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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

6:00 pm – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

10:30 pm – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

11:00 pm – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two at Hunt Chapel

Christmas Day

10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

December 21, 2025

10:00AM

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The theme of the Fourth Sunday of Advent is the role of the Virgin Mary in the events that brought about our salvation. A related theme is the Lord's human nature.

The first reading deals with the Messiah's human origins. He will come from the village of Bethlehem within the clan of Ephratha, the smallest and least significant of all the clans of the Tribe of Judah. The importance of this prophecy from the book of Micah is that with the Messiah, as with all people, greatness comes from God rather than from human sources.

It was as an obedient human being that Jesus made the willing offering of himself for our salvation, says the author of the Letter to the Hebrews. The salvation of humanity was accomplished within human life not apart from it.

Human nature has a real and definitive role to play, a role revealed in the story of Mary. Today's Gospel reading is the story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. Both Elizabeth and her unborn son rejoice in Mary's role. God's blessing of Mary, the lowly servant, will be extended in the ministry of Christ to all, especially the poor and the lowly. In her acceptance and cooperation with God's will, Mary becomes the model for our response to God and the human agent of God's gift of the redeeming Christ to the world.

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The red **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP)
is our source of Liturgy and is indicated by BCP page numbers.
Our hymns are found in the blue **Hymnal 1982**
as printed selections from it and other supplemental hymnals,
including, but not limited to, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS),
Voices Found (VF), *Wonder, Love, Praise* (WLP),
My Heart Sings Out (MHSO) and *Enriching Our Music* (EOM)

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Voluntary

O come, o come, Emmanuel

Mary Alice Hendricks, cello / Melody Yuhn, cello

Gathering Music

O come, divine Messiah



1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si - lence waits _ the day when
2. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, whom priest and proph - et long _ fore - told, come,
3. You come in peace and meek - ness and low - ly will your cra - dle be; all



1. hope shall sing its tri - umph and sad - ness flee _ a - way. _ _ _
2. break the cap - tive's fet - ters, re - deem the long _ lost fold. _ _ _
3. clothed in hu - man weak - ness shall we your God - head see. _ _ _



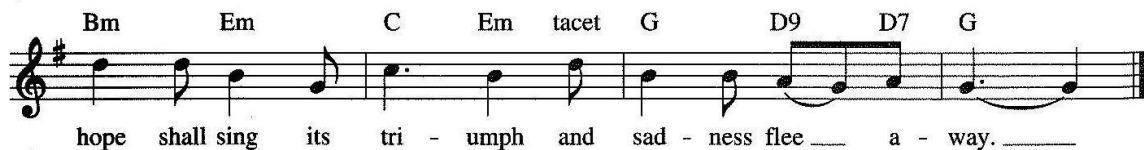
Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the



night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. _ _ _ O



come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si - lence waits _ the day when



Processional Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Hymn 66

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures forever.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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.**

Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of God! By
 those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly heard; pi -
 ty the proud and haugh - ty, who have not learned to heed the
 Christ who is the Pro - mise, who has a - tone-ment made.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 211

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you

a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:I-7, 16-18

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



7 Restore us, O God of **hosts**; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right **hand**, *

the son of man you have made so strong for **yourself**.

17 And so will we never turn away from **you**; *

give us life, that we may call upon your **Name**.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of **hosts**; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.

The Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand. The children are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the Sequence Hymn.



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,




he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have _____ been, and that fu - ture
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____

This hymn may be performed in equal note values: 

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

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

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. J. Michael Wheeler

The People stand with the Celebrant and say together

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

The people may stand or kneel.

Prayers of the People, Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of
our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; David and Angela, our Bishops; Bert, Mike, and Rich, our Priests; in our diocese, we give thanks this week for Church of the Messiah, Gonzales; St. Stephen's, Wimberley; and St. Stephen's, San Antonio.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of blessed Peter and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

The Celebrant stands and says

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.**

All stand.

The Peace

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Love came down at Christmas

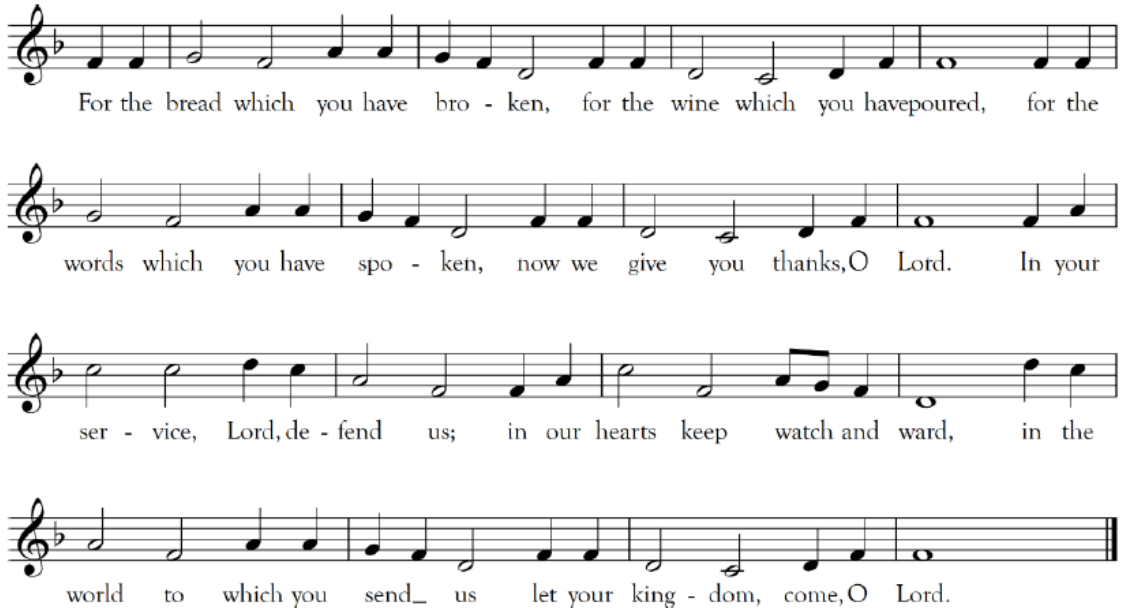
Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and others, love for plea and gift and sign.

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The Presentation of the Offerings *For the bread which you have broken* Hymn 341
Verses 1 and 4



For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured, for the
words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. In your
ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward, in the
world to which you send us let your king - dom, come, O Lord.

The people remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S 130

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 - 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.

The people stand or kneel. 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 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 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 blessed 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.**

The Celebrant continues

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

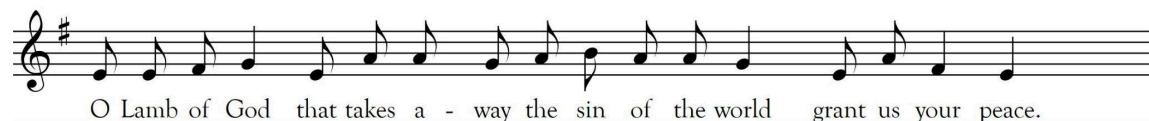
People and Celebrant

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem *(All Singing)* O Lamb of God



The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

Holy is your name



1. My _____ soul is filled with joy _____ as I
2. I am low - ly as a child, _____ but I
3. I pro - claim the pow'r of God, _____ you do
4. To the hun - gry you give food, _____ send the
5. In your love you now ful - fill _____ what you

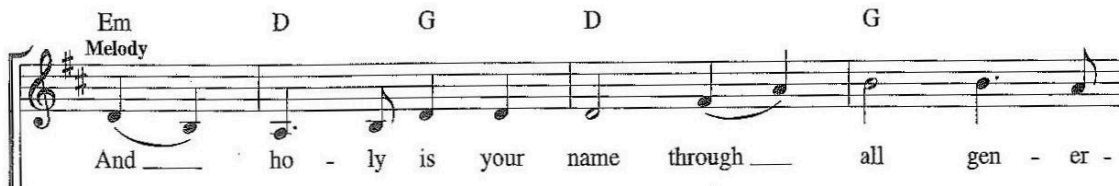


1. sing to God my sav - ior: you have looked up - on your
2. know from this day for - ward that my name will be re -
3. mar - vels for your ser - vants; though you scat - ter the proud
4. rich a - way _____ emp - ty. In your mer - cy you are
5. prom - ised to your peo - ple. I will praise you, Lord, my



1. ser - vant, you have vis - it - ed your peo - ple.
2. mem - bered, for _____ all will call me bless - ed.
3. heart - ed and de - stroy the might of princ - es.
4. mind - ful of the peo - ple you have cho - sen.
5. sav - ior, ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy.

REFRAIN



And _____ ho - ly is your name through _____ all gen - er -



a - tions! Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the

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peo - ple you have cho - sen, and _____ ho - ly is your

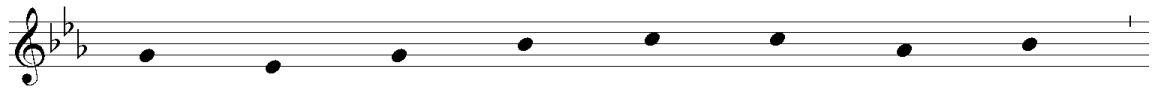
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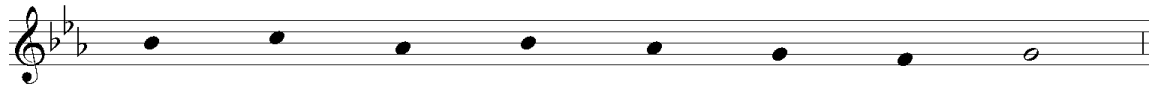
Communion Hymn

Creator of the stars of night

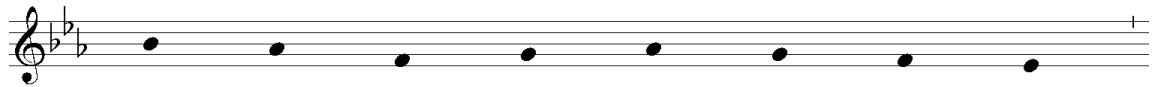
Hymn 60



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

When Eucharistic Visitors are sent, the Deacon says

In the name of St. Peter's Congregation, I 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.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Deacon **Go in peace.**

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

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.**

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.**

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

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

Descant

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All

barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

Dismissal

Deacon

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

The greens on our altar today are given to the Glory of God by David and Kathy Diamond in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (*also streamed online*)

10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (Hunt Chapel)

Monday through Friday

8:30 am – Morning Prayer

Wednesday

5:00 pm – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Ministries–December 21

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 am

Dave Weekley

10:00 am

Imelda Horne

John Murray

Vestry Rep.

Herb Williamson

Joseph Blalock

Ushers

Joseph Blalock

Sarah Hilburn

Junior Hilburn

Altar Guild – Beverley Martin, Sharon Evans, Beverly Dodds, Margaret Galloway, Betsy Matz, Debbie Wilson, Kim Marks

Ministries–December 28

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 am

John Nolen

10:00 am

Amanda McDonald

Ken O'Neal

Vestry Rep.

Herb Williamson

Joseph Blalock

Ushers

Michael Stebbins

Debbie Wilson

Hiram Wilson

Altar Guild – Deidra Murray Harmer, Amy Best, Kathy Diamond, Beverlee Smith, Mandy Tate, Mindy Tate

Long Term Prayer List: Nancy, Sarah, Wyatt, Olivia, Adam and family, Dan and Laura, Jerry and Stacy Kramer, Kathleen, Herschel, Jahmir, Dorothy, Jerry, Jeremy, Jason Allen, Elizabeth, Abigail, Baker, Holly, Marsha, Scott, Julie, Dennis, Jerry, Patty

Short Term Prayer List: Edie, Angel, Charles, Timea, Alice, Margarite, Kyle, John, Diane, Nicholas, Gail, Nikita, Mick, Barbara, Elizabeth, Doug

Military and Diplomatic Service Prayer List: Kareen Hart, George Hart, Justin Augustine, Elison Crum, Ross Davis, Kevin DeVore, Jr., Jason Horne and family, Emily Matz Corbin, Joshua Bosworth, Nate Munton, Eric Wood, John Christy, Brittany Vinson, Ian Nix, Anna Heiligenstein, Sgt. Hunter Green, Matthew Kern, and all who serve our country.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Messiah, Gonzales; St. Stephen's, Wimberley; and St. Stephen's, San Antonio

Worship Attendance:

Sunday, December 14: 8AM: 29; 10:00AM: 210; Hunt: 27

Wednesday, December 17: 5PM: 105

Monthly Giving as of 12/15/25:

Current month giving \$ 44,223

Current month budgeted \$85,000

YTD giving \$980,829

YTD budgeted \$1,020,000

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, December 21

8:00 am	The Holy Eucharist: Rite One Traditional Service – no music
9:00 am	Coffee & Fellowship – Tucker Hall
9:00 am	Advent Book Study – MPR
9:45 am	Nursery opens – Rm. 95 by the chapel
10:00 am	The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Combined Service

MONDAY, December 22

8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Cottage Shop Volunteer workday & receiving donations. Call 830-257-0290 to make an appointment for consignments, accepted on Mondays only from 8AM – 11 AM.
8:30 am	Morning Prayer – Church

TUESDAY, December 23

8:30 am	Morning Prayer – Church
9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Cottage Shop Open – Donations gratefully received without an appointment. We welcome all who would be interested in volunteering to serve in our Cottage Shop. To volunteer, please contact Marsha Hofland or Margaret Galloway at 830-257-0290.

WEDNESDAY, December 24

4:00 pm	The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Christmas Eve Service – Church
6:00 pm	The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Christmas Eve Service – Church
10:30 pm	The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Christmas Eve Service – Church
11:00 pm	The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Christmas Eve Service – Hunt Chapel

THURSDAY, December 25

10:00 am	The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Christmas Day Service – Church
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FRIDAY, December 26

9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Cottage Shop Open – Donations gratefully received without an appointment. To volunteer, please contact Marsha Hofland or Margaret Galloway at 830-257-0290.
11:00 am	Book Study – The Friday Book Study group Meets in the parlor and also via Zoom. Ours is an ecumenical group; all are welcome. Contact Susan Parker, parkers710@gmail.com or 830-955-1088

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Each year, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) recognizes and honors St. Peter's graduating high school seniors with a gift and a scholarship for your college, business or technical/vocational school. In order to receive the scholarship, the student must be a Baptized and Confirmed Episcopalian, be an active member of the church, (church attendance, acolyte, Sunday School, youth group, etc.), and must submit an application. Applications will be mailed January 21st. If you are a graduating high school senior and do not receive an application, please give me a call at 830-329-3602. Completed applications can be mailed to me at 1717 Foothills Dr., Kerrville, Texas, or placed in an envelope labeled Attention: Cathy Martin, and dropped off in the church office. Deadline to submit application is Sunday, April 19. Certificates of award will be presented at your school's Senior award ceremony. Seniors will be recognized and presented with a gift at church, on Sunday May 17.



CENTERING PRAYER

Everyone is welcome! Our goal is to support one another in private contemplative prayer and meditation, and share our faith journeys. We are affiliated with Contemplative Outreach LTD and World Community for Christian Meditation. This group is taking place of the group previously called “Contemplative Prayer” that took place on Tuesdays at 2PM. For more information, please contact Susan Parker at 830-955-1088, or email her at parkers710@gmail.com with any questions!

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

The Season of Giving



Since July, the Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas has supported our church and community in so many ways. With workshops, family and individual counseling, and small groups, the Children's Bereavement Center is committed to long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts in Kerr County. Give to the Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas today to honor a loved one and directly support their work in the Texas Hill Country. Scan the QR code above with your phone camera, or give at the link on our website: www.stpeterskerrville.com/floodrelief

Thank you!

THE STORY OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

Two Thousand Years from East to West

BEGINS
JANUARY
14TH

“The story of Christian Spirituality bears witness to the countless ways in which individuals and communities have felt the presence and heard the call of God, have been disturbed by the divine anger or delighted by the divine beauty, and have felt impelled to give all they had to give in response.”

(Gordon Mursell, [former] Dean of Birmingham Cathedral)



Drawing on scholarship from East and West, the classes will explore the ways in which Christians from the earliest times to the present day have sought to express and live the deepest truths of their faith. The Scriptures and the life of Jesus Christ are the starting point of this series of open classes.

We will meet the early Church Fathers, the Celts, and Anglo-Saxons, medieval saints and mystics, the Eastern tradition, the Russian Story, the Protestant tradition in Europe and America, the Catholic saints and Reformers, the Anglican story, concluding with the explosion of spiritualities across the world in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

WEDNESDAYS

in Tucker Hall
6:15 PM - 7:15 PM

*Taught by
Fr. Mike Wheeler*

COME JOIN US!

INQUIRERS AND CONFIRMATION

SIX WEEK CLASS

Are you interested in Baptism or learning more about the Episcopal Church?

All are welcome to this six week class that is tailored for inquirers and those considering to be confirmed/received into the Episcopal Church. Led by Father Bert and based on the book, *Walk in Love*, by Scott Gunn. Welcome to all.

Begins January 11th
Sundays in the Multi-Purpose Room

Schedule:

January 11th
January 25th
February 1st
February 8th
February 15th
February 22nd

11:15 AM
LIGHT LUNCH
PROVIDED



The LORD'S PRAYER

for kids

Many Christians say the Lord's Prayer with great frequency and familiarity, so that we scarcely reflect upon what we are saying. This kid-friendly and introductory class will open up the prayer in a relatable way to children.

Join us on Sunday mornings!

Starts January 11th at 11:15 AM in Shelton

Snacks will be provided for attending students. They will eat together in the classroom before the class begins.



NEWCOMERS CLASS

**Starts Wednesday, September 10th
at 6:15 pm in Tucker Hall**

*Are you new to St. Peter's
during the past year or so?*

Well, this is a class for you! Please join Fr. Bert for this four week class on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 10th at 6:15pm. Following the Wednesday dinner, the class will meet in Tucker Hall and lasts four weeks. We welcome all newcomers or anyone curious about the Episcopal Church. We hope you join us! Please RSVP by emailing Fr. Bert directly at bert@stpeterskerrville.com.

Join us! **1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4
6:15PM in Tucker Hall**





THE FIVE *Luminous Mysteries* OF CHRIST

The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan

The Wedding at Cana

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

The Transfiguration

The Institution of the Eucharist

These five mysteries can also be called the “Mysteries of Light,” appropriate to reflect upon in this season of Epiphany. The Luminous Mysteries are five events from the life of Jesus during his public ministry. Each event reveals something to us about Christ and his ministry for the salvation of our humanity. Let us explore these holy mysteries.

Join us! Sundays at 9AM
in the MPR

Begins January 11th

JOIN US AT A NEW
LOCATION



For the Hunt Chapel

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
12	13	14	15

Starting December 14th, our "Pop-Up" Hunt Chapel will begin meeting at **The Hunt School Cafeteria** at 10:00 AM on Sundays. To park, turn right off of 39 on to 1340. Take a left on School Lane, and the parking lot is between the tennis courts and cafeteria. The entrance doors are across from the Tennis Courts. *Our Christmas Eve service in Hunt will still take place outdoors at 11:00 PM at the Hunt Pavilion.*

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 10:30 PM at St. Peter's

11:00 PM Candlelight Midnight Mass
at the Hunt Preservation Society Pavilion

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM

