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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 of Advent**

**December 7, 2025, 8:00 AM**

**Prayer for Advent**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgive all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures forever.

*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.*

**Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.

*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 the Prophet Isaiah 11:1-10**

**Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 — See Insert or Prayer Book p. 685**

**Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:4-13**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Gospel—The Gospel of Matthew 3:1-12 — See Insert**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**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, for St. Peter’s Birzeit and St. Andrew’s, Ramallah, and Fadi, their Rector, 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 Christ Church, Bethany; St. Thomas’, Bethel; Old St. Andrew’s, Bloomfield; Ministries for the unhoused, for parishes that offer temporary or permanent shelter. For Chapel on the Green, New Haven & Church by the Pond, Hartford. For the Homelessness & Housing Ministry Network; and The Church of Bangladesh, let us pray.  
*Christ, have mercy.*

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— the Coykendall and Dolive families, Graham Parker, Mary Johnson, Bruce Paul, Nancy T-Z, 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 Jackie Weaver, Barbara

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

**Thanksgiving:** for all those special people who support, uplift, and bring comfort and joy to those around them.

**This week we pray for:** the Ober Weekday Bible Study; for parish members Jessie Akerson, and the Bell and Bennett families. Also, for Andrea Newberry, Tom Morelli, and Tanner Stimson who are celebrating their birthdays this week, as well as the anniversary of Anne Fraley’s Ordination to the Diaconate.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** The Coykendall and Dolive families, Graham Parker, Mary Johnson, Bruce Paul, Nancy T-Z, 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 Jackie Weaver, Barbara Wolf, Susan Pile, Fred Cassidy, Susan Partyka, Susan Smith, Jill Seekamp, Amber, and Pamela Usher; and those committed to our ongoing prayers; 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 14th:** Isaiah 35:1-10; Canticle 15 (Luke 1:46-55); James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.

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

**Announcements**

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

**Announcements**

It's **Pick a date to Donate Sunday!** Choose a calendar date from the basket in the Narthex and donate that amount to the church. Make your donation while you're here, or use the online donation form on our website under "giving." Thank you for your continued support!

**Today is the last day to order gift cards for the RaiseRight™ fundraiser.**

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

The next **Men's Breakfast** is tomorrow morning **at 7 AM**, at **The Red Cabin** in SW.

Please join the **Vestry** tomorrow evening, **at 7 PM** in the **Office Wing Meeting Room**.

Shirley Nanci has kindly offered to host our annual **Cookie Swap** at her home on **December 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 PM**. Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer to share, along with 4-5 dozen cookies and a "to go" container. If you would like to join in this fun event, please sign-up using the link in Light Breezes. We hope you can all make it!

**Save the Date:** Our deacon, Jessie, will conclude her time with us at the end of December. To celebrate her, we will host a farewell coffee hour after 10 AM worship on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to join us!

**Christmas for Others:** **Thank you all who have helped to bring cheer to families in need by donating through our Christmas Giving Tree!** Please bring your unwrapped gift with the ornament taped to it by next **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. Items may be left beneath the table. Thank you for your generosity!

**Flower Donations for Christmas** – Each year St. Peter's Altar Guild decorates the Altar with beautiful flowers in honor of Our Lord and in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, the loved ones of our parishioners (envelopes will be in the pews). To remember or honor someone, please write their name on the envelope and enclose a check for \$35 made payable to St. Peter's Altar Guild. **Honorariums received by December 14<sup>th</sup> will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.**

**Looking ahead:** Christmas Eve worship will take place at 5 PM; Christmas Day Agape Breakfast is at 8:30 AM.

**It's not too early to think about the Parish Annual Meeting Report.** If you oversee a Commission or Ministry of the parish, **please send Karen your report by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank You!**

Wolf, Susan Pile, Fred Cassidy, Susan Partyka, Susan Smith, Jill Seekamp, Amber, and Pamela Usher; and those committed to our ongoing prayers; For members of our armed forces serving at home and abroad, and for their families, especially Richard Nuñez, Jr., Melissa Kell, and Kenneth Fraley, Jr.; let us pray.

*Christ, have mercy.*

For the victims of natural disasters and human violence throughout the world; for the people who died in the Hong Kong apartment fires and their loved ones; for flooding in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand; for individuals and communities recovering and rebuilding following hurricanes, earthquakes, flooding, wildfires, and tornadoes; for the people of Palestine, Israel, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine, and Russia, for victims of gun violence around our nation, their families and communities; for Layan Nasir, imprisoned in Israel; for SNAP recipients, and those struggling with food insecurity; for the unhoused, especially Roman; for individuals and communities engaged in peaceful protests; for immigrants and immigrant communities being persecuted; for Indigenous, Asian American, and Pacific Islander peoples impacted by racism; for those suffering from centuries of anti-black bias, and for others seeking to undo the harm of racism and hate; for trans people targeted by violence, and members of the LGBTQ+ community facing discrimination and threats against them, let us pray.

*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 The Friendship Kitchen, let us pray.

*Christ, have mercy.*

For all who minister in our midst, especially the Ober Weekday Bible Study; for parish members Jessie Akerson, and the Bell and Bennett families. Also, for Andrea Newberry, Tom Morelli, and Tanner Stimson who are celebrating their birthdays this week, as well as the anniversary of Anne Fraley's Ordination to Diaconate.

*Christ, have mercy.*

For all 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**

**Invitation to 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, we praise you, 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.  
*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.

**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.