



Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, Connecticut

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

October 04, 2026 ~ Rite 1 ~ 8:00 a.m.

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

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GLORY BE TO GOD

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COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM: PSALM 19

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- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.**
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,**
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.**
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

THE SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-46

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS:

Leader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

All: Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Leader: Where there is injury, pardon;

All: Where there is doubt, faith;

Leader: Where there is despair, hope;

All: Where there is darkness, light;

Leader: Where there is sadness, joy.

Leader: O Divine Master, Grant that we may

All: not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

Leader: To be understood as to understand;

All: To be loved as to love.

Leader: For it is in giving that we receive;

All: It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

Leader: And it is in dying that we are born to eternal live. Amen

CONFESSION

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And with thy spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

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BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

*All are welcome at St. Peter's. We respect the dignity of every human being.
We encourage you to join together for coffee and cookies in Phelp's Hall.*



The Prayers and Thanksgivings for October 4, 2026

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Trinity, Torrington; Christ Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull, Creation Care Ministry Network, Community Garden Ministry Network & eco-justice work in Province 1. All creatures great & small; Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil.

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

We pray for those who celebrate this week: those celebrating birthdays: Stephen Eells (10/04); Kim Davis (10/05), Declan Anderson (10/05), Pamela Atwood (10/6), Ronald J. Kolanowski (10/8) and those celebrating anniversaries.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially those in any need or difficulty, Andrew Riley, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for Marianne Moore, Gail Mangiafico, Rob Mangiafico's mother, Ron Johnson, Dan Johnson's brother.

The Yellow Rose at the altar is given in honor of Sam Forrest and Andrew Riley, during their deployments. (Reminder: If sending a card or care package overseas, an international stamp is required. Contact the church office for addresses.)

Continuing Prayer List

Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Len & Kim Begin, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Robin, Richard Taylor, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou & Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt and Families, Ann Valerio, Cindy Brinkman, Marge Roccoberton, Maria Amara, Gerry, Paula, Mary, Louis Domingue, Barbara Reifschneider, Rev. Don Hamer, The Char Families, Jeni Gorcenski, Paul LaTour

On Going Activities

Balance Class: \$5 per session	Mondays	10:15 a.m.
Book Club:	Mondays	11:30 a.m.
Connect:	Mondays	2:00 p.m.
Weekly Weeders:	Mondays	4:00 p.m.
Cub Scouts:	1 st Mondays	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Hebron Greater Together Community Fund:	3 rd Tuesdays	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Buildings & Grounds:	1 st Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts:	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Meditation Class:	4 th Wednesday	4:30 p.m.
Finance Committee:	2 nd Thursday	11:00 a.m.
200 th Anniversary Celebration:	3 rd Thursdays	5:00 p.m.
Vestry:	3 rd Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
Women's Club:	Sundays	TBD

The Blessing of the Animals

October 4, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Memorial Garden

Join us for the annual blessing of our beloved
pets great and small (and children's stuffed critters).

For those who have lost a dear pet,
there will be an internment of ashes as well.
Donations of pet foods will be greatly appreciated.



PUMPKIN FEST

A treasured St. Peter's Tradition! FUN FOR ALL AGES!

DATES & TIMES

October 3
9am-4pm
October 4
12pm-4pm

HARVEST MARKET

Wonderful Selection for Sale!
Pumpkins, Gourds, Squash, Mums, Cider

Tractor Hay Rides! S'mores & Cider!
Face Painting! Visit with a Donkey!
Includes new CORN HOLE and PUMPKIN PATCH (pumpkins available for purchase)

All children's activities are FREE!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help us make this a success!
(Set-up, Baking, Selling, Activities, Kitchen, Clean-up).
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A portion of our proceeds will be donated to Hebron Historical Society.

Founders' Potluck Dinner

October 10, 5:30 p.m.
St. Peter's Church

Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, October 10th at 5:30 p.m. for good food and entertainment. Come dressed as a member of the parish from any period in the past 200 years: a farmer? a soldier? a hippie? a church lady from the 50s with a little hat and gloves? Or, come as you are today! This will be fun. We hear that the Rev. Samuel Peters himself will be there to tell us about the history of St. Peter's and its place in the community. Everyone is invited. Bring a favorite dish if you can but come even if you don't have time to cook.



Preparing for our

200th Anniversary Celebration

October 10-18, 2026

Name the Bell

We've compiled the votes for the names of the bell. We will select the winning name at the Founders Dinner October 10th, please come and help us make this final decision.

Gathering for Memorabilia

During our Anniversary Celebration we will display photos, clippings, artifacts and other St Peter's memorabilia in the parish hall. Join us on October 7 and October 8 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. to bring in your photos and other memorabilia to prepare them for display. Poster board and others materials for display and labeling will be provided. It also will be a good time simply to enjoy talking and laughing together about our St Peter's of the past, recent and not so recent.

Celebration Baking

Copies of a booklet of vintage recipes are available at the back of the church. We hope that some of us will use these vintage recipes to prepare baked goods that will be offered as part of the festive coffee hour on October 18 when the bishop visits. As a way to prepare, we invite you to take a booklet home and practice the recipes ahead of the celebration. We also invite you bring your "test batches" to coffee hours during the next few weeks leading up to the celebration. We think it could be fun to try these recipes out — in the baking and in the eating.

Anniversary Memorial Gifts

As is our custom at Christmas and Easter we are inviting people to submit memorial names to be included in the program for the Anniversary Celebration. The form is located on the back table in the church and in your pew. *Please return it to the church office TODAY.* Funds collected will help defray the many expenses of the celebration week. We have received two donations totaling \$400 and another \$500 donation to come from another friend of the parish. Please be generous.



SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

CELEBRATING

200 YEARS

of faith & fellowship

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SAT OCT 10	5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Potluck Founders Dinner <i>Rev. Samuel Peters will provide some history of the church, when it was built in the center of town, when our faith community was in the middle of community life. Open mic for additional stories & memories.</i>
SUN OCT 11	10:00 am - 4:00 pm 1800's Living History Encampment <i>Revolutionary War camp reenactment. Priest will commission these British soldiers as done in 1750, as they'd prepare to serve King and country. (No Sounding Firearms)</i>
TUE OCT 13	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Presentation of St. Peter's History <i>Presented by John Baron of the Hebron Historical Society. Shares St. Peter's role in the community when located in the center of the village. Approx 45 with open Q&A.</i>
WED OCT 14	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Walking Tour of Cemetery <i>Chuck Eaton will lead a walking tour of our historic cemetery and the graves with historical significance such as Governor Peters and first rector Samuel Peters. (Rain Date - Thursday, Oct 15)</i>
FRI OCT 16	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Happy Hour & Trivia Night <i>Test your St. Peter's knowledge with fun and fellowship, and light refreshments. Supervised Activities for children provided. All are welcome. BYOB.</i>
SAT OCT 17	7:30 pm VOCE Concert: The Old Church <i>A premier choral ensemble of CT, and a concert series named in honor of our anniversary. Tickets can be purchased at VOCEinc.org. A reception hosted by Sanctuary Performing Arts will follow.</i>
SUN OCT 18	10:00 am 200th Anniversary Worship <i>Bishop Jeff Mello will lead us in worship & rededicate the church in a special liturgy. This celebration will include special music, guest musicians, a festive coffee hour, and more. (No 8am service, 10am only.)</i>

**TO HONOR THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH BUILDING**



PROUDLY PRESENTS



VOCE Revival: The Old Church

October 17, 7:30 p.m., at St. Peter's Church

VOCE, the renowned Connecticut choral ensemble, returns to St. Peter to help us celebrate our 200th anniversary. Their performances are always uplifting and deeply moving. This fall, their concert series, "The Old Church", highlights centuries of sacred harmonies. Immerse yourselves in their unique blending of ancient and contemporary choral classics. Don't miss what will be a truly inspirational concert. Tickets can be purchased for \$30 at VOCEinc.org. *If you are unable to afford the cost of a ticket, please contact the church office, as we may be able to assist due to a generous gift by a parishioner.* A reception hosted by the Sanctuary Performing Arts will follow.