

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



*St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lakewood, Ohio*

WELCOME TO SAINT PETER'S CHURCH!

Livestreaming begins at 9:50 a.m. and the service at 10 a.m.

The service can be found on the Saint Peter's YouTube page at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl_s7g

This leaflet contains the readings and outline for worship this morning.

NAME TAGS can be found at the end of every pew. PLEASE, wear one! Whether you've been attending here 50 years, or 50 minutes, it helps everyone get to know one another!

IF YOU'RE NEW this morning, please take a moment to fill out one of the little cards at the end of the pew rack and place it in the alms basin at the offering. Or you can sign our guestbook by the tower door on your way out. We want to welcome you properly.

A WORD ABOUT OFFERINGS: Loose cash and coins put in our offering plates on Sundays are used to fund important ministries in the wider community. Your loose cash will go to the Outreach Partner of the Month. If you prefer that your cash offerings go to church operations, or if you wish a tax receipt, you must put your offerings in an envelope and supply your name. Envelopes for this purpose can be found at the end of every pew.

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION: We offer bread* and wine during Holy Communion. We believe that we receive the full benefit of the sacrament in each kind. You are invited to receive the wine from the chalice by drinking. A second, smaller chalice is available for intinction; gently touch the wafer to the wine in the smaller chalice.

ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available for anyone who has difficulty hearing. They can be found on a small table by the tower door, or see one of the ushers.

RESTROOMS are located between the Church and the Chapel off the Narthex.

CHILDREN: All children are welcome to join Michelle Killin-Keith before worship in the Fellowship Narthex outside the Chapel for Christian Formation Classes. Children are also welcome to attend the service; activity sheets are available at the back of the church for your use. Children may use the carpet in the front of the church to participate in an activity and be part of the service.

COFFEE HOUR: Please linger after the service for coffee hour, which takes place in the Narthex. During the summer months, lemonade will be served on the plaza.

** Gluten-free wafers are available – please alert the priest*

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The Holy Eucharist

The Prelude Now come, savior of the gentiles

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Week 1 - The Gift of Hope

Presenters: Sarah & Rory Taylor (at 10 a.m.)

Reader We begin the season of Advent with expectant and believing hearts. During Advent we confront the darkness that so often exists around us. We resist the doubt that so often resides within us. We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God's word.

Reader Today we light the **First Advent Candle**, which reminds us of the ultimate hope that comes through our Savior Jesus Christ. In a world where we often get overwhelmed by our circumstances, Advent comes as a gentle whisper offering us hope to heal the broken, befriend the lonely, and share the good news of the Gospel. This morning, let us begin this Advent season with expectant and believing hearts.

The first candle of the Advent Wreath is lit.

Reader Today our Old Testament Prophet Jeremiah will declare, "*The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.*" This hope of the fulfillment of God's promises will be realized in the Messiah, Jesus the Lord. Jeremiah's words will be affirmed in our Gospel reading when Jesus proclaims that hope by saying, "*...your redemption is drawing near.*"

The Prophet Jeremiah is placed in the Crèche.

Reader On this First Sunday of Advent, our minds are called by the prophets to hope for the fulfillment of time that comes with the second coming of Christ in our world. We know the pain of our world and prepare ourselves for Christ's coming by living in Hope as the light of His love begins to grow.

The Church bell rings an "Angelus" to announce the beginning of worship. All stand.

(At 10 a.m. only)

The Entrance Hymn 57 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

The Liturgy of the Word

The service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

The Opening Dialogue

(BCP)

Salutation

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Collect for Purity

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(At 8 a.m.) Gloria in excelsis

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(At 10 a.m.) Gloria in excelsis (Trisagion S101)

Rutter

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lessons

Lector A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." (*Jeremiah 33:14-16*)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Lector A Reading from the Book of First Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. (*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand

(*At 10 a.m. only*)

The Sequence Hymn 56 (verses 1 & 2) O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who

live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” (*Luke 21:25-36*)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *The Rev. Mike Lager*

The Nicene Creed *The people stand*

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The Prayers of the People

Intercessor For all peoples of every race and nation: May your love so embrace us all, that its power overcomes our conflicts, our defenses, and our fears. Awaken us to our true nature as your children that we may love one another.

Intercessor Hear our prayer, O Lord.

People And grant us mercy.

Intercessor For all the churches of the world: May we grow together in our understanding of mission, that we may be strengthened in unity and united in service. Call us to the many gifts of discipleship.

Intercessor Hear our prayer, O Lord.

People And grant us mercy.

Intercessor For all Christian communities: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Anne, our Bishop, Mike and Nathan, our Priests, our Vestry, volunteers, and staff. Renew our vision and experience of Christian community as ever birthing, ever transforming.

Intercessor Hear our prayer, O Lord.

People And grant us mercy.

Intercessor For those who live in fear and confusion: For those in refugee camps, or hidden behind high fences, give to the vulnerable strength, and to the secure vulnerability, that our human compassion for one another may end injustice.

Intercessor Hear our prayer, O Lord.

People And grant us mercy.

Intercessor For this community, especially for those who are suffering emotionally or physically, for the dying and for those who are grieving. May we give comfort and support. We pray especially for Molly, Jim & Linda, Jo, Lorna, Joanne, Carolyn, Ernest, Anida, Pat, Bryan, Yhosila, and Michael, and any others whom you now name silently or aloud. [*The congregation is invited to offer their intercessions.*]

Intercessor Hear our prayer, O Lord.

People And grant us mercy.

Intercessor For the larger community around us, for children, the homeless, for those in prison:
May we create a world where shelter, food, and medical care are available for all.

Intercessor Hear our prayer, O Lord.

People And grant us mercy.

Intercessor For those who have entered into God's eternal presence. We pray especially for
_____. [*The congregation is invited to offer their intercessions.*]

Intercessor Hear our prayer, O Lord.

People And grant us mercy.

Celebrant On this first day of the year, we gather up our prayers and offer them to you, O Lord,
as we watch for the signs that call us to prepare for your coming now and at the close
of this age. Help us to be ready.

People Amen.

The Confession **360**
The Absolution **360**

The Peace *All now greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

The Announcements *Dan Lammers, Vestry (Please also see back pages for upcoming events.)*

December Community Outreach Partner *St. Peter's Childcare Center*

The Liturgy of the Table

The Celebrant begins the offertory with a sentence of scripture. The people sit.

Offertory Music

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Text: Isaiah 40:5

Music: (from Messiah) G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

All stand

The Presentation Hymn 380 (verse 3)

Doxology/Old Hundredth

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

(BCP 367)

Salutation

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Sanctus *Schubert (S130)*

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem *Schubert (S164)*

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(At 10 a.m.) **The Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our soul and body with the earnest knowledge that we are always united to you in our baptism. And since today we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to join our hearts with all who faithfully receive this day. May we live forever in your love. *Amen.*

The ministers receive the Sacrament, then immediately deliver it to the people.

Please make your way to the communion rail at the instruction of the ushers.

Communion Music Adam lay ybounden

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond. Four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took. As clerkes finden in written their book.
Nor had one apple taken been, the apple taken been. Then had never Our Lady, a-been heaven's queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was. Therefore we may singen: Deo gracias!

Text: Anonymous, 15th century

Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)

Sending of Eucharistic Minister

Celebrant I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those who receive them may share with us in the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ.

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

The Eucharistic minister departs.

All stand

The Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 616 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude Prelude in A minor

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Narthex following the 10 a.m. service,
hosted by Jeff Tennant, Joseph Jacoby, Dan Karchmer & Sunia Mathew,
Joseph & Price Kasl, and John Keller.*

Serving Today

Lector	8 a.m.	Gina Massetti
	10 a.m.	Hilary Bickerton Jeff Tennant
Intercessor	8 a.m.	Jan McDonough
	10 a.m.	Jim Calhoun
Acolyte/Crucifer	8 a.m.	Alison LaRosa
	10 a.m.	Colin McConnell
Ushers	8 a.m.	Jan McDonough
	10 a.m.	Jim Cofer Dennis Driscoll Liz Crosby
Chalicer	8 a.m.	Jan Babbit
	10 a.m.	Chas Geiger Beth O'Rourke
Bell Ringer	8 a.m.	Jan McDonough
	10 a.m.	Kathy Woolner
Verger	10 a.m.	Liz Crosby
Chancel Guild	8 a.m.	Kristen Gardner, Liz Crosby, Carol Francescani, Lorna Jordan, Penny Mead, Beth O'Rourke
Nursery (Ages Two & Under)	10 a.m.	Annika Mintzlaff, Linda Lange
Preschool (Ages Three & Four)	10 a.m.	Heidi Demaline, Marcie Hist
Elementary (K through 5 th Grade)	10 a.m.	Kim Lager, Monica Jochum
MS/HS Study	10 a.m.	Keith Jochum, Michelle Killin-Keith
Videographer	10 a.m.	Joanne Hull
Lay Eucharistic Visitor		TBD

Serving Next Week (December 8, 2024)

Lector	8 a.m.	Penny Mead
	10 a.m.	Deb Vandrasiak Jim Cofer
Intercessor	8 a.m.	Jan Babbit
	10 a.m.	Victoria DehMalo
Acolyte/Crucifer	8 a.m.	Mark Lekan
	10 a.m.	Martha Taylor
Ushers	8 a.m.	Tren Cheshier
	10 a.m.	Dennis Driscoll George Filko Tucker Handley
Chalicer	8 a.m.	Gina Massetti
	10 a.m.	Colin McConnell Linda Purdy
Bell Ringer	8 a.m.	Jan Babbit
	10 a.m.	Jim Calhoun
Verger	10 a.m.	Sarah Taylor
Chancel Guild	8 a.m.	Cathe Step, Sue Andrews, Jan Babbit, Emily Malquest, Colin McConnell, Ryan Vogelgesang, Nancy Wittig
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Videographer	10 a.m.	Dennis McCready
Lay Eucharistic Visitor		Tom Andrews

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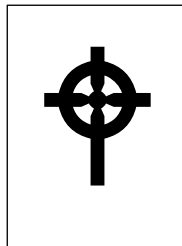
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Services: Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Oratory



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