St. Peter's Episcopal Church and School

Our Mission: We welcome all to join us in knowing Christ and making him known to others.

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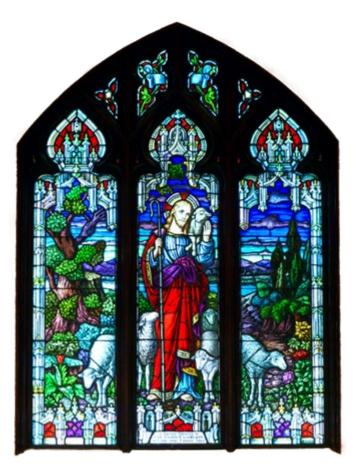
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 9 8:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite One 9:15 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two 11:15 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite One also streaming online

Wednesday, March 12 5:00 pm – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two 7:00 pm – Evening Prayer



Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes with The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

> March 5, 2025 5:00 PM

Ash Wednesday

Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church on this first day of Lent. Today the Liturgy presents a challenge to Christian people. It confronts us with the radical change in living which is the Way of Christ.

We are faced with sin and salvation as alternative directions for our lives: sin as separation from God, from others, from our selves and from the natural world; salvation as reconciliation with God, others, our selves, and the natural world.

The Liturgy on Ash Wednesday is reduced to its primary elements of Word and Sacrament. We are called to consider our mortality and in that context our sin and our absolute dependence upon God for salvation and for life.

We may be tempted to limit our concerns to our sins and our mortality, letting the ashes be the most important thing in our worship today. But we use the ashes simply as the starting point for that which is far deeper and ultimately more important: salvation. The ashes, the penitence, the fasting: all of these are but means toward the goal of Ash Wednesday, of Lent, indeed, of all Christian living; namely, repentance, new life, and ministry to others.

"Be reconciled to God..." Paul tells us. Make your prayer, fasting, and ministry the marks of an inner and fundamental way of living day in and day out, says the Lord. In his teaching about fasting, Jesus echoes the message Isaiah had given to Israel centuries earlier.

"Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return," is turned around into, "you shall have life, and you shall have it abundantly."

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The red **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP) is our source of Liturgy and is indicated by BCP page numbers

Our hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* as printed selections from it and other supplemental hymnals, including, but not limited to, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS), *Voices Found* (VF), *Wonder, Love, Praise* (WLP), My Heart Sings Out (MHSO) and Enriching Our Music (EOM)

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

On this day, the Celebrant begins the liturgy with the Salutation and the Collect of the Day.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The First Reading

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

- Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.
- Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Isaiah 58:1-12

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 103



- 1 Bless the LORD, O my **soul**, * and all that is within me, bless his holy **Name**.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my **soul**, * and forget not all his **benefits**.
- 3 He forgives all your **sins** * and heals all your in**firmities;**
- 4 He redeems your life from the **grave** * and crowns you with mercy and loving-**kindness**;
- 5 He satisfies you with good **things**, * and your youth is renewed like an **eagle's**.

- 6 The LORD executes **righteousness** * and judgment for all who are op**pressed.**
- 7 He made his ways known to **Moses** * and his works to the children of **Israel.**]
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and **mercy**, * slow to anger and of great **kindness**.
- 9 He will not always ac**cuse us,** * nor will he keep his anger for **ever.**
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, * nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the **earth**, * so is his mercy great upon those who **fear him.**
- 12 As far as the east is from the **west**, * so far has he removed our **sins from us**.
- 13 As a father cares for his **children**, * so does the LORD care for those who **fear him**.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are **made**; * he remembers that we are but **dust**.
- 15 Our days are like the **grass;** * we flourish like a flower of the **field;**
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is **gone**, * and its place shall know it no **more**.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who **fear him**, * and his righteousness on children's **children**;
- 18 On those who keep his **covenant** * and remember his commandments and **do them.**
- 19 The LORD has set his throne in **heaven**, * and his kingship has dominion over **all**.

- 20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his **bidding**, * and hearken to the voice of his **word**.
- 21 Bless the LORD, all you his **hosts**, * you ministers of his who do his **will**.
- 22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his do**minion;** * bless the LORD, O my **soul.**

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see~ we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

Hymn 149





The Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. J. Michael Wheeler

After the Sermon, all stand, and the Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by selfexamination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is then kept for a time.

Before the ashes are imposed, the Celebrant says the following prayer.

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The ashes are imposed with the following words

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

The following Psalm is then said, all kneeling

Psalm 51 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

- ³ For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, * and sinners shall return to you.
- Deliver me from death, O God, *
 and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
 O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; * but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; * a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Litany of Penitence

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

The Celebrant continues

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us; Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation, That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord, Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Bishop, if present, or the Priest, facing the people, says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may

be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All stand.

The	Peace
The	Peace

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory	Depth of Mercy	Victoria Schwarz
	Chancel choir, Mark Nugent, cello	

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me? Can my God his wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare? I have long withstood his grace, long provoked him in his face, would not hearken to his calls, grieved him by a thousand falls. I my Master have denied, I afresh have crucified, oft profaned His holy name, put him to an open shame, there for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands God is love, I know, I feel, Jesus weeps and loves me still. Now incline me to repent; let me now my sins lament, now my foul revolts deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more. Depth of mercy....

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. When the offerings are presented, the Celebrant says

All things come of thee, O Lord,PeopleAnd of thine own have we given thee.

The people remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord

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Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

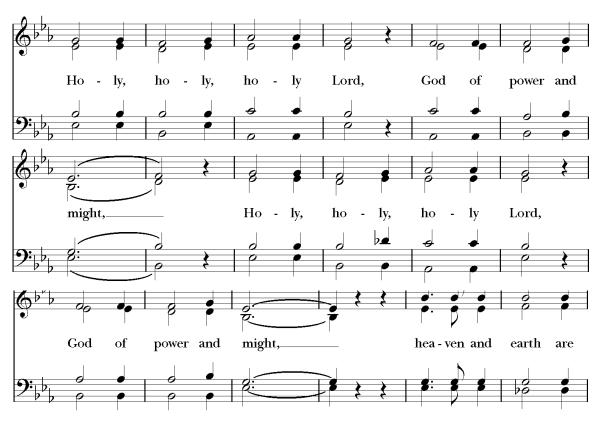
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

The Celebrant then continues

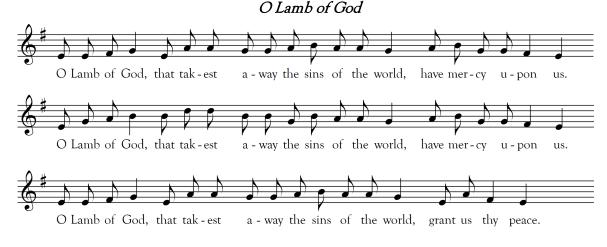
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

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



The Celebrant says

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.

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Communion Music

Kind Maker of the world, O hear

Hymn 152



Postcommunion Prayer

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Solemn Prayer

The Celebrant says

Bow down before the Lord.

The Celebrant says the following prayer

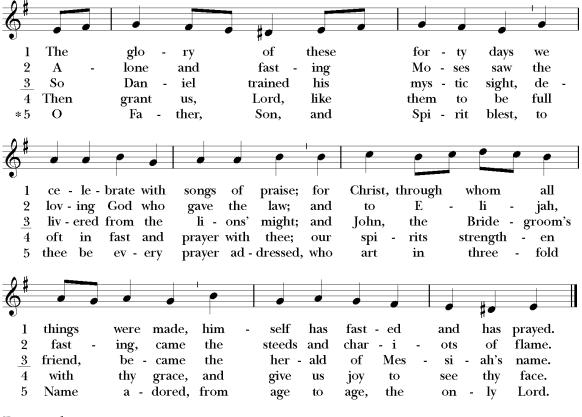
Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All stand.

Processional Hymn

The glory of these forty days

Hymn 143



Dismissal

Deacon	Let us bless the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

The Journey of Jonah

This Lent, dive deep into the transformative journey of Jonah! Discover themes of mercy, forgiveness, and God's unwavering love as we explore this timeless and compelling story.

Our Lenten Series speakers will open up our hearts and minds to the journey of Jonah and invite us to discover how Jonah's experiences resonate with our own lives. Whether you are familiar with the story or new to it, come and grow with us this season of renewal.

SCHEDULE

Wednesdays in Lent starting March 12

The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two	5:00 PM
Soup Supper in Tucker Hall	5:30 PM
Children's Programming Begins	6:00 PM
Speaker Series Begins	6:15 PM
Evening Prayer in the Church	7:00 PM



Speakers

March 12

The Rev. Madeline Hawley, Director of Field Education, Seminary of the Southwest

The Rev. Madeline Hawley has served as the interim Director of Field Education for the past year. In addition to overseeing field education, she teaches courses in pastoral theology, christian formation, and mission. Madeline is a committed pastor, teacher, and native Austinite. Beyond the seminary she serves as an assisting priest at St. Mark's San Marcos where her spouse Christian, also a Southwest alum, is the Rector. Together they have the joy of raising two small children along the beautiful San Marcos river.

March 19

The Rev. John L. Blackburn, Priest-in-Charge, St. Christopher's By the Sea, Portland

Fr. Blackburn is a bi-vocational priest who serves the parish on Sundays and Feast Days and is "around and about" several days a week. He also manages his family's ranching and agricultural business, in operation since 1884, and works a secular job. He completed seminary training through the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas and the IONA Collaborative at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin. Before joining the clergy, he served as Organist and Director of Music at Saint Philip's Episcopal Church in Beeville, Texas, where he still resides.

March 26

The Rev. Patrick J. Miller, Rector, St. Mark's, Houston

The Rev. Patrick Miller is the author of *Empty: A Pilgrim's Journey* and *Spoken: A Collection of Sermons.* He holds a BA in Communication and Philosophy from Austin College and an MDiv from the Seminary of the Southwest. Since 2008, Patrick has served as rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and School. Patrick has held leadership roles within the Diocese of Texas and beyond as well as serving on numerous boards and committees. Outside of his professional life, Patrick is married to Allison Standish Miller, and they have two children. He enjoys playing the cello, skiing, tennis, golf, mountain biking, and boxing—though not all at once!

April 2

The Rev. Angela Maria Cortiñas, Bishop Suffragan-Elect, Diocese of West Texas

The Rev. Cortińas received her Master of Divinity from Southwest in 2010, and will be consecrated and installed as the seventh bishop suffragan of West Texas on March 15, 2025, pending consents of bishops with jurisdiction and Standing Committees of Episcopal Church diocese. Before being elected Bishop Suffragan, Cortiñas served as associate rector of St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas, and was previously rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in College Station, Texas. She began her ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church in Southeast Florida, where she was ordained a deacon in 2009 and a priest in 2010.

April 9

The Rev. Bert O. Baetz III, Rector, St. Peter's, Kerrville

The Rev. Bert Baetz has served as Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church since 2017. Previously, he was Rector of St. Mark's in Richmond, Texas, and Associate Rector at St. Mark's in Austin. Before ordination, he taught ancient civilizations and theology and served as a chaplain at St. Andrew's Episcopal Upper School in Austin. Bert holds an MDiv from Duke Divinity School, a Diploma in Theological Studies from the Seminary of the Southwest, and a BBA from the University of Texas at Austin. Since 2008, he has been committed to fostering sustainable church growth and leads fly-fishing retreats through his nonprofit, Fishers of Men, exploring the connection between spirituality and fly fishing.

















Parish Picnic

Join us for a day of worship and family fun! After worship, lunch will be served. Please bring a potluck dessert to share. We can't wait to see you there!

Take I-10 West to Exit 505 for Harper Road. Off the exit ramp, take a right on to Harper Road. Go straight in Ingram onto Highway 39 West. In Hunt, continue onto HIghway 39 Southwest. Camp Mystic is located on the left hand side of the road about 7 miles from the Hunt Store.

Please note that no services will be streamed on this day.

10 AM on April 27th at Camp Mystic