



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025 - 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*This service booklet is for both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.  
The hymns, choral, and organ music listed are for the 10:30 a.m. service only.*

*The sung setting of the Eucharist is by Robert Powell (1932-2025).*

PRELUDE *In dulci jubilo*

Johann Michael Bach (1648-1694)

THE WORD OF GOD

INTROIT *Dum medium silentium*

Anglican Chant: Wm. Felton

When as all the world was in profoundest quietness, and night was in the midst of her swift course: thine almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne. The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

*- Wisdom 18: 14-15; Psalm 93*

- 8:00 *The People stand as the procession enters. The service begins with the Opening Acclamation.*
- 10:30 *The People stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 93: "Angels, from the realms of glory"

Regent Square

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- 8:00 *The Gloria is said by all*
- 10:30 *The Gloria is sung by all (Hymnal S 280)*

All **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The People sit.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:13-21 *Laudate Dominum*

- 8:00 *The Psalm is spoken responsively by half verse*
- 10:30 *The Psalm is sung by the choir.*

Anglican Chant: D. Willcocks

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
**praise your God, O Zion;**
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
**he has blessed your children within you.**
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
**he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
**and his word runs very swiftly.**
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
**he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
**who can stand against his cold?**
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
**he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
**his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
**to them he has not revealed his judgments.**  
**Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The People stand.*

HYMN 86: "O Savior of our fallen race"

*Gonfalon Royal*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Jay Kanzler

*A period of silence is kept. Then the People stand.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant* Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All* **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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lector* The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. Let us seek the true light that came into the world, which enlightens everyone, and pray for the needs of the world, saying, "How good it is to sing praises to God; / Let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving."

*The People kneel, as able.*

We pray for the Church, remembering Sarah, Archbishop-elect of Canterbury; Sean, Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; and for the clergy and ministry leaders of St. Peter's. Through our love and service, may we be clothed with the garments of salvation, and covered with the robe of righteousness.

In our diocesan cycle we pray for Trinity Episcopal Church in Kirksville, and the Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension, our Companion Community. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada. How good it is to sing praises to God;

**People Let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.**

*Lector* We pray for this nation, and for governments here and all places, remembering Donald, our President, and Mike, our Governor. May those in authority govern justly, ethically, and with compassion, that the Lord God would cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. How good it is to sing praises to God;

**People Let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.**

*Lector* We pray for those with any need in our parish and community, remembering Caroline Baer, Russ Lake, [\_\_\_\_\_], and David Westfall. Let us serve those in their need, that they would greatly rejoice in the Lord, and that their whole being would exult in God. How good it is to sing praises to God;

**People Let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.**

*Lector* We pray for the faithful departed, especially Laura Baer, Margie Franz, [\_\_\_\_\_] and Mary Ann Margaretten. All things came into being through the Word, and what came into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. May the departed be at rest in the One from whom the light has shone, the light that darkness could not overcome. How good it is to sing praises to God;

**People Let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.**

*Lector* Let us pray for our own needs, and for those of others.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* O God, you looked on us when we had fallen, and resolved to redeem us through your Son: Hear the prayers of your people, and grant that all who confess the glorious incarnation of Jesus your Son may also be brought the fellowship of the Lord our Redeemer; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### CONFESSON OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*The People stand.*

#### THE PEACE

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

*The People sit.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY

*Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering in gratitude for God's generosity. If you would like to make an offering, you may scan the code to the right and follow the prompts.*



*The People stand and sing.*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King:  
let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness,  
and wonders of His love.

- Isaac Watts, alt.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*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.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 ET BENEDICTUS

• 8:00 Said by all

• 10:30 Sung by all (Hymnal S 129)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The People kneel, as able.*

*Celebrant* 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,

**All**  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

**Celebrant** 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 Mary, Joseph, 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.**

**Celebrant** And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All**  
**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Celebrant** 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.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion  
by coming to the altar rail where you may kneel or stand.*

*Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free Bread.*

*Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know  
you would like to receive a blessing but not the Bread and/or Wine.*

COMMUNIO *Domine Dominus noster*

Plainsong, Mode 2

O Lord our governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world.

- *Psalm 8*

HYMN 107: "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

*In dulci jubilo*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The People kneel, as able.*

*All* **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

*Celebrant* May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The People stand.*

HYMN 99: "Go tell it on the mountain"

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God  
by St. Peter's parishioners.

## THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Zack Rugenstone
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Jay Kanzler
<i>Organ</i>	David Sinden
<i>Lectors</i>	Bob Cocking, Bud Wilson
<i>Ushers</i>	Tim and Didi Noelker
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Didi Noelker

10:30 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Zack Rugenstone
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Jay Kanzler
<i>Musicians</i>	The St. Peter's Choir
	David Sinden, Organist and Choirmaster
<i>Acolyte Masters</i>	Allan Ivie, Charlie Claggett
<i>Acolytes</i>	Michael Souza, Everett Greider, Edward Maher
<i>Lectors</i>	Wendy Olk, Carrie Burroughs
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike Newport, Jack Gillis, Chuck Jones, Corbin Cox
<i>Altar Guild</i>	DeWayne Trainer
<i>Monday Counter</i>	Ann Randazzo

## PRAYER LIST

**For Family and Friends:** Caroline Baer, Russ Lake, David Westfall

**For the Faithful Departed:** Laura Baer, Margie Franz, Mary Ann Margaretten

**For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces:** Alexandra Maranto

**For Those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers:** Lee Arten, Victor Belyan, Bev Bouchard, Virginie Brightman, Craig Campbell, Wendell Covington, Ralph Dacey, Kathryn Dewein, Margaret Ruth Dewein, Bonnie and Rich Essick, Prissy Evans, Nolan Fagan, Teenie Followell, Garth Fort, Don Franz, Christy Garesche, Annette Goldman, Maria Greider, John Hartman, Emily Hintz, Jeff Hirsch, Jack Howard, Ian, Mike Kolman, John Marshall, Kary Matthews, Sharon Trainer Mauney, Bob Messey, Cheryl Meyer, Randy Meyer, Liza Nash, Chris O'Connor, Maddie O'Keefe, David Orlowski, Holly Parks, Kimberly Penning, Howard Price, Chi Chi Rassieur, Sara Rigel, Judith Roos, Hudson Rosencrans, Sally Russell, June Sellenriek, Martha Shaffer, Jill Smock, Dewayne Stapes, Abbot Thomas, Mia Tiefenbrunn, Anne Wetzel, Rolla Wetzel, and Goldie Wirth

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### **EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS**

A service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols will be held Sunday, January 11, at 5:00 p.m. The St. Peter's Singers sing this candlelit service of music and readings for the season. Music by Tomás Luis de Victoria, George Dyson, William Walton, Lennox Berkeley, Richard Proulx, James Whitbourn, and Will Todd. All are welcome.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

### **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ON CHRISTMAS BREAK**

Nursery, Children's Chapel, and Sunday School will return on Sunday, January 11.

### **ST. PETER'S YOUTH GROUP (SPY) ON WINTER BREAK**

St. Peter's Youth Group will begin meeting again on Sunday, January 11, at 5:00 p.m. in the confirmation classroom downstairs (or, as the St. Peter's youth recently renamed it: "SPY HQ"). All youth, grades 6-12, are invited to be part of this Sunday evening community where we share in discussions about faith, life, and how the two intersect - plus have plenty of fun along the way. For more information, contact the Rev. Zack Rugenstone at [zackr@specstl.org](mailto:zackr@specstl.org)

### **ST. PETER'S YOUTH WINTER RETREAT**

This year's retreat is back at Trout Lodge, Saturday, January 31 through Sunday, February 1, 2026. The retreat is open to all students in 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This year, we are partnering with the youth from St. Michael and St. George as well as Grace Kirkwood. Spots are limited - for more information and to RSVP, scan this QR code:



### **YOUTH ARTWORK PICKUP**

Thank you to all involved in our St. Peter's Children and Youth Art Exhibit! As our exhibit comes to a close, we ask that you please pick up your children's artwork one of the next two Sundays - December 28 or January 4. After January 4, the artwork will be held in the church office for pickup during office hours.

# STEWARDSHIP & PARISH LIFE

## **END-OF-YEAR GIVING**

Please take a moment to verify fulfillment of your 2025 pledge. As you plan your year-end donations, please note that **all offerings for 2025 must be postmarked on or before Wednesday, December 31, 2025**. Items postmarked with a date of January 1, 2026, or after, will be considered a 2026 contribution. For stock transactions, the "date of gift" must be on or before December 31, 2025. Please consult with your broker to ensure timely delivery. The Finance office will be open **from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on December 30 and December 31** to receive donations. Please contact Janet Rouse with any questions. Don't forget - donations may be made online via our website at: [www.specstl.org/give](http://www.specstl.org/give). If you need stock transfer information, please contact Janet Rouse. Thank you for your support!

## **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THROUGH JANUARY 4**

Except for the Finance hours listed above, St. Peter's office will be closed through January 4. For a pastoral emergency, please call (314)993-2306 and press 2.

## **ST. PETER'S GUILD**

St. Peter's Guild meetings will resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in the Undercroft.

## **SECOND TUESDAY BREAKFAST: JANUARY 13**

Gather in the Undercroft Tuesday, January 13 for the monthly Tuesday Morning Breakfast! All are welcome at 7:30 a.m. for good food and fellowship. The Tuesday morning breakfast is held on the second Tuesday of every month.

## **ST. PETER'S GALLERY NEW ARTIST EXHIBIT & RECEPTION**

The next installment in our gallery exhibition series features **William Curtis: Reflections**, a celebration of the realism and cultural vision of distinguished American artist, William Curtis, from Friday, January 9, through Tuesday, February 24. Spanning decades of work, the exhibition highlights and explores powerful paintings and drawings that reflect the American experience, African American culture, and history. All are warmly invited to experience this compelling exhibition and to join us for the opening artist reception on Friday, January 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Our 2026 annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 25, at 9:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. Please plan to be there! Enjoy breakfast while hearing from the Rector, our treasurer, and others.

## **IS YOUR USED IPHONE LONELY?**

Do you have a gently used iPad or iPhone (12 or higher) that you no longer use? Consider giving it a new home! The church is looking for a few of these devices to help with administrative and communication strategies. Please contact Jacquelyn at [jacquelyn@specstl.org](mailto:jacquelyn@specstl.org) or call the church office at (314) 993-2306 if you have questions or would like to donate a device.

# FORMATION

## **LEARN HOW WE CAN END GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA**

Join a diocesan-wide book study held on Zoom, so you can participate from anywhere! For four Mondays - January 19 and 26, and February 2 and 9 - from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. we will discuss the book *The Psychology of Gun Violence: How Smart Choices Can Save Lives*, published by Janet Hyde, PhD, one of our co-commissioners on the diocesan Gun Violence Prevention Team and parishioner of St. Peter's. The URL below will let you access the scheduled Zoom meetings: <https://bit.ly/48jeDXB>.

## **RECTOR'S FORUM AND BREAKFAST**

As we continue into 2026, we welcome guest speakers from across our parish and the wider St. Louis community to join us for Rector's Forum. Each week will bring a new voice, a new perspective, and a new opportunity to explore how faith connects with the world around us. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast (beginning at 8:45 a.m.) and conversation/speakers (beginning at 9:15 a.m.). The cost of breakfast is \$9. Kids under 5 eat free!

**NOTE: There is no Rector's Forum on Sunday, December 28.**

We will return on Sunday, January 4, 2026.

### **Upcoming Rector's Forums:**

#### **January 4: Constance Vale, Chair of Undergraduate Architecture, Washington University**



Constance Vale provides an illuminating conversation on one of the most transformative forces shaping our world today: Artificial Intelligence. Constance will lead us through an exploration of how AI is reshaping the ways we design, build, communicate, and even understand what it means to be human. With examples from her work and her forthcoming book, *Digital Decoys*, Constance will guide us through the promises and challenges of an era in which our built environment increasingly responds to—and is shaped by—intelligent technologies. This conversation will open a window onto the ethical, creative, and civic questions that emerge as architecture and AI evolve together.

#### **January 11: Bill Wallace, Executive Director, Missouri Veterans Endeavor (MOVE-STL)**



Bill Wallace speaks about Missouri Veterans Endeavor (MOVE\_STL), a nonprofit dedicated to helping Veterans overcome barriers to stability and independence. MOVE serves Veterans facing challenges such as homelessness, unemployment, financial hardship, and the difficult transition to civilian life. Bill offers a meaningful look at how MOVE honors those who have served by walking alongside them toward a more secure and hopeful future.

#### **January 18: Sarah Fenske, Executive Director at St. Louis Magazine**



Through Sarah Fenske's work and conversations across the region and her work as host of the St. Louis Daily podcast, she brings thoughtful insight into why things are the way they are in St. Louis – and how they might be made better. Sarah will share observations on the needs, concerns, and challenges facing our wider community, along with reflections on how churches and faith communities can listen more deeply, build meaningful connections, and respond with compassion and action. This week's forum offers an opportunity to engage local perspectives and consider how St. Peter's can more fully live out its call to serve our neighbors.

# OUTREACH

## **JANUARY FOOD DRIVE: BAGS DISTRIBUTED TODAY**

We are distributing food bags today for our January food drive. To participate, take a bag (or several!) with you when you leave today and return it next Sunday, January 4, filled with nonperishable foodstuffs and hygiene items. Thank you to all who continue to generously support this ministry!

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 28</b>	<b>The First Sunday After Christmas</b>	
		8:00 a.m.    Holy Eucharist	
		10:30 a.m.    Holy Eucharist	
		11:30 a.m.    Coffee Hour	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	5:30 p.m.    Holy Eucharist	<i>Grace Chapel</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 2</b>	8:00 a.m.    A.A.	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 4</b>	<b>The Second Sunday After Christmas</b>	
		8:00 a.m.    Holy Eucharist	
		8:45 a.m.    Breakfast	
		9:15 a.m.    The Rector's Forum	
		10:30 a.m.    Holy Eucharist	
		11:30 a.m.    Coffee Hour	



# WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S

If you are visiting St. Peter's, we would love to share more information with you about our shared life and ministry! Please take a red welcome bag on your way out the door. In it you'll find information about our worship, formation, and fellowship opportunities as well as information for families. You can also scan the QR codes below to get connected with us and learn more.



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