

DECEMBER

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From the Sr. Warden

A Counter-Cultural Invitation: Waiting in Hope This Advent

Welcome to the start of a new church year and the beautiful season of Advent! The word "Advent" comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival," heralding the arrival of Jesus, our Once and Future King. It is a unique, counter-cultural season that invites us to resist the world's rush toward instant gratification and frantic commercialism, and instead, to wait patiently and intentionally for the Lord to come into our hearts and our world.

In our busy lives, waiting is often the hardest work of hope. Yet, this season offers us a precious gift: the opportunity to pause, take a deep breath, and make room for the Christ child in our lives.

As we light the candles on our Advent wreath each week, we focus on the core themes that prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of our Savior:

- **Hope:** The first candle, the Prophecy Candle, reminds us of the hope the Messiah brings, recalling the ancient prophecies that foretold His coming.
- **Peace:** We look to Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," reflecting on God's gift of peace in a world full of turmoil.
- **Joy:** True joy is not dependent on happy circumstances but is found in the knowledge that God is in our midst, a mighty Savior who renews us in His love.

Love: We remember that God's undeserved mercy and love were given to humanity through the sending of Jesus Christ.

This Advent, let's embrace the call to live with the hope of Christ rather than the hype of the "holiday season".

Ways to Engage This Advent Season:

- **Weekly Devotionals:** Follow our daily devotionals using Forward Day by Day or Our Daily Bread
- **Advent Study:** Join the Advent Study "The Case for Christ" by Lee Strobel at 9 am in the Diffenbaugh library beginning Sunday, November 30th.
- **Community Outreach:** Join us in our annual Angel Tree collection, a tangible way to share God's love and hope with those in our community.

Worship: Invite a friend or neighbor to join you for Sunday worship (Children's pageant on December 14th, Lessons and Carols at 9am on December 21st and our hymn sing and Christmas Eve service at 10:30 pm on December 24th).

You never know how God might work through your kindness to answer their prayers and fulfill their best hopes for this month. May this season be a time of deep spiritual formation for you, as we await the arrival of the One who makes all things new.

May God bless each of you this Advent Season.

Kimberly

Presiding Bishop:

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe

Diocesan Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes

ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

Treasurer:

Charlie Pfeifer

Organist:

Elizabeth Miller

Parish Administrator:

Laura Kallestad

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Campaign and Vestry Nominations: As part of the Stewardship Campaign, you were invited to consider how you might share your time, talent, and treasure. While financial gifts are important, your presence and abilities are equally valuable. Please prayerfully consider serving on the Vestry and helping to guide St. Peter's into the future. Your voice matters, and we encourage you to take part in this meaningful ministry.



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 Dec. 8th at Pembroke Pizza, 633 Independence Blvd., Virginia 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.

The Altar Guild is still looking for **HELP!!** There are 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.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry—Our membership is small, but we work hard to furnish items to needy folks. This is what we accomplished last month—9 baby blankets, 10 preemie hats, 11 prayer pocket shawls, 3 pot holders, and 2 dishcloths. We welcome new members to join us to knit, crochet and loom for various organizations. We can use your talents. If you would like to help us supply much needed items or learn how to knit, crochet, or loom please mark your calendar for December 2nd at 10:00 A.M. and join us at our meeting in the Dittenbach 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

Bible Study has begun anew! The Book of The Revelation to John will be the new study. All are welcome Thursday mornings at 10:30 A.M. in the Library! Bring a Bible and bring a friend.



Cursillo isn't just a weekend, it is friendships that last forever, worship that becomes more meaningful and comfort in times of need. It invokes a desire to BE the hands and feet of Christ; to learn and understand your faith more fully. No, it's not just a weekend...it is a new life—WITH Christ, IN Christ, and FOR Christ. We would be honored to tell you about this ministry or sponsor you for a weekend. Just ask us! The next weekend will be held May 14—17, 2026.



The Search Committee is still actively searching for a rector for our parish. Any updates will be mentioned in *The Call* and the Sunday bulletin. Please be patient and keep praying for us. The right man/woman for us is out there somewhere! Blessings, Vel



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 30	1	2 Prayer Shawl 10:00 A.M. in the library. AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	3 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	4 Bible Study 10:30 A.M.	5	6
7 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. - Rite II The Second Sunday of Advent	8 Ladies Luncheon at 12:30 P.M.	9 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	10 Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	11 Bible Study 10:30 A.M.	12	13
14 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. - Rite II Children's Program The Third Sunday of Advent Vestry Meeting	15 DAY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M.	16 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	17 Day School Christmas Program @ 11:00 A.M. Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	18 Bible Study 10:30 A.M.	19	20
21 Lessons & Carols Single Service @ 9:00 A.M. Followed by: "Greening of the Church" The Fourth Sunday of Advent	22 Day School Holiday Begins ➡	23 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	24 Office Closed Christmas Eve Service 10:30 P.M. — Carols 11:00 P.M. — Holy Eucharist	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. - Rite I 10:00 A.M. - Rite II The First Sunday after Christmas Day	29	30 AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	31 OFFICE CLOSED	JAN. 1 OFFICE CLOSED	JAN. 2 OFFICE CLOSED	JAN. 3

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

DEC. 7 -

Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

Ushers: Larry Shreve, Jim Jimeno

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

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

Altar Guild: Hilda Monte, Judy Eller

Flower Guild: Hilda Monte



DEC. 14 -

Acolyte: Eric Evans

Ushers: Susan Sigler, Steve Kakol

Lector: 8:00 - Susan Sigler; 10:00 - Janet Chauncey

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild: Charlotte Corbett, Vel Shreve

Flower Guild: Dot Pierce



DEC. 21 - Lessons and Carols 9:00 A.M. service only

Acolyte: Brodie Whitehorne

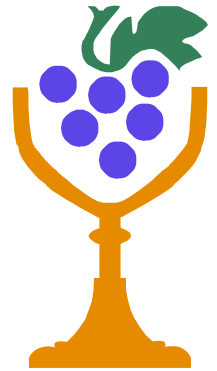
Ushers: Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

Lector: 9:00 - Assigned Readers

Worship Leader: 9:00—Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild: Judy Eller, Charlotte Corbett

Flower Guild: Josie Jimeno



DEC. 24—Christmas Eve Service—Holy Eucharist

Acolytes/Torches/Banner: Carys Shreve, Judy Eller, Nancy Comfort,

Ushers: Jim Jimeno, Larry Shreve

Lector: 11:00 P.M. - Larry Shreve

LEM: 11:00 P.M. -Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild: Josie Jimeno, Vel Shreve

Flower Guild: Christmas Plants



DEC. 28 -

Acolyte: Eric Evans

Ushers: Susan Sigler, Vicky Martin

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

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild: Hilda Monte, Ashley Pierce

Flower Guild: Christmas Plants





Diane Wicker	1 st
Marianne Rudis	1 st
Ron Monte	3 rd
Todd Eidam	9 th
Howard Belote	11 th
Patsi Walton	12 th
Scott Walton	14 th
Isabel Nowland	15 th
Vel Shreve	23 rd
Jessica Fry	23 rd
Sebastian Plucinski	26 th
Justin Pickurel	28 th
Charles Bolding	31 st

Charlie & Peggy Pfeifer	12/19/71
Bob & Kathy Vanderslice	12/30/92

If we missed your special day, 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



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

Send articles to :

laura@stpeters-norfolk.org
or call the church office - 757-466-9392.

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** and the Flower Guild can personalize the arrangements.

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

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 prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective”
James 5:16*

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 not** accepting used clothing items.

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 - Kimberly Truxell ('27)

Jr. Warden - Bruce Comfort ('27)

Judy Eller ('25), Liz Kress ('25), Peggy Pfeifer ('25), Linsey Shreve ('25), Nancy Comfort ('27), Charlotte Corbett ('26), Vel Shreve ('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.

BJ Neaves	Karen Kakol	Joan Snyder
Niko Miyashiro	Lois Deloatche	Haley G.
Jessica T.	Patsi Walton	Mary Johnston
Barbara Bowser	Kathy Vanderslice	Edward Klaus III
Luanne Cattley	Mary Robson	Robyn Klaus
Sarah Kakol	Charlotte Corbett	Sharon Dashiell
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	Bert Truxell	Barbara LaDue
Marlena Spiva	Karleen Smith	Dianne McKnight
Christine Alexander	Krista Itzen	Pam Standish
Yvonne Authement	Joan Wilson	John Miller
Bill Naylor		

Eddie & Lisa Stanfield	Paul & Lee Nelson
Bruce & Nancy Comfort	Clay & Wanda Smith
Leslie & Charlie Pereira	Debbie & Kenny
Steve & Betty Jane Baxter	Myles & Family
Jodi & Sean McGinty	Janet & Bob Chauncey
Kathy & Tim Sarver	Mary & Larry Laine
Dee & Glen Smith	Wade & Karen Freidt
Sheila & Tom Lambert	Evans Family
Tark & Carol Tarkington	Wayne & Loretta Radford
Teresa & McKinley Kerns	



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Registration Form for School Year 2025 - 2026

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PRE-K-TODDLER	5 Full Days: \$975, 3 Full Days \$750 or 5 - ½ days: \$675, 3 - ½ days: \$450 or 2 Full Days: \$625
AGE	18 months —24 months
DAYS	Monday –Friday /Monday-Wednesday-Friday/ANY 2 DAYS
HOURS	7:00 A.M. – 12:30 (1/2 Day) or 7:00 A.M.— 6:00 P.M. (Full Day)
REGISTRATION FEE	\$90 (non-refundable)**

PRE-K-2	5 Full Days: \$975, 3 Full Days \$750 or 5- ½ days: \$675, 3- ½ days: \$450 or 2 Full Days: \$625
AGE	2—3 years
DAYS	Monday–Friday/Monday-Wednesday-Friday/ANY 2 DAYS
HOURS	7:00 A.M. – 12:30 (1/2 Day) or 7:00 A.M.— 6:00 P.M. (Full Day)
REGISTRATION FEE	\$90 (non-refundable)**

PRE-K-3 and PRE-K-4	School Only—5 Days: \$300 or 3 Days \$200 Extended Care—5 Days: \$640 or 3 Days: \$480
AGE	3/4 years by September 30th
DAYS	Monday –Friday (5 Days) or Monday-Wednesday-Friday (3 Days)
HOURS	7:00 A.M.— 6:00 P.M. (School Hours 9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.)
REGISTRATION FEE	\$90 (non-refundable)

Hourly Fee: \$15.00 per hour / Drop-off Fee: \$25.00 per hour, Late Pick-up Fee: \$5.00 per minute

How did you hear about us? _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____ ALLERGIES: _____

HEALTH CONDITIONS OR MEDICATIONS: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: NAME (Contact #1) _____ PHONE NUMBER (#1): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN :NAME (Contact #2) _____ PHONE NUMBER (#2): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: (In the event #1 and #2 are unavailable) Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Choose One: CLASS: Pre-K-Toddler () Pre-K-2 () Pre-K-3 () Pre-K-4 ()

Choose One: DAYS: 5 Full (), 3 Full (), 2 Full (Toddlers or 2s Only) (), 5 half (), 3 half ()

Choose One: Extended Care (Pre-K-3 and Pre-K-4 Only): 5 days () or 3 Days () NONE (School Only): ()

Persons Authorized to Pick-Up:

If anyone is **NOT** allowed to pick-up your child please list them here—a court order must be in place and a copy in our office if this person is a legal parent/guardian.

Office Use Only: Birth Certificate: _____ Shot Record: _____ Registration Fee: \$ _____ Tuition: \$ _____ Receipt # _____



December 2025

December 7 Wendy Glaeser, Ashley Pierce
PEACE—Colossians 3:15

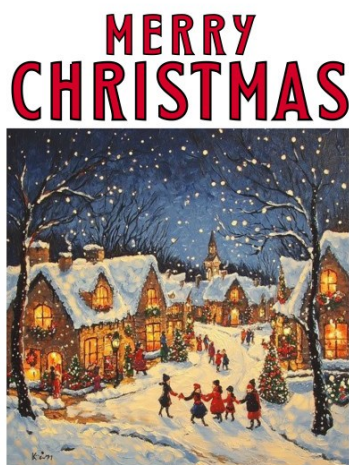
***December 13 Saturday—Play Rehearsal 9:30 A.M.—12:00 P.M**

***Refreshments provided—all children, youth and adults involved—please attend.**

December 14 Christmas Play presented at the 10:00 A.M.
Service, Please be in the Sunday School Hall by
9:30 for costuming.

December 21 Debbie Whitehorne, Ashley Pierce
JOY—Isaiah 55:12 and LOVE—John 13:34

December 28 No Sunday School until January 11, 2026







CHRISTMAS

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CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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CHRISTMAS

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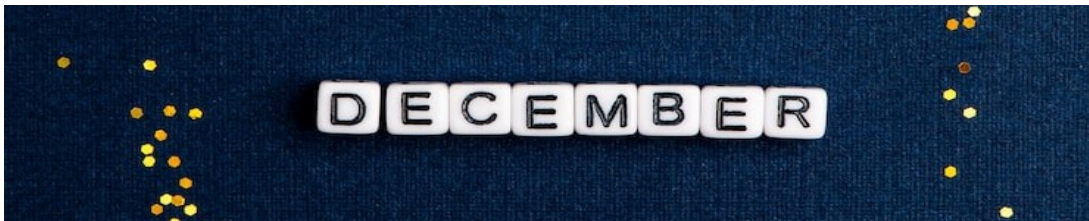
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