

# ORDER OF SERVICE – DECEMBER 29, 2024 10:00 AM – 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Preaching: Pastor Rick

Presiding: Pastor Bart

Music Team: Erica, Lyndsay, Lynn, Zach

Welcome to worship!

If you are a visitor today, please pick up a gift bag and learn more about our programs at the Welcome Table at the back of the narthex. Grab a coffee and mingle following the service. A family friendly area is available in the Gateway to sit with other parents or to allow your children to enjoy some snacks following the worship service and Sunday school. If your children require a quiet place during the service, feel free to take them to the narthex near the fireplace area or into the Gateway Room where we have few quiet toys for them to enjoy.

If you are a visitor, we welcome you to come forward for communion. If your children have gone through communion instruction, they are welcome as well. If they are not taking communion, please bring them forward for a blessing. If you would like personal prayer this morning, you are invited to meet with our prayer team in the narthex either before or after you have taken communion. Individual prayer is also available following the service.

Today's worship service, including our children's time is live streamed and recorded for future viewing on St. Peter's YouTube channel. Sitting further back out of the filming area is an option.

## OPENING HYMN: O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels  
*O come let us adore Him (3x)*  
*Christ the Lord*

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye bright hosts of heav'n above  
Glory to God all glory in the highest  
*O come let us adore Him (3x)*  
*Christ the Lord*

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing  
*O come let us adore Him (3x)*  
*Christ the Lord*

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## WELCOMING AND THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus, to forgive the iniquity of our sin.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open  
All desires known, from You no secrets are hid  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
By the power of your Spirit  
That we love and magnify your name

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P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*[Silence for reflection]*

P: Most merciful God...

**All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Amen

## THE GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: and also with you.

## KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy (2x)  
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy (2x)  
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy (2x)  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

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## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth  
We praise your name; we bless your name; we worship and glorify you!  
Glo---ria! In excelsis Deo (2x)

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### CHILDREN'S SONG: Oh, Magnify the Lord

Oh! Oh! Magnify the Lord! (xx xx xx)  
For He – is worthy to be praised (xx xx xx)  
(2X)

Hosanna! (Whooo!)  
Blessed be the Rock!  
Blessed be the Rock of my salvation!  
(2X)

(Repeat song)

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## FIRST READING: Exodus 13:1-3, 11-15 NIV

**13** The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.”

<sup>3</sup> Then Moses said to the people, “Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast.

<sup>11</sup> “After the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your ancestors, <sup>12</sup> you are to give over to the LORD the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the LORD. <sup>13</sup> Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons.

<sup>14</sup> “In days to come, when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>15</sup> When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed the firstborn of both people and animals in Egypt. This is why I sacrifice to the LORD the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.’

## PSALM 111 NIV

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup> Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

<sup>8</sup> They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup> He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17 NIV**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **ALLELUIA**

Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go, shall we go? (2x)

You have the words of eternal life, O Lord (2x)

Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go

Shall we go, shall we go?

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## **GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40 NIV**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: <sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. <sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." <sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." <sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.<sup>[a]</sup> She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup> When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

## **PRE-SERMON HYMN: How Great Is the Greatness of God**

### **CHORUS:**

*How faithful the Father above  
How wondrous the work of the Son  
How sweet is the Spirit given to us  
How great is the greatness of God*

Morning by morning with every dawn  
My soul with a new song awaits  
Still in the evening my praise goes on  
Forever my God is the same

### **CHORUS:**

When my heart gazes on Calvary  
At all of your mercies arrayed  
Oh, that my Savior would die for me  
I sing out with infinite thanks

### **CHORUS:**

Oh, what a comfort in every trial  
His presence is all that I need  
Power that brought resurrection life  
That power is living in me (2x)

### **CHORUS:**

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## **SERMON: Pastor Rick**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN: Once in Royal David's City**

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle-shed  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed  
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ her little child

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all  
And His shelter was a stable and His cradle was a stall  
With the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy

Jesus is our childhood's pattern: Day by day like us He grew  
He was little, weak and helpless: Tears and smiles like us He knew  
And He feels for all our sadness and He shares in all our gladness

And our eyes at last shall see Him through His own redeeming love  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above  
And He leads His children on to the place where He has gone

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you.

**All: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your Goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of Him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise**

## PROPER PREFACE

### **SANCTUS: Though Who Was Rich Beyond All Splendour / Holy Holy Holy**

Thou who was rich beyond all splendour

All for love's sake becamest poor

Thrones for a manger didst surrender

Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour

All for love's sake becamest poor

Thou who art God beyond all praising  
All for love's sake becamest man  
Stooping so low but sinners raising  
Heavenwards by Thine eternal plan  
Thou who art God beyond all praising  
All for love's sake becamest man

Thou who art love beyond all telling  
Saviour and King we worship Thee  
Emmanuel within us dwelling  
Make us what Thou wouldst have us be  
Thou who art love beyond all telling  
Saviour and King we worship Thee

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## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 110)**

**LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in Heaven...**

## **LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world (3x)  
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us and grant us, grant us peace.

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## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### **Mary, Did You Know?**

Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you

Mary did you know that your baby boy would give sight to the blind man?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
When you kiss your little baby, you've kissed the face of God

### **Bridge**

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb

Oh, Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
The sleeping Child you're holding is the great I Am

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## **Sing We Now of Christmas**

Sing we now of Christmas; Noel sing we here  
Listen to our praises to the Babe so dear  
*Sing we Noel, the King is born! Noel!*  
*Sing we now of Christmas; Sing we all Noel*

Shepherds on the hillside heard the angels sing  
Glory, honor, praises to the infant King  
*Sing we Noel, the King is born! Noel!*  
*Sing we now of Christmas; Sing we all Noel*

In the town they found Him, son of Mary mild  
Sleeping in a manger was the Holy Child  
*Sing we Noel, the King is born! Noel!*  
*Sing we now of Christmas; Sing we all Noel*

Wise men sought and found Him; treasures did they bring  
Bowing down they worshiped Christ the King of kings  
*Sing we Noel, the King is born! Noel!*  
*Sing we now of Christmas; Sing we all Noel*

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## **COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please see below for details)**

### **CLOSING HYMN: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"  
Peace on earth and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
*Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

Christ by highest heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell – Jesus our Emmanuel  
*Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth; born to give them second birth  
*Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

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## THE SENDING

P: Go in Peace.

C: Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

**Pastor Rick: Mon, 10:30 AM– 1:30 PM**  
**Tim Bauer: Mon & Tues, 1:00–3:30 PM**  
**Pastor Bart: Wed, 1:00–4:00 PM**  
**Staff Meeting: Wed, 10:30 AM –11:30 AM**

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE:

Dec 29 Sun 10:00 AM First Sunday after Christmas - Worship  
Jan. 5 Sun 10:00 AM Second Sunday after Christmas - Worship

### MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

Jan. 12 Sun 10:00 AM Baptism of our Lord - Worship  
Jan. 15 Wed 1:30 PM Good Vibes Memory Choir  
Jan. 16 Thur 5:00 PM Council Meeting  
Jan. 19 Sun 10:00 AM Worship  
Jan. 22 Wed 1:30 PM Good Vibes Memory Choir  
Jan. 25 Sat 9:00- 3 PM Parenting Workshop (Grandparents welcome)  
Jan. 26 Sun 10:00 AM Worship  
Jan. 28 Tues 7:00 PM The Cabin: Men's Discussion and Study  
Jan. 29 Wed 1:30 PM Good Vibes Memory Choir

### GOOD VIBES MEMORY CHOIR

We start a new choir term on **Wednesday, January 22 at 1:30 PM.**

We will also have "Bring-a friend-to-rehearsal" on Wednesday, January 22. It's an opportunity to try it out. Do you know someone experiencing memory loss? Please invite them and come with them. Get them connected to a wonderful community. Whether you or your loved one has memory loss or not, singing in a choir improves brain health. There is NO CHARGE for this choir. This is an opportunity to reach out to people with (or without) dementia and let them know that our church community cares about them and their family members. For more information, please go to:

[www.goodvibesmemorychoir.com](http://www.goodvibesmemorychoir.com) OR email Erica at [goodvibesmemorychoir@gmail.com](mailto:goodvibesmemorychoir@gmail.com)

### FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP 101 – Simple Habits to Help Your Family Grow in Jesus

Please put this exciting one-day event on your calendar. SAVE THE DATE. Saturday, Jan. 25, 9-3. We are happy to have Christy Thomas, a young mom and children's ministry leader share her experience and wisdom. Come and learn strategies to help you confidently nurture faith in your kids and teens through small habits that add up over time. Let Angela Kumlin know if you will be requiring childcare for the event. [Angela.kumlin@gmail.com](mailto:Angela.kumlin@gmail.com) or 403-363-4923

Open to grandparents too. No cost! Invite your friends along.

### The Cabin- Men's Discussion and Bible Study

Join Pastor Rick and other men as they begin to discuss "We Who Wrestle with God," by Jordan Peterson. Pick up the book on Amazon and come prepared to discuss chapter. It all takes place on Tuesday, January 28 at 7 PM at Pastor Ricks home, 26 Bow Meadows Drive.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST – Saturday, February 8 at 8 AM**

Join as we continue our bible study on Discipleship. On this Saturday we reflect upon the concept of Allusion coming out of John 21:9. We ask, "Why a fire of burning coals?" "Why do I know that?" Discover how exciting it is to read God's word and the message of the Grand Story still needing to be told today.

**In Concert- Steve Bell**

We welcome back Steven Bell to St. Peter's on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Don't be disappointed. Get your tickets at [stevebell.com/events](http://stevebell.com/events)