



CHRIST THE KING

November 26, 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:

Holy Communion is the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church invites all baptized people to receive the Sacrament. If you are visiting, and receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive here. As our Bishop Mark Stevenson states, "we invite all baptized persons to receive communion not because we take the Eucharist lightly, but because we take our Baptism so seriously." If you prefer to receive a blessing from the priest, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest. A holy meal, a holy blessing, wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. Want to learn more about the Sacrament of Baptism, and what it may mean for you? 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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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Words

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

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

Gloria

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(In unison)

Glory 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)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. *(The people sit)*

First Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to

the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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

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

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The 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

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Reader 1: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Mark, Gayle and Dabney; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

Reader 2: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations and war-torn places; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

Reader 3: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially ...

Silence.

Reader 4: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence.

Reader 5: I ask your thanksgivings for the blessings of this life including ... and for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially

Silence.

Reader 6: I ask your prayers for the departed [holding before you ... and those who have died in service of our country]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence.

Reader 7: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

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 Peace

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

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

Welcome & Announcements

The 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

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Invitation to Communion

The Communion of the People

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

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.**

November 19 and 26

9:00 a.m. | Outdoor Worship Around the Firepit

Season of Advent: December 3, 10, and 17

9:00 a.m. | Online Worship on Zoom

5:00 p.m. | Outdoor Compline Service with Cocoa, Candles, and Firepit

December 17: Christmas Pageant Prep & Fun

5:00 p.m. | Calling all kids! Join us on the 17th for Christmas pageant prep!

December 24th Christmas Eve

9:00 a.m. | IN PERSON Worship in the NEW SANCTUARY

4:00 p.m. | Pageant with Eucharist and Choir

8:00 p.m. | Eucharist with Choir

December 25th Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. | Worship in the NEW SANCTUARY



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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.



The Flower Guild will be decorating the church for Christmas with traditional evergreens and poinsettias. If you wish to contribute to the Christmas decorations as a memorial, in thanksgiving, or celebration, please fill in the information below and include it along with a check for \$40-\$50 (made payable to St. Peter's in the Woods, with Christmas Flowers in the subject line) and place it in the collection plate by December 15th.

Your Name: _____

Please circle one: In Memorial / Thanksgiving / Celebration of...

Name(s): _____

SPW Families w/Kids Gathering

Saturday, December 9
Fairfax City Holiday Market
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For more info, contact Carolanne Petrusiak.



December Mobile Food Pantry (MFP)

Wednesday, November 29

Donations Due

Friday, December 1 @ 7:00 pm

Pack Meal Bags

Saturday, December 2 @ 10:00 am

Deliver Donations

For more info, contact Mark DeVoll.



Meditation Trail Clean-Up Day

Saturday, December 2
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Help blow leaves, pull out Japanese Stiltgrass, cut back small briars growing along the trailside and pick up sticks. For more info, contact Debbie Swietlik or Stacey Remick.



There's still time to
donate to our
Stewardship Campaign!

Help us grow our impact in 2024!



Scan and pledge today!

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
		Tuesday Morning Prayer Call @ 9am	- ROMEOs @ 12pm -MFP Donations due to church (before 4pm)	Thursday Morning Theology @ 8am	- MFP Pack Meal Bags at church @ 7pm	- Meditation Trail Cleanup @ 9am -MFP load and deliver food @10am