

ORDER OF SERVICE – MARCH 16, 2025, 10:00 AM – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Preaching / Presiding: Pastor Bart

Music Team: Choral Music Team

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.

PRELUDE SONG: I Bind Unto Myself Today (Tune: St. Patrick's Breastplate)

I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same the Three in One and One in Three

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead
His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need
The wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to war
The word of God to give me speech, His heav'nly host to be my guard

Against the demon snares of sin, the vice that gives temptation force
The natural lusts that war within, the hostile men that mar my course
Or few or many, far or night, in every place and in all hours
Against their fierce hostility I bind to me these holy powers

I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same the Three in One and One in Three
By Whom all nature hath creation: Eternal Father, Spirit, Word
Praise to the Lord of my salvation – salvation is of Christ the Lord

Words by St. Patrick of Ireland (c. 387-466) | Paraphrased by Cecil F. Alexander, 1889
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OPENING HYMN: Nicene Creed (Reclaim book #7 – Tune: Nettleton/*Come Thou Fount*)

We believe in the Creator, God who made the heav'ns and earth
We believe in Christ our Saviour and the awesome virgin birth
Christ, begotten of the Father, God from God and Light from Light
One with God and thus together, they created day and night

Our salvation came from heaven by the pow'r of God's own breath
He took life in Virgin Mary and was human, birth to death
Crucified by Pontius Pilate, suffered death and rose again
He ascended into heaven where his glory has no end

We believe in God's own Spirit, in the one who gives us life
With the Father he is worshiped, with the Son is glorified
We believe in the holy Christian Church, the forgiveness of our sins
And we look for resurrection and the life that has no end

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LIGHTING THE CANDLES • WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

All: Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we invite your presence into our worship this morning and consecrate this time to you. Be glorified in the preaching, in the singing, our praying and our meditation on your word. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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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CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me
(repeat)

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And renew a right spirit within me.

NB: Attributed to Keith Green, but appears to be anonymous, written prior to the Jesus Movement.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen**

CHILDREN'S STORY: Pastor Bart

CHILDREN'S SONG: Be Bold, Be Strong

Be bold (be bold), be strong (be strong)
For the Lord thy God is with you
(repeat)

I am not afraid – no, no, no!
I am not dismayed – oh no!
For I'm walking in faith and victory
Come on, walk in faith and victory
(Repeat All)

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FIRST READING: Jeremiah 26:8-15 NIV

⁸ But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die!" ⁹ Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!" ¹² Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. ¹³ Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. ¹⁵ Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

PSALM 4 NIV

- ¹ Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- ² How long will you people turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?
- ³ Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.
- ⁴ Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.
- ⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD.
- ⁶ Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?" Let the light of your face shine on us.
- ⁷ Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.
- ⁸ In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1 NIV

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

⁴ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

RESPONSE: Spirit of God

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove
Teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love

You spoke to us long, long ago, gave us the written word
We read it still, needing its truth, through it God's voice is heard
Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove
Teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35 NIV

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’” ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! ³⁴ “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

PRE-SERMON SONG: Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King reigning over all.
So, I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

*None above Him, none before Him.
All of time in His hands.
For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory,
I will trust in His name. For my God is the Ancient of Days.*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me, I am not alone.
O, His love is sure and He knows my name.
For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King.
Then, my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

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SERMON: Pastor Bart

OFFERTORY HYMN: I Cannot Tell

I cannot tell how he whom angels worship
Should stoop to love the peoples of the earth,
Or why as shepherd he should seek the wand'rer
With his mysterious promise of new birth.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
When Beth'lem's manger was his only home,
And that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered
As with His peace He graced this place of tears
Or how His heart upon the cross was broken
The crown of pain to three and thirty years
But this I know He heals the broken-hearted
And stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
And lifts the burden from the heavy-laden
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here

I cannot tell how He will win the nations
How He will claim His earthly heritage
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west of sinner and of sage
But this I know all flesh shall see His glory
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour
When He the Saviour, Saviour of the world is known

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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

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full
Hosanna hosanna hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full
Hosanna hosanna hosanna in the highest

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 110)

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

LAMB OF GOD (sung)

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.

COMMUNION SONGS

Your Praise Is My Heart's Delight

Father, your word made all to be
Your truth opens my eyes to see
Father, you gave your Son for me: Your praise is my heart's delight

Jesus, revealing the Father's face
Bringing all of his truth and grace
Pierced hands stretched out in love's embrace: Your praise is my heart's delight

Spirit, bearer of fire divine
Cleansing, renewing this soul of mine
Cause in me Christ's love and pow'r to shrine: Your praise is my heart's delight

*Alleluia, I will love you; I will praise your Lord
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Lord God, ruling in majesty
Holy, shining in purity
To you glory and honour be: Your praise is my heart's delight
Your praise is my heart's delight; Your praise is my heart's delight

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How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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COMMUNION BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest.
Lay down thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad
I found in Him a resting place and He has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give
The living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream
My thirst was quenched my soul revived and now I live in Him

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light
Look unto Me thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my Star my Sun
And in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done

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THE SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OPEN OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Rick: Mon, 9 AM-12 noon
Tim Bauer: Mon & Tues, 1 PM-3:30 PM
Pastor Bart: Wed, 1-4 PM

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE:

Mar. 16 Sun 10:00 AM Sunday Service, Sunday School and Youth Study
Mar. 18 Tues 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study on James – Gateway Room - Rhonda leads
Mar. 19 Wed 5:30 PM Study Healing Prayer and Gifts – Basement – Pastor Bart Leading
Mar. 19 Wed 7:00 PM Survey of the Bible - Gateway Room – Darrell Leads
Mar. 20 Thur 10:00 AM Genesis Study – Basement - Pastor Paul Leads
Mar. 22 Sat 5-7:00 PM Youth Alpha supper and study – Cindy Leading
Mar. 23 Sun 10:00 AM Sunday Service, Sunday School and Youth Study

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Mar. 26 Wed 5:30 PM Study Healing Prayer and Gifts – Basement – Pastor Bart Leading
Mar. 27 Thur 10:00 AM Genesis Study – Basement - Pastor Paul Leads
Mar. 28-29 Fri/Sat Boyd Hopkins Seminar – Pastor Bart leading
Mar. 30 Sun 10:00 AM Sunday Service, Sunday School and Youth Study

NEW PASTORAL ROLES

Please note that as Pastor Rick transitions into his new position as Community Outreach Pastor, the following pastoral care and counseling roles are delineated below. Tim in the office will remind you as to which pastor will be taking care of your needs when you contact him, or you can contact the pastors directly if you are needing your pastor.

Please contact Pastor Bart for the following areas:

- ⇒ shut-in, hospital, operation, hospital follow up at home, prayer, absolution, private communion theological or spiritual questions, baptismal preparation, first communion preparation, or needing discernment
- ⇒

Please contact Pastor Rick for the following areas:

Grief (end of life or terminal illness, dementia journey)

Loss (work, retirement, family, relationships)

Crisis Ministry (emergency, diagnosis and spiritual questions or discernment)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PASTOR

Pastor Rick's new role as St. Peter's will now include a major focus on outreach, beside continuing to preach twice a month and his involvement in the above-mentioned pastoral care roles. Please note that Pastor Rick is 60% time at St. Peter's, so he will need to focus on this new role. What is it exactly? And what are the first steps?

First Step

Form a team of people to dig deep, discern, evaluate and pray in order to come up with education and strategies to equip each person at St. Peter's to be confident in sharing the message of the gospel in the community with those people who don't yet know Jesus. If you are person who likes to think outside of the box, is willing to try something new, is innovative in your thoughts, loves round-table discussion, then contact Pastor Rick for a further conversation.

Please pray about your involvement.

The Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations (CALC) is counting on us to take the lead in the Church Revitalization Initiative which will become a major focus at this year's CALC convention and outreach to the unbeliever or unchurched in our communities has been identified as the weak area for many churches. So, let's respond to the Holy Spirit's invitation to discover how we might do things differently and reach out to our community in a unique way.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Sat. Mar. 22, 5-7 pm Youth Group- Youth Alpha Supper & Extreme Sundaes

Sat. Apr. 5, 5-7 pm Youth Group- Youth Alpha Supper & Kick the Can

Sat. Apr. 12, 9 am-2:30 pm Youth Alpha Retreat

You are always welcome to bring a friend or family in grades 5-12.

MARCH 28-29 – BOYD HOPKINS SEMINAR: EFFECTIVE PRAYER MINISTRY

Back by popular request, Pastor Boyd Hopkins is leading his Effective Prayer Ministry Worship (Part 3), dealing with evil. In the Lord's Prayer we pray for deliverance from evil. In this workshop, Boyd goes into depth on this topic. Sometimes there may be a spiritual component to some of the inner struggles that people have. Boyd gives us a simple and Christ-focussed prayer model on how to deal with this side of the Christian life. Any questions, please contact Pastor Bart.

Needed: Replacemt Media Shout and Internet Broadcast lead for the Tech Room.

Familiarity with Windows, Networking and MS Office an asset. We will train you as Media Shout Scriptor/Operator, How the Internet PC is the hub for the online broadcast. As the senior tech in the media room you will manage preparation and Sunday activities with a team of volunteers. Contact Tim for information.

POP-UP CHOIR – LENT AND EASTER

THREE Rehearsals: Monday, Apr. 7 from 7-9pm • Sunday, Apr. 13 from 12-2pm • Saturday, Apr. 19, 9:30-11:30am **We'll be singing on Good Friday (Tenebrae), 7pm & Easter Sunday morning, 10am.** Bow Valley Baptist Church choristers will be joining us for the Tenebrae service (like a Lenten version of "Advent by Candlelight"). **IF YOU DON'T YET HAVE YOUR MUSIC, PLEASE PICK IT UP TODAY.**

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERIES

This year the Lenten Series of devotionals is called: "Teach us to Pray". As part of the project, Pastor Bart will be contacting families to gather specific prayer requests that we can bring before the lord each day. This is an opportunity to prepare our hearts for Easter and enter into the 40 days of Lent beginning on March 5th, 2025. Email your prayer request (anonymous or to be openly shared) during the devotionals to to Pastor Bart at the below email address. Contact Pastor Bart at pastorbart@saintpeters.ca for more information.

LADIES STUDY– BOOK OF JAMES ENDING TUESDAY MARCH 18TH

Last study is this Tuesday, March 18. All you need is your Bible.

What's Next:

April 1 - "Because You Never Know" photography experiences shared by Wendi Forster.

April 8 - to be announced

We meet in the Gateway at 10:00 am - 11:30 am.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC) 2025 IS COMING UP – AUG 11-15

We are excited to host Hastings Lake leaders again, who will provide the fun and faith-filled Day Camp program for children in Grades 1 – 6 and runs from 8:40 AM to 3:00 PM each day. There will be no Preschool program this year. There is a maximum number of 45 children.

Registration is via Hastings Lake Bible Camp website www.hastingslake.com and the registration cost to families is \$65 per child. Registration is open now, so don't delay!

A host of volunteers are needed. Please see detailed update in this weeks Care & Info email.