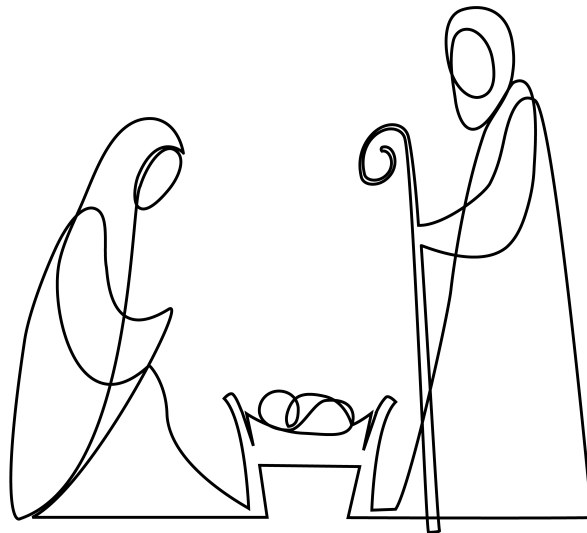




The First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2024, 11:00

Holy Eucharist, Rite II: The Book of Common Prayer



Welcome to St. Peter's Church

We are glad that you are with us today. Our worship of God is a communal experience. Please join in the prayers, communion, and fellowship as fully as you are comfortable doing. We encourage children to participate. Help us welcome you by filling out one of the "Welcome" cards located in the box pews, and give it to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy, or place it in the offering plate.

The First Sunday after Christmas

This church worship service will be livestreamed and recorded for our online congregation. By participating in person you acknowledge that you may be visible on live broadcast or archived video. If you are uncomfortable about the possibility of appearing on video, please see an usher to be reseated in a more private area.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Voluntary

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by

J. S. Bach

The people stand as the clergy enter.

Entrance Hymn

“How Bright Appears the Morning Star”

Wie schön leuchtet

1. How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing from a - far; the host of heav'n re - joic - es;
2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
3. Re - joice, ye heav'ns; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners, fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

1. O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Light of the world and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es;
2. the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a - phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
3. In - car - nate God, put forth thy pow'r, ride on, ride on, great Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

1. Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly ho - ly, yet most low - ly, draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
2. Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
3. A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant:

Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

People:

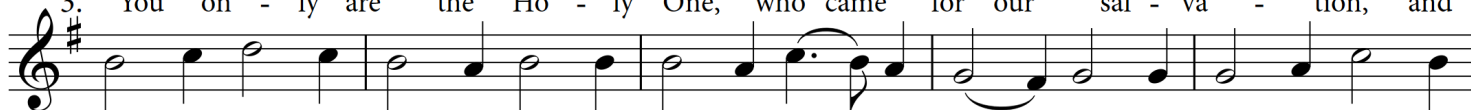
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.***



1. All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from Hea - ven, and
 2. O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the fa - ther gave us, who
 3. You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal - va - tion, and



1. God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship
 2. for the world was sac - ri - ficed up on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at
 3. on - ly you are God's true Son, who was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as



1. you, we raise for your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.
 2. God's right hand and we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 3. Lord we own and, with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my whole being shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the Lord and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21

Laudate Dominum

The people recite the psalm in unison.

**13 Jerusalem will worship you, O God,
and Zion will praise your name.**

**14 For you have strengthened the bars of our gates
and have blest our children within them.**

**15 You have established peace on our borders
and satisfied us with the finest wheat.**

**16 You send out your command to the earth,
and your word runs very swiftly.**

**17 You give snow like wool
and scatter hoarfrost like ashes.**

**18 You scatter your hail like bread crumbs;
who can stand against your cold?**

**19 You send forth your word and melt them;
you blow with the wind, and the waters flow.**

**20 You declare your word to Jacob,
your statutes and judgments to Israel.**

**21 You have not done so to any other nation;
to them you have not revealed your judgments.
Alleluia!**

Second Lesson Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

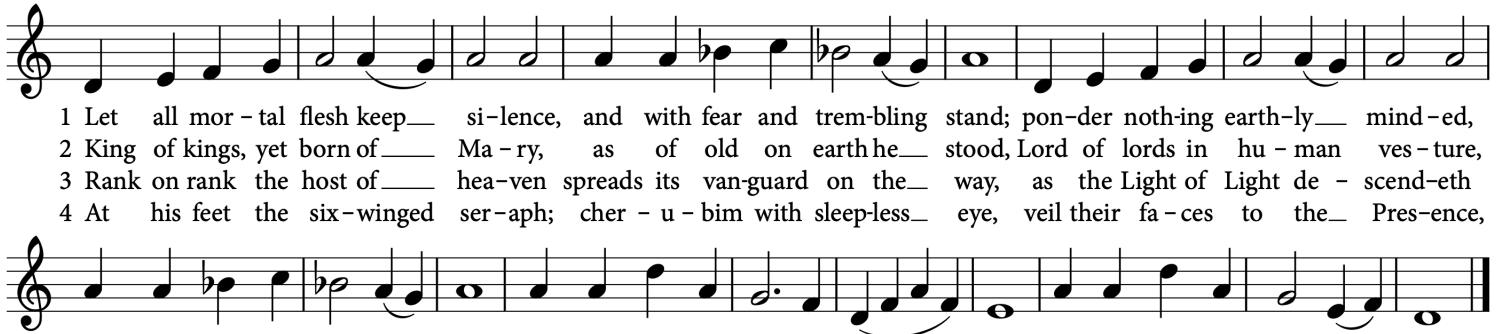
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Picardy



1 for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descend - eth, our full hom-age to de - mand.
2 in the Bo - dy and the Blood he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.
3 from the realms of end-less day, that the powers of hell may va - nish as the dark-ness clears a - way.
4 as with cease-less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

The Gospel: John 1:1-18

The people stand. The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

After the Gospel, the Priest says
The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Joy Segal

The Nicene Creed

The people stand and say together:

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.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of the People

After each petition, the people respond with:

Intercessor: O God,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

Katie	Colin	John	Abigail	Kathy	Sarah
Paul	Jim	Marylou	Nigel	Johanna	Lisa
Ed	Beckett Quinn	Christina	Cole	Tessa	Barbara
Betsy	Helen	Mandy	Eduardo	Harrison	Sienna Rose
Charles	Molly	Sydney	Beaty	Heather	Leo
Judith	Zack & Loretta	Chris & Don	Matt & Addie	Carol and Family	

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION



*During the Offertory Anthem, ushers will take up an offering. You can also give to St. Peter's electronically through **Venmo @stpetersphila** (our profile appears in the Charities category), by scanning the QR code here, or visiting www.stpetersphila.org/give-online for links to donate using PayPal, or through our secure website.*

Offertory Voluntary

Gesù Bambino

by Pietro Yon

Doxology

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Cre-a-tor, Christ, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, For Christ is born in Bethlehem, God revealed in human form, the baby in a manger, the refugee on the Egypt road.

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

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might. Hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to his command, O God,

Celebrant and People:
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Peter our Patron, Mary the Mother of God, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant:

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

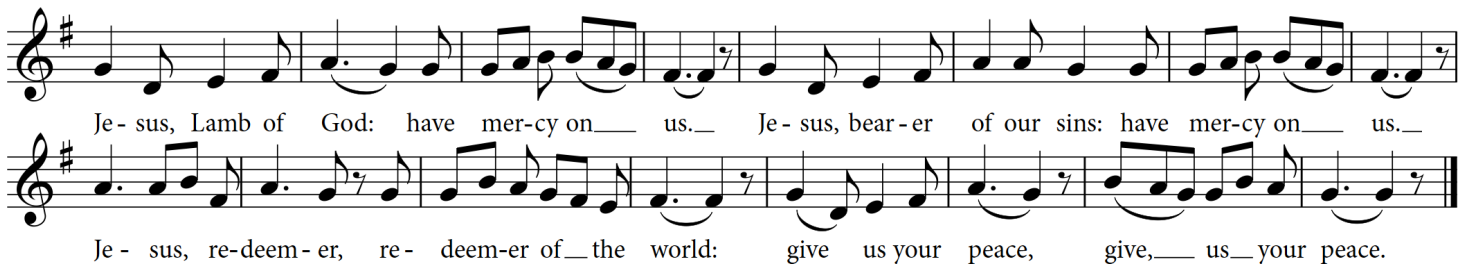
All:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread: Fraction Anthem

Franz Schubert



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on__ us.__ Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer-cy on__ us.__
Je - sus, re-deem - er, re - deem-er of__ the world: give us your peace, give,__ us__ your peace.

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith,
you are welcome at this, Christ's Table.

This is the Lord's supper: God's feast for all of God's people. There is always an abundance here and there is a place for you. You are invited and encouraged to feast at God's table.

There is gluten free bread available. You can request this from the clergy when receiving.

*To receive the wine, you may drink from the cup while the chalice bearer holds it for you. **Please do not intinct (dip) the bread into the cup of wine.** If you prefer to not drink from the common cup, receiving bread only is still full participation in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.*

If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, you are welcome; come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Voluntary

Greensleeves

arr. by R. Vaughan Williams

Communion Hymn

“Of Eternal Love begotten”

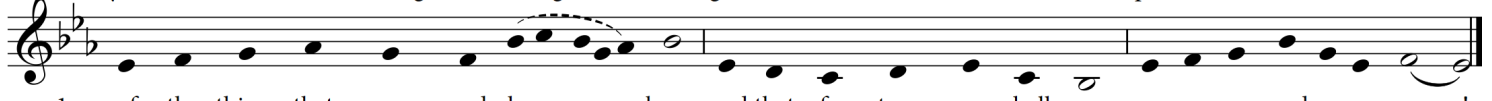
Divinum mysterium



1. Of E - ter - nal Love be - got - ten ere the worlds were yet_____ to be,
 2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full_____ of grace,
 3. Now be - hold the One whom pro - phets have fore - told for a - ges long
 4. Christ to thee with God Cre - a - tor, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,_____ to thee,



1. he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he,
 2. by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sa - vior of_____ our race;
 3. On the faith - ful page of scrip - ture, seers and sa - ges in_____ their song;
 4. hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be,



1. of the things that are and have_____ been, and that fu - ture years shall, see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 2. and the Babe, the world's Re deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 3. Now the Pro - mised One shines forth!_____ Let all earth its praise pro - long, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 4. ho - nor, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the people stand and the Celebrant says:
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

**Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Closing Voluntary

Noel X

Louis-Claude Daquin

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- Refreshments:** Tina Hogan


Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Thank you for joining us for worship! Below are just a few of the groups and events happening at St. Peter's. All are welcome!


20s & 30s Discipleship Group 7:30 p.m. Weeknights on Zoom

 The next TNT Discipleship Group will run January 8 to February 12. Our conversations will align with Epiphany—a liturgical season where we seek to notice God's presence and work in the world and in us. TNT discipleship groups are small groups of those in their 20s & 30s who want to explore faith, theology, and day-to-day living. We gather on Zoom for an informal yet intentional space to do that together. If you are interested in joining us, please reach out to Rev. Sarah at hedgis-kligerman@stpetersphila.org.


Retreat for Diocesan Lay Leaders 1-4 p.m. Sunday, January 12

 Join the Rev. Callie Swanlund, the Rev. Dr. Susan Richardson, and Aaron Skrypski, Esq. for a refreshing retreat designed for diocesan lay leaders. Recharge your spirit with soul-nourishing practices to sustain you in parish leadership. Retreat (\$20/person) will be held at Trinity Buckingham Episcopal Church near New Hope. To register, contact office@trinitybuckingham.org.

Newcomer Coffee & Conversation 10 a.m. Sunday, January 26

 Are you new to St. Peter's? Join us at Coffee & Conversation, an opportunity for you to ask questions and for us to get to know each other better. If you are considering making St. Peter's your church home, we invite you to attend! We will gather in the Parish House, across the street from the church at 313 Pine Street. Please email Parish Administrator Kate Randall at randall@stpetersphila.org to let us know you are coming!

Sign up for "Why Church?" 10-week course starts in 2025

 In early 2025, join us for the 10-week course "Why Church?" where we'll delve into the vital connection between individual discipleship and church belonging. In addition to fostering discussions on faith and community, this course serves as an introduction or a continuation of your learning about the Episcopal Church. We'll explore The Book of Common Prayer, the liturgical year, the sacraments of the church, habits of daily prayer, and the teachings of Anglican Christianity. This class is designed for those considering or preparing for Christian rites of initiation during our bishop's visitation in April. If you are interested, reach out to Rev. Sarah at hedgis-kligerman@stpetersphila.org.

Announcements

Book Group: The Book Group is currently selecting books for its 2025 season!

Families & Children: Family Worship resumes in the new year on January 5.

Food Cupboard: The St. Peter's Food Cupboard provides food to our neighbors every Saturday morning. Volunteers are always needed. Visit www.stpetersphila.org/foodcupboard.

Morning Prayer: Morning Prayer will not be held on January 1. We will resume at our regular time at 8 a.m. Wednesday, January 8.

Sages: This monthly lunch gathering will be held in the Parish House at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 15. Bring a bag lunch!

Social Justice Discernment Group: Thank you to those who attended our December 22 meeting to discuss food insecurity, migration, LGBTQIA+ rights, and healthcare. We invite you to join us as we identify next steps in the new year!

TNT (20s & 30s): The next TNT discipleship group will run January 8 through February 12. Discipleship groups meet weekday evenings 7:30-9 p.m. on Zoom. Email Rev. Sarah at hedgis-kligerman@stpetersphila.org to join us.

Tuesday Noon Service: Our regular Tuesday service will not be held on December 31. We will resume this service on Tuesday, January 7.

To learn more, please visit our website www.stpetersphila.org or sign up for our weekly newsletter at www.stpetersphila.org/enews. You can also email Parish Administrator Kate Randall at randall@stpetersphila.org.

*For those who want to remain masked and surrounded by those who are masked,
there is a mask-required seating area in the church's south side balcony. Please ask an usher if you'd like assistance.*

Go in peace, and return often to worship with us.

Sunday:

9 am – Children's service with songs, stories and activities

11 am – Worship service with music, Holy Eucharist, and sermon

Wednesday:

12 noon – Worship service with Holy Eucharist

THE LAYOUT OF ST. PETER'S

The unusual layout of the church reflects the emphasis on Bible-reading and preaching in 1761, during the Great Awakening evangelical movement. Putting the reading desk and pulpit at the west end gave them greater prominence than the altar opposite, since the communion service was held only occasionally. The resulting need to face in both directions during services meant that the original box pews, designed for warmth, had to be retained after the invention of central heating.

For more information on the long history of the church, pick up one of the brochures at the west end or inquire about purchasing a copy of *St. Peter's Church: Faith in Action for 250 Years*, published in 2011.

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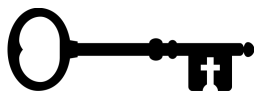
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