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1712 St. Peter's Church 2017

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2017 ~ 10:30AM

A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these three candles of Advent to proclaim the love of God,
for as these candles burn and shed light so we are to
live in the one true light and love of Christ.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest and People:

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. 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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10:30 A.M. ~ LESSONS AND CAROLS

~ Sunday School and Child Care ~

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PRELUDE: **KOMMST DU NUN, JESU, VOM HIMMEL** *J. S. BACH*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE MATIN RESPONSORY *PALESTRINA*

+ **HYMN: SEE INSERT** **ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY** *IRBY*
(The congregation joins the singing at verse 3)

+ **BIDDING PRAYER**

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

CAROL: **CAROL OF THE ADVENT** *ARR. N. KEEN*

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 40:1-8

CAROL: **JESUS CHRIST THE APPLE TREE** *ELIZABETH POSTON*

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 SAMUEL 7:4, 8-16

CAROL: **THE HOLLY AND THE IVY** *ARR. WALFORD DAVIES*

THE THIRD LESSON: JEREMIAH 23:5-6

CAROL: **THIS IS THE TRUTH SENT FROM ABOVE** *ARR. R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS*

THE FOURTH LESSON: ZECHARIAH 9:9-10

CAROL: **LAETANTUR COELI** *HANS-LEO HASSLER*

+ **HYMN:** **56 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL** *VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL*
(Stanzas 1-6)

THE FIFTH LESSON: HAGGAI 2:6-9

CAROL: **HERE IS THE LITTLE DOOR** *HERBERT HOWELLS*

THE SIXTH LESSON: ISAIAH 35:1-6

CAROL: **THERE IS NO ROSE** *JOHN JOUBERT*

THE SEVENTH LESSON: ROMANS 16:25-27

CAROL: **ADAM LAY YBOUNDEN** *BORIS ORD*

THE EIGHTH LESSON: LUKE 1:26-38

CAROL: **A VE MARIA** *GUSTAV HOLST*

THE NINTH LESSON: MARK 1:1-15

OFFERTORY CAROL: **TOMORROW SHALL BE MY DANCING DAY** *JOHN GARDNER*

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

VESPER RESPONSORY: Responses sung by all
V. Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed.
R. *Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.*
V. Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
R. *Tomorrow go ye forth and the Lord, he will be with you.*
V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
R. *Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.*
V. We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.
R. *In the midst of thy temple.*

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.*

+ **HYMN:** **100 JOY TO THE WORLD!** *ANTIOCH*
POSTLUDE: **FUGUE ON THE MAGNIFICAT** *J. S. BACH*

(+ All Standing)

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are Sherry Bishko, Moses Kamyra and Frank Spath

~ **Parish Notes** ~

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour after the 10:30AM service will not be held today due to the Hanging of the Greens and the traditional ham luncheon.

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 begin today, December 17th. This is 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.

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

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 and 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

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.

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:** Next Sunday, December 24th ~ 4:30PM All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM.
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Next 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
- **Annual Parish Meeting:** Sunday, January 28th following the 10:30AM service