

# JANUARY

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## From the Sr. Warden

***This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant as we look toward 2025.***

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and

heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: *"Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end"* (Psalm 119:33).

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## Presiding Bishop:

**The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe**

## Diocesan Bishop:

**The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes**

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

### Parish Administrator:

**Laura Kallestad**

### Organist:

**Elizabeth Miller**

### Treasurer:

**Charlie Pfeifer**

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord"* (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to [make You the foundation and center of our lives](#) this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

*Amen.*





**\*\*From Laura: My family member is a retired Park Police IT specialist and is kept aware of new (and the resurgence of old) scams used to target individuals throughout the world. This is one of his latest warnings - please, please, please read, beware and be aware. Spread this information to all family and friends who may not know about this or are vulnerable!**

### **Beware of Brushing Scam!**

**A recent scam has been showing up in many states. A "brushing" scam is when someone receives an unexpected gift or item not ordered in the mail from a place like Amazon or other company. Examples of gifts include, rings, bracelets, necklaces, Bluetooth speaker, etc. The gift will have the recipient's address, but not include the sender's information or be from a known retailer. When the recipient opens the package to see what it is and possibly who sent it, there is a QR code to scan to find out who sent the gift.**

**Once the code is scanned, all the information from that phone will be sent to scammers. They receive all access to the phone. All personal and financial information is accessible to the scammers and often the victim's bank accounts are drained.**

**The gift can be kept or thrown away, but the QR code should NOT be scanned for any reason. QR code scams are nothing new. These scams show up in all places, including parking meters.**

**Inform your family members about the scam and avoid scanning any unknown QR codes included in the package.**

**For those who may not know, this is an example of a QR Code:**



# MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



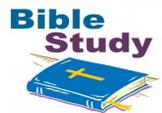
**The Ladies Luncheon**-The ladies of St. Peter's meet at a different restaurant on the second Monday of each month for lunch and fellowship. We will be enjoying lunch at 12:30 PM on January 13<sup>th</sup> at Jose Tequilas, 3629 Shore Dr., Va. Beach. Please join us and bring a friend. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the parish hall so we have an accurate number for reservations. For more information contact Millie Coward cell (757) 469-5887/ [m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net).

**The Altar Guild** is looking for help!! There are currently openings for both men and women in this ministry that need filling as soon as possible. You will be fully trained, at your convenience, and work with an experienced member. Only requirement for placement in the Altar Guild is that you are confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Benefits are unlimited, e.g. working with a great team, pride in knowing that you had a hand in helping to make the Altar beautiful and pleasing for our church family, and most of all the joy you will experience knowing that you are serving the Lord by preparing the Altar at St. Peter's for celebrations of worship for Sunday services, weddings, baptisms, and funerals. Please prayerfully consider applying for this critical ministry job today! Contact Millie Coward 757 469-5887/ [m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net).



**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**- We welcome new members to join us to knit, crochet, and loom for various organizations. The following items were made in December for distribution- 2 chemo caps, 3 adult hats, 2 scarves, 12 preemie blankets, 1 infant hat and 9 washcloths. If you would like to help us supply these much needed items or learn how to knit, crochet, or loom, please join us at our next meeting January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in the Diffenbaugh Library. We have expert teachers and all the supplies you will need to practice. Or if you prefer, you may supply items from the comfort of your home. Just call, email or text me and I will be happy to pick them up for distribution. Please consider joining us not only to share your talents but for fellowship as well. For more specifics, please contact Millie Coward, (757) 469-5887/ [m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net)

**Bible Study** is meeting on Thursdays at 10:30 A.M., in the Diffenbaugh Library. Bruce Comfort leads this Bible study on the Gospel of John. All are welcome! Bring a Bible and don't forget to bring a friend.



**Cursillo** - So, you think your faith is strong and you don't need anyone to **make** it a deeper relationship? You are right, no one can make you but, a Cursillo weekend will entice you to go deeper and more fully than you could imagine possible. Men's and women's small group meetings are held in the library and meeting room every Wednesday evening at 6:00 P.M. Anyone can attend these meetings, and whatever might be said in the meetings, stays in the meeting for **our privacy**. We can **and will** answer all the questions you may have regarding Cursillo and the weekends. It is **not** a secret society, and we do **not** have any "rituals" that can't be talked about. The weekend is Christians coming together for 3 days, 3 nights and delving deeper into our relationship and walk with and for Christ. We are called to be His hands and feet in this world! The next weekend is May 15th - 18th, 2025 and our own Ana Nowland is the Lay Rector.



St. Peter's Search Committee is still actively searching for a new rector for our church. Although this process seems to be taking a long time, this is not unusual. We will continue to keep you informed on our progress by publishing news in The Call and the Sunday bulletin. Please be patient and supportive of our Committee and keep them in your prayers. Remember, our next rector is out there somewhere, searching for the perfect church with the best church family. Let's hope he finds us soon! It's in God's hands!

Blessings,  
Vel Shreve  
Search Committee Chair

# January

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| Sun   | Mon                                     | Tue   | Wed  | Thu                                   | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|
|   |   |      | 1 <br>Happy New Year To All<br><b>2025</b> | 2<br><br>Bible Study -<br>10:30 A.M.  | 3   | 4   |
| 5<br>Morning Prayer<br>8:00 A.M. Rite I<br>10:00 A.M. Rite II<br><br>Second Sunday<br>after Christmas Day   | 6                                       | 7 Prayer<br>Shawl Ministry<br>- 10:00 A.M.<br><br>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.                | 8<br><br>Cursillo Small<br>Groups 7:00 P.M.  | 9<br><br>Bible Study -<br>10:30 A.M.  | 10  | 11  |
| 12 <b>Wisemen Visit</b><br>Morning Prayer<br>8:00 A.M. Rite I<br>10:00 A.M. Rite II<br><br><b>Annual Meeting<br/>and 1st Vestry<br/>Meeting</b><br>First Sunday after<br>the Epiphany: The<br>Baptism of Our<br>Lord Jesus Christ | 13<br>Ladies Lunch-<br>eon - 12:30 P.M. | 14<br><b>Day School<br/>Board Meeting<br/>- 7:00 P.M.</b><br><br>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M. | 15<br><br>Cursillo Small<br>Groups 7:00 P.M.   | 16<br><br>Bible Study -<br>10:30 A.M. | 17  | 18  |
| 19<br>Morning Prayer<br>8:00 A.M. Rite I<br>10:00 A.M. Rite II<br><br>Second Sunday<br>after the Epiphany   | 20                                      | 21<br><br>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.  | 22<br><br>Cursillo Small<br>Groups 7:00 P.M.   | 23<br><br>No Bible Study              | 24  | 25  |
| 26<br>Morning Prayer<br>8:00 A.M. Rite I<br>10:00 A.M. Rite II<br><br>Third Sunday after<br>the Epiphany  | 27                                      | 28<br><br>AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.  | 29<br><br>Cursillo Small<br>Groups 7:00 P.M.   | 30<br><br>Bible Study -<br>10:30 A.M. | 31  |     |

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

### JANUARY 5 -

Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Jim Jimeno, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice 10:00 - Bruce Comfort

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild: Millie Coward, Charlotte Corbett

Flower Guild: Christmas Poinsettias



### JANUARY 12 -

Acolyte: Carys Shreve

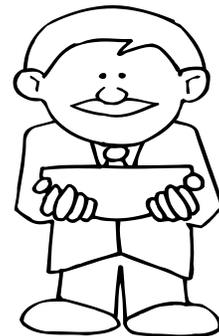
Ushers: Steve Kakol, Susan Sigler

Lector: 8:00 - Jeffrey Pfeifer; 10:00 - Janet Chauncey

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild: Vel Shreve, Josie Jimeno

Flower Guild: Josie Jimeno



### JANUARY 19-

Acolyte: Eric Evans

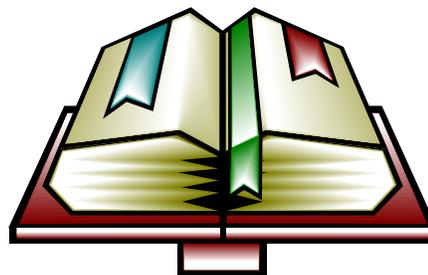
Ushers: Jim Jimeno, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Larry Shreve

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Linsey Shreve

Altar Guild: Dot Pierce, Ashley Pierce

Flower Guild: Nancy Comfort



### JANUARY 26-

Acolyte: Nancy Comfort

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00 - Charlotte Corbett; 10:00 - Jeffrey Pfeifer

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild: Hilda Monte, Judy Eller

Flower Guild: Hilda Monte





## January 2025

January 5 Debbie Whitehorne, Samantha Whitehorne

The Wise Men Visit Jesus

January 12 Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser

Presentation at the Temple

January 19 Debbie Whitehorne, Samantha Whitehorne

Jesus as a Boy in Nazareth

January 26 Yvonne Authement, Wendy Glaeser

Jesus is Baptized





# JANUARY

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings are on the 1st Sunday of the month at both the 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. services.**

**happy birthday**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Dana & Brad Bolding 4th  
Ron & Hilda Monte 26th

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Michael Caldwell  | 1st  |
| Robert Whitehorne | 3rd  |
| Marissa Weissner  | 3rd  |
| Jim Hunter        | 6th  |
| Susie Johnson     | 10th |
| Larry Shreve      | 13th |
| Marissa McGinty   | 17th |
| Anna Kallestad    | 20th |
| Jordynne Wicker   | 20th |
| Floyd Parker III  | 22nd |
| Nancy Comfort     | 23rd |
| Linsey Shreve     | 26th |

If we missed your special date, we are **very** sorry. Please take some time to let the office know so we can update our records. Call - (757) 466-9392 or email - [laura@stpeters-norfolk.org](mailto:laura@stpeters-norfolk.org)

Please visit our website for online ordering if you would like to donate flowers in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration of a loved one or an event.

The website **eliminates mistakes** that would hinder the ordering of flowers, and the Flower Guild can personalize the arrangements easier.

The price is \$50 per Sunday or \$25 if two people share the date.



**The deadline for articles in 'The Call' is the fifteenth of each month.**

**Send articles to :  
[laura@stpeters-norfolk.org](mailto:laura@stpeters-norfolk.org)  
or call the church office - 757-466-9392.**

## GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”. (Ephesians 6:10-11)



**Joe, Michael, Matt, David, Mario, Kyle, Frank, Courtney,  
Hannah, Chris, Chloe, Allan, Roger**



*Please keep these people in your prayers.  
Notify the office to remove from or add to  
these lists. Thank you.*

### The Veterans are always in need of:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, tissues & handkerchiefs (new unopened). No candy, food, or drinks right now. They **are** accepting used clothing items again.

Please bring your donations to church and place them in the baskets and box provided in the parish hall. Thank you all for your continued support!



### VESTRY MEMBERS

**Sr. Warden - Linsey Shreve ('25)**

**Jr. Warden - Debbie Whitehorne ('24)**

**Judy Eller ('24), Charlie Pfeifer ('24), Liz Kress ('25), Peggy Pfeifer ('25), Vel Shreve ('26), and Charlotte Corbett ('26)**

Holy Father, the navigator of our souls, hear us as we hold up before you our annual Vestry. Be with us as we chart a course together, inspired by the presence of your Spirit. Give courage to our clergy, our leaders and each of us, as we move forward with your blessing. For all we do, we do to your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

|                            |                            |                   |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Edward Klaus III           | BJ Neaves                  | Karen Kakol       |
| Niko Miyashiro             | Lois Deloatche             | Haley G.          |
| Jessica T.                 | Patsi Walton               | Mary Johnston     |
| Wayne Radford              | Kathy Vanderslice          | John Eidam        |
| Karleen Smith              | Dewey Radford              | Barbara LaDue     |
| Luanne Cattley             | Mary Robson                | Robyn Klaus       |
| Roger Bowser               | Sarah Kakol                | Charlotte Corbett |
| Howard Belote              | Susan Sigler               | Eddie Klaus II    |
| Nancy Davis                | Dot Pierce                 | Joyce Caldwell    |
| Mary Horkey                | Josie C                    | Megan C           |
| Val Powell                 | Debbie Hollister           | Joan Crowther     |
| Denise McCue               | Shelly-Ann Tenia           | Bert Truxell      |
| Teri Stephenson            | The Rev. Canon Ross Wright |                   |
| Christine Alexander        | Krista Itzen               | Pam Standish      |
| Temperance Robinson        | Holly Robinson             | James Boyd        |
| Rachael McIntosh           | Tom Lambert                | Susie Manning     |
| Bob Alford                 | Dan Smith                  | Betty Hayden      |
| Joan Wilson                | John Miller                | Sharon Dashiell   |
| Megan (Whitehorne) Daniels | Marlena Spiva              |                   |
| Eddie & Lisa Stanfield     | Paul & Lee Nelson          |                   |
| Bruce & Nancy Comfort      | Clay & Wanda Smith         |                   |
| Leslie & Charlie Pereira   | Debbie & Kenny             |                   |
| Jack & Dianne McKnight     | Myles & Family             |                   |
| Brian & Brenda Hallman     | Jodi & Sean McGinty        |                   |
| Kathy & Tim Sarver         | Mary & Larry Laine         |                   |
| Dee & Glen Smith           | Wade & Karen Freidt        |                   |
| Sheila & Tom Lambert       | Evans Family               |                   |

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

**Vestry Meeting Minutes**

**November 17, 2024**

**Opening:** The St. Peter's Vestry met together in the Diffenbaugh Library on November 17, 2024. Attending the meeting were Linsey Shreve, Judy Eller, Vel Shreve, Charlie Pfeifer, and Peggy Pfeifer. Debbie Whitehorne, Liz Kress, and Charlotte Corbett were absent. This meeting began with a prayer at 12:30 P.M.

**Minutes:** The minutes from October 14, 2024, were approved with a motion from Charlie Pfeifer and seconded by Judy Eller. It was passed by acclamation.

**Financial Report:** Charlie presented October's Financial Report. A motion from Judy Eller to accept the financial report was made and seconded by Vel Shreve. It was passed by acclamation.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Linsey Shreve reported that Rev. John Francis Maher will be returning on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve, and the 29<sup>th</sup> of December.

The next meeting is December 8<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 A.M. service.

**Junior Warden\*\*:**

**\*\*In Debbie's absence the following topics were discussed with as much information as possible by both Laura Kallestad and Charlie Pfeifer.**

Shrubs/bushes around the Day School have been removed and dirt has been leveled out for drainage.

The carpet in the alcove to the Narthex has been replaced.

Charlie met with All Trades to discuss the repairs and painting of the electrical boxes only and replacing the conduit going to the Day School. One box is more complicated than the other and will require more investigation and may require removing the sidewalk in addition to replacing the conduit. Charlie is expecting a bid on the work shortly and at that time he will contact Judy Dobson for the grant information. If we go ahead with the electrical work, the electricity will be turned off for approximately 2 days. During this time, the wood on the fascia above the electrical lines will be repaired and painted by Dan Smith (the company that did the doors and column painting and repairs).

**Old Business:**

The Boys Home collection will be taken from the loose plate collection in the first and second week of the month and with direct donations. The money will be sent to the house parents after the 8<sup>th</sup> of December.

Pledge "Thank you letters" and the 2<sup>nd</sup> notice letter will need to be sent shortly. Charlie will handle the letters and get back with Laura with mailing instructions.

**New Business:**

Lay Delegates and Alternatives – notice was posted throughout the church for volunteers and no one responded. The Bishop's office had already called, and we will not be represented this year.

The Acolyte guild is trying to get the younger children involved but the cross that is used in the church currently is way too heavy for them to carry. Judy Eller would like to purchase a smaller cross for them to carry in the procession. The children cannot hold the larger cross and that would limit youth involvement. It was decided that this cross, if purchased, would not replace the traditional processional cross but would instead be used to "lead" the children from the church to Sunday School.

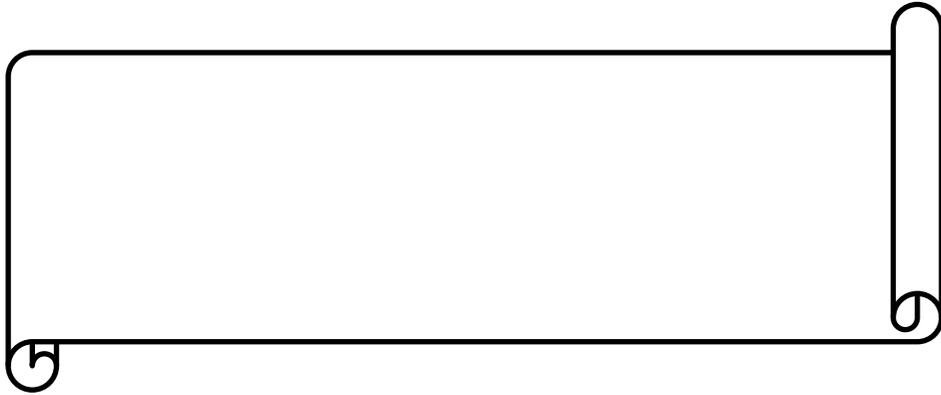
The next Vestry meeting will be December 8, 2024.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kallestad

Registrar



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## “THE CALL”

We *celebrate* the love of Christ and *proclaim* our faith by *welcoming* and *serving* all.

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*St. Peter's Church was organized in 1885 and the cornerstone was dedicated October 5th, 1886. This structure still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk. The first worship service at our present site was in the parish hall on Christmas Eve, 1959. All existing construction was completed in 1965.*

