



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

South Windsor, Connecticut

## ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Our answering machine is operative 24 hours

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### THE MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Our mission is to meet people where they are on their faith journey  
and help them move closer to Christ.

## *The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21, 2025*

*Welcome to St. Peter's; we're glad you're here! Please take advantage of the few minutes before the music begins to prepare for the service by collecting your thoughts in prayer.*

### Holy Eucharist Rite II

(8:00 service omits music)

Call to Worship— *Soon and very soon*

See Insert

### Ministry Of The Word

\*Processional – *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Hymnal 56

Lighting of the Advent Candle

\*Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

\*Kyrle – S-96

p. 356

\*Collect of the day (*contemporary said in unison*)

See Insert

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah: 7:10-16

See Insert

Psalms – 80:1-7, 16-18

See Insert/BCP p. 702

Paul's Letter to the Romans 1:1-7

See Insert

\*Gradual Hymn – *The angel Gabriel from heaven came* (vs. 1-2) Hymnal-265

\*The Gospel of Matthew: 1:18-25

See Insert

\*Gradual Hymn – *The angel Gabriel from heaven came* (vs. 3-4) Hymnal-265

Sermon

The Reverend Jessie Akerson

\*The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

\*Prayers of the People Form II

p. 385

The Confession and Absolution

p. 360

\*The Peace

p. 360

### The Holy Communion

The Offertory – *Infant, holy, infant lowly*

SB-33

\*Doxology

Hymnal 380 v. 3

\*Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

\*Sanctus – S-125

p. 367

The Lord's Prayer

p. 364

The Distribution of Communion

Hymn after Communion – *Shine, Jesus shine*

SB-42

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Announcements

Blessing

\*Recessional – *How bright appears the morning star*

Hymnal 497

Dismissal

***For your convenience:***

***Guests & Visitors Welcome!***  
*We invite you to make yourself known to our clergy and parishioners.*

*Communion is open to all baptized Christians. To receive communion please stand at the altar rail; to receive a blessing rather than communion please cross your arms over your chest.*

*For everyone's safety, please do not kneel at the altar rail to receive communion.*

***Gluten free wafers are available; please make your need known to the Priest.***

***Today's Altar*** flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my time serving at St. Peter's by Jessie Akerson. Also, in memory of Normand Bell by the Bells.

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**\*If you have not returned your pledge commitment, please do so as soon as possible.** Thank you for your support!

**Thank you all who have helped to bring cheer to families in need by donating through our Christmas Giving Tree!** Thank you for kindness and generosity!

**All items for the Holy Family Baby Shower are due today!** Thank you all for your support!

**Today, at 5 PM, St. John’s Episcopal Church in Vernon** will be holding their annual **A Blue Christmas Service: Hope in the Darkness**, for those who struggle during this otherwise festive time. Anyone may attend.

**Looking ahead:** Christmas Eve worship will take place at 5 PM. **Christmas Agape has been cancelled.**

Our next **Blood Drive** will be on **Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 AM until 2 PM** at the church. Please make an appointment on the Red Cross website: [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org). There is an **urgent need** for blood!

On **Saturday, January 3rd, Peace by Piece Quilters** will meet in the **Large Classroom** from 9 to 2 PM. All are welcome to join!

If you oversee a Commission or Ministry of the parish, **please send your Parish Annual Meeting report to Karen by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank You!!!**

The Little Pantry in the front of the Church is used often and, therefore, frequently empty. Please help by putting items directly in the pantry. Thank you. This week’s suggestions: rice, flavored noodle packets, and soup.

**Thanksgiving:** for our deacon, Jessie Akerson.

**This week we pray for** the Tech Team, and for parish members the Bradway and Brin families, and Michael Davis & Kari Redinger. Also, we join deacon, Jessie Akerson in thanksgiving for her time serving at St. Peter’s, as well as the Bells in remembering Normand Bell, in whose honor and memory the flowers on the altar are given today.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** the Weaver and Paul families, Gail, Marci, Graham Parker, Mary Johnson, Doug Rust, Louise Weaver, Herlinde Muir, Roberta Feldman, Nico, Mary, Jim and Lori Wentworth, Brett Bennett, Andrea Newberry, Jimmy Forno; those being treated for cancer, especially Barbara Wolf, Susan Pile, Fred Cassidy, Susan Partyka, Susan Smith, Jill Seekamp, Amber, and Pamela Usher; and those committed to our ongoing prayers; Rich Plank, Lucy Horwitz, Lois Piela, Tom Urgo, Jason Ward, the Tomé family, Mark Gilje, Eileen Christensen, Johnny Wolf, Jane Perrin, Ray Sapula, Ken, Tim Wolf, Rodger, Lynn and Helen Reagan, Matt Dillon, Michelle, John Moran, Mark Moran, Kirk, Travis, Hal, Kerrie, Anya Houlroyd and Robbi Lyn Skipper, Barbara, and Fred Wood. For our Armed Forces serving at home and abroad and their families, especially Richard Nuñez, Jr., Melissa Kell, and Kenneth Fraley, Jr.

**Readings for next Sunday, December 28th:** Genesis 3:8-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; Luke 1:26-35, 38; Luke 2:1, 3-16; John 1:1-14.

<b>Serving:</b>	<b>Today 8am</b>	<b>Today 10am</b>	<b>Next Week 9am</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	T. Morelli	M. Bell	M. Bell
<b>Lectors:</b>	B. Hartley	T. Fornuto	A. Bierkan, D. Ober, N. T-Z, A. Fraley, J. Akerson
<b>Intercessors:</b>	B. Hartley	D. Ober	D. Hubeny
<b>E. Minister:</b>	D. Indomenico	A. Hubeny	L. Pile
<b>Tech Team:</b>		D. Nanci	D. Hubeny
<b>Counters:</b>		Eaton/Fornuto	Bell/Pile
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>		Parish Life	Bell/Bierkan

*Christmas Service*  
*Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*  
*5 PM Holy Eucharist*  
*Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>*  
*9 AM Lessons & Carols*