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THE LEAFLET

1712 St. Peter's Church 2017

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*THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24, 2017 ~ 8:30AM*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these four 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 7)

O come, Desire of nations,
bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.

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	MAGNIFICAT	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	436 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS	TRURO
+ OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ KYRIE ELEISON		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		SEE INSERT
THE FIRST LESSON		2 SAMUEL 7:4, 8-16
THE PSALM		PSALM 132:8-15
THE EPISTLE		ROMANS 16:25-27
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		LUKE 1:26-38
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	265 THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME	GABRIEL'S MESSAGE
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
THE BLESSING		
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	100 JOY TO THE WORLD	ANTIOCH
POSTLUDE	IN DULCI JUBILO	J. S. BACH

(+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 Robert Hull and Teddy Hull

~ **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 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 Eve Choral / Family Service: Today, 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: Tonight, Sunday, December 24th at 10PM. Prior to this service the choir will sing a choral prelude at 9:30PM.

Christmas Day Service: Tomorrow, Monday, December 25th ~ Holy Communion 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.

DOK 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. The first class was held on December 17th, and following a brief hiatus for the holidays, will resume on January 7th. We meet immediately after the 10:30AM service in the vestry room. Classes will conclude in February and will be followed by a service of admission with the St. Peter's congregation on February 11, 2018.

Women's Shelter: The Women's Shelter (formally the Overflow Shelter) is now open at St. Peter's and we are scheduling **women volunteers only** to stay for a few hours during the evening or overnight this winter. Volunteers support the Mission staff and act as an extra pair of hands serving the women. The hours of service are from 7PM until 11PM or overnight from 7PM until 7AM the next morning in the Parish Hall located next to the church. To sign up to volunteer please contact Judy Burns at (518)441-7538 or email the church at stpeterschurch.albany@gmail.com.

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, 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: 12/28 ~ Farrell Leon; 12/30 ~ Liam Connors, Gordon Lattey, Emily Lupe

OFFICE HOURS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

8:30AM Advent IV Holy Communion and Homily
4:30PM Christmas Eve Service with Crèche
9:30PM Choral Prelude
10:00PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion

Monday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day

9:00AM Holy Communion
Off ice Closed

Tuesday, December 26th

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27th

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

Thursday, December 28th

No Choir Rehearsals

Friday, December 29th

12:30PM Organ Concert

EVENTS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

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