



# **ST. PETER'S** **— IN THE WOODS —**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 1, 2023  
9:00 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**. Please also know that we won't always be outside for worship. Our construction project is set to be complete in time for our Christmas services! Don't hesitate to introduce yourself and fill out a welcome card found on the table where you picked up your bulletin. 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 fellowship after the service.

#### About Today's Worship:

We welcome all people to God's table to receive Holy Communion. To receive the host directly from the priest, extend your hand as you approach. If you would like to receive the bread dipped into the wine by the priest, extend two hands. If you would like to drink from the common cup, please approach the chalice bearer. 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).

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

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# Rite II

Prelude

Instrumental

## THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Hymn 450 (vs 1-3)

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate  
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!

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## Opening Words

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

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

## Collect for Purity

BCP 355

*Presider:* 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

BCP 356

*(In unison)*

**Glorify to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

*(The people remain standing)*

*Presider:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*(In unison)*

**O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *(The people sit)***

## First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the

transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 25: 1-8**

*(to be read responsively by whole verse)*

**1** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \* let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**2** Let none who look to you be put to shame; \* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

**3** Show me your ways, O Lord, \* and teach me your paths.

**4** Lead me in your truth and teach me, \* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**5** Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \* for they are from everlasting.

**6** Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \* remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**7** Gracious and upright is the Lord; \* therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**8** He guides the humble in doing right \* and teaches his way to the lowly.

## **Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave

him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn

*At the Name of Jesus*

VF 135 (vs 1-3)

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,  
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now:  
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,  
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,

'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,  
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot-less to the last,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
all the heaven-ly or - ders, in their great ar - ray.  
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed:

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## **Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32**

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

### **The Nicene Creed**

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**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**

BCP 388

*Reader 1:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace. Bless our leaders, our President Joe and Governor Glenn, with patience and wisdom, that together we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader 4:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Bless those celebrating a birthday this week ... and anniversaries ... . Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader 5:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially ... . Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader 6:* We commend to your mercy all who have died ... , and those who have died in service to our country, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**



## Concluding Collect

*Presider:* In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Confession of Sin

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*Presider:* Let us confess our sins to God against God and our neighbor.

*Presider & People:* **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.**

## Declaration of Absolution

*Presider:* 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

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also, with you.**

## Welcome & Announcements

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

## Invitation to the Offering

*\* Presentation of Alms and Oblations*

*Your gift of gratitude will be used to build up God's kingdom and serve others.*

*Online giving is encouraged through the QR code provided. Thank you!*



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory

*Ceaseless Praise (You are Holy)*

arr. Joshua Metzger

### Prayer of Thanksgiving *(to be said in unison)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

# The Great Thanksgiving--Eucharistic Prayer A

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*(The people remain standing).*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also, with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

*Presider and People:* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider:* 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.**

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 our 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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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*Presider and People:*    **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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider:*            Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:*              **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*Presider:* 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.*

*The bread and wine are given to the people with these words:*

*Priest:*              The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**


# THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion Hymn

*Table of Plenty*

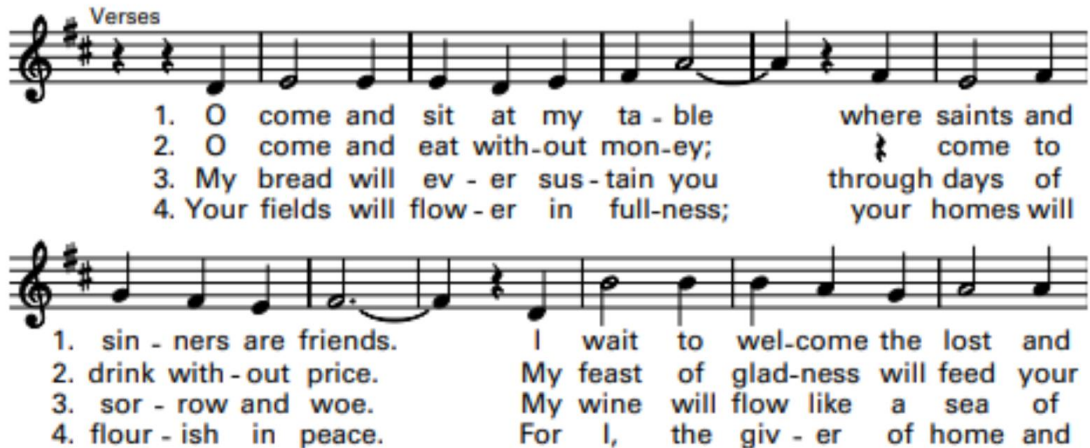
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Refrain



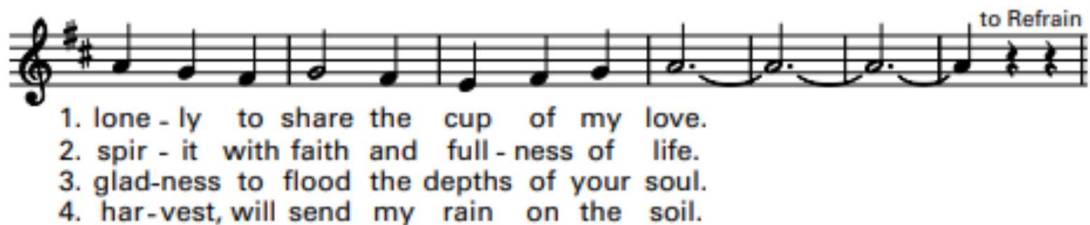
Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta -  
- ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we  
need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

Verses



1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and  
2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey; I come to  
3. My bread will ev - er sus-tain you through days of  
4. Your fields will flow - er in full-ness; your homes will  
1. sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel-come the lost and  
2. drink with - out price. My feast of glad-ness will feed your  
3. sor - row and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of  
4. flour - ish in peace. For I, the giv - er of home and

to Refrain



1. lone - ly to share the cup of my love.  
2. spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.  
3. glad-ness to flood the depths of your soul.  
4. har-vest, will send my rain on the soil.

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## Post Communion Prayer

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*Presider:* Let us pray.

*(The People stand)*

*Presider and People:* **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 forever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

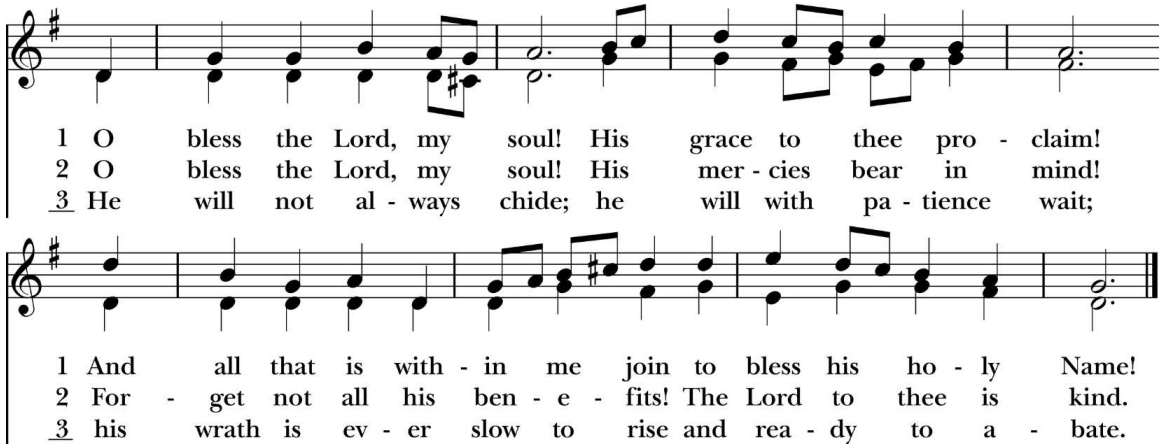
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The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God, strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Recessional

*O Bless the Lord, My Soul!*

Hymn 411 (vs 1-3)



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103. Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

## Dismissal

*Presider:* Our worship has ended. Our service to the world begins.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

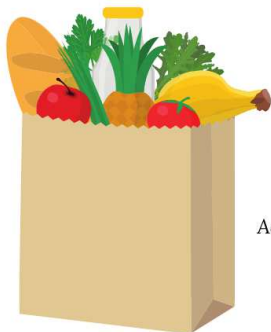
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# St. Peter's in the Woods | October 1, 2023

## Announcements & Events

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



### October Mobile Food Pantry Needs YOUR Support!

Wednesday, October 4 | Donations Due

Friday, October 6 @ 7:00 p.m. | Pack Meal Bags

Saturday, October 7 @ 10:00 a.m. | Deliver Donations

Additional info From Mark DeVoll, in ENews, and Facebook.

### Grand Reopening Committee Forming

Let Reverend Susan know by Friday  
October 6 if you want to get involved  
and a meeting will be set.



### Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 8 @ 10am

All well-behaved animals  
(stuffies included) welcome!



### Trunk or Treat & Messy Church SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 28  
Let MJ Trombly know if you can  
decorate your trunk!



Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
- Children's Chapel @ 9am - Adult Formation @ 11am		Tuesday Morning Prayer Call @ 9am	- ROMEOs @ 12pm - Mobile Food Pantry food donations due	- Thursday Morning Theology @ 8am - Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30pm	Pack Mobile Food Pantry Meal Bags @ 7pm	Deliver Mobile Food Pantry Meal Bags @ 10am

# Church BINGO

## FIND SOMEONE WHO

Find a different person for each box. First to get Bingo wins!

Has John 3:16 memorized	Loves church potlucks	Has their Bible with them	Has sung in a choir	Has been a youth leader
Owns a cross pendant necklace	Has been baptized	Attended church last week	Has visited Israel	Can spell "Deuteronomy"
Knows the order of books in the Bible	Has watched "The Chosen"		Listens to praise music at home	Owns wall decor with Bible verses
Has watched "VeggieTales"	Attends church on Christmas Eve	Has a Bible app on their phone	Plays a musical instrument	Has read the entire Bible
Attends a weekly Bible study	Has volunteered at church	Can recite "The Lord's Prayer"	Has been on a mission trip	Has been a church member 5+ years



# Who am I?

- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| _____ 1. I did not want Jesus to wash my feet           | A) Jesus    |
| _____ 2. I betrayed Jesus with a kiss                   | B) Mary     |
| _____ 3. I doubted Jesus' resurrection                  | C) James    |
| _____ 4. I was the Governor of Judea                    | D) Thomas   |
| _____ 5. Jesus raised me from the grave                 | E) Lazarus  |
| _____ 6. I was released from prison<br>instead of Jesus | F) Barabbas |
| _____ 7. I poured perfume on Jesus' feet                | G) Matthew  |
| _____ 8. I was in the desert for 40 days                | H) Pilate   |
| _____ 9. I was a tax collector                          | I) Peter    |
| _____ 10. I was the first disciple to be martyred       | J) Judas    |

