



**St. Peter's Episcopal Church
The First Sunday in Advent
November 30th, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite 1, 8 a.m.**

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen

Advent Wreath Lighting

First Sunday of Advent: Hope

Reader: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. We light this candle to remind us to be alert and watch for His return.

The Candle of Hope is lit

Let us pray (in unison): Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming.

Amen

The Kyrie

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The Gloria

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord ***People: Thanks be to God***

The Psalm: Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, ***
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing ***
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city ***
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, ***
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, ***
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ***
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls ***
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, ***
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, ***
I will seek to do you good."

The Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord ***People: Thanks be to God***

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord ***People: Praise to thee, O Christ***

The Sermon

Fr. Ron Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

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Confession of Sin

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The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And with thy spirit

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Agnus Dei

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Prayer before Communion (in unison)

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Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for Nov. 30, 2025

We pray for our clergy: We pray for our clergy: Presiding Bishop Sean; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Ron; Doug, our seminarian, our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's Parish: St. Paul's Church with Christ Church Chapel, Bantam Postulants & candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry & its members. The Anglican Church of Australia

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially Darlene, Charlene Neylon, Ellen B. and Family, Chris B., Bonnie R., Bob ManWarren, John Viklinetz, and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. We pray for those who have died, and we pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week especially Kelsi Kohr (12/2), Anna Engler (12/4), Ben Engler (12/4), Susan Ostrout (12/5), Trisha Beatty (12/6) and those celebrating anniversaries.

Continuing Prayer List

Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Carolyn Aubin, Eileen, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Hannah Janowiak, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Mario, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Roberto Rodegher, Linda Snarski, Len & Kim Begin, Sheila, Peter & Barbara Farren, Peggy Cobb & family, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Loretta, Robin, Brenda, Jim, Richard Taylor, Judy Knox, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou & Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family

Coming Events

The Saint Nicholas Fair is on December 6. Christmasy Items for the Tag Sale can be brought to Phelps Hall at any time. In addition to donating items for the Christmas Tag Sale, there are a number of ways you can help us prepare for the Fair. Join a **Greens workshop** Wed., Dec. 3 in the hall 6:30–8:30. Create a basket for our **basket raffle**. Bake for our **baked goods** table that will also include country kitchen - jams and jellies, candy, fudge, and other items. Provide items for the **Craft table**.

We will also have a **Rada cutlery** table and various vendors. We will need help in all these areas. You can also offer to help in the kitchen serving a lunch of clam and corn chowders, chicken, egg, and tuna sandwiches plus hotdogs and grinders

The Christmas Pageant will be held on Dec. 21 as part of the 10 am service. If you know of a child who might be interested, speak to Erica Baez. We need lambs, angels, wisemen, as well as the Holy Family. The more the merrier!

The Christmas Mail boxes are out waiting to receive parish Christmas Cards.

Save a stamp and post your Christmas wishes here and don't forget to check to see if you have received any cards.

St. Peter's is hosting a Red Cross blood drive from 1-6 on December 17. Please go on their website redcrossblood.org or call (tel:1-800-733-2767) and sign up to give this precious Christmas Gift.

Advent and Christmas Calendar of Events 2025

Sundays in Advent: 11-30; 12-7; 12-14; 12-21

- **December 7: Second Sunday of Advent**

8a.m. Rite I no music and 10:00a.m. Rite II with music; Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant following the 10 am

- **December 14: Third Sunday of Advent** 8a.m. Morning Prayer Rite I and 10:00a.m Morning Prayer Rite 2. Sermon by Deacon Marge Roccoberton. Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant following the 10 am

- **December 21: Greening and Decorating the Church 10:00a.m.** Join fellow parishioners as we prepare our church for the Feast of Christmas

- **December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent --Christmas Pageant at the 10 a.m. service** Sermon by Rev. Ron Kolanowski

- **December 24: Christmas Eve 4:00p.m. followed by Christmas Toast.**

Given that fewer and fewer people are comfortable driving at night we will have one large service planned for Christmas Eve with brass, special musicians, and Christmas carols. Please stay afterwards for a few minutes to toast in Christmas with champagne or mimosas, sparkling water, and a few goodies.

- **December 25: Christmas Day, a single service at 10:00 a.m.**

- **December 29: First Sunday of Christmas One Service 9:00 a.m.** We will celebrate the Feast with one **Service of Lessons and Carols** at 9 a.m.

- **January 5: Feast of The Epiphany**

8a.m. Rite I no music and 10:00a.m. Rite II with music; Sermon by Rev. Ron Kolanowski