Christmas Day Service: On Monday, 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 Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th and on Monday, January 1st, 2018, respectively.

Youth Sunday: Please note that Youth Sunday and Children's Chapel will **NOT** take place this month due to Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both falling on Sundays.

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, Moriah, Ann Collins, Morris Daly, Nancy Dennis, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman III, Liam, Luke, Mike Higgins, Doreen Johnson, Mark Lundberg, 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: 12/19 ~ John DeBonis; 12/21 ~ Nancy Guest

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 17th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Homily
10:30AM A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday School and Child Care
Hanging of the Greens immediately following the 10:30AM service
12:00PM Confirmation Class
12:00PM DOK Discernment Class
1:00PM Traditional Ham Luncheon

Monday, December 18th

5:00PM - 6:15PM Treble Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 19th

1:00PM Friends of St. Peter's

Wednesday, December 20th

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

Thursday, December 21st

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

Friday, December 22nd

12:30PM Organ Concert

EVENTS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

- **Lessons and Carols:** Today during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Today immediately following the 10:30AM service. The traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM and we ask you to please bring a dish to share.
- **Advent IV:** Next 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
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