

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, Connecticut
The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

November 29, 2026 ~ Rite 1 ~ 8:00 a.m.
The First Sunday in Advent

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION **BCP, PAGE 323**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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

People: Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Amen.

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GLORY BE TO GOD **BCP, PAGE 324**

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 LESSON: ISAIAH 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

THE PSALM: PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that

has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 13:24-37

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—

for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

SERMON **THE REV. RONALD KOLANOWSKI**

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THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you
People: And with thy spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I **BCP PAGE, 333**

THE SANCTUS **BCP PAGE 334**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
THE LORD'S PRAYER **BCP Page 336**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD **BCP PAGE, 337**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER **BCP PAGE, 339**

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 November 29, 2026

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/Bethlehem, Postulants & candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry & its members.

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: Marcia Eaton (11/29), Kelsi Marks (12/2), Anna Engler (12/4), Benjamin Engler (12/4), Susan Ostrout (12/5), 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, Sara & Larry Hedges, Alex, Ray, Rob Gamer, Bill Kowalsky, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for Ed Shephard.

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, The Char Families, Jeni, Paul LaTour, Art Engler, Tim , John Viklinetz, Donna McCormak Kelsey J, Michon, Jill, Bailey, Jeff Baez



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.) Update: **Sam is able to receive mail again!**

Christmas Memorial Cards with which you can memorialize or honor loved ones, are now available. Please return completed cards by Sunday, December 20th.

On Going Activities:

Balance Class: $5 per session		Mondays	10:15 a.m.
Connect:		Mondays	2:00 p.m.
Cub Scouts:	1st	Mondays	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Hebron Greater Together Community Fund:	3rd	Tuesdays	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Hall Committee:	4th	Tuesdays	6:00 p.m.
Buildings & Grounds:	1st	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts:		Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Meditation Class:	4th	Wednesday	4:30 p.m.
Worship Committee:	3rd	Thursdays	5:00 p.m.
Vestry:	3rd	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.

Greens

If you have any greens that you would like to donate for the St. Nicholas Fair Centerpieces and Planters, PLEASE place them behind Phelps Hall after November 26th through Monday, November 30th, preferably in plastic bags or in water.

We can also use any Christmas related picks, pinecones on sticks, berries, or decorations to add to the cemetery boxes. We'll gladly received small lined baskets or water holding containers. We fear we have lost many of our baskets and containers due to the fire.

We'd like any spruces, any pines, cedar, boxwood, bayberry, arborvitae, or holly.
No Hemlocks Please!!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Advent and Christmas 2026
Schedule of Events and Services



November 26 – November 30

All Day **Greens Drop-off** –Greens for the St. Nicholas Fair, can be placed behind Phelps Hall, preferably in plastic bags or in water.

November 29: First Sunday of Advent

8:00/10:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite I/ II**; Sermon: Deacon Marge Roccoberton.

December 5: St. Nicholas Fair

9:00 am **St. Nicholas Fair** open until 3:00 p.m.

December 6: Second Sunday of Advent

8:00/10:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite I/ II**; Sermon by Brien Brown

11:00 am **Rehearsal** for the Christmas Pageant

December 13: Third Sunday of Advent

8:00/10:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite I/ II**; Sermon by Rev. Ron Kolanowski

11:00 am **Rehearsal** for the Christmas Pageant following the 10 a.m.

1:00 pm **Music Moves Hartford** Choral Concert

December 19: Greening and Decorating the Church

10:00 am Join fellow parishioners in preparing our church for Christmas

December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am **Christmas Pageant** presented by our children and youth.

December 22: American Red Cross Blood Drive

1:00 pm **Blood Drive** in Phelps Hall until 6:00 p.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 pm **Holy Eucharist Rite II** with brass, special musicians, and Christmas carols; Sermon by Rev. Ron Kolanowski

5:00 pm **Christmas Toast**: champagne or mimosas, sparkling water, and a few goodies.

December 25: Christmas Day

10:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite II** with carols; Sermon by Rev. Ron Kolanowski

December 27: First Sunday of Christmas

9:00 am **Service of Lessons and Carols**; Sermon by Rev. Ron Kolanowski

January 3: Feast of The Epiphany

8:00/10:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite I/ II**; Sermon by Rev. Ron Kolanowski

Sanctuary Performing Arts

Music Moves Hartford

Sunday, Dec. 13, 1:00 pm

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 30 Church Street, Hebron

Sanctuary Performing Arts is proud to present for the second year a truly unique music experiences this Christmas season.



The choir, **Music Moves Hartford** (MMH), was formed in 2018 as a collaborative effort between Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford and Cuatro Puntos, a non-profit organization that works to amplify persecuted, silenced, or underrepresented musicians.

Marianne Vogel former music director at Gilead Congregational Church in Hebron now coordinates MMH as part of her role as Music Director at the Episcopal Cathedral in Hartford. She says, "**Music Moves Hartford** is CT's only **Street choir**. A group of 30 to 45 individuals of various backgrounds gathers at **Hands on Hartford**, an organization helping hundreds of people receive food, housing, and medical and behavioral health resources. Some members may be housing insecure or live on the street, others struggle with addictions or are members of marginalized groups. Each week as many as 30-45 people gather to sing and build community. The choir will lead us in a variety of songs and some original works.

One member wrote: *"We sing/play a wide variety of songs, mostly ones that are suggested and loved by our musicians and participants. Our current rotation includes: Let's stay together by Al Green; Fly me to the moon; Waymaker; Happy by Pharrell Williams; Order my steps; Proud Mary by CCR; Stairway to heaven."* Ron Kolanowski, Rector at St. Peter's Church said, "*We are honored they choose to join us again. Their unique sound and approach to performing is heartwarming. They are unlike any group you can think of when we think of chorale concerts groups. They will touch your heart as they embody the meaning of Christmas of love and fellowship regardless of our station in life.*" Tickets not required just a donation to support their work. A reception following the concert to thank them for coming.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
30 Church Street (Route 85) Hebron, CT

St. Nicholas Fair
Saturday, December 5th | 9:00 – 3:00

There is something for everyone!

Cookie Buffet: New This Year! Build your own combination of delicious cookies to share with family & friends or to keep as your own personal treat!



RADA: Remarkable Cutlery, and Delicious Food Mixes to make your next party "delicious done in a snap".

Basket Drawings:



Take a chance on a basket prepared by parishioners.

Bake Table:



Seasonal Specialties.



Visit with Santa: There are no minimum (or maximum) age limit. Everyone should experience the magic of Christmas.

Country Store:



Handmade preserves, salsas, candies, treats, etc.

St. Nick's Nook: Christmas Tag Sale, where you can always find a gentle used treasure.

Handiwork & Needlework:



Wool felted, Hand sewn, Knitted, Machine stitched, and Quilted items. There is something for everyone on your list.

Jewelry: Pre-loved jewelry at low prices.

Luncheon: Featuring sandwiches, hot dogs, chowders, and so much more!



Greens: Add some Christmas color to your celebrations this year. The "Cemetery Boxes" are a beautifully decorated arrangement that can be shared at the grave of a love one, or placed on a front porch to add a sprinkle of Christmas Cheer. The Centerpieces, made from a variety of freshly cut greens, are just what you need on your dining room table.