



## The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026, 11:00AM

*Holy Eucharist, Rite II: The Book of Common Prayer*



## Welcome to St. Peter's Church

We are glad that you are with us today. Our worship of God is a communal experience. Please join in the prayers, communion, and fellowship as fully as you are comfortable doing. Help us welcome you by filling out one of the Welcome cards located in the box pews, and give it to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy, or place it in the offering plate. You can also fill out a Welcome card online at [www.stpetersphila.org/welcome](http://www.stpetersphila.org/welcome) or by scanning the QR code here.



## *Women's History Month*

March is Women's History Month, a time used to honor the contributions of women in all aspects of history and life. It is an opportunity to recognize the impact women have made through leadership, creativity, scholarship, service, and innovation across generations.

In the world of sacred music, women composers have made profound and lasting contributions. Their voices have enriched the Church's song through anthems, hymns, service music, and instrumental works that deepen our worship and give expression to our shared faith. From poetic hymn texts to uplifting choral anthems and reflective organ voluntaries, their artistry has helped us pray, praise, lament, and rejoice. Composers such as Florence Price, Alice Parker, B.E. Boykin, Debra Scroggins, and Rosephanye Powell represent just a few of the many women we'll hear this month whose music continues to shape congregational and choral repertoire.

During the month of March, our Music Ministry will place special emphasis on anthems, hymns, and voluntaries by female composers. Similar to Black History Month in February, we hope this intentional focus will celebrate their contributions and inspire us to listen, sing, and worship with renewed gratitude for the diverse voices that enrich our musical life together.

### **Serving This Morning**

<b>Communion Bread Bakers:</b>	Maryfrances Parisi, Barbara Angelini, Barbara Matteucci, Matt Kuentzler, Harrison Stowe, Travis Stewart, Lex Johnson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Kathleen Stephenson
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Elizabeth DiPentino
<b>Sunday School Assistant:</b>	Ann Kell
<b>Greeters:</b>	Diane Lochel, Claire Waugh
<b>Ushers:</b>	Steve Zettler, Chris Cielo
<b>Broadcast Technician:</b>	Eva Cielo
<b>Guest Organist:</b>	Robin Muse
<b>Verger:</b>	Kathleen Stephenson
<b>Lectors:</b>	Ben Cielo, Herb Snyder
<b>Preacher:</b>	The Reverend Laurie Wurm
<b>Announcements:</b>	Kathleen Stephenson
<b>Celebrant:</b>	The Reverend Sarah Hedgis-Kligerman
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Jen Russ
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Christy Santos
<b>Chalice Bearer:</b>	Jay Newlin
<b>Refreshments and Coffee Hour Host:</b>	Julia Cadwallender

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*This church worship service will be livestreamed and recorded for our online congregation. By participating in person you acknowledge that you may be visible on live broadcast or archived video. If you are uncomfortable about the possibility of appearing on video, please see an usher to be reseated in a more private area.*

### Sunday School

*Children 10 and under are invited to join Sunday School. As you arrive in the church, please take them to the Wiggle Room (through the door to the right of the Reading Desk and up the stairs). They will rejoin the big church at the peace for communion. Children 3 and under should be accompanied by an adult.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Opening Voluntary**      *Mercy*

Georg Philipp Telemann  
arr. Hall Hopson

*The people stand as the clergy enter.*

#### **Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant:*            Blessed be the God of our salvation:  
*People:*                **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**  
*Celebrant:*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

#### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:*            Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People:*  
**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 concludes:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

Franz Schubert

Lord have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Lord, Lord have mer - cy, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

**First Lesson:** Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 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 the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Lector:* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

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

**Psalm 121**

*Levavi oculos*

based on *Munich*  
Carl P. Daw, Jr. and Kevin R. Hackett

**Antiphon**  
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.

*The people remain seated. The choir first sings the antiphon then all join right afterwards, and as indicated.*

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| 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *<br>from where is my help to come?     | 3 He will not let your foot be moved *<br>and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. |
| 2 My help comes from the Lord, *<br>the maker of heaven and earth. [Ant.] | 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *<br>shall neither slumber nor sleep; [Ant.]       |

- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night. [Ant.]

- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.  
8 The Lord shall watch over your going out  
and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore. [Ant.]

**Second Lesson:** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Lector:* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*The people stand.*

**Sequence Hymn**

"Wait for the Lord"

Taizé

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near, Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.

**The Gospel:** John 3:1-17

*The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

After the Gospel, the Priest says

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

## Sermon

The Reverend Laurie Wurm

## The Nicene Creed

*The people stand and say together:*

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.  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

## Prayers of the People

*After each petition, the people respond with:*

Intercessor: God, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

*Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:*

Kevin	Abigail	Margie	Michael	Sienna Rose	Holly
Claire	Rachel	Jill	Sara	Joe	Ian
Bridget	Kathy	Don	Ron	Chris	Maria
Sally	Henry	Frank	Tewolde	Esther & Jim	
Keith, Audrey, & family					

Intercessor: God, help us to perceive the new thing you are about to do. Make us ever watchful for how you make a way through the wilderness. Thank you for feeding us the bread of Life when we gather at the altar and find you present in the people we share it with. Give us this bread always. We ask all this in the name of him who died and rose for love of us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION



During the Offertory Anthem, ushers will take up an offering. You can also give to St. Peter's electronically through **Venmo @stpetersphila** (our profile appears in the Charities category), by scanning the QR code here, or visiting [www.stpetersphila.org/give-online](http://www.stpetersphila.org/give-online) for links to donate using PayPal, or through our secure website.

## Offertory Anthem

“God so loved the world” from *The Crucifixion*

John Stainer

God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in Him,  
should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world  
to condemn the world,  
but that the world, through Him,  
might be saved.

Doxology

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;  
 praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

Franz Schubert

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'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

*The Celebrant continues:*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Mary, the mother of God, Peter our patron and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*All:* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### **Fraction Anthem**

Franz Schubert

Je- sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on\_\_ us.\_\_ Je- sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer-cy on\_\_ us.\_\_

Je - sus, re-deem- er, re- deem-er of\_\_the world: give us your peace, give,\_\_ us\_\_ your peace.

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith,  
you are welcome at this, Christ's Table.

*This is the Lord's supper: God's feast for all of God's people. There is always an abundance here and there is a place for you. You are invited and encouraged to feast at God's table.  
There is gluten free bread available. You can request this from the clergy when receiving.*

To receive the wine, you may drink from the cup while the chalice bearer holds it for you. **Please do not intinct (dip) the bread into the cup of wine.** If you prefer to not drink from the common cup, receiving bread only is still full participation in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, you are welcome; come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

**Communion Anthem** "Give me a clean heart"

Margaret Pleasant Douroux

Give me a clean heart So I may serve Thee  
 Lord fix my heart So that I may be used by Thee  
 For I'm not worthy Of all these blessings  
 Give me a clean heart And I'll follow Thee  
 I'm not asking For the riches of the land  
 I'm not asking For high men to know my name

Please give me Lord a clean heart  
 so that I may follow Thee  
 Sometimes I am up And sometimes I am down  
 Sometimes I am almost Level to the ground  
 Please give me Lord a clean heart  
 That I may follow Thee

**Communion Hymn** "My God is so high"

Traditional Spiritual  
 arr. Hall Johnson

My God is so high, you can't get o-ver Him, He's so low, You can't get un-der Him, He's so wide—

you can't git a-round Him, you mus' come in, by'n through de Lam' He's so high, you through de Lam'.

1 One day as I was a walk-in' a - long de Heb'n-ly road My Sa-vior spoke un - to me,  
 2 I'll take my gos - pel trum-pet, an' I'll be-gin to blow An' if my Sa - vior help me

1 An' He filled my heart wid' love. My God is so high,  
 2 I'll blow wher - ev I go. My God is so high,

you can't get o - ver Him, He's so low, You can't get un - der Him, He's so wide— you

can't git a-round Him, you mus' come in, by'n through de Lam' He's so high, you through de Lam'.

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*After Communion, the people stand and the Celebrant says:*  
 Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**Eternal God,**

**you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
 by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:  
 teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
 and enable us to live lives grounded in service to you and to one another;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Solemn Prayer of Lent

*Celebrant:* Bow down your hearts before the Lord our God.  
*The Presider offers the prayer over the people.*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Postcommunion Hymn** "A man named Nicodemus"

Words by Susan H. Peterson  
Tune: *St. Christopher*

1 A man named Ni - co - de - mus to Je - sus came one night. He said, "We know  
2 Then Ni - co - de - mus ques - tioned, "Re - born, how can this be? For sure - ly none  
3 As Mo - ses in the de - sert did lift the snake up high, The Son of Man  
4 God did not send the Son to con - demn the world of sin. Christ came in - stead  
5 With - out the Son, all pe - rish; the ver - dict is de - creed. All those who fail

You've come from God; Your won - ders show God's might." In an - swer, Je - sus did de - clare,  
can to the womb re - turn and new life see." Je - sus re - plied, "Flesh brings forth flesh,  
must be raised up that we might live, not die. For God so loved this world of ours,  
to save all those who place their trust in Him. All who be - lieve es - cape God's wrath;  
to trust Christ's name con - demned will ev - er be. Lord, give me bold - ness to pro - claim

"Give heed, these words are true: You can - not see God's king - dom come un - less you're born a - new."  
but like the blow - ing wind, the Spi - rit does give birth to spirit; thus man is born a - gain."  
he gave his Son for us, that we might have e - ter - nal life, if we in Him do trust.  
they come in - to the light. But all who prac - tice e - vil deeds are guil - ty in God's sight.  
Your mes - sage to the lost, that they might gain e - ter - nal life by look - ing to the cross.

## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us bless the Lord.  
*Response:* **Thanks be to God.**


*On Sundays in Lent, the altar is open for prayer.  
There will be no Closing Voluntary. All are encouraged to keep a prayerful atmosphere.*

# Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Thank you for joining us for worship! Below are just a few of the groups and events happening at St. Peter's. All are welcome!


## LGBTQ+ Gathering

12:30 p.m. Today

 Get to know other LGBTQ+ parishioners today at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House at 313 Pine Street. Coffee and bagels will be served. There is no agenda for this meeting other than to get to know each other and spend time together.


## "We Believe..." Lenten Supper & Study Group

6 p.m. Wednesday evenings through March 18

 This Lent, join folks from St. Peter's and Christ Church for a thoughtful, honest, and welcoming evening Adult Forum exploring one of the most familiar (and often most puzzling) parts of our worship: the Nicene Creed. Sessions will be held here at St. Peter's and at Christ Church. Visit our website or check your enews for the link to register and more information.


## Mozart Preview Night

6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12

 St. Peter's will host a benefit concert in May with a performance of Mozart's Requiem in D minor. We invite you to become a concert sponsor and join us at a Mozart Preview Night at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12. At this event, the St. Peter's Choir will perform several short excerpts of Mozart's Requiem, followed by a reception. St. Peter's Music Director Derrick Thompson will discuss this dramatic choral masterpiece, and net proceeds will be donated to the PA Immigrant Family Unity Project. Check your enews for more information.


## And Also Some Women

10 a.m. Sundays, March 15 & 22

 Join author and parishioner Cordelia Biddle for a series exploring the rich history of women at St. Peter's. We will hear about familiar women and stories and reflect on the truth that there is still a lot of information we do not have about the many amazing women who have been a part of this church since 1761. Join us for a time of learning and group discussion.

## VIA Dinner at Rev. Laurie's House

6 p.m. Thursday, March 19

 We are restarting our VIA Group (a gathering for those in their 40s & 50s or thereabouts.) Mark your calendar for our kick-off event: dinner at Rev. Laurie's house.

## Announcements

**Book Group:** The Book Group meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 to discuss "The Men Who Stare at Goats."

**Food Cupboard:** We distribute food every Saturday morning from the Parish House. To volunteer or donate, visit: [www.stpetersphila.org/foodcupboard](http://www.stpetersphila.org/foodcupboard).

**LGBTQ+ Fellowship:** Get to know other members of the LGBTQ+ community today after the 11 AM service in the Parish House.

**Morning Bible Study:** Follow the Lectionary during Lent at our Bible Study Wednesdays at 8 a.m. on Zoom.

**Running Meet-Up:** Meet at St. Peter's at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 11. This running group plans to meet the on second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

**Sages:** This lunch gathering will be held in the Parish House at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 with special guest Steven Ujifusa, author of "The Last Ships from Hamburg." Bring a bag lunch!

**Social Justice Discernment Group:** Our next meeting will be 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29.

**TNT (20s & 30s):** Email Rev. Sarah to make sure you are on our TNT enews to get all the announcements & invitations.

**Tuesday Noon Service:** We gather for a spoken service every Tuesday at noon.

**VIA (40s & 50s):** We are restarting our fellowship group for those in their 40s & 50s! We will kick-off with a dinner at Rev. Laurie's house at 6 p.m. March 19.

**We Love Philly:** This group connects people with each other around fun things to do in Philly. Join us at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14 for an event with the Urban Sketchers group.

Go in peace, and return often to worship with us.

**Sunday:**

9 am – Children’s service with songs, stories and activities

9am - Contemplative, spoken worship service

11 am – Worship service with music, Holy Eucharist, and sermon

**Tuesday:**

12 noon – Worship service with Holy Eucharist

**THE LAYOUT OF ST. PETER’S**

The unusual layout of the church reflects the emphasis on Bible-reading and preaching in 1761, during the Great Awakening evangelical movement. Putting the reading desk and pulpit at the west end gave them greater prominence than the altar opposite, since the communion service was held only occasionally. The resulting need to face in both directions during services meant that the original box pews, designed for warmth, had to be retained after the invention of central heating.

For more information on the long history of the church, pick up one of the brochures at the west end or inquire about purchasing a copy of *St. Peter’s Church: Faith in Action for 250 Years*, published in 2011.

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