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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.



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

South Windsor, Connecticut

The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2025, 8:00 AM

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray

Collect of the Day — See Insert

The Lessons

The Book of Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 84 — See Insert or Prayer Book p. 707

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel—The Book of Matthew 2:1-12 — See Insert

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.”

For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

For Sean, Jeffrey, and Laura, our bishops; for Nigerian bishops John and Markus; for Anne, Zeb, and Jessie, our clergy, and for all the People of God, let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

For the Church of God in every place, that it may persevere in faith and hope, In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Peter’s, Cheshire; Holy Advent, Clinton; and Trinity, Collinsville; For all immigrants, refugees, and the ministries that serve them; and the Church in Wales; and for St. Peter’s Birzeit and St. Andrew’s, Ramallah, and Fadi, their Rector, let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

and the meeting. **Please indicate what you will bring** using the **Signup Genius Link** on our **Facebook Page**, and in the **annual meeting notice in Light Breezes**. On that occasion we will elect lay leaders and accept the reports provided by leadership. If you oversee a Commission or Ministry of the parish, **reports are due. Please send your copy to Karen if you have not already done so.** We thank all our members for their participation and leadership.

With winter here, **please remember our South Windsor neighbors** and put items in the **Food Box located in the Narthex**. Any kind of non-perishables are accepted. For years our church has helped supply the town Food Pantry through these donations so they count on us.

We are beginning to update our prayer request list. If there is someone in the list of ongoing prayers that can be removed, please let us know.

The Little Pantry in front of the Church is frequently empty. Please help by putting items in the pantry. This week’s suggestions: cereal, crackers, and canned pasta. Thank you.

Thanksgiving: for countless blessings in this New Year!

Readings for next Sunday, January 12th: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Serving:	Today 8am	Today 10am	Next Week 8am	Next Week 10am
Ushers:	J. Bodfish	G. Malone	T. Morelli	M. Bell
Lectors:	M. Houlroyd	D. Ober	A. Bierkan	T. Fornuto
Intercessors:	M. Houlroyd	D. Fornuto	A. Bierkan	D. Bennett
E. Minister:	D. Indomenico	L. Pile	L. Pile	A. Bierkan
Tech:	D. Hubeny		G. Malone	
Counters:	M. Bell/L. Pile		M. Bell/T. Fornuto	
Coffee Hour:	Bell/Nanci		Hubenys	

The Distribution of Communion

Postcommunion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Announcements

2025 contribution envelopes are in the Narthex, please **take yours** if you requested envelopes. If you do not have an envelope assigned and want one, please let Karen in the office know so that one can be provided for you.

On January 11th our annual Spuds & Swap will be taking place in the **Parish Hall at 5 p.m.** Please **sign up using the link** on our **Facebook page** or in the recent issue of **Light Breezes**.

It's time to think about various leadership roles – elections will take place at our annual meeting on January 26th. 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). **Nominating packets are in the Narthex, or may be downloaded from our website (About Us/Lay Leadership).** **Nominations are due on Sunday, January 12th.**

SPOT will meet in the Large Classroom on **January 12th, at 9 a.m.**, in between services.

On January 13th at 7 a.m. the **Men's breakfast** will meet at **Oscar's Restaurant** in South Windsor and is open to anyone who would like to attend.

The Vestry will meet on **Monday, January 13th at 7:00 pm** in the **Office Wing Meeting Room**. All members of St. Peter's are welcome to attend.

On January 18th, Heavenly Hugs will meet up again in the Large Classroom from **11—2 p.m.**

The Parish Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 26th** when we will continue our pattern of holding **one service at 9 a.m.**, then enjoy a **potluck breakfast**

For the leaders of our nation, and all in positions of authority, that they may honor the trust placed in them by the people they serve, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the concerns of our hearts and our community, and those in need of healing and comfort, especially— Miranda Knowles, Dom, Jim Hopkins, Joan Grout, Nevaeh Truskowski, Layan Nasir, Bill, Jane, Alexander, Martha Houlroyd, Phyllis, and Manuel Fernandez; those committed to our ongoing prayers: Tim Wolf, Don Malone, Rodger, Cora Harrington, Lorraine, Grisel, Lynn and Helen Reagan, Matt Dillon, Michelle, Ken, John Moran, Brett, Margaret Jackson, Mark Moran, Kirk, Clay, Travis, Bob, Mike, Ted, Dan, Laurie, Hal, Kerrie, Anya Houlroyd and Robbi Lyn Skipper, Barbara, Fred Wood and Matthew Wood. For our Armed Forces serving at home and abroad and their families, especially Richard Nuñez, Jr., Kenneth Fraley, Jr., and Melissa Kell; the victims of natural disasters and human violence throughout the world, including the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria; and the victims and families of gun violence around our nation.

Christ, have mercy.

For groups to whom we extend hospitality through the use of our building, especially Troop 682, and for the concerns and organizations supported by St. Peter's through mission, especially: South Windsor Social Services, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For all who minister in our midst, especially the Counters. For parish members Lin Plank, Rich Plank, and the Prokop, and Redinger families. For Kyle Malone who is celebrating a birthday this week, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For, Julia Meadows, and those whose souls have gone to eternal rest, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the blessings of our days, and the gifts of grace we receive, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

The Confession

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right, good, and joyful to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Peter and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.