



Ring in the
Good News
ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Purcellville, Virginia

Advent Season

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FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE,
HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME,
AND WILL NOT DELAY.

BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;
 AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.

HEBREWS 10:37-38



From Holiday Muzak to Advent Mystery

By Fr. Tom Simmons

Oh my, it's that time of year again! 'Tis the season to be... *busy*. You are reminded of it every time you pull into any shopping center or mall parking lot.

Festooning lampposts and store facades

everywhere are the cultural symbols of our holidays. No sooner does Halloween end than they put up images of Santa, snow-flakes, gigantic candy-canes and overburdened Christmas trees. In case you missed it, Christmas Is Coming. It's your money they are after and they'll use holiday cheer to separate you from it.

About this time you begin planning your own Christmas logistics. There is so much to do! Think of the gifts to be bought, the decorations to be displayed, the cookies to be baked, the cards to be sent, the Church programs to be organized, the presents to be wrapped, and the parties attended. It makes me tired just thinking of it.

As Christians, though, we know there is more to preparing for Christmas than the bustle of shopping, cooking, decorating and spend, spend, spending. We live a very different sort of story. Amid the noise of Christmas in secular America, set to the "Holiday" muzak piped into shopping malls, we hear the ancient rhythm of Advent. "For those who have an ear to hear, let them hear." The four weeks of Advent call us out of chaotic

bustle, to "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." We are to anticipate Christ's coming with the expectation of Anna and Simeon, the contrite discipline of John the Baptist, and the wonder and surrender of Mary. With these great saints, we look to the Advent of Christ, both in his Incarnation, celebrated in the holy feast of Christmas, and his return in majesty.

At his Incarnation, the Son of God was born a helpless babe. The Son of God became Mary's son. He entered the world so through him the world might be reconciled to God. He was born a King of David's line and two thousand years later you and I are a part of the glorious Kingdom he established. In the Christmas season we cast our eyes back to *that* Child born in *that* manger on *that* night when it all began.

In Advent our gaze looks forward as well. We anticipate the completion of Christ's reconciling work, the completion of his work overcoming evil, and the renewal of all things. When he comes again, Jesus trades the swaddling cloth for the robe of glory, the manger for the throne, and the company of sheep and cattle for the throng of nations.

Our lives as Christian are bracketed and transformed by these two earth-shaking events in history. Demonstrate that fact in the way you live. In these four weeks before Christmas carve out some time for you and your family for retelling the ancient story, for quiet reflection and prayer, and renewing your commitment to the Lord of History.

Don't let the rhythm of Advent be drowned by the cacophony of Christmas preparation. We'll begin on December 3 with a special Advent Wreath making session after church.

Make an Advent Wreath for Your Home

Sign up in McCray Hall for our instructional presentation of how to make an Advent wreath to use in your own family worship at home. The cost of materials is \$15 per wreath. A great family activity led by Tamara Tyler & Randy Stoutenburgh.

1st Advent—Sunday—December 3—12pm—in McCray Hall



Advent Wreaths—A Bit of History

Centuries ago in the cold, dark, winter days in Scandinavia, lighted candles were placed around a wheel, and prayers were offered to the god of light to turn “the wheel of the earth” back toward the sun to lengthen the days and restore warmth. By the Middle Ages, Christians had adapted this tradition and used Advent wreaths as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. After all, Christ is “the Light that came into the world” to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (see John 3:19-21).

Research by Prof. Haemig of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, indicates that Johann Hinrich Wichern, a Protestant pastor in Germany and a pioneer in urban mission work among the poor, was the inventor of the modern Advent wreath in the early 19th century. During Advent, children at the mission school Rauhes Haus, would ask daily if Christmas had arrived. In 1839, he built a large wooden ring (made out of an old cartwheel) with 24 small red and 4 large white candles. A small candle was lit sequentially every weekday and Saturday during Advent. On Sundays, a large white candle was lit. The custom gained ground among Protestant churches in Germany and evolved into the smaller wreath with four or five candles known today.

The Advent wreath is a circle of evergreens placed on a table or suspended from the ceiling by ribbons.

The components of the Advent wreath contain beautiful symbolism. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. The wreath is made of various evergreens, representing eternal life and a reminder that God is unchangeable. The evergreens frequently used each have symbolic meaning: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly,

and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. The prickly leaves of holly remind us of the crown of thorns. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection.



The light from the candles in the wreath signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Four of the candles represent the four weeks of Advent and, also, each week represents one thousand years, which adds up to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. Individually, the candles symbolize: hope (week one), also called the prophets' candle; peace (week two), also called the angels' candle; joy (week three), also called the shepherds' candle; and love (week four), also called the Bethlehem candle.

Three candles are purple (because in antiquity, purple dye was very expensive and it was the color of royalty and we are preparing for the coming of the King), and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken during Advent. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, (from the Latin word meaning "to rejoice") because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming. The fifth candle, or Christ candle, represents Christ and is white. It is placed in the middle of the wreath, and is lit on Christmas Eve.

The tradition of the family gathered around the table before a meal, lighting Advent candles, saying Advent prayers and sharing appropriate readings helps us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child -- as for many centuries God prepared the world for the birth of Jesus. A good tradition to continue in our families as it helps us remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. We hope you and your family will join us in making your own Advent wreath on Sunday, December 3, at noon.



From the Sr. Warden—Joe Matthews



Dear Friends,

As we work our way through the Stewardship Season, we continue to need your awareness and help on three fronts to assure that our church is financially sound and able to deliver the services that God is calling us to.

2017 Giving – We are currently about \$15,000 short of making our income goal of \$482,000 for fiscal year 2017. To this end, we are asking people behind in giving to please do your best to catch up. Any additional year-end giving that you can provide is sincerely appreciated. Finishing this year on or ahead of our giving budget is very important to restoring staff salaries and other services that were put on hold this past year.

2018 Stewardship - Currently we have commitments of approximately \$341,000 (as of last Sunday 11/19) to fund our proposed 2018 budget of \$521,000. Thank you to those that have already pledged. We would like to receive remaining pledges in the next two weeks so the Vestry can make a good budget in December. We are working hard this year to provide a deeper sense of stability to fund our core programs and expenses so that non-pledged giving can be used to grow our ministries and fund needed maintenance that has been deferred for past few years. We need your help.

E-Giving – E-Giving is the future of how effective churches achieve stable income and St. Peters would like to get there. If you are not currently giving electronically, please consider doing so. Automating your giving frees you from check-writing on Sunday mornings and provides a more stable way for St. Peters to manage its income.

Thank you for making St Peter's a great place to be.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe'.

Joe Matthews
Sr. Warden



Your Free Gift to St. Peter's

If you purchase anything from Amazon using the Amazon Link on St. Peter's Website - www.stpetes.net - Amazon will donate at least a 6% cut of your purchase price to St. Peter's Church.

Give the gift that gives twice!

A Fat Mysterious Tome

By Fr. Tom Simmons & Jon Corbett

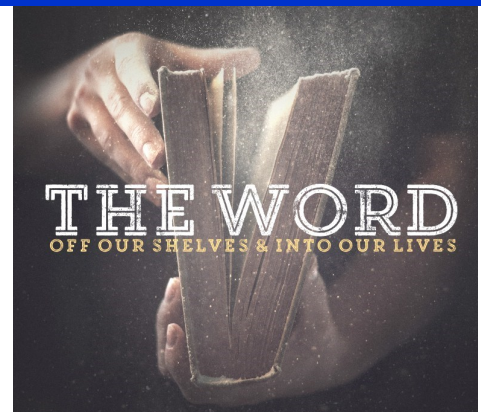
The Old Testament is a fat book with a complex story line, from a place far, far away. No wonder it is unfamiliar to so many Episcopalians.

This year we are working to remedy that.

We've got to grasp the meaning of the Old Testament. Without that, we have a very hard time understanding Jesus, his life and times, or the birth of the church. The Hebrew scriptures, after all, were their Bible, before the New Testament was written.

From Fall through Easter we are working our way through Joshua, Judges, the life of David, the divided monarchy up to the Exile in Babylon. It's a dramatic story of colorful characters, the rise and fall of empires, the tragedy of human sin, the miracle of divine love, and the power of hope to change the world. And it all speaks with relevance to our own time and lives.

Jon Corbett developed this handy outline to give us the big picture of the story's sweep.



Patriarchs (Fathers): 2000-1700 BC

Genesis – God creates humanity; the problem of human sin; followed by a story of God's response to human sin

Key figure: Abraham - God calls Abraham around 2000 BC

God to Abraham: **"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed"** Genesis 12:2-3

Abraham had 12 great grandsons, whose descendants become "a great nation" known as the 12 tribes of Israel. A famine drove them to Egypt for refuge, where they eventually became slaves for 400 years.

Exodus and Conquest: 1450-1300 BC

Exodus – God rescues his people, from slavery in Egypt. God sends Moses, who brings plagues on Egypt to convince Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go.

Key figure: Moses. God calls Moses at the burning bush, be a prophet to lead the Israel out of Egypt.

Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy: 40 years of Desert wandering of the Hebrew People. God makes a covenant to rule the Hebrew People, giving them the Law on Mount Sinai and to bring them back to the land God promised to Abraham.

Joshua – following Moses' death Joshua leads Israelites in military conquest of the promised land. They finish most of the job, but some of the Canaanites their gods remain to entice Israel from serving Yahweh.

Judges: 1300-1050 BC

The cycle of decline begins. The story is told in Judges, Ruth, the beginning of 1 Samuel. The theme is that without established leadership Israel kept abandoning God for idols. Without God's protection, Israel faced invasion and defeat.

God would raise up a leader, or "judge," who would rescue the Israelites from danger.

United Kingdom: 1050-950

Though God intended to be their King, Israelites wanted a man to rule them. God granted that request, first with wicked Saul, then with righteous David.

The books of 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings (partial), 1 Chronicles, and part of 2 Chronicles show how David and Solomon consolidated the power of Israel and restored the worship of God in Jerusalem.

God's promise to David: 2 Samuel 7. Partial – **"And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."**

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David was anointed as king. The Hebrew term for anointed one is 'messiah,' a significant title later given to Jesus, as David's long-awaited heir. The king was savior of his people.

Divided Kingdom: 950-586 BC

This heart-breaking story is told in 1 and 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles and many of the prophetic books (e.g. Isaiah, Joel, Hosea, ect...)

10 ½ tribes in the North, rebel and form their own Kingdom, called "Israel." The Southern Kingdom, made up of Judah, Benjamin and ½ the tribe of Simeon was known as "Judah."

The Southern Kingdom maintained David's heir on the throne and the true worship of God in the Temple in Jerusalem. The northern Kingdom appoints their own King and sets up an alternative center of worship.

Judah-South

Smaller

Poorer

Homogeneous

Geographically secure

Stable Dynastic Tradition (Davidic)

We get the term 'Jew' from Judah

Israel- North

Larger

Wealthier

Canaanites and other foreigners part of the population

Exposed Geographically

No Dynastic Tradition (Kings often killed and replaced)

722 BC Northern Kingdom invaded by Assyria & destroyed forever

Exile 586-539 BC

Includes Biblical Books of Daniel, Esther, Obadiah, and Lamentations. God warned the people of Judah that they would be exiled from the land, if they were unfaithful. They the same cycle of abandonment and leading to invasion by Empire of Babylon who took the Jewish people captive to the land of Babylon. The exile lasted 70 years. The temple, and much of Jerusalem were destroyed.

Post-Exile: 539 BC to the Time of Jesus Christ.

Biblical Books include: Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

In 539 BC, the Jews are allowed to return to Jerusalem, where they rebuild temple and the city.

But there is no King of David, no Messiah, on the throne, which made Jews wonder: "What about God's promise to David of a King always on the throne?"

Though they have returned to the Promised Land the Jews are dominated by pagan empires. They wonder: "Did the exile REALLY end? How will God's promises to Abraham and Moses and David and Isaiah be fulfilled?"

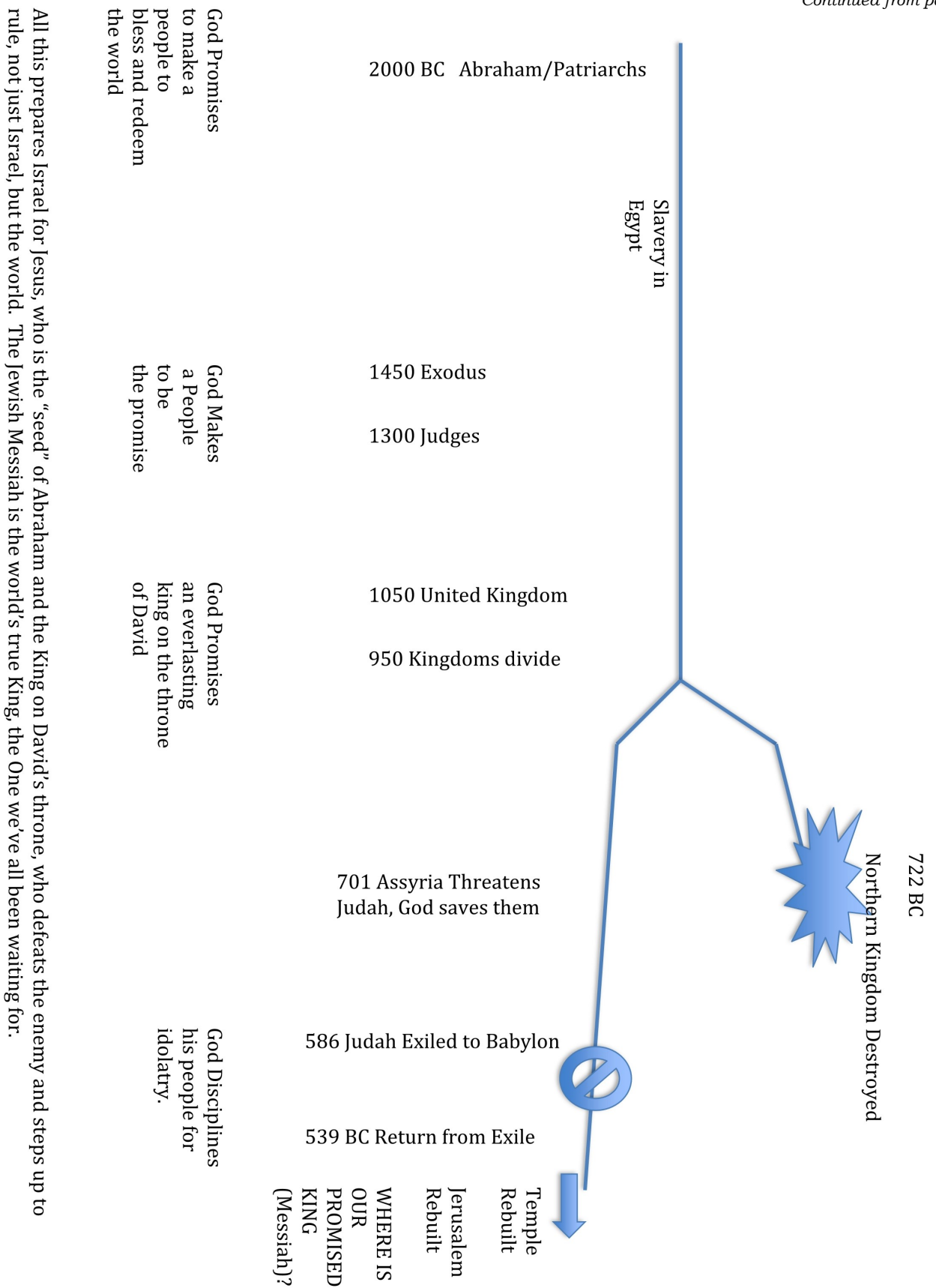
These questions hang heavy in the air in the time when Jesus of Nazareth was born. In the pages of the New Testament they are answered in surprising ways, with astonishing clarity.

See Timeline on page 6.

Books of the Old Testament

The Law				History				Journals				Major Prophets				Minor Prophets																						
Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy	Joshua	Judges	Ruth	1 Samuel	2 Samuel	1 Kings	2 Kings	1 Chronicles	2 Chronicles	Ezra	Nehemiah	Esther	Job	Psalms	Proverbs	Ecclesiastes	Song of Solomon	Isaiah	Jeremiah	Lamentations	Ezekiel	Daniel	Hosea	Joel	Amos	Obadiah	Jonah	Micah	Nahum	Habakkuk	Zephaniah	Haggai	Zechariah	Malachi
Provided thru Moses, these books document man's first relationship with God culminating in His written Law.				Although "historical", this is really the history of God's chosen people Israel and the example of their relationship to God in terms of their obedience to His Law and will. They document the fact that man cannot achieve salvation except by means of a Savior.				Except for the journals of a few righteous men, we would never know the true effect of God's Law as intended.				Having given His Law and called a specific people (Israel) to be devoted exclusively to Him, God provides feedback through His prophets as to Israel's disobedience, man's inability to please God, and how God Himself will reconcile mankind to Himself through a new covenant initiated by the coming Messiah. These books are essentially God's commentary on man and His plan of salvation for them.																										

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St. Peter's Guatemala Mission Trip—June 16-23, 2018

St. Peter's will be sponsoring a mission trip to Guatemala in support of missionaries Todd and Maureen Erickson from June 16 through June 23, 2018. Todd is now serving as associate pastor of Iglesia del Camino, a large bilingual church in Antigua, and he and Maureen continue to work with at-risk families and children in the highlands. The cost for the trip is estimated to be \$1750. Please contact Bob Loker (540-338-2978 or bobloker@gmail.com) if you are interested in applying to be a team member. **There will be an informational meeting in the St. Peter's library at 5 PM on Sunday, December 10th.**

Maribel

When our St. Peter's missions team was in Guatemala in June we gave Todd and Maureen Erickson \$1300 in "seed money" to begin a campaign to raise \$6000 for leg surgery for Maribel, a fifteen year old who had fallen down school stairs, broken her leg, and was lame and in constant pain. We are happy to report that Maribel has had her surgery. She will be free from pain and will be able to walk without orthopedic shoes! Here is a photo of her returning home. Thank you St. Peter's!



Casa Chirilagua Outing to Great Country Farms

By Bob Loker



St. Peter's Church sponsored our ninth annual outing for Casa Chirilagua families to Great Country Farms in late October. The weather was beautiful and we had the best attendance ever!

Casa Chirilagua is a Christian ministry supporting the predominantly Central American immigrant community in Alexandria. It focuses on supporting children and families. Emily Mancia, the daughter of Mike and Maggie Snyder, is one of the founders and is a current board member. Great Country Farms has graciously provided free admission each year. St. Peter's hosts were Paul Miller and Laurraine Landolt, Tim and Judy Hall, Krista Winger, Tina and Thayer Cote, Nancy Baker (who provided lunches), Bridget Wagstaff, and Bob Loker.





CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Parishioners are invited to make a special offering toward flowers that will decorate the church during the Christmas season.

Memorials are usually in the amount of \$25.00, but any amount is acceptable. Checks should be made out to: **St. Peter's** and indicate "**Christmas Flowers**" on the memo line. Contributions may be: (1) put into the offering plate, (2) put into Wanda's mail drawer (*located in upstairs hallway*), (3) dropped off or mailed to the church office.

The last Sunday to make donations is December 17th.

Please print your memorial below *exactly* the way you wish it to read. **Print legibly**, so names will be listed correctly in the bulletin.

Please check one of the dedications below:

- ☐ *In thanksgiving for ...*
- ☐ *In memory of...*
- ☐ *In honor of*

(Name or occasion) _____

Given by: _____

Daytime Phone: _____



For many people, the Christmas season does not bring with it the joy and happiness that is advertised. For those suffering from the recent or impending death of a loved one or for those whose families are facing some other crisis, it may not feel much like "A Wonderful Life" at the moment. Some people find it's just a very painful time of year – keenly reminding them of what they've lost or never had, or the weariness of ill health, isolation, or simply "feeling blue".

St. Peter's offers a **Blue Christmas Service**, a *Service of Solace* or *Longest Night Liturgy*, (since it is traditionally held on or near the winter solstice). On **Thursday, December 21, 2017**, at **7:00pm**, people who are not experiencing a very merry Christmas are invited to come to St. Peter's and join with one another in a liturgy that proclaims the love of God for those suffering and the comfort & hope He offers during dark times.

Cookies & cocoa will follow in our fellowship hall.

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Many thanks to Gail Donohue, Clarissa Staggs, Tamara Tyler, Dick Wilhelm and Deana Czaban for teaching Sunday School this first semester! They are all amazing people and teachers and gave so generously of their time and talents! Please take a moment to say "thank you!"

Remember the annual St. Peter's Christmas Pageant will be held at the 5 PM service on Christmas Eve! Our Pageant cast has been working hard at rehearsals, under the directorship of Liz Tuohy and we expect another wonderful evening!

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule

Rehearsal for the annual Christmas Pageant will begin on **Saturday, Dec. 2 at 9am** and we will discuss future rehearsals at that time. If you have a conflict, and we know there will be a few, please inform **Kathleen Voss**. We will also have **music rehearsals at noon on Sundays, December 10th & 17th** with Andrew McGinley.

Sunday School Families... please plan to participate in the **Tree of Life's Christmas for Others** this year! The donation board can be found in McCray Hall where you will find a number of items to choose from to purchase and bring back for local teens in our community. Be a part of TOL's vision to reach out to the poor and needy in our community with the love of Jesus Christ. **Return back date is Sunday, December 3.**

—Kathleen Voss, Director of Children's Ministries

The Youth Group's annual White Elephant party will be held on **December 17th, at 6pm.**

The party will be at the Hunt household. Please bring a recycled / used/ inexpensive gift to exchange. This will be a potluck style dinner - the Hunts and I will bring the main course, so we ask everyone to bring a side, snack, drink, dessert, etc.

All parents are welcomed to come and stick around for food, fellowship, and holiday cheer!

Please let me know if you can attend, so we can cook enough for everyone!

—Jon Coate, Director of Youth Ministries



Advent & Christmas Worship Services

Advent Lessons & Carols – Dec. 10, 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Blue Christmas – Dec. 21, 7:00 pm

Holy Eucharist Rite I – Dec. 24, 8:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II – Dec. 24, 10:30 am

Holy Eucharist & Christmas Pageant – Dec. 24, 5:00 pm

Festival Prelude Music – Dec. 24, 10:0 pm

Candlelight Holy Eucharist – Dec. 24, 11:00 pm

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist – Dec. 25, 11:00 am

Christmas Lessons & Carols – Dec. 31, 8:00 am & 10:30 am



**Imagine how nice
YOU would look in
a uniform?**

**We'd love to have you
join us for the
Christmas Season.**

News from the Bucknor Family in Croatia

Simon and I are doing well and adjusting to this new situation the best we can. We have a church family in Zagreb and we are comfortable living here. The girls are doing well at W&M and I know they are happy to be together. Colin only got to Kabul a few weeks ago but he seems to be enjoying it so far.

We would certainly appreciate prayer. These separations can be challenging.

We look forward to being back in Virginia next summer.

Marjorie

WELCOME New Members

St. Peter's celebrated a New Member Liturgy on November 5th and welcomed:

Pepper Darlington

Bob and Debra Macher

Roy and Sally Mann

Mike Mantz

Marsha Price

Phil and Pam Smith

Mike Wright

Friends Being Friends Gift Card Drive

The Friends Being Friends Group is collecting \$25 Walmart and Target gift cards for residents of Loudoun County's group homes for adults with mental health and developmental disabilities. The gift cards will be distributed at the Friends Being Friends Christmas bowling party on Wednesday December 13.

Please take a tag from the Giving Tree display in McCray Hall starting November 23. Gift cards may be dropped in the box next to the display in McCray Hall until Sunday December 10.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated, as some of our friends do not receive many gifts during the holidays. For more information about the Friends Being Friends Group, please e-mail Hayes Baker at FriendsBeingFriendsGroup@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support!

--The Baker Family

Make Christmas Ornaments

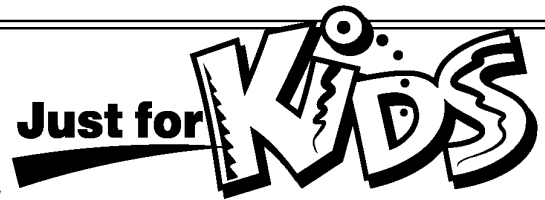
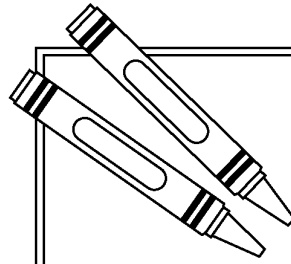
Make Christmas ornaments for your tree or to give as gifts.

Materials you need:

- ★ a Styrofoam ball
- ★ glitter
- ★ white craft glue
- ★ a small art brush
- ★ fishing line or thin string
- ★ decorative holiday napkins
- ★ scissors
- ★ large paper-clip
- ★ small amount of water
- ★ small paper cup
- ★ newspaper to work on

Directions:

1. Lay out the newspaper to cover your work area.
2. Open a napkin all the way and cut out the design.
3. Put some glue in the paper cup and mix in a few drops of water to thin it. Use the brush to stir.
4. Spread some of the thin glue on one half of the ball.
5. Place the napkin's design (face out) on the glued half of the ball. Press gently to smooth.
6. Carefully brush glue over the picture.
7. Repeat on the other side of the ball.
8. Roll the ball in the glitter.
9. Let dry completely.
10. Use the paper-clip to drill a hole through the ball.
11. Thread the fishing line or string through the hole and tie the ends to make a big loop.



The Birth of Jesus Foretold

The prophet Isaiah foretold the birth of Jesus Christ. Isaiah knew that Jesus would be called a peacemaker, but that He would also be called by other names.

Use the code to find out what Isaiah said Jesus would be called.

CODE:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

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X Z O O V W D L M W V I U F O

X L F M H V O L I N R T S G B

T L W V E V I O Z H G R M T

U Z G S V I K I R M X V

L U K V Z X V

Isaiah 9:6, NIV

Answer: And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ADVENTUS (Latin) = COMING (English)
ADVENT = Coming of Christ

1st Sunday
(nearest 30th of Nov)



Prophecy Candle

2nd Sunday



Bethlehem Candle

3rd Sunday



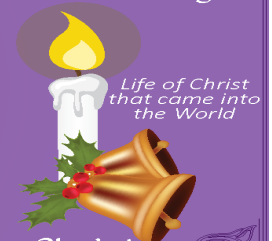
Shepherd's Candle

4th Sunday



Angel's Candle

Christmas Eve
or Christmas Day



Christ Candle

Life of Christ
that came into
the World

St. Peter's **DECEMBER** SERVING SCHEDULE

		Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31
		Advent 1	Advent 2	Advent 3	Advent 4	1 Christmas
LECTOR	Early	Gail Donohue	TBD	Drew Lavan	William Lawrence	Calvin Smith
	Late	Kyle Voss	TBD	Jon Corbett	Traci Eddinger	Liz Tuohy
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Buddy Andrews, Terry Duhring	NA	Jaq Whalen, Sophiann Nunaley	Buddy Andrews, Terry Duhring	NA
	Late	Dave Hunt, Dan LaPre	NA	Linda & Randy Stoutenburgh	Dave Hunt, Dan LaPre	NA
SUB DEACON	Early	Michael Whitnah	NA	Buddy Andrews	Tanya Matthews	NA
	Late	Michael Whitnah	NA	Tom Coate	Dave Hunt	NA
INTERCESSOR	Early	NA	NA	Kelly Cockrill	Terry Duhring	NA
	Late	NA	NA	Marty Thompson	Jon Coate	NA
ACOLYTES	Early	Aubrey & Addie Winger, James Nunaley, Colin Donohue	Josh, Megan, & Olivia Smith, John Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, Colin Donohue	Josh, Megan, & Olivia Smith, John Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews
	Late	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko, Scarlett Daly	George & Henry Simmons, Lexi Eddinger, Claire Falatko	Dan LaPre, Jon Coate, Lauren Hunt	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko, Scarlett Daly	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko, Scarlett Daly
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Cindy Coffey & Linda Turner FINGER FOOD POTLUCK	Paul & Sherri Kakol FINGER FOOD POTLUCK	John & Carrie Marie Burden FINGER FOOD POTLUCK	NA	Tim & Judy Hall FINGER FOOD POTLUCK
	Late	Mary Paul Jones, Liz Tuohy FINGER FOOD POTLUCK	Jimmy & Traci Eddinger FINGER FOOD POTLUCK	Dave & Gail Hunt FINGER FOOD POTLUCK	NA	Michael & Katie Marsh FINGER FOOD POTLUCK
USHERS	Early	Mark & Nancy Baker	Rick & Kelly Cockrill	Bryan & Shiloh Field	Bill & Beth Gibson	Todd & Pam Johnston
	Late	Susan Collins, VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky	Steve & Anne Schultz	Tred Parry, VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Billy Dillon , Jimmy Eddinger
GREETERS	Early	Joe Matthews	Ron Clark	John & Debby Caulfield	Mark Baker	Dell Nunaley
	Late	Steve Schultz	Linda Stoutenburgh	Jaq Whalen	Jon Corbett	Tom Coate
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Jim & Maggie Heim	Steve & Sally Falatko	Jim & Wynell Schatz
ALTAR GUILD		Pat Pearson, Linda Evans, Debi Parry, Laurraine Landolt, Jane Mitchell-Baugh, Kelly Cockrill, Theresa Beeton	Nancy Dillon, Judy Hall, Una LaPre, Linda Turner, Justine Phelan	Nancy Dillon, Judy Hall, Una LaPre, Linda Turner, Justine Phelan	Nancy Dillon, Judy Hall, Una LaPre, Linda Turner, Justine Phelan	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Mari Campbell

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry on a day you are assigned, please (1) find your replacement and (2) notify the church office of the change in schedule. Thank you for serving!

December Anniversaries and Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

12-1 Dick & Bobbie Wilhelm
 12-7 Richard & Sharon Purnell
 12-19 Jon & Charlotte Corbett
 12-23 Todd Johnston & Pam Pierce
 -Johnston
 12-26 Chris & Brad Lafferty
 12-29 Zan & Vijay Shah
 12-31 David & Carla Ramsey

BIRTHDAYS

12-6 Keith Brzozowsky
 Traci Eddinger
 12-7 Marty Thompson
 12-9 Mary Coate
 Howard Evans
 12-10 Wanda Juraschek
 Jim Wehr
 Jim Whalen
 12-12 Ruth Ensor
 12-13 Kellen Babb
 Tina Cote
 12-15 Maggie Heim
 12-16 Sally Andrews
 12-17 Samantha Purnell
 12-20 Bill Gibson
 Thea Verdile
 12-21 Amanda Ramey
 Teri Smith
 12-25 Paul Benner
 Harold Neely
 12-26 Lexi Eddinger
 Dave Hunt
 12-27 Mack Ensor
 Lauren Hunt
 12-28 Sophiann Nunaley
 12-30 Pat Long
 Thayer Cote-Smith
 12-31 Madi Voss

Mark Your Calendar!

Dec. 2 Men's Breakfast 7am
 The Greening of the Church 9am
 Dec. 3 Advent Wreath Making 12pm
 Youth Group 7pm
 Dec. 5 Vestry Ministry Mtg. 7pm
 Dec. 6 Mission Team Mtg. 5pm
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
 Dec. 10 **Advent Lessons & Carols** 8 & 10:30am
 Christmas Pageant Music Rehearsal 12pm
 Choir Rehearsal 1pm
 Mission Trip 2018 Info Mtg 5pm
 Dec. 12 Seminarian Lay Committee Mtg. 5:50pm
 Vestry Exec Mtg 7pm
 Dec. 13 Friends Being Friends Bowling 6pm
 Dec. 15 Youth Movie Night 7pm
 Dec. 16 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am
 Dec. 17 Newsletter Deadline
 Christmas Pageant Music Rehearsal 12pm
 Youth White Elephant Xmas Party 6pm
 Dec. 19 Vestry Mtg. 7pm
 Dec. 21 **BLUE CHRISTMAS Service** 7pm
 Christmas Cookies & Cocoa 8pm
 Dec. 24 **HOLY EUCHARIST** 8am & 10:30am
Christmas Eve HOLY EUCHARIST & Christmas Pageant 5pm
 Choir Rehearsal 8:30pm
Festive Choral Prelude 10pm
Christmas Eve HOLY EUCHARIST 11pm
 Dec. 25 **Christmas Day HOLY EUCHARIST** 11am
 Dec. 31 **Christmas Lessons & Carols** 8 & 10:30am



Thursday December 21, 7:00 PM

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for DECEMBER

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
3	1 Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9	80:1-7, 16-18	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
10	2 Advent	Isaiah 40:1-11	85:1-2, 8-13	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
17	3 Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	126	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
24	4 Advent	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	89:1-4, 19-26	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
31	1 Christmas	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	147	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7	John 1:1-18

December

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						1	2 Men's Breakfast Pageant Rehearsal HOLY EUCHARIST Literary Guild Mtg
3 HOLY EUCHARIST SS & CF <i>Advent Wreath Making</i> Bible Study Youth Group	4 Bible Study	5 Vestry Ministry Mtg	6 HOLY EUCHARIST Mission Team Mtg Choir Rehearsal	7 Next Step Community	8		9 EVENING PRAYER
10 ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS SS & CF Pageant Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Mission Info Mtg	11 Bible Study	12 Seminarian Committee Vestry Exec Mtg	13 HOLY EUCHARIST FBF Bowling	14 Next Step Community	15 Youth Movie Night		16 Men's Leadership Mtg HOLY EUCHARIST
17 Newsletter Deadline HOLY EUCHARIST SS & CF Pageant Rehearsal Youth Xmas Party	18	19 Vestry Mtg	20 HOLY EUCHARIST	21 BLUE CHRISTMAS 7:00 PM	22		23 HOLY EUCHARIST
24 HOLY EUCHARIST 8:00 & 10:30 AM 5:00 PM 11:00 PM <i>Choral Music 10 PM</i>	25 HOLY EUCHARIST 11:00 AM	26	27 HOLY EUCHARIST	28 Next Step Community	29		30 HOLY EUCHARIST
31 CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS 8 AM & 10:30 AM							

KEY: CF=Christian Formation Classes; FBF=Friends Being Friends; PC=Pastoral Care; SS=Sunday School



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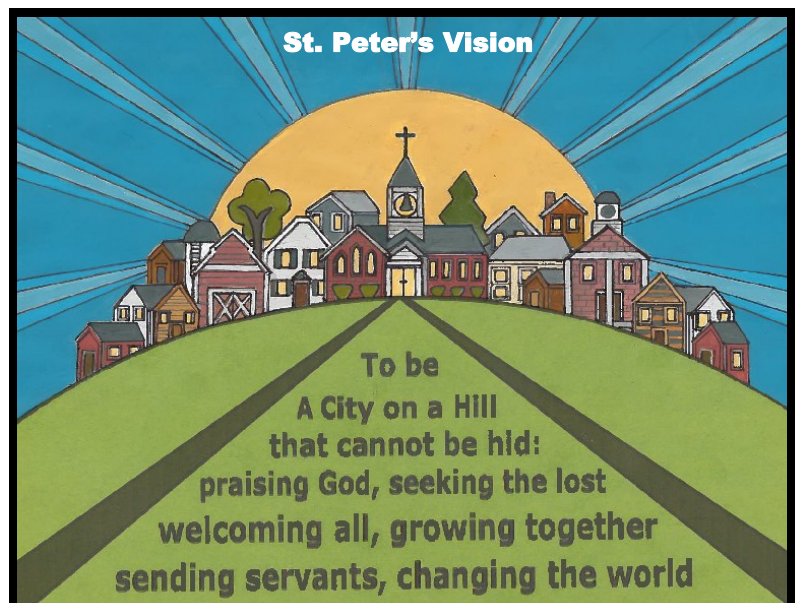
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