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The Second Sunday of Advent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

December 7, 2025  
10:00AM

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, December 10**  
5:00 pm – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

**Sunday, December 14**  
8:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite One  
10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



## The Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Today is the first of the two Advent Sundays on which John the Baptist is the central figure. This dynamic prophet marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He announced the time of Messiah's arrival and called the people of Israel to repentance in preparation for that coming. The Gospels see him as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of one who will prepare the way for God to come to the peoples of the earth.

The first reading is from the book of the prophet Malachi. To a people who have become careless about their practice of their faith, the prophet brings the word of God that God's messenger is coming. That messenger will come to reestablish God's people and to purify them.

The second reading is from Paul's letter to the Philippians. In greeting this congregation, Paul speaks of his affection for them and of his imprisonment. He urges them to continue in faith as they await the day of Christ's return.

The Old Testament and John the Baptist looked toward the coming of the Messiah in history to establish God's Kingdom. The New Testament looks toward the return of Christ at the end of history to bring that Kingdom to fulfillment. We, the Church, gather in Eucharist in the "in-between times" to celebrate the foretaste of that Kingdom and to be equipped by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Kingdom 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

## Gathering Music

## *O come, o come, Emmanuel*



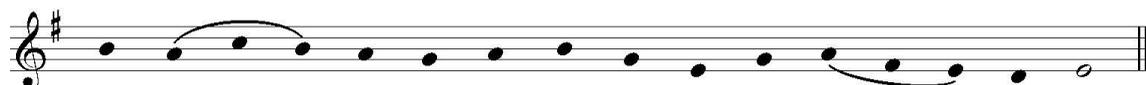
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



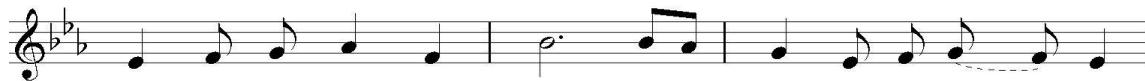
1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
 2 O ——— Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
 3 but the word of our God ——— en - du - reth, the ———



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst ——— of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The ———  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 flowers of the field they ——— per - ish, like  
 feed his ——— flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our ——— God ——— may go!  
 na - tions shall ——— pass like a dream ——— a - way;  
 lead them, and ——— bring them ——— safe to his fold.

*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*

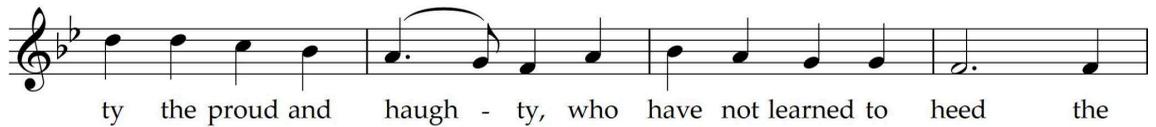
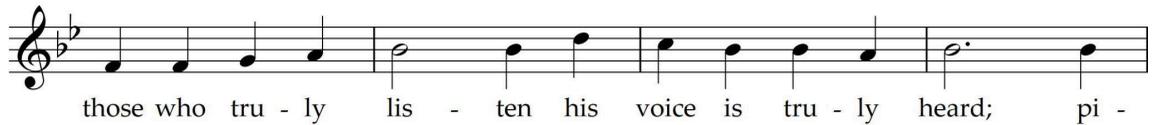
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Song of Praise**

*Blest be the King whose coming*

**Hymn 74**

Verse 1



**The Collect of the Day**

**BCP 211**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The First Reading**

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like  
the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations  
shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



- 1 Give the King your justice, O **God**, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's **Son**;
- 2 That he may rule your people **righteously** \*  
and the poor with **justice**;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the **people**, \*  
and the little hills bring **righteousness**.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the **people**; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the **oppressor**.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon **endure**, \*  
from one generation to **another**.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown **field**, \*  
like showers that water the **earth**.

7 In his time shall the righteous **flourish**; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no **more**.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of **Israel**, \*  
who alone does wondrous **deeds!**

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for **ever!** \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. **Amen.**

## The Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

### Sequence Hymn

### Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymn 65



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

### The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Rich Nelson**

*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 Advent, Brownsville; St. Andrew's, Seguin; and St. Andrew'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

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

*People*          **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

*E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come*

Paul Manz

*Peace be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be.*

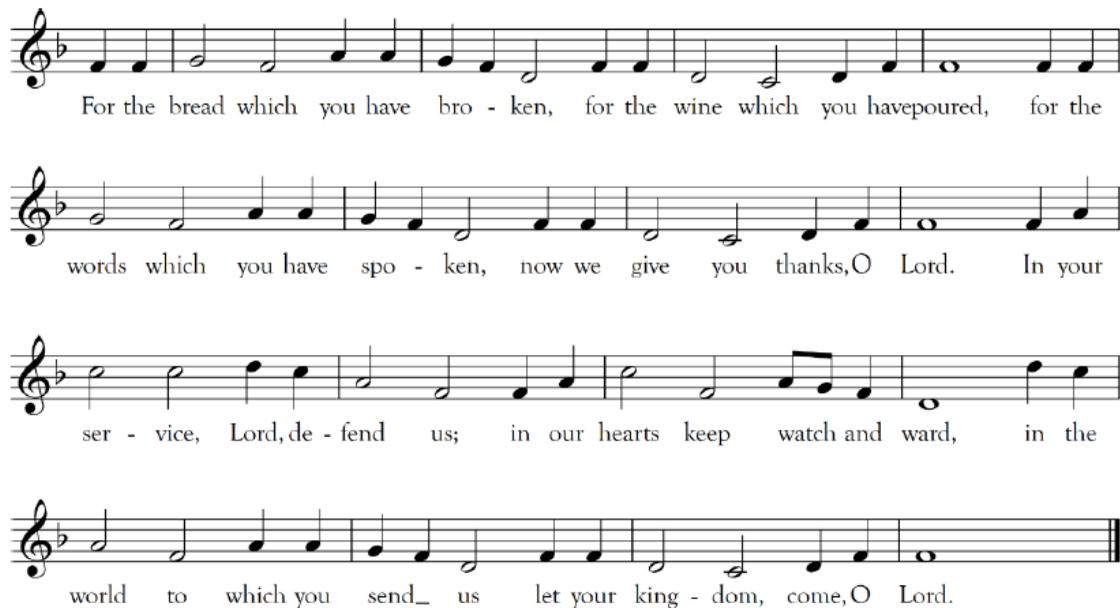
*Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come;  
Sing holy, holy, Lord!*

*Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,  
For Christ is coming soon!*

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
And night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
For Christ will be their All!*

*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 havepoured, 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.

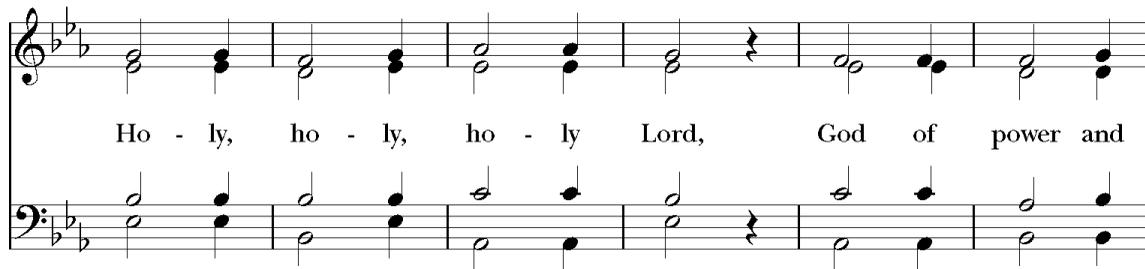
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great

triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

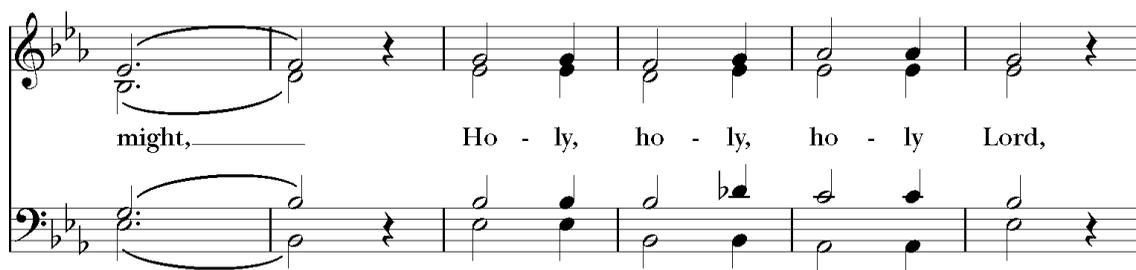
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

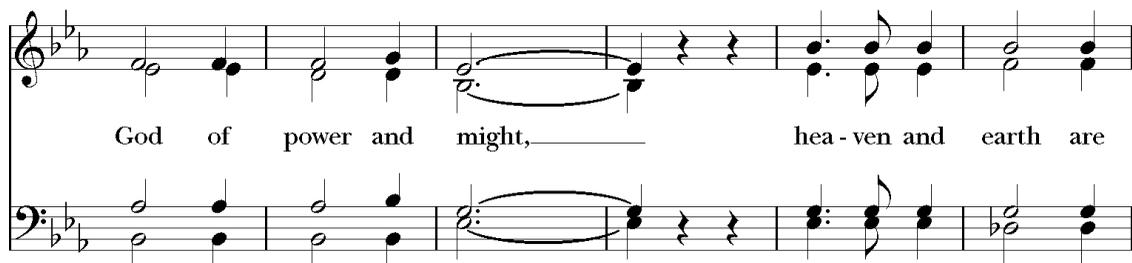
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



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



*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**



O Lamb of God that takes a - way the sin of the world have mer-cy u - pon us.



O Lamb of God that takes a - way the sin of the world have mer-cy u - pon us.



O Lamb of God that takes a - way the sin of the world grant us your peace.

*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.



VERSE 3

17 Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> F F

a - maz - ing grace. 3. The Lord has prom - ised good.

20 Bb/F F C/F

to me, His word my hope se - cures. He will.

23 F F/A Bb F

my shield and por - tion be, as long.

CHORUS

25 C/F F F/A Bb

as life en - dures. My chains are gone. I've been set.

28 F/A Bb/D F/C F/A

free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed me. And like a.

31 Bb F/A Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup>

flood His mer - cy rains, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace.



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

1

Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
 seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
 o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

*Refrain*

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

*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**

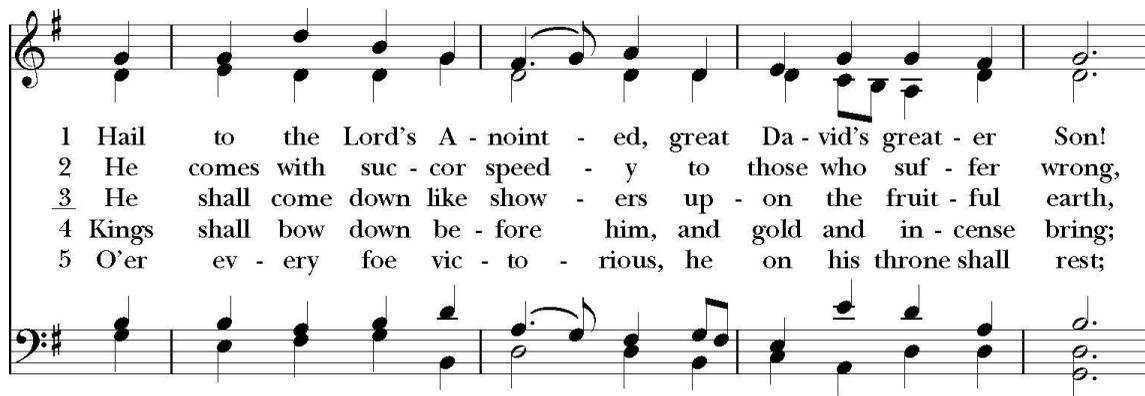
*The Celebrant blesses the people, saying*

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.**

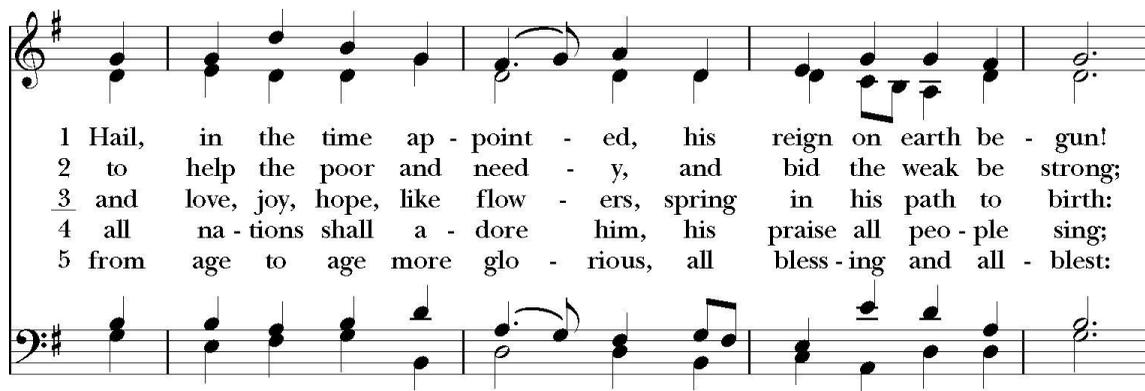
May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

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.**



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Voluntary

## 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

<b>Ministries–December 7</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Kim Chatelain	Jane Quein Michael Rietтини
<b>Vestry Rep.</b>	Herb Williamson	Joseph Blalock
<b>Ushers</b>		Dan English Libby English Barbara Jansen

**Altar Guild** – Denise Baehre, Gail Brown, Helen Herget, Sarah Hilburn, Beverly Lohmeyer, Punkie Kinnan, Nellwyn Sadler

<b>Ministries–December 14</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	LouAnn Maxwell	Fred Henneke Caroline Williams
<b>Vestry Rep.</b>	Herb Williamson	Joseph Blalock
<b>Ushers</b>		Libby English Wynn Kilgore Melody Yuhn John Yuhn

**Altar Guild** – Denise Baehre, Gail Brown, Helen Herget, Sarah Hilburn, Beverly Lohmeyer, Punkie Kinnan, Nellwyn Sadler

**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

**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 Advent, Brownsville; St. Andrew's, Seguin; and St. Andrew's, San Antonio

**Worship Attendance:**

Sunday, November 30: 8AM: 24; 10:00AM: 148; Hunt: 20

Wednesday, December 3: 5PM:

**Monthly Giving as of 12/1/25:**

Current month giving \$ 8,705

Current month budgeted \$85,000

YTD giving \$945,312

YTD budgeted \$1,020,000

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, December 7

8:00 am	<b>The Holy Eucharist: Rite One Traditional Service</b> – no music
9:00 am	<b>Coffee &amp; Fellowship</b> – Tucker Hall
9:00 am - Noon	<b>Chrismon Making</b> – Tucker Hall. Come and go ornament making
9:00 am	<b>Advent Book Study</b> – MPR
9:45 am	<b>Nursery opens</b> – Rm. 95 by the chapel
10:00 am	<b>The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Combined Service</b>

### MONDAY, December 8

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

### TUESDAY, December 9

8:30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – Church
9:00 am – 4:30 pm	<b>Cottage Shop Open</b> – 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.
9:00 am	<b>Centering Prayer</b> – Sanctuary- Everyone is welcome. Our goal is to support one another in private contemplative prayer and meditation and share our faith journeys. Susan Parker at 830-955-1088.
12:00 pm	<b>Prayers, Fellowship &amp; Football</b> – <b>Tucker Hall</b> P.F.F. is a men's lunch group with no agenda. It's purely social and men of all ages are welcome. Join us for a delicious \$8.00 lunch and lively conversation! If you need more information, please feel free to call Jon Wilems at (281) 723-9671 or John Elliott at (830) 238-4958. An RSVP is appreciated, but not necessary.
1:00 pm	<b>The Brotherhood of St. Andrew</b> – Library. This men's organization is based on the threefold disciplines of Prayer, Study, and Service while spreading Christ's Kingdom among men in the Episcopal Communion. We meet in the Library in the church office every Tuesday. For more information, contact Don Glover at 512-650-0635 or <a href="mailto:donaldgloversr@gmail.com">donaldgloversr@gmail.com</a> .

### WEDNESDAY, December 10

- 8:30 am **Morning Prayer** – Church
- 10:30 am **Path of Life – MPR** We are studying the book of Romans. Everyone is welcome and Betty has extra books if you are new. We are a fun, caring and supportive group and would love for you to join us. If you have any questions please call Betty Mosty 830-351-1156.
- 5:00 pm **The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**
- 5:30 pm **Choir Rehearsal** – Choir Room
- 5:30 pm **Dinner** – Tucker Hall
- 6:15 pm **The Brotherhood of St. Andrew** – Library. This men’s organization is based on the threefold disciplines of Prayer, Study, and Service while spreading Christ’s Kingdom among men in the Episcopal Communion. On Wednesdays, we will be studying the upcoming Gospel reading. For more information, contact Carter Crain at [fcc@me.com](mailto:fcc@me.com).

### THURSDAY, December 11

- 8:30 am **Morning Prayer** – Church
- 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.

### FRIDAY, December 12

- 8:30 am **Morning Prayer** – Church
- 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](mailto:parkers710@gmail.com) or 830-955-1088

# ADVENT BOOK STUDY

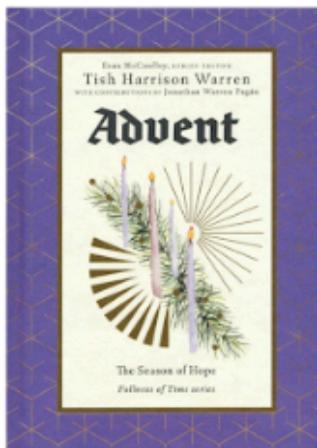
Prepare your heart.  
Enter the story.  
Welcome the Light.

Join us for a four-week study based on *Advent* by Tish Harrison Warren, beginning Sunday, November 30 at 9:00 AM. In this book, Warren invites us to rediscover Advent as a season that teaches us to wait with hope, pay attention to God's presence in the ordinary, and long for Christ's renewal of all things. Through themes of longing, honesty, and quiet expectation, she frames Advent as a counter-practice to hurry, distraction, and despair.

To make the most of our time together, participants are strongly encouraged to read the assigned chapter before each class (Chapter 1 for Week 1, Chapter 2 for Week 2, etc.). Completing the reading in advance will allow for deeper reflection, richer discussion, and more meaningful engagement with the season's themes.

**Purchase the  
book on Amazon**

<https://a.co/d/e08Hsnd>



**SUNDAYS  
at 9AM**

*Led by the Clergy  
in the MPR*

Chapter One  
November 30

Chapter Two  
December 7

Chapter Three  
December 14

Chapter Four  
December 21



## LESSONS & CAROLS

**December 17, 5:00 PM**  
*in the Church*

An evening of scriptural readings interspersed with choral presentations and hymns, which recall mankind's longing for liberation from sin and death, and our hope and expectation for the both the first and second coming of Christ.

This year's Lessons and Carols will be extra special as our Children Ministry will perform a special carol they have been working on.

**La Posada dinner follows  
in Tucker Hall!**



## Chrismons Making

COME AND GO  
SUNDAY, DEC 7  
9 AM - 12 PM

Supplies provided to create ornaments using symbols of Christ. Make your very own "Chrismons" to take home!

# ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

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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 830-285-3874, or email her at [parkers710@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.stpeterskerrville.com/floodrelief)

## Thank you!

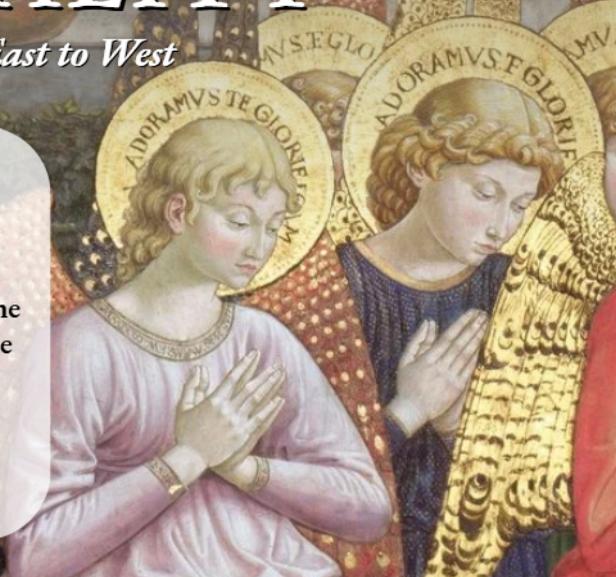
# THE STORY OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

*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!

JOIN US AT A NEW  
**LOCATION**



*For the Hunt Chapel*

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
12	13	14	15

Starting December 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's time to order thanksgiving and memorial Christmas poinsettias for our altar. These beautiful plants will be on display on the altar during Christmas week services. Poinsettias are \$15 each and are wrapped in colorful foil paper.

Fill out the order form below, then drop it off, along with payment, to the front desk in the church office. OR, place it in the offering plate on Sunday!



[www.stpeterskerrville.com/holidayflowers](http://www.stpeterskerrville.com/holidayflowers)

**Deadline for inclusion in Christmas bulletins is Tuesday, December 16th.**



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS *Order Form*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

	# of plants:	Total Cost:
TOTAL (# of plants x\$15.00)	_____	\$ _____

**PLEASE COMPLETE BELOW:**

*In memory of:*

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*In Thanksgiving for:*

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