

ORDER OF SERVICE – JANUARY 5, 2024 10:00 AM – 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Preaching: Pastor Bart

Presiding: Pastor Bart

Music Team: Brock & Merry Jo, Lynn, Chris and Robin

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 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear LBW 54 V 1, 3 & 4

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.

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.

THE KYRIE (LBW p57-58)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY: 2nd Sunday After Christmas

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Pastor Bart

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:4-15 NIV

⁴The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." ⁶Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. ⁷"Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹²I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life." ¹⁵Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

PSALM 119:97-104 NIV

- ⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.
⁹⁸ Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies.
⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.
¹⁰⁰ I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.
¹⁰¹ I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.
¹⁰² I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.
¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
¹⁰⁴ I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

Hymn: The Law of the Lord

The law of the lord is perfect, reviving the soul.
The law of the lord can be trusted, making me whole.
The law of the lord is so right and brings joy to my heart
The law of the lord is clear; gives my live a place to start

For the law of God is pure and true
My sins He can sever
More precious, more sweet, then gold and honey
His rewards go on forever, and ever, and ever, and ever.
His rewards go on forever.

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SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14 NIV

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he^[a] predestined us for adoption to sonship^l through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he^[a] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen,^[a] having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

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?

GOSPEL: Luke 2:20-52 NIV

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. ²¹ On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived. ²² 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 ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”^[a]), ²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” ³³ The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ 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, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶ 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, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.^[d] She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. ⁴¹ Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” ⁴⁹ “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”^[e] ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

PRE-SERMON HYMN: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer LBW 343

SERMON: Pastor Bart

OFFERTORY HYMN: Show Me Your Paths Special Music by the Worship Team

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

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

Hymn: Your Love Will Find Us

Lord, as we walk through this world of sin
Help us to keep (Help us to keep) Your commandments
In our trials, pour Your grace on us
Till on our knees, we are penitent
Lord, we are blessed by our faith in You
And we give thanks (And we give thanks) for our deliverance
Protect us Lord, from temptations snare
Our life in You is our assurance

Chorus

If we believe and turn to You
And leave our shameful life behind us
You'll purify our lives and souls
And with joy, and peace,
Your love will find us

Bridge

Lord, teach us obedience, increase our faith
And show us how to begin
Help us to understand Your perfect will
And change us from with-in

Lord, as we walk through this world of sin
Help us to keep (Help us to keep) Your commandments
In our trials, pour Your grace on us
Till on our knees, we are penitent

Chorus

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Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together LBW 212

COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS (LBW p.73)

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please see below for details)

CLOSING HYMN: Angels We Have Heard on High LBW 71

THE SENDING

P: Go in Peace.
C: Serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

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:

Jan. 5 Sun 10:00 AM Second Sunday after Christmas - Worship
Jan. 12 Sun 10:00 AM Baptism of our Lord - Worship

MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

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 OR email Erica at 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, she is looking for volunteers to help with child care. Contact Angela at angelakumlin@saintpeters.ca or contact the church office. 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, contact the office for more details.

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 20th at 7:30 PM. Don't be disappointed. Get your tickets at stevebell.com/events

Guitar Classes – Starting Again

Beginner Guitar classes are starting up again, contact Pastor Bart for details.

January 2025 Worship Helpers Schedule

	Jan 5 2025 2nd Sunday of Christmas	Jan 12 2025 Baptism of Our Lord	Jan 19 2025 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	Jan 26 2025 3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Presider	Pastor Bart	Pastor Rick	Pastor Bart	Pastor Rick
Preacher	Pastor Bart	Pastor Rick	Pastor Bart	Pastor Rick
First Reading	1 Kings 3:4-15	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 62:1-5	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalms	Psalms 119:97-104	Psalms 29	Psalms 128	Psalms 19:(1-6) 7-14
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:3-14	Romans 6:1-11	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	1 Corinthians 12:12-31
Gospel	Luke 2:40-52	Luke 3:15-22	John 2:1-11	Luke 4:16-30
Greeting Team	Fred & Barb Nelson	Gary & Elaine Buss	Bevin Uhrich & Warren Davidson	Darrell & Diane Yikse
Welcome Team	Christina Halliday	Donna Bradley	Elaine & Vaughn Malcolm	Barb Kroft
Musicians	Merry Jo's Team	Erica's Team	Adeline team's	Erica's Team
Reader	Elisa Korver	Elaine Buss	Robin Smith	Paul Knudtson
Acolyte	To Be assigned	To Be assigned	To Be assigned	To Be assigned
Children's Message	Pastor Bart	Pastor Rick	Pastor Bart	Pastor Rick
Pre School Teacher	No Sunday School	Betty & Annick	Betty & Annick	Robyn & Doreen
Sunday School Teacher	No Sunday School	Whitney & Parker	Kristen & Rebecca	Kristen & Rebecca
Media Scriptor	Tim Bauer	Gary Buss	Tim Bauer	Tim Bauer
Media Operator	Art Zoethout	Tim Bauer	Gail Blough	Gail Blough
Sound Operator	Vendel	Vendel		Don Blough
Video Operator	Tim Bauer	Art Zoethout	Tim Bauer	Art Zoethout
Communion	Linda Zoethout	Elaine Malcolm	Barb Nelson	Barb Kroft
Counter	Millie Holmes	Caroline Alexander	Warren & Gret Davidson	Linda Zoethout
Coffee	Laura Tester	Bunny Challis	Jo Anne Mack	Diane Yikse