

St. Peter's Office Hours:
Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

SUNDAY, December 7—Second Sunday of Advent & Pastor Christophor's First Sunday

9:30 am Worship / Live Stream, Sanctuary
10:45 am Book Signing, Narthex

MONDAY, December 8

1:00 pm Loaves & Fish Pantry (until 3:00 pm)
1:30 pm JustPeace Meeting, Conference Room
6:00 pm Men's AWOL, Luther Room

TUESDAY, December 9

8:10 am Sojourners, Parking Lot
11:30 am Esther Circle to Brax Landing
12:30 pm Monomoy Bridge, Fellowship Hall
3:30 pm Loaves & Fish Pantry (open until 5:00 pm)
6:00 pm NAMI Meeting, Luther Room

WEDNESDAY, December 10

12:30 pm Loaves & Fish Pantry (open until 2:30 pm)
1:00 pm Kathy's Bridge, Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm Y.O.H. Meeting, Luther Room

THURSDAY, December 11

10:00 am Pastoral Care Team Meeting, Conference Room & Zoom
1:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting, Conference Room

FRIDAY, December 12

10:00 am Loaves & Fish Pantry (open until 12:00 pm)
12:30 pm Monomoy Bridge, Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary
3:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, December 13

4:00 pm SMMC Worship, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, December 14—Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Worship / Live Stream, Sanctuary
3:00 pm Dulcimer Fellowship Group, Fellowship Hall

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This Week at St. Peter's
The Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2025

Prelude "A Rose Breaks into Bloom"
J. Brahms

Gathering Hymn #239 "Hark the Glad Sound"

Scripture Readings Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19,
Matthew 3:1-12

Hymn #249 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Musical Offering "Come, Lord, and Be with Us"
Charles Stanford, Setting by Douglas E. Wagner

Communion Hymns:

#256 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

#246 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

#241 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

Sending Hymn #264 "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Postlude "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"
Arr. Albin C. Whitworth

Prayer of the Day: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer List Updates:

As of printing on Dec. 2, there were no additions to the Prayer List.
Prayer requests can be given to the church office or made online via the **Pastoral Care page on our website.**

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter: Gayla Bergman, Lorraine Feldt
Ushers: Linda Czech, Charlie Czech
Liturgist: Karen Bulin
Presider: Pastor Christophor Gilbert
Communion Assts: Lynn Archambault, Bruce Bassett
Altar Care: Trish Crocker
AV Tech: MJ Pattison
Coffee Hour: The Pattisons

The worship leader sign-up form is in the narthex.

New Pastor for St. Peter's: We welcome Pastor Gilbert today, his first Sunday preaching. Welcome to St. Peter's! Please remember to wear your name tags to assist him in learning names.

Communion: All are welcome to partake in the Lord's supper. Those not wishing to commune may come forward for a blessing. **Gluten-free bread** is available, just ask. Let an usher know if you'd like to be served at your seat. Wine is red; grape juice is white.

2026 Offering Envelopes: The offering envelopes for 2026 are now available in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes. They are in alphabetical order by your last name. Thank you.



On-line Donations: This QR Code will connect you to a variety of giving options. Simply use the camera on your phone and hold it over the QR code or copy the URL link <https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/stpeterscc/egiving> directly into your browser to give securely to St. Peter's by credit card or from your bank account. Thank you for your generosity!

January Newsletter Deadline: Please get your articles in for the January issue by December 17. Thank you!

Altar Flowers: Today's flowers are from Kathy Glifort in loving memory of her brother Jerome Kennedy who left us 32 years ago. We miss you.



Check out the 2026 Flower Chart on sacristy door for available dates.

Loaves & Fishes Pantry: On the wish list this week are pudding, tooth paste, and beans. There's a bin in the narthex until Dec. 14 for donations of toys, and new clothing items. We love that these gifts go directly to "our" families. Gift cards to stores like TJ Maxx, CVS, Old Navy, Marshalls, Target, etc. can be put in the pantry mailbox or dropped off in the bin in a larger envelope. Thanks for opening up your hearts to our neighbors in need!

BOOK SIGNING TODAY, December 7: We welcome Kolby Kaser who is here to sign the book, **Cape Cod Nature Boy**. We will have copies of the book on hand, and Kolby will be happy to sign them for you. Books will be on sale for \$20, and 50% from the sale of the books will be donated to the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. We will have a special coffee hour featuring "Kay's Blueberry Muffins" (featured in "September").

Collection for Seafarer's in Boston. Esther Circle's will be filling "ditty" bags with a hat, hard candy, gum, bandana, toothbrush, nail clippers, sewing kit, gloves (one size fits all), small notepad &/or calendar, and a comb. Please pick up a bag and list in the Narthex and **return by TODAY, Sunday, December 7**. For more information please contact Marianne O'Boyle, Lynn Hatch, or Gayle Olson.

Poinsettias for Christmas: If you'd like to order Christmas poinsettias, the price is \$11. The sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. The deadline for orders is **December 17**.

The Longest Night Christmas Service for 2025 will be on **Sunday, December 21 at 7:00 pm**. This service is for those who feel at odds with or estranged from the general feeling of joy and happiness typically associated with this time of year. You may have suffered a personal loss: death of a loved one, divorce, illness or job loss. This service seeks to comfort you by reminding you that you're not alone and your feelings are valid. Feel free to bring a friend or family member. We have invitations to this service for you to distribute to friends, family or neighbors who may appreciate this service. Rides will be provided; there is a sign-up form on a clipboard in the narthex for rides.

Christmas Schedule:

- **Christmas Eve service @ 4:00 pm, Wednesday, December 24**
- **Christmas Day Service @ 9:30 am on Thursday, December 25**



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SUNDAY, December 14—Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Worship / Live Stream, Sanctuary
3:00 pm Dulcimer Fellowship Group, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, December 15

1:00 pm Loaves & Fish Pantry (until 3:00 pm)
4:30 pm SPLC @ Faith Family Kitchen
6:00 pm Men's AWOL, Luther Room

TUESDAY, December 16

8:10 am Sojourners, Parking Lot
12:30 pm Monomoy Bridge, Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm Broad Reach Grief Group, Luther Room
3:30 pm Loaves & Fish Pantry (open until 5:00 pm)

WEDNESDAY, December 17

12:30 pm Loaves & Fish Pantry (open until 2:30 pm)
1:00 pm Kathy's Bridge, Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Council Meeting, Classroom Downstairs

THURSDAY, December 18

1:30 pm Sacred Sorrow, Luther Room

FRIDAY, December 19

10:00 am Loaves & Fish Pantry (open until 12:00 pm)
12:30 pm Monomoy Bridge, Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm Prayer Shawl, Luther Room
2:00 pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary
3:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, December 20

4:00 pm SMMC Worship, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, December 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent & Home Communion Sunday

9:30 am Worship / Live Stream, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Longest Night Service, Sanctuary

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Prelude "Sleeper's Wake for Night Is Flying"
J.S. Bach

Gathering Hymn #242 "Awake! Awake, and Greet
the New Morn"

Scripture Readings Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:46b-55,
Matthew 11:2-11

Hymn #715 "Christ Be Our Light"

Musical Offering by Bell Choir "Mary Did You Know?"
Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene, Arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

Communion Hymns:

#311 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

#737 "He Comes to Us as One Unknown"

#253 "He Came Down"

Sending Hymn #248 "People Look East"

Postlude "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"
Setting by P. Manz

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Pastor Christophor will update the Prayer List.

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(Printed on December 3)

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Greeter: Lois Thomas, Ken Thomas
Ushers: Lynn Archambault, Russ Olson
Liturgist: Trish Crocker
Presiding Pastor Pastor Christophor Gilbert
Communion Assts: Juliet Bongfeldt, Marianne O'Boyle
Altar Care: Trish Crocker
AV Tech: Kayden Kaser
Coffee Hour: Altar Care Team

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SAVE THE DATE! St. Peter's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, February 22 immediately following the service in the sanctuary.

Committee Heads: reports for the Annual Report are due by February 1.

Advent Devotions are in the narthex. Take one home with you!

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Devotions available! We have copies of the devotion, *The Word in Season* in the narthex for January, February, and March in large print and pocket size. Please take one home with you!

Bread Sunday: As announced last Sunday, **December 14** is a Bread Sunday. You are invited to contribute a loaf of yeasted or quick bread. You may take one home if you leave a contribution for Bread for the World in the basket on the table in the nave. Bread for the World is a faith-based advocacy organization advocating for food needs in the US and abroad.

