



ST. PETER'S

— IN THE WOODS —

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021

10:00 am

Welcome!

We are delighted to have you with us today. We hope you find worship at St. Peter's in the Woods to be an inspiring and nurturing part of your faith journey. If you are visiting, please know that you belong. Don't hesitate to introduce yourself and fill out a welcome card found on the back table of the sanctuary. Simply place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. (We will only contact you if you ask us to!) You are warmly invited to stay for coffee and fellowship after the service.

About Today's Worship:

We welcome all people to God's table to receive Holy Communion. A gluten-free alternative is available; please ask the priest when you come up. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please come forward during Communion and place your arms across your chest.

Holy Baptism is our sacramental rite of initiation into the Christian faith. If you would like to learn more about this rite or other sacraments and membership at St. Peter's in the Woods, please speak with our clergy or contact our office: 703-503-9210.

About our worship books: BCP refers to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (red) and "Hymnal" refers to the 1982 Hymnal (blue), both of which are located under the seats.

Thank you for worshipping with us. We'd love to see you again!

God's peace be with you this day and always,

Rev. Susan Hartzell, Rector

Rev. Guimond Pierre Louis, Assistant Rector

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Second Sunday of Advent

Rite II

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Antiphon

Celebrant: Our King and Savior now draws near:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Celebrant: Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts,


People: **We may come to the true light which is Christ.**

Response

O come, o come, Emmanuel

Hymn #56

Verse 4-6

 O come, O Come, thou branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny,
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Day spring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Song

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Hymn 6

Opening Words

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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

Kyrie

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The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of two staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Prayer of the Day

(The people remain standing)

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(In unison) From the bulletin insert.

Insert

(The people sit)

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Insert

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16

Insert

(to be read responsively by whole verse)

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

Insert

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(The people stand)

Gospel Song

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Hymn 76
vs. 1-3

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Insert

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(The people sit)

The Nicene Creed

(The people stand)

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Prepare your church to share the good news, life-giving God. Put your word within us and dwell among us. Send us out to proclaim the mercy and salvation that abides in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Bless this congregation, life-giving God. Give strength and joy to all your people as we prepare the way for the celebration of the Christ Child's coming among us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Leader: For the hurting places in creation, for seas and lands ravaged by natural disasters; for communities and creatures displaced by floods and droughts. Grant peace through your presence and joy in your healing. Hear us, O God
Your mercy is great.

Leader: Prince of peace, your sacrifice gives abundant life to all. Raise up leaders in every nation whose goals are health and well-being for all people and creation. We pray for our President Joe, and our governor Ralph. Grant them wisdom and compassion to serve as you would have them serve. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Leader: Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness. Especially..... Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great..

Leader: You overflow with grace upon grace. Come near to us in the beauty of nighttime, the shining of the stars and the hush of the world at rest. We come to you in the beauty of this day to pray for those celebrating birthday this week, especially..... and anniversaries, especially.....We pray for those preparing for confirmation and reception in the church, Lydia, Charlie, Tommy, Julia, Jim and Ward. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Leader: In thanksgiving, we remember all who have died and now rest in your glory, especially.....We pray for our military who have died in service to our country, especially... Hold all who mourn in the comfort of your eternal light and bring us to delight in the new life you promise. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Concluding Collect

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us. We bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant & People: **Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Declaration of Absolution

Celebrant: Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Bidding

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The alms basin is located near the entrance for your gifts gratitude to God. Online giving is encouraged. Your gift of gratitude will be used to build up God's kingdom and serve others. Thank you!

Offertory Anthem

An Advent Legend

Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Adult Choir

Presentation Song

Hymn 380

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; Praise

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him a - bove, ye heav - enly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving--Eucharistic Prayer B

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(People stand)

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.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: 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."

Therefore according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming glory.**


Celebrant: 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 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 forever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

Chad Steffey

 ***Our Father 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 our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory
For Thine is the Kingdom, forever and forever. Amen.***

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

WLP 865





Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: This altar is not ours; it is the Lord's. So, come to this altar, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him, here.

All persons are welcome at God's Table. Those who would like to learn more about the sacrament of baptism as a rite of Christian initiation, please speak with Rev. Susan. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest and the ushers will guide you forward. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping online

O God, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts.

We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The bread is given to the people with these words:

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Communion Song

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn 324

Post Communion Prayer

(The People stand)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Advent Blessing

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free

from all sin. **Amen.**

Celebrant: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

Celebrant: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Creator of the Stars of Night

Hymn 60
vs. 1-3

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Instrumental

December 5, 2021 Announcements & Events

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information. If you do not receive the enews contact the office, spwmain@gmail.com, to be added to our mailing list.

Lessons and Carols- Dec. 12th at the 10 AM service. We need lectors for this service. Please see enews for sign up or contact the office to volunteer.

Angel Tree and Summer Express Toy Drive – We are collecting \$50 Giant, \$25 Wal-Mart and Target gift cards for military and Halley families in need, as well as toys for children and teens currently battling cancer in Northern VA. **All donations are due at the church Dec. 8th.**

Christmas Flower Dedication - If you would like to contribute to the Christmas decorations, please fill out the insert or an envelope and drop a check for **\$40-50** made payable to St. Peter's in the Woods, with Christmas Flowers on the memo line by **December 15th.**

Stewardship – **In-gathering Sunday is Dec. 19th - A Season of Gratitude and Giving!** Your pledge for the coming year helps church leadership plan the budget for all the programs and ministries we love and things like salaries, building upkeep, and more. Thank you for prayerfully considering your pledge for 2022! Pledge cards are available at the back of the church, or pledge online! Thank you!

Ladies Christmas Tea – Dec. 18th 11-12:30 AM- Join us for festive fellowship as we remember and celebrate the hope found in Christ's birth. Bring your favorite tea cup, if you'd like. Please see enews or contact office to RSVP and sign up to bring a snack.

Usher Training Dec. 18th, NEW TIME 9-10 AM - Interested in serving as an usher? Hoping for a refresher after so many months online? Please let Rev. G know if you would like to attend at guimondpl8@gmail.com or sign up in the Narthex.

Christmas Services – Christmas Eve -- 4PM Outdoor, Short, Family Friendly, -- 8 PM Inside, traditional, Christmas Day – 10 AM Traditional.

2021 Contribution Deadline Wednesday, December 29th - As we close out the year, all contributions for 2021 must be received by 12/29/21 for tax purposes. Please drop off in the office or mailbox by the stairs. Thank you!!

Weekly Offerings

Sunday, Dec. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Chapel, 10 AM • Adult Forum, 11 AM • Confirmation Rehearsal, 1 PM St. Andrew’s • Youth Group, 5:30-7 PM • Blue Advent, 7:30 PM, on Zoom
Monday, Dec. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Tuesday, Dec. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer in Community Call, 9- 9:12 AM • EfM 7-9 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angel tree and Toy Drive donations Due • ROMEO’s, 12 PM • Wired Word, 7:30 PM
Thursday, Dec. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday Theology, 8 AM • Choir Practice, 7:30-9 PM
Friday, Dec. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Saturday, Dec. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men’s Group on Zoom, 9 AM
Sunday, Dec. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons and Carols, 10 AM • Adult Forum, 11 AM • Confirmation at St. Andrew’s

Office hours – M- F 7:30-3:30

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