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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Wednesday, November 13
5:00 pm - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Sunday, November 17

8:00 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite One 10:00 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two also streamed



The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 27

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

November 10, 2024 11:15 AM

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Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church. As we approach the end of the church year, our readings from the Gospel of Mark deal with the final days of Jesus' ministry. In that period, Jesus was in direct conflict with the religious leaders in Jerusalem. In today's passage Jesus contrasts the simple faith of a poor widow, expressed by her generous giving, with the show of religiosity put on by the scribes and the rich.

The first reading today is one of the stories of the prophet Elijah. In a time of famine, the generosity of a poor widow who shared with Elijah the tiny bit of food she had left is rewarded by God.

The passage from Hebrews, which we are reading through at this time, deals with the eternal nature of Jesus' priesthood. Unlike the symbolic sacrifices of the old priesthood, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection and ascension has made him uniquely able to take away the sin of the world for all time.

The people of God in every age have gathered in the Eucharist to respond to salvation in generous and loving ministry to each other and the world. Made part of Jesus' own sacrifice in baptism, we are joined with his sacrifice in the Eucharist. Thus, our own sacrifices, like those of the two poor widows, are given the eternal significance of Jesus' own dying and rising. What is lacking in us through our own imperfection is made perfect in Christ.

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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

BCP 355

Voluntary

Improvisation

Processional Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymn 686

Celebrant

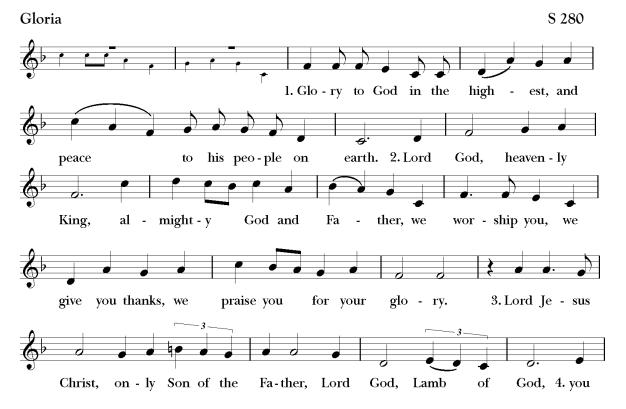
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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.





The Collect of the Day

BCP 236

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great

glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Reading

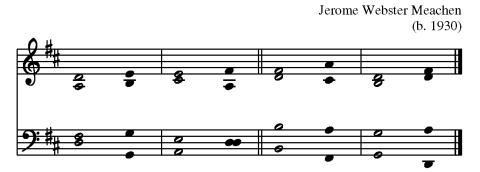
1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146



1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my **soul!** *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my **being.**

- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of **earth**, * for there is no help in **them**.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to **earth**, * and in that day their thoughts **perish**.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their **help!** * whose hope is in the LORD their **God;**
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in **them**; * who keeps his promise for **ever**;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are op**pressed,** * and food to those who **hunger.**
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the **blind**; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed **down**;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the **stranger**; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the **wicked**.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for **ever**, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Halle**lujah**!

The Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

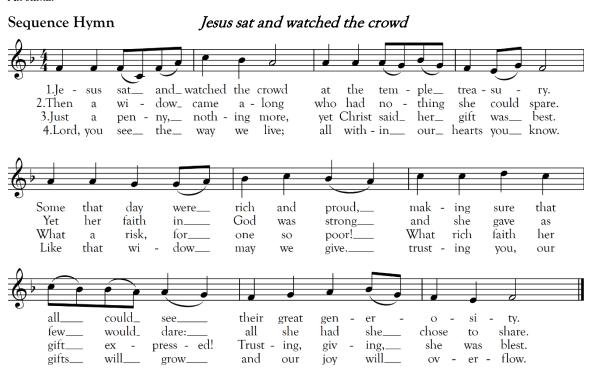
Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many,

will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.



The Holy Gospel Mark 12:38-44

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. J. Michael Wheeler

The People stand with the Celebrant and say together

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

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 people remain standing or kneel.

Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; David, our Bishop; Angela, our Bishop Suffragan-Elect; Bert and Mike, our priests; and all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. In our diocese we give thanks for St. Martin's, Mason; and St. Elizabeth's, Buda.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

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.**

All stand

The Peace BCP 360

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.

Announcements

Empowered by Grace Mr. Hiram Wilson

The Holy Communion

Offertory Unexpected Places Heather Sorenson

"I know the plans I have in store," You whisper in my ear.

Words of affirmation, things I need to hear.

But all the things You planned for me, I never would have guessed

That bringing me right here is what You call Your best.

Refrain: But here I am in this unexpected place; a place I did not ask for, but one that's filled with grace And here I am in this room I did not plan, but Jesus, You are here, Jesus You are grace,

Jesus, You are with me in this unexpected place.

And in this room, I'll learn the truth that "blessed are the poor; blessed are the scorned.

Blessed are those who mourn."

And in this room, You'll teach me that this time is not in vain.

There's purpose for the pain, and beauty still remains. (Refrain)

So may we find the fullness that some from empty spaces

Jesus waits for us in these unexpected places.

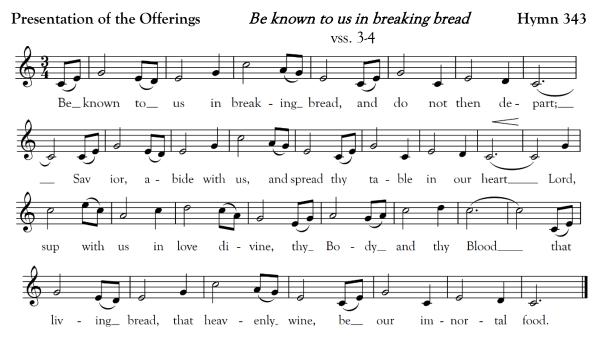
If you find yourself in an unexpected place, a place you did not ask for,

But oh, friend, there is grace.

If you find yourself in a room of emptiness, Jesus is there,

Jesus is grace, Jesus is with you in this unexpected place.

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the altar.



The people remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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.

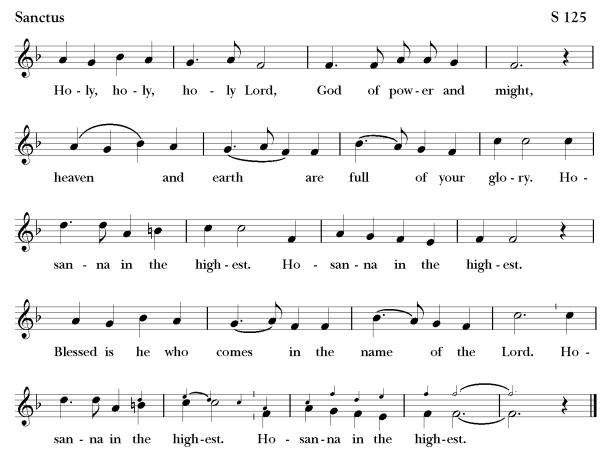
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:



The people kneel or stand.

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:

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

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,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

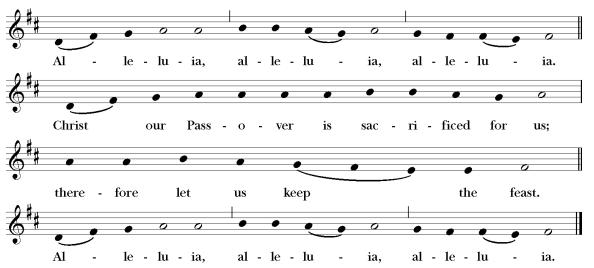
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



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.

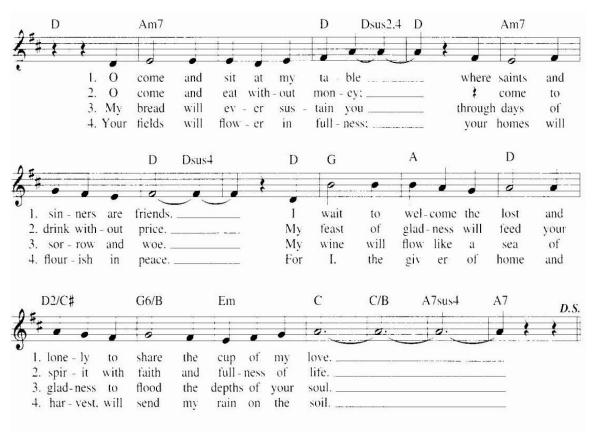
Communion

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Communion Hymn

Table of Plenty





When Eucharistic Visitors are sent, the Deacon says

In the name of St. Peter's Congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Deacon Go in peace.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

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.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people, concluding

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All stand.

Processional Hymn

God of grace and God of glory

Hymn 594

BCP 340

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Deacon **People**

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Improvisation

Flowers on our altar today are given to the Glory of God by John Elliott in thanksgiving for and celebration of Dee Elliott's 80th birthday.

Rector The Reverend Bert Baetz
Associate Rector The Reverend J. Michael Wheeler
Director of Music/Organist David Miron
Chancel Choir Director Claire Rabson
Praise Team Leader Danny Burgess

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite One 9:15 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

11:15 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (also streamed online)

Wednesday

5:00 pm - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

| Ministries-Nov. 10 | 8:00 am | 9:15 am | 11:15 am |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|
| Eucharistic Ministers | Deidra Harmer | Caden Keller Rita Self | Jana Drane Fred Henneke |
| Vestry Rep. | Grant Baehre | Grant Baehre | Amy Ives |
| Ushers | Hank Grant Bill Vaughan | Sarah Hilburn Junior Hilburn Rich Schneider | John Elliott Charlie Ferguson Lee Martin |

Altar Guild - Deidra Harmer, Amy Best, Kathy Diamond, Harriett Ritter, Beverlee Smith, Mandy Tate, and Mindy Tate.

| Ministries-Nov. 17 | 8:00 am | 10:00 am |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Eucharistic | Dave Weekley | John Murray |
| Ministers | | Caroline Williams |
| | | Rite Self* |
| Vestry Rep. | Grant Baehre | Amy Ives |
| Ushers | Hank Grant | Sue Whinnery |
| | Bill Vaughan | Doug Whinnery |
| | | Joseph Blalock |

Altar Guild - Rolinda Schmidt, Deborah Rommel, Ellen Schoenfeld, Robin Wheeler, Nancy Brown, and Andrea O'Neal.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Long Term Prayer List: Brandon, Ray, Josephin, Tom, Penny, Viola, Nolan, Valerie, Damianus, Jimmy, Cindy, Eric, Harper, Jim, Karen, Randy, Sean, Meryl, Rajesh, George Carr, Kathleen, Nancy, Margaret, Willie, Sarah, Wyatt, Olivia, Abel, Mark, Lisa, Sage, Melissa, Margaret Loraine, Butch, Gail.

Short Term Prayer List: Mike Smajstrla, Imelda Horne.

<u>Military and Diplomatic Service Prayer List</u>: Kareen Hart, George Hart, Justin Augustine, Elison Crum, Ross Davis, Kevin DeVore, Jr., Jason Horne and family, Emily Matz Corbin, Joshua Bosworth, Nate Munton, Eric Wood, John Christy, Brittany Vinson, Ian Nix, Anna Heiligenstein, and all who serve our country.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Martin's, Mason; and St. Elizabeth's, Buda.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THOSE WHO WERE CONFIRMED OR RECEIVED BY BISHOP READ ON WED, NOV 6



Cynthia Breen Gregory Alan Phillips
Tina Carter Sally Jane Thiel

George Albritton Eastland Jr. Jennifer Elizabeth Wittler
Ashley Brooke Phillips Michael Joseph Wittler

| THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE | | | |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| SUNDAY, November 10 | | | |
| 8:00 am | The Holy Eucharist: Rite One Traditional Service - no music | | |
| 9:00 am | Nursery opens - Rm. 95 by the chapel | | |
| 9:15 am | The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Family Service | | |
| 10:15 am | Coffee & Fellowship – Tucker Hall | | |
| 10:30 am | The Chosen: Season Four - Adult Formation - MPR, off Tucker Hall. | | |
| 11:15 am | The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Traditional Service (also streamed) | | |
| 5:00 pm | An Order of Worship for the Evening - Service in Observance of | | |
| - | Veterans Day - Join us this evening for a special service of prayer | | |
| | and worship. Dalton Rice, Kerrville City Manager, will speak. | | |
| MONDAY, November 11 | | | |
| 8:00 am - 3:00 pm | Cottage Shop Volunteer workday & receiving donations. Call 830- | | |
| | 257-0290 to make an appointment for consignments, accepted on | | |
| | Mondays only from 8AM - 11 AM. | | |
| 12:30 pm | St. Peter's School - School Board Meeting - MPR | | |
| TUESDAY, November 12 | | | |
| 9:00 am - 4:30 pm | Cottage Shop Open - Donations gratefully received without an | | |
| | appointment. We welcome all who would be interested in | | |
| | volunteering to serve in our Cottage Shop. To volunteer, please | | |
| | contact Marsha Hofland or Margaret Galloway at 830-257-0290. | | |
| 12:00 pm | Prayers, Fellowship & Football -Tucker Hall P.F.F. is a men's | | |
| | lunch group with no agenda. It's purely social and men of all ages are | | |
| | welcome. Join us for a delicious \$8.00 lunch and lively conversation! | | |
| | If you need more information, please feel free to call Jon Wilems at | | |
| | (281) 723-9671 or John Elliott at (830) 238-4958. An RSVP is | | |
| | appreciated, but not necessary. | | |
| 2:00 pm | Contemplative Prayer - Parlor- Everyone is welcome. Our goal is to | | |
| | support one another in private contemplative prayer and meditation | | |
| | and share our faith journeys. For more information, please contact | | |

WEDNESDAY, November 13

10:30 am The Path of Life - Multi-Purpose Room. Path of Life (POL) is currently studying a Max Lucado Bible Study. All women are

Susan Parker at 830-285-3874.

| | welcome to join this learning, caring, and fun group. Books will be available at the meeting. | |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| 11:00 am | Cottage Shop Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon - Tucker Hall | |
| 11:00 am | St. Peter's Church Finance Commission - AV Room. | |
| 5:00 pm | The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two – Sanctuary | |
| 5:30 pm | Wednesday Family Dinner - Tucker Hall | |
| 6:00 pm | Children's Programming – Shelton Hall. Children from Pre-K to | |
| o.co piii | 5 th grade will gather after supper to walk as a group to Shelton Hall | |
| | for an exciting Bible Study based on The Lion, the Witch and the | |
| | Wardrobe. | |
| 6:00 pm | Nursery is open for those 3 and under – Shelton Hall | |
| 6:15 pm | Come and See: Encountering Christ in His Church - Multi- | |
| | Purpose Room (MPR). Join Fr. Mike for an ongoing series of adult | |
| | classes aimed to "put people in communication with Jesus Christ." | |
| | This series will be a full course that will reveal the joy and demands | |
| | of the way of Christ. | |
| 6:15 pm | Youth and Young Adults - Parlor. Youth and Young(ish) adults are | |
| | welcome to join this engaging and fun Bible Study based on The | |
| | Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. This study will align with the | |
| | children's study to encourage family discussions at home. | |
| 6:15 pm | Thinking about Prayer, Forgiveness, Meditation, War, and Other | |
| | Important Topics Through the Insights and Passion of CS Lewis. | |
| | - AV Room. Karen Kilgore and Betty Mosty will lead this engaging | |
| | study. All are welcome to join! | |
| 6:15 pm | St. Peter's Men's Group - Our Men's Group is joining Fr. Mike's | |
| | class in the MPR this Fall. See you there! | |
| THURSDAY, November 14 | | |
| 9:00 am - 4:30 pm | Cottage Shop Open - Donations gratefully received without an | |
| | appointment. We welcome all who would be interested in | |
| | volunteering to serve in our Cottage Shop. To volunteer, please | |
| | contact Marsha Hofland or Margaret Galloway at 830-257-0290. | |
| 12:00 pm | St. Peter's Church Renovation Committee - AV Room | |

5:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room.

Room

1:00 pm

St. Peter's Church Buildings and Grounds Commission - AV

FRIDAY, November 15

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Cottage Shop Open – Donations gratefully received without an appointment. We welcome all who would be interested in volunteering to serve in our Cottage Shop. To volunteer, please contact Marsha Hofland or Margaret Galloway at 830-257-0290.

11:00 am

Book Study – The Friday Book Study group meets in the AV room on the second floor of the church office, and also via Zoom. Ours is an ecumenical group; all are welcome. Contact Susan Parker, parkers710@gmail.com or 830-285-3874 for more information.



Happening #158 will take place at HERE at St. Peter's! H.I.S. Love #158 will take place nearby at Zion Lutheran Church at 624 Barnett St.

Happenings are spiritual renewal weekends for older high school students, led by their peers. Any student in the 10th grade through 12th grade can attend. A small number of adults may also attend. Weekends tend to fill quickly, so don't delay! You will receive detailed information about the weekend via email after you register. Each Happening begins Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. sharp, and wraps up around 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. It is a lock-in, so prepare to stay the entire weekend.

Registration for first-time Happeners will be limited. A waiting list will be closely monitored, as usual, to make sure that if anyone becomes unable to attend the next person in line is invited to register.

The registration cost is \$60, and a deposit must be paid to confirm your registration. Scholarships are available.

REGISTER NOW! dwtx.org/events/happening-158

Please email the Happening Advisory Board Chair, at dwtxhappening@gmail.com, for scholarship information or other questions.





Happening MEET & GREET

We Need Your Help! Sign-up table in Tucker Hall this Sunday during all 3 services!

- Volunteer to serve a meal Sign up
- Food Donations Sign-up



CONTACT:

Caroline Williams 830-370-3022

Katherine Boyette 512-203-7414





Join us on Thanksgiving Day



If you know someone ill or recently home from the hospital who could use a delivered meal, the St. Peter's Episcopal Church Women want to help! Call Dee Elliott, and the Rosemary's Helping Hands Committee will take care of it for you.









Celebrate Aracei



JOIN US Generosity Sunday



November 17th in Tucker Hall following the 10 AM Service



It's time to celebrate the generosity that drives our parish forward! After the service, head to Tucker Hall where "grazing" tables await—packed with favorites like smoked salmon, mini bagels, shrimp ceviche, and charcuterie spreads. And for the sweet tooths, we've got a donut station that will be hard to resist. It's a time to mingle, enjoy great bites, and toast to all the good happening in our parish. No formalities, just food, friends, and fun—come and graze with grace!

Empowered by Grace!

"Empowered by Grace to Give" is our theme for this week. By God's grace, we are transformed into new people filled with giving and generous spirits. As new people in Christ, we give cheerfully. Because of our new perspective, we see the money God entrusts to us as a tool that can be used to help those in need and extend his kingdom. With God's help, we have overcome our natural inclination to be selfish and greedy people. We become God's channels through which he works.

There is a story of a woman who saw a poor barefoot child roaming the street of a large city. She took the child by the hand to the closest shoe store, and bought the little girl socks and shoes. With "happy feet" the little girl ran gleefully from the store.

Disappointed that she had not even received a word of gratitude from the child, the woman paid for the socks and shoes. As she walked out the shop door, the little girl came back to the store, eyes bright with excitement. "Are you God's wife?" she asked the woman. Smiling, the woman said, "No, but I am God's child." The little girl said, "I knew that you were some kin of his."

As God's people, nurtured by Word and Sacrament, we are transformed into his likeness. Christ's character becomes our character, and we become more like him. Because his goodness flows through us, we are able to offer shoes and socks to those who are in need. Our eyes are opened to opportunities where we can willingly share whatever we are able. We are stewards of God's love and generosity to all people. We find Jesus' words to be true, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

Through faith, God enables us to see life from an eternal perspective, which acknowledges him as the source of all things. Understanding that God is the creator, owner, and controller of "the world, and those who dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1), motivates us to give to him. Living with an eye to eternity changes our perspective regarding how we view and manage our money. From God's perspective, money should be used as a tool to help the needy and extend his kingdom. Not only is money to be used to provide for our needs, it should also be used to fund the mission efforts of telling others about Jesus' love.

To follow is a QR code/link to a pdf and audio version of our weekly devotional if you did not receive one. Or you may stop by the church office.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESENTS

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A special service to honor our Veterans, followed by a reception in Tucker Hall.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AT 5PM

With Guest Speaker Dalton Rice







Dalton Rice, MSHS, CPM, is the City Manager of Kerrville, a position he has held since October 2023. Dalton's distinguished 13-year military career began as an infantryman, deploying to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005. After completing Special Forces training, he was assigned to a Commander's In-Extremis Force Unit in A Company, Ist Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group at Fort Campbell, KY. Upon leaving active duty, Dalton joined the Texas National Guard, serving with C Company, Ist Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group in San Antonio. He later served with Special Operations Detachment — Africa out of Austin, TX, completing a six-month tour in Germany with Special Operations Command Africa, where he contributed to contingency response efforts throughout Africa before being honorably discharged and pursuing a career in public administration. In addition to his military service, Dalton has built a diverse career as a paramedic, firefighter, and healthcare administrator. He holds a Bachelors in Business Administration and Law, a Masters in Health Care Quality, and is a Certified Public Manager. Dalton is married to Anna, with whom he has three children, Rylan, and twins Rhett and Ryker.