

Order of Service – October 12, 2025 - Thanksgiving

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Rick
Music Team: Adeline & Mel's Team

Welcome to Worship!

We're so glad you're here! If you're visiting today, stop by the **Welcome Table** in the narthex to pick up a gift bag and learn more about our programs. After the service, grab a coffee and enjoy some conversation.

If your child needs a quieter spot during the service, feel free to use the Gateway Room — a family-friendly space prepared just for you.

If you are **baptized in a Christian church**, you are welcome to come forward for **communion**. Children who have completed communion instruction are also welcome to participate. If your child is not receiving communion, you're encouraged to bring them forward for a **blessing**. Please have them **cross their arms over their chest** to indicate they would like a blessing.

If you would like **personal prayer**, our prayer team is available in the narthex either **before or after communion**. Individual prayer is also available **following the service**.

Please note: Today's service, including **Children's Time**, is being **live streamed and recorded** for St. Peter's YouTube channel. If you'd prefer not to be on camera, seating is available toward the back of the sanctuary.

PRELUDE SONG: There Is a King

There is a king seated among us. Let every heart receive Him now.
Where there is praise, He will inhabit. There will be grace and mercy all around.

(And) Every burden will be lifted in His presence. Every trophy will be laid down at His feet.
There is a name that reigns above all others: Jesus Christ the king above all kings..

Unto the lamb honor and glory. Worthy is He who overcame.
Buried in shame, risen in power. He is alive, the stone is rolled away.

All our worship will belong to Him forever. Death is conquered and our Savior holds the keys.
There is a name that reigns above all others; Jesus Christ, the king above all kings

It won't be long, we will behold Him. And every tear He'll wipe away.
We'll be at home the war will be over. Soon we will meet our Savior face to face.

And all our worship will belong to You forever. Holy, holy for all eternity.
Yours is the name that reigns above all others: Jesus Christ the king above all kings.
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OPENING HYMN: Praise and Thanksgiving (LBW #409)

Praise and thanksgiving, Father. we offer For all things living, You have made good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labour we bring to serve You, That with our neighbour we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with You, Harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for Your children, By Your wise guiding teach us share
One with another, so that, rejoicing With us, all others may know Your care.

Then will Your blessing reach every people, Freely confessing Your gracious hand.
Where all obey You, no one will hunger; In Your love's sway You nourish the land
Fruitful the land

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LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOMING

OPENING PRAYER

All: Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we welcome Your presence among us today. We set apart this time for You alone. May You be honored in every word spoken, every song sung, every prayer lifted, and every truth received from Your Word. Draw our hearts near and renew our spirits as we worship. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

P: In Holy Baptism, we were buried with Christ into death,
that just as He was raised from the dead,
we too might walk in newness of life.

Yet, we daily struggle with sin and forget the promises of our baptism.

Let us now return to the font of grace — confessing our sins and clinging to the mercy that is ours in Christ.

(Silence for reflection)

P: Most merciful God,

All: We confess that 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 trusted the promises made to us in Baptism. 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.

Renew us in the grace of our baptism. Cleanse us, and lead us by Your Spirit so that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. By water and the Word, you were joined to Christ — buried with Him in death and raised with Him to new life. 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.

All: Amen.

THE GREETING

P: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Thanksgiving

All: Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enable us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield her increase: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S STORY: Pastor Rick

CHILDREN'S SONG: He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart; I will enter His courts with praise
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made; I will rejoice for He has made me glad

He has made me glad; He has made me glad
I will rejoice for He has made me glad (2x)
(Repeat All)

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FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 NIV

26 When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ² take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³ and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵ Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. ⁷ Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸ So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. ¹¹ Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

PSALM 100 NIV

¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-9 NIV

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL: John 6:25-35 NIV

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

PRE-SERMON HYMN: Let All Things Now Living (LBW #557)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us, on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces, the stars in their courses
The sun in His orbit obediently shine:
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise

Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

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SERMON – Pastor Rick

FOCUSED PRAYER TIME

P: Let us now pause for a few quiet moments before the Lord. Bring your heart to Him — with all its questions, sorrows, hopes, and gratitude.

As you reflect on the Word just proclaimed, ask: *What is it that God is speaking to me today?*
What did I need to hear? Let the Holy Spirit bring His truth to your heart.

(1–2 minutes of silence or soft instrumental music)

OFFERING – During below hymn

OFFERTORY Hymn: Sing to The Lord of The Harvest (LBW #412)

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of joy and love.

God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet you fall,
And with Your lives adore Him who gave His life for all

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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.

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PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

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

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COMMUNION SONGS

Hymn: There Is a King

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Buried in shame, risen in power. He is alive the stone is rolled away

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And all our worship will belong to You forever. Holy, holy for all eternity.
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Hymn: Gratitude

All my words fall short; I've got nothing new. How could I express all my gratitude?
I could sing these songs as I often do. But every song must end and You never do.

CHORUS

So, I throw up my hands and praise You again and again,
'Cause all that I have is a "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"
And I know it's not much but I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"

I've got one response; I've got just one move: With my arms stretched wide, I will worship You.

CHORUS

Come on, my soul, oh don't you get shy on me.
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord.

CHORUS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – See below

CLOSING HYMN: Oh, Give Thanks

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.
We were hungry for a homeland, we did not know how to seek.
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears,
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

CHORUS

Oh, give thanks to the Lord for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

We were locked out of the garden and our backs bend down with pain;
In the shadow of death's darkness we were slaves to sin and blame.
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

CHORUS

We were fools in our rebellion with our hunger strike of pride;
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.
Then He heard of our condition and He called us by our names.
And the God of glory took away our shame

CHORUS

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams
But the waves of great destruction brought us trembling to our knees
And we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears
And the God of comfort took away our fears

CHORUS

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THE SENDING

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Welcome to worship! Please take a few minutes to enjoy some coffee and conversation. We'll have a short break before gathering back in the sanctuary for our special congregational meeting.

OUR MISSION

To be and make disciples for Jesus Christ

OUR VISION

To reach the next generation for Jesus Christ

This Week at St. Peter's

Monday • Pastor Rick's Day Off

Tuesday • Morning Prayer – 8:00 AM • Staff Meeting – 9:00 AM • Pastor Rick's Office Hours – 10:00 AM–4:00 PM • Heaven Study 10:00 AM • The Bible Project 7:00 PM

Wednesday • When the Spirit Moves Home Study 9:30 AM • Good Vibes Memory Choir – 1:30 PM

Thursday • Parables Study – 10:00 AM • Life Shared – 7:00 PM

Friday • No scheduled events

Saturday • No scheduled events

Next Sunday • 8:30 Confirmation • Worship – 10:00 AM • 10:15 AM Sunday School

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KEEP CONNECTED and BE KNOWN

If you are new to our church community, please sign up for our weekly care email to stay updated on all things St. Peter's. You can also request a mailbox to receive timely information. We'd love to give you a special name tag—it helps us get to know you! Forms are available at the Welcoming Table, or by calling Tim in the office.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Parker and I enjoyed being with 13 cool youth last month doing our scavenger hunt and park hang out. Our last devotion about John 3:16 reminded us about how much Jesus loves us and died so that we can have everlasting life! We have more exciting things coming up in October:

YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS 6:30-8:30 pm

Sat. Oct. 18 Jesus Revolution Movie & Chocolate Popcorn

Sat. Oct. 25 BC Mission Trip Meeting with parents 6:30-7 pm & Monopoly Night

Sat. Nov. 1 Guest Speaker - stay tuned!

Fri. Nov. 28 Pizza & Sleepover

Dec. 6 Christmas Party

NEW YOUTH COUNCIL

We nominated and voted for our Youth Council!

Thanks to all of you for being excited to join. We were missing some girls at our election and I will encourage our girls to join too. Our Youth Council will ensure representation of youth interests and manage the youth budget for outreach events.

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Pastor Rick and I are overjoyed to have 21 youth in confirmation in Sunday morning classes and afternoon online classes twice a month. We have been studying the first and second commandments and memorizing these from our small Catechism (1529). It's been valuable to learn about Martin Luther and how he defended his faith and for teaching us about having no other gods and not taking the name of the Lord God in vain. Our youth are being asked to read Scripture daily and discuss their lessons with their parents. Thanks to Daniel for assisting Sunday mornings and bringing his biblical knowledge and faith in Jesus to share with our students.

LIFE SHARED

Life Shared is a 4-session class on living out God's call to share our lives and faith with those around us. Together we'll explore praying for friends, neighbors, and colleagues, and discover practical ways to reach out with God's message.

Sessions began in October, but don't worry if you missed them — our November dates are available, including a special full-day Saturday event on **November 15**. All sessions meet in the church basement at 7 PM.

To sign up or learn more, contact: Joannemack@saintpeters.ca or elainebuss@saintpeters.ca

Kingdom Innovation Hub

The Kingdom Innovation Hub is a space where Spirit-led ideas take shape. Throughout Scripture, God entrusted people with bold visions — and we believe He still does today. Whether you have a ministry idea, a mission dream, or simply want to listen and pray with others, the Hub is here to help you discern and take the next step.

Our next gathering is **October 14**, where we'll be exploring some exciting ministry ideas. Do you have one to share? Pick up an idea submission form at the Welcoming Table or ask Don, Robin, Parker, or Matt. Once submitted, you'll be invited to present your idea to the team for prayerful discernment.

First Communion

Interested in First Communion for your child? Parents and children are invited to a teaching session on **Sunday, October 26, following worship in the Gateway**. Please bring a lunch. We'll spend about an hour together, after which parents will receive materials to review with their child at home. Once you've spoken again with Pastor Rick, your child will be invited to participate in the **First Communion service on Sunday, November 30**. *Recommended age: Grade 4 and up. Let Pastor Rick know if you will be attending.*

Father of Hope Missions in Uganda

Would you consider supporting Father of Hope, a ministry to children in Uganda, Africa? Father of Hope serves children who cannot afford to pay for all their necessities, including school fees. They also teach them about Jesus. You can support them and also enjoy a painting class taught by Diana and produce a painting of your own. Saturday, October 18 from 1-4 PM in the church basement. We will also learn a little more about the ministry.

This could be a good opportunity to invite a friend who does not go to church! All painting materials supplied. Cost is \$35 and all the funds raised will go directly to the ministry.

Marked by Awe and Presence

An Ecumenical Worship Gathering

Friday, November 8 at 7:00 PM

This evening of worship invites us to stand in awe before the radiant presence of God. Like Ezekiel, who fell on his face before the brilliance of the Lord's glory (Ezekiel 1:28), we come to behold the beauty and holiness that surpasses all human understanding.

In Christ, that same glory takes root in us. As Jesus said, "By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples" (John 15:8). Our worship is not only wonder but response — a turning of hearts that reflects God's light into the world.

The vision of Revelation reminds us where this story leads: "The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb" (Revelation 21:23). On this night, we gather as one body across traditions to taste that eternal light, to dwell in His presence, and to be marked again by awe.

Come and be renewed by the wonder of God's glory, the abiding presence of Christ, and the shared hope of all His people.