



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026 – 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

THE SECOND 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 *Divinum mysterium*
(*"Of the Father's love begotten;" Hymn 82*)

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

THE WORD OF GOD

INTROIT *Deus in loco sancto*

Anglican Chant: Wm. Felton

God in his holy habitation, it is he that maketh brethren to be of one mind in an house: He will give the dominion and preeminence unto his people. Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: Let them also that hate him flee before him.

– Psalm 68

- 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 82: "Of the Father's love begotten"

Divinum mysterium

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.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
 and over the young of the flock and the herd;
 their life shall become like a watered garden,
 and they shall never languish again.
 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
 and the young men and the old shall be merry.
 I will turn their mourning into joy,
 I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
 and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
 says the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84:1-8 *Quam dilecta!*

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

Anglican Chant: C. H. H. Parry

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
 my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

HYMN 128: "We three kings of Orient are"

Three Kings of Orient

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-23

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

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Zack Rugenstone

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 We have been blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, and we have been chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. With the boldness we have as ones chosen in Christ, let us pray to the Lord for the needs of the world, saying, "Happy are they who dwell in your house; / Our hearts rejoice in the living God."

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. In the Anglican Communion, we remember the Church of the Province of Central Africa. May the Church serve within a spirit of wisdom with enlightened hearts. Happy are they who dwell in your house;

People **Our hearts rejoice in the living God.**

Lector We pray for this nation, and for governments here and all places, remembering Donald, our President, and Mike, our Governor; may the nations hear the word of the Lord and declare it to the coastlands far away, that the hearts of all in authority would be ruled by the Spirit, and led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Happy are they who dwell in your house;

People **Our hearts rejoice in the living God.**

Lector We pray for those with any need in our parish and community, remembering Caroline Baer, Russ Lake, [____], and David Westfall. May those who have come with weeping be led back with consolation, that with joy their spirits and bodies would not languish again. Happy are they who dwell in your house;

People **Our hearts rejoice in the living God.**

Lector We pray for the departed in God, especially Laura Baer, William Brinkman, [____], and Ruth Dewein. As we await with anticipation the second coming of our Lord, let all rest in the hope to which we have been called, the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe. Happy are they who dwell in your house;

People **Our hearts rejoice in the living God.**

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

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION 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.



ANTHEM In Wintertime

Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)

When Thou wast born in wintertime,
the Savior of mankind to be,
Came men of ev'ry sort and clime:
to worship Thee.

And those who waited in Thy courts,
who sought from earthly things to flee,
Who serv'd by pray'r and quiet thoughts:
these worshipp'd Thee.

The Three Wise Men who from afar
drew near the wond'rous Babe to see,
And in their wisdom found Thy star:
these worshipp'd Thee

And shepherds who say watching then,
their flocks about the hills dispersed,
Unlearn'd, unletter'd, humble men:
These found Thee first.

- Betty Askwith

The People stand and sing.

AT THE PRESENTATION, HYMN 100: "Joy to the world! The Lord is come" (st. 1 & 4)

Antioch

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.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Tolle puerum*

Plainsong, Mode 7

Take the child and his mother and go to the land of Judah; for those who sought the child's life are now dead.

– Matthew 2

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.*

MOTET

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, iacentem in praeseptio:
O beata Virgo, cuius viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia.

*O great mystery and wondrous thing
that the animals behold the new-born Lord lying in a manger.
O Blessed Virgin, whose womb
was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.*

– *Matin Responsories on Christmas Day*

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 109: "The first Nowell the angel did say"

The First Nowell

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Noël Grand jeu et Duo

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Laura Stevenson Baer, by her family.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Zack Rugenstone
<i>Organ</i>	David Sinden
<i>Lectors</i>	Patty Weisensee, Bud Wilson
<i>Ushers</i>	Randy and Cheryl Meyer
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Kathy Baker

10:30 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. David Hodges
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Zack Rugenstone
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon
<i>Musicians</i>	The St. Peter's Choir David Sinden, Organist and Choirmaster
<i>Lectors</i>	Bruce Ryder, Karen Winn
<i>Ushers</i>	Bud Wilson, Hal Burroughs, Chuck Jones, Doug Adderton
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Nancy Grimes
<i>Monday Counter</i>	June Sellenriek, Annette Goldman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP & MUSIC

EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS

A Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany 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

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 8th to 12th 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 today. After today, the artwork will be held in the church office for pickup during office hours.

OUTREACH

YOUTH AND FAMILY PEACE MEAL

The St. John's Peace Meal in Tower Grove is a weekly meal on Saturday that takes place at St. John's Church. St. Peter's volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve this meal on Saturday, February 7, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. We recruit about 6 people per shift (2-4, prepping and cooking; 4-6 serving and cleaning). Some people come for the whole time. If you are able and interested in helping, please contact Jim Gilbert at hockeygolf@live.com.

STEWARDSHIP & PARISH LIFE

ANNUAL GIVING - THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our parishioners who supported St. Peter's in 2025! We are deeply grateful for your faithful commitment to our church and its ministries. With your generosity, we can sustain our worship and programs, strengthen our ministries, and extend care and support throughout the St. Louis community. We look forward with hope and gratitude to all that the coming year will bring.

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS ON SUNDAY!

We are in need of sponsors for altar flowers in 2026. Parishioners may give the Sunday flowers in loving memory or honor of loved ones, or in thanksgiving for a special event. An acknowledgement is printed in that morning's service sheets. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for an upcoming Sunday, go to specstl.org/worship/sunday-altar-flowers/ or call the Church Office at (314) 993-2306.

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 jacquelynv@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-missioners 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!

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, communication, 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, 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday	Jan. 4	The Second Sunday After Christmas	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m. Parish Breakfast 9:15 a.m. Rector's Forum 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour	<i>Undercroft</i>
Tuesday	Jan. 6		7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m. St. Peter's Guild	<i>Grace Chapel</i>
Wednesday	Jan. 7		7:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist	<i>Elliot Room Grace Chapel</i>
Thursday	Jan. 8		7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer 5:15 p.m. Probationers Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Choristers Rehearsal 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<i>Grace Chapel Grace Chapel Choir Room Choir Room Choir Room</i>
Friday	Jan. 9		8:00 a.m. A.A. 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group 5:30 p.m. Artist Reception	<i>Classroom Elliot Room Undercroft</i>
Sunday	Jan. 11	The First Sunday After the Epiphany	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m. Parish Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Nursery Care Opens 9:15 a.m. Rector's Forum 10:15 a.m. Children's Chapel 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour 5:00 p.m. Epiphany Lessons and Carols St. Peter's Youth Group	<i>Little Building Undercroft Grace Chapel Classrooms SPY HQ</i>

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