



Serving All for the Glory of God

“Favoured One”

December 24, 2025, 7:00 PM

*I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;
for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Luke 2.10–11*



Service of Holy Eucharist

Liturgy: *The Book of Alternative Services*

Hymns and Sung Responses: *Common Praise*

As the parish of St. Peter's, we acknowledge that we gather
on the traditional territories of the Treaty 7 peoples.

Welcome, friend! We are glad you chose to worship with us today. To learn more about our faith community, please fill out the Welcome card in the pew and join us for refreshments after service.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Thursday, December 25, 10:00 AM

Sunday, December 28, 10:00 AM

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: “Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen” by J. Brahms

Processional: 118 “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Opening Prayers185

Glory to God **sung response 365**

*Children Process with Baby Jesus to the Creche
Blessing of the Manger with the Lighting the Christ Candle
126 “Away In A Manger”*

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 **Linita M.**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader. The word of the Lord. **People.** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 96 *We will say the psalm responsively by the half verse.* **834**

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14 **Linita M.**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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Gradual: “Welcome to Our World” – Chris Rice **Todd & Terri Woolsey**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20 **The Reverend Rob Petkau**

Gospeller. The Lord be with you.

People. **And also with you.**

Gospeller. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller. The Gospel of Christ. **People.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTIONS **The Reverend Bonnie Luft**
Silence for quiet meditation may follow.

“O Holy Night” – Patricia Yuen Sparrow (Soloist)

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The Prayers of the People **Margaret C.**
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The Lord’s Prayer..... **sung 211**

The Breaking of the Bread **6 Incarnation** **page 213**

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) **sung response 690**

RECEIVING COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer intinction please let the priest know. If you are gluten intolerant, please request a rice wafer from the priest. Those not receiving communion today are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing.

Communion Anthem: “Puer Natus Est Nobis” (Choir)

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THE BLESSING

Recessional: 154 "Joy to the World"

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Deacon. Go forth in the name of Christ. **People** Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Festive Trumpet Tune" by D. German

Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Serving Today: The Reverend Bonnie Luft, Incumbent Priest; The Reverend Rob Petkau, Associate Priest; Music Director: Patricia Yuen Sparrow; Guest Musicians: Organist: John Bouz, Trumpet: Benson Guinn, Todd & Terri Woolsey; Administrants: Udoka Ezeaka, Liam Getty; Reader: Linita Mathew; Intercessor: Margaret Cull; Sound Tech: Peter Leigh; Chancel Guild: Lilian Ah Wee, Marie Woolsey; Sidesperson: Grahame Entwistle, Neville Wells; Warden on Duty: Hal Anderson. Licensing for Music Rights: OneLicense No. 727664-A

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