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THE LEAFLET

1712 St. Peter's Church 2016

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THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY
DECEMBER 24, 2016 ~ 4:30 PM



*Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

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4:30 PM ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE	ES IST EIN ROSE	BRAHMS
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	83 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL STANZAS 1, 2, 3 ~ BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE ~ STANZAS 4, 5, 6	ADESTE FIDELES
+ OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ COLLECT FOR PURITY		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ SUMMARY OF THE LAW		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
+ HYMN	96 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH	GLORIA
COLLECT OF THE DAY		SEE INSERT
FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 9:2-4, 6-7
PSALM		PSALM 96:1-4, 11-12
THE EPISTLE		TITUS 2:11-14
+ HYMN	87 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING	MENDELSSOHN
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		LUKE 2:1-20
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		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER	HAROLD DARKE
+ SANCTUS / BENEDICTUS	MISSA SECUNDA	HANS-LEO HASSLER
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
AGNUS DEI	MISSA SECUNDA	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
COMMUNION HYMN	324 LET ALL MORTAL FLESH	PICARDY
COMMUNION MOTETS	GABRIEL'S MESSAGE SING LULLABY	BASQUE CAROL ARR. EDGAR PETTMAN
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339
CANDLE LIGHTING CAROL	AWAY IN A MANGER	ARR. D. WILLCOCKS
HYMN (SUNG KNEELING)	111 SILENT NIGHT	HOLY NIGHT

THE DECORATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH are given to the **Glory of God**
and in **Loving Memory of the Faithful Departed and in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings**
(See the Memorial Leaflet)

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

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

+ **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

109 THE FIRST NOWELL

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POSTLUDE

FUGUE IN A MINOR, BWV 543

J. S. BACH

(+ **ALL STANDING**)

THE USHERS at the 4:30PM Service are Kevin Creagan, Chris Grill, Julie Hotmer Drao and Jeff Russom

~ **Parish Notes** ~

Christmas Day Services: Tomorrow, Sunday, December 25th ~ Holy Communion at 8:30AM and 10:30AM.

Church Office Closed: In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed on Monday, December 26th and on Monday, January 2nd, 2017, respectively.

Blessing Bags: To assist and offer comfort for the women who stay in our overflow shelter the Daughters of the King will be assembling Blessing Bags on Sunday, January 8th, 2017. 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 tooth paste, tooth brush, 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, menstrual 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).

Daughters of the King Meeting: The DOK Julia Chapter welcomes all women of the parish to our meeting on Sunday, January 8th following the 10:30AM service. We will meet in the 2nd floor front classroom. At the meeting, we will be talking about our prayer list and planning the next discernment class for new members. We will also be assembling Blessing Bags for women of our Overflow Homeless Shelter.

DOK Discernment Class: We have several women who are joining the next discernment class to learn more about Daughters of the King. All women of the parish are welcome to join us beginning Sunday, January 15th, 2017. The classes will be held in the 2nd floor front classroom following the 10:30AM service for approximately one hour on most Sundays of January and February (a full schedule and material will be provided the first class).

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 22nd, 2017 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, Jordan Chenot, Ann Collins, Morris Daly, Nancy Dennis, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman III, Mike Higgins, Doreen Johnson, Ashley Labib, Mark Lundberg, Liam, Luke, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Vicky Pautler, Moriah, Barbara Richardson, Bob Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Denine White, Connie Whitehurst, Christina Wright.

Anniversaries: 12/24 ~ Thomas & Amy Maggs

OFFICE HOURS

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

4:30PM Christmas Eve Service with Crèche

9:30PM Choral Prelude

10:00PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion

Sunday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day

8:30AM Holy Communion and Homily

10:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon

Women's Shelter - Volunteers Needed

The Women's Shelter at St. Peter's Church,
in support of the Capital City Rescue Mission (CCRM),
operates from December 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

This ecumenical effort is seeking **women volunteers only** for evening hours, 8PM until approximately 11PM. Volunteers provide the ministry of hospitality engaging guests in conversation, playing board games, working puzzles, and assisting with healthy snacks from the kitchen. Come alone or team up with a friend or family member, acting as an extra pair of hands for the CCRM staff and providing a welcoming "home" environment to the guests.

Additionally, we are accepting donations for the shelter's use including monetary donations, coffee, sugar, fruit juice, microwaveable popcorn, danish/muffins, bread, peanut butter, fresh fruit, milk and creamer.

To sign up to volunteer, please call Judy Burns at 441-7538
or email stpeterschurch.albany@gmail.com

Please join us in showing Jesus' love to our guests.



Merry Christmas