



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

South Windsor, Connecticut

## ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### THE VESTRY

Senior Warden – Mark Bell 860-432-7475      Junior Warden – Dick Hubeny 860-989-0976  
Treasurer – Barbara Hoff      Clerk – Lisa Pile  
Tara Fornuto      Nancy Torchio-Zembko  
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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 First Sunday after Christmas, December 28, 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.*

### Festival of Lessons and Carols

*Processional – <i>Once in Royal David's City</i> (vs. 1,2,4,6)	Hymnal 102
Bidding Prayer ( <i>please kneel, if able</i> )	
Collect for the First Sunday After Christmas ( <i>said in unison</i> )	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 213
1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson – Genesis 3:8-19 The Fall of Man <i>O come, O come Emanuel</i> (vs. 1, 5-6)	Pew Bible p. 3 Hymnal 56
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson – Isaiah 40:1-11 Comfort for God's People <i>Sing of Mary, pure and lowly</i> ( <i>sung to, Glorious things of thee are spoken</i> – Hymnal 522)	Bible p. 714 Hymnal 277
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lesson – Luke 1:26-35,38 The Birth of Jesus Foretold	Bible p. 1012
<i>Let all mortal flesh keep silence</i> (vs. 1-4)	Hymnal 324
4 <sup>th</sup> Lesson – Luke 2:1,3-16 The Birth of Jesus <i>Of the Father's love begotten</i>	Bible p. 1014 Hymnal 82
5 <sup>th</sup> Lesson – John 1:1-14 The Word Became Flesh <i>Good Christan friends rejoice</i> (vs. 1-3)	Bible p. 1184 Hymnal 107
Prayers of the People	See Insert
*The Peace	

### The Holy Communion

The Offertory – <i>Away in a manger</i>	Hymnal 101
*Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP p. 361
*Sanctus – S-129	8:00 p. 367
The Lord's Prayer	p. 364
Communion Hymn – <i>Go tell it on the mountain</i>	Hymnal 99
Post Communion Prayer	BCP p. 365
Announcements	
Prayer for leave-taking	
Blessing	
*Recessional– <i>Hark! The herald angels sing</i>	Hymnal 87
Dismissal	BCP p. 366

### *For your convenience:*

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

*Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour after the service.*

*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.*

*Masks are optional.*

***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 and in loving memory of, those listed inside this bulletin.

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

Our next **Blood Drive** will be this **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!

On **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** come join the men for breakfast at 7 AM at the **Red Cabin** in South Windsor.

The next **Vestry meeting** will be on **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** in the **Office Wing Meeting Room**. All members of St. Peter’s are welcome to attend.

**2025 contribution envelopes are in the office, please take yours.** If you do not have an assigned envelope and would like one, please let Karen know so that one can be provided for you. Envelope numbers from 2025 will be the same for 2026.

**It’s time to think about** various leadership roles – elections will take place at our annual meeting on January 25th. Positions that need to be filled include two vestry members (two-year terms); senior warden (one-year term); junior warden (one-year term); clerk (one year term); treasurer (one year term); one diocesan delegate (three year term); and one alternate diocesan delegate (three-year term). **Nomination forms are on the table in the Parish Hall, or may be downloaded from our website (About Us/Lay Leadership). Nominations are due on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Parish Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** when we will continue our pattern of holding one service at 9 a.m., then enjoy a potluck breakfast and the meeting. Please keep an eye out for a **Signup Genius Link, or the annual meeting notice in Light Breezes, to indicate what you will bring.** On that occasion we will elect lay leaders and accept the reports provided by leadership. **If you oversee a Commission of Ministry of the parish, reports are due December 31st. Please send your copy to Karen if you have not done so.** We thank all our members for their participation and leadership.

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: baked beans, canned chili, and canned vegetables.

**This week we pray for** the Counters; for parish members the Dixon, Dooley, and Eaton families. Also, for Mary Lou Best, Sandy Bell, and Ann Malone who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Sue, Bailey, Mrs. Dickson, Craig, Tom, the Weaver and Paul families, Gail, Marci, Graham Parker, Mary Johnson, 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.

**Thanksgiving** for a happy and healthy New Year filled with countless blessings.

**Readings for next Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>:** Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 84:1-8; Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a; Matthew 2:1-12.

<b>Serving:</b>	<b>Today 9am</b>	<b>Next Week 8am</b>	<b>Next Week 10am</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	M. Bell	J. Bodfish	G. Malone
<b>Lectors:</b>	A. Bierkan D. Ober N. T-Z A. Fraley J. Akerson	M. Houlroyd	A. Bierkan
<b>Intercessors:</b>	D. Hubeny	M. Houlroyd	D. Ober
<b>E. Minister:</b>	L. Pile	D. Indomenico	D. Fornuto
<b>Tech Team:</b>	D. Hubeny	D. Hubeny	
<b>Counters:</b>	Bell/Pile	Eaton/Pile	
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	Bell/Bierkan	Hoff/Fornuto	