

SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHATTANOOGA, IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 – 10:30 A.M.



THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Welcome to worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Church!

We are glad that you are here.

Prayer for Our Clergy Search

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: Look graciously upon us and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new priest for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of our Vestry, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will. We pray for the life of our parish that we may continue in our mission to proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Christ's sake. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (Hymn 680)

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, be thou our guide while life shall last,
our hope for years to come, and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5

Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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

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

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

GLORIA (S-278)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON (Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18)

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please join the choir in chanting the psalm.

THE PSALM (90:1-12)

BCP 717

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *

from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *

from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *

"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *

and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *

we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *

and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *

we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

THE SECOND LESSON (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: "Eternal Ruler" (Hymn 617)

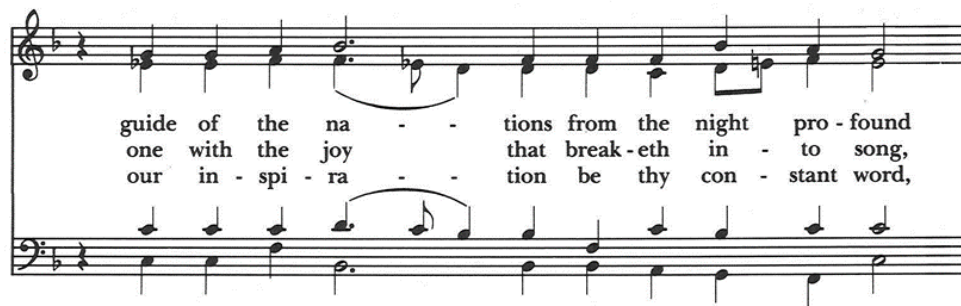
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1 E - ter - nal Ru - ler of the cease - less round
2 We would be one in ha - tred of all wrong,
3 Oh, clothe us with thy heaven - ly ar - mor, Lord,



of cir - cling plan - ets sing - ing on their way,
one in the love of all things sweet and fair,
thy trust - y shield, thy sword of love di - vine;



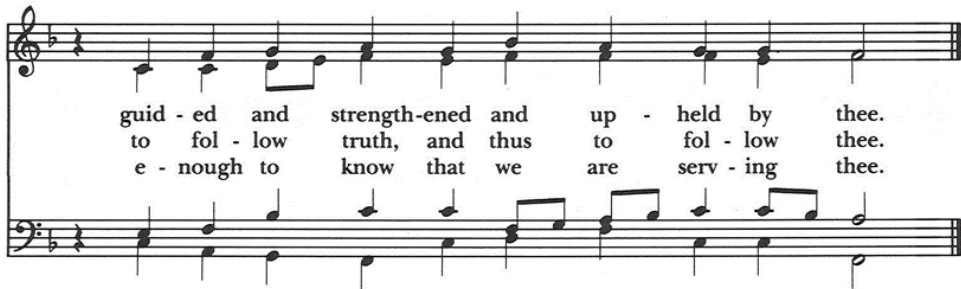
guide of the na - - tions from the night pro - found
one with the joy that break - eth in - to song,
our in - spi - ra - - tion be thy con - stant word,



in - to the glo - ry of the per - fect day;
one with the grief that trem - bleth in - to prayer;
we ask no vic - to - ries that are not thine;



rule in our hearts, that we may ev - er be
 one in the power that makes thy chil - dren free
 give or with - hold, let pain or plea - sure be;



guid - ed and strength-ened and up - held by thee.
 to fol - low truth, and thus to fol - low thee.
 e - nough to know that we are serv - ing thee.

Words: John White Chadwick (1840-1904), alt.
 Music: *Song I*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625);
 harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), rev.

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THE GOSPEL (Matthew 25:14-30)

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

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

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

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

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.

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy." For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those on our parish prayer list. For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To thee, O Lord our God.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION

BCP 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence.*

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.

Priest 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

BCP 360

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Risen Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Eucharistic table is set and the ushers collect offerings from the congregation.

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THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth" (Hymn 598)



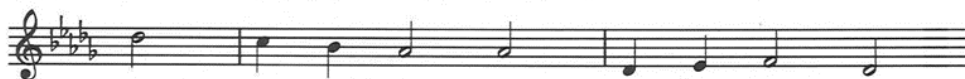
1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
 4 O wound-ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
 pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566

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THANKSGIVING OVER THE PLEDGES

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 367

Sursum Corda

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*Here a Proper Preface is said.*] 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 (S124)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

(*The people stand or kneel.*) Priest: 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

The Memorial Acclamation

Priest Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Priest: 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, 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 Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Agnus Dei (S161)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to receive the bread and wine. Come up the center aisle to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail. Return to your pew using the side aisle. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please let the clergy know by crossing your arms in front of you at the altar. The chalice will be offered to all. If you prefer not to receive, you may choose to reverently acknowledge the presence of Christ in the wine, while the minister says,

"The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

COMMUNION HYMN: "From Glory to Glory" (Hymn 326)



1 From glo - ry to glo - ry ad - vanc - ing, we
2 Thanks - giv - ing, and glo - ry and wor - ship, and



praise thee, O Lord; thy Name with the Fa - ther and
bless - ing and love, one heart and one song have the



Spi - rit be ev - er a - dored. From strength un - to
saints up - on earth and a - bove. O Lord, ev - er -



strength we go for - ward on Zi - on's high -
more to thy ser - vants thy pres - ence be



way, to ap - pear be - fore God in the
nigh; ev - er fit us by ser - vice on



ci - ty of in - fi - nite day.
earth for thy ser - vice on high.

The small notes in the vocal part are recommended for stanza 2.

Words: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Charles William Humphreys (1840-1921)
Music: *St. Keverne*, Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Deacon We 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. We who are many are one body,

People Because we all share one bread and one cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: "Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!" (Hymn 551)

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt.
Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893)

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Lectors: Jessica Dumitru (OT), Shanda Schmitt (NT)

Intercessor: Tammy Garland; **Livestream / Audio:** Tony Burgess

Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Kilgore, Tony Burgess

Acolytes: Gracelynn Garland, David Garland, Jessie Long

Ushers: Ron Abston, Chip Stansbury; **Greeter:** Shanda Schmitt

Healing Altar: Rena Stansbury

We pray for the healing and comfort of:

Alicia, Betty Lamance, Betty Thompson, Bill Kazmier, Bob Hoover, Bob Matthews, Bonnie Brown, Bryson Tidwell, Cynthia Millwood, Dianne Stone, Dixie Warren, Donie, Eddie Rodgers, Emmalea Rogers, Ernestine Rogers, Gail Abston, Garnet Johnston, Gene Vredeveld, Jimmy McDaniel, John Giles, John Hickman, Julie Suttles Saunders, Karin Gilstrap, Kelly Snyder, Maggie Williams, Mark Northern, Mary Cook, Matt Klinger, Pete Garland, Fr. Reynolds Garland, Richard Rogers, Robert Carnes, Sawyer Burch, Suzy Marland, Terrell Williams, Terry Arnold, Tony D, Vicki Neff

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**YOU ARE INVITED:
CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS**

Members of the Vestry invite you to participate in congregational conversations in connection with our Priest-in-Charge search. These conversations will take place in small group settings and will focus on your experiences at St. Peter's and how you might envision St. Peter's in the future.

With that in mind, please consider attending one of the following sessions:

Sunday, November 19, at 8:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am in person

Tuesday, November 28, at 6:30 pm in person

Thursday, November 30, at 6:30 pm, Zoom only

Sunday, December 3, at 8:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am in person

Your input is critical to our search, and our goal is to have as much participation as possible. As your Vestry, we are excited to listen to each of you, and we are confident that what we learn from these conversations will guide our search in the coming months.

St. Peter's Church Staff

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