

# DECEMBER 2021

## St. Peter's Episcopal Church

*St. Peter's Church was organized in 1885 and the cornerstone was dedicated September 5th, 1886. This structure still stands on Brown Avenue in Norfolk. The first worship service at our present site was in the parish hall on Christmas Eve, 1959. All existing construction was completed in 1965.*

- 3rd ..... Staff/Vestry Christmas Party
- 7th ..... Prayer Shawl Group, 7PM
- 13th ..... Ladies Lunch, 12:30PM  
Day School Christmas Program, 7:30PM  
Angel Tree gifts need to be in church!
- 22nd ..... Lessons & Carols, 7PM
- 24th ..... Christmas Eve Eucharist 7PM
- 31st ..... New Years Eve Worship  
10:30PM Cocoa and Cookies,  
11PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**“Celebrating and Proclaiming our Life in Jesus Christ!”**

## “THE CALL”

### St. Peter's Episcopal Church

224 S. Military Highway  
Norfolk, VA 23502  
Phone: 757-466-9392



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## Birthday & Anniversary Blessings , on the 1st Sunday of the month

### *Happy Birthday*

Diane Wicker	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ron Monte	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Michael Kallestad	7 <sup>th</sup>
Todd Eidam	9 <sup>th</sup>
Howard Belote	11 <sup>th</sup>
Patsi Walton	12 <sup>th</sup>
Scott Walton	14 <sup>th</sup>
Isabel Nowland	15 <sup>th</sup>
Vel Shreve	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Jessica Fry	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Sebastian Plucinski	26 <sup>th</sup>
Justin Pickurel	28 <sup>th</sup>
Charles Bolding	31 <sup>st</sup>

### *Happy Anniversary*

Charlie & Peggy Pfeifer	12/19/71
Bob & Kathy Vanderslice	12/30/92

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

<b>Bishop</b>	<b>The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes</b>
<b>Priest in Charge</b>	<b>The Rev. Jesse R. Lassiter</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Vel Shreve</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Elizabeth Miller</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Charlie Pfeifer</b>
<b>Sexton</b>	<b>Kevin Bates</b>

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will begin in the new year. The first class will be Thursday, January 13th, 7PM.

There will be six classes all together, lasting an hour each time. Anyone interested in Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation is asked to contact Father Jesse, 386-566-1967 or the church office for more information, 466-9392

### VESTRY MEMBERS

**Kimberly Truxell, Sr. Warden ('23)**

**Howard Belote, Jr. Warden ('21)**

<b>Charlie Pfeifer ('21)</b>	<b>Bruce Comfort ('22)</b>
<b>Linsey Shreve ('21)</b>	<b>Nancy Comfort ('22)</b>
<b>Susan Sigler ('21)</b>	<b>Charlotte Corbett ('22)</b>
<b>James Benn ('22)</b>	<b>Ana Nowland ('22)</b>

The deadline for articles for the January 2022 issue of The Call is: December 15th,  
Send articles to :  
[vel@stpeters-norfolk.org](mailto:vel@stpeters-norfolk.org)  
or call the church office at 466-9392



## **GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

**“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”.**  
(Ephesians 6:10-11)

**Joey  
David  
Kyle  
Christopher  
Mario  
Aaron**

**Bucky  
Bob  
Mike  
Jennifer  
Courtney  
Allan**

**Frank  
Chloe  
Jonathan  
Michael  
Hans  
Hannah**



### **“ACTS OF KINDNESS”**

This ministry started out of need to the community. They have supported nursing facilities, the children of St. Peter’s and the VA Hospital in Hampton. For Veteran’s Day 50 flags were placed around the flag pole out front of church, and over 30 cards were made for St. Peters veterans, past and present. Anyone interested in joining this ministry is welcome. Please contact Nancy Comfort 480-0316 or Charlotte Corbett 474-2214.

#### **The Veterans are always in need of:**

Toothbrushes, tooth paste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, new unopened packs of socks (mens & womens), new clothing (no used clothing at this time), tissues & handkerchiefs. No candy, food or drinks right now.

Please bring your donations to church and place in the box provided in the parish hall. Thank you all for your continued support!

For Veteran’s Day, the “Acts of Kindness” Ministry placed 50 flags around the flag pole out front of church, in honor of our veterans, passed and present, and all Veterans. This was their way of thanking all Veterans for their service.



**Sunday, December 5th, 2021  
in the Parish Hall  
following the service**

**Charlie & Peggy Pfeifer,  
in celebration of their  
Golden Wedding Anniversary**

invite you to an  
old-fashioned reception  
of cake and punch, and some  
old pictures to prove they were in-  
deed young once.



## MINISTRY LEADERS...

It's time to submit your Annual Report for your ministry. Please have the report in to the church office by January 1st. All reports need to be compiled for the Annual Parish Meeting on January 9th.

The Magi Are Coming!

Epiphany Sunday, January 9th.  
The Magi bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to present to the infant Jesus. They also visit the children in Sunday School.



## CHRISTMAS PLANTS



If you would like to give a poinsettia plant in loving memory of a loved one, please sign the list in the parish hall. The plants will adorn the church at Christmas time.

## **New Year's Eve**

Friday, December 31st join us in the parish hall for cocoa and cookies at 10:30pm followed by Holy Eucharist and Carol singing at 11pm.

Begin the new year on a positive note with Holy Communion!

"HAPPY NEW YEAR"!



The **2022 Flower Chart** is located in the vestibule as you enter the parish hall. If you would like to donate flowers to the church any Sunday through the year, in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, sign the flower chart next to the Sunday you would like to give. The flowers are \$70 or \$35 if you donate on the same Sunday as someone else.



Each Sunday in Advent, the service will begin with a short story about the author of many of our Christmas Carols. Many thanks to our story tellers, and characters, and special thanks to Peggy Pfeifer for her time and talent, and for enhancing our Advent season. Thank you Peggy!

Please join us for our **Annual Parish Meeting**, Sunday, January 9th, following the 9AM service. We will be reviewing the 2022 Operating Budget.

# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study 7PM	2	3 Staff/Vestry Christmas Party at the Truxell's home 6:30PM  Ultreya at Emmanuel	4
5 <b>ADVENT II</b> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.  Pfeifer's Anniversary Reception	6	7 PRAYER SHAWL MEETING 7PM	8 Bible Study 7PM	9	10	11 Celebration of Life for Gary Benn 11AM
12 <b>ADVENT III</b> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	13 LADIES LUNCH at Plaza Azteca 12:30PM	14	15 Bible Study 7PM	16	17	18
19 <b>ADVENT IV</b> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	20	21	22 <b>Lessons and Carols</b> 7PM	23	24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP</b> 10:30PM	25 
26 <b>CHRISTMAS I</b> 9AM Holy Eucharist Rite I Children's Chapel/Christian Ed.	27	28	29 Bible Study 7PM	30	31 11PM Holy Eucharist Rite II  10:30PM Cocoa & Cookies	

# St. Peter's Children's Ministry

## December 2021

### Two Kinds of Baptism

*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*



Have you ever heard of Baptism?  
The cooling water kind?  
But did you know that there's another?

One that God perfectly designed. You may have been baptized by water, by dunk, or sprinkle, or cup. Some are baptized as babies, and some are all grown up. It's how we tell friends and family, that we've begun a life set apart. We are cleansed by that cool water, just as Jesus cleansed our heart. There is still another Baptism, one that you can't see.

*The Baptism of the Holy Spirit*, when He lives in you and me. When Jesus went back to heaven, the Holy Spirit came to be our guide. He lives inside you always, to help you leave sin behind.

Both Baptisms are important, one on the outside and one within. But ***they mean you love Jesus and will be with Him in the end.***

### Prayer of the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit bring me today to be good, kind,  
and gentle in every way.  
Come Holy Spirit fill me this day with faith and trust  
and great HOORAY!

### Important Dates

- ❖ Dec 5<sup>th</sup> - Advent 2: Luke 3:1-6; *John the Baptist Prepares the Way*
- ❖ Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - Advent 3: Luke 3:7-18; *John the Baptist Prepares the Way*
- ❖ Dec 19<sup>th</sup> - Advent 4: Luke 1:39-55; *Mary Visits Elizabeth*

**Christmas Eve service - Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)**

**10:30pm Christmas Carols**

**Service starts at 11:00pm**

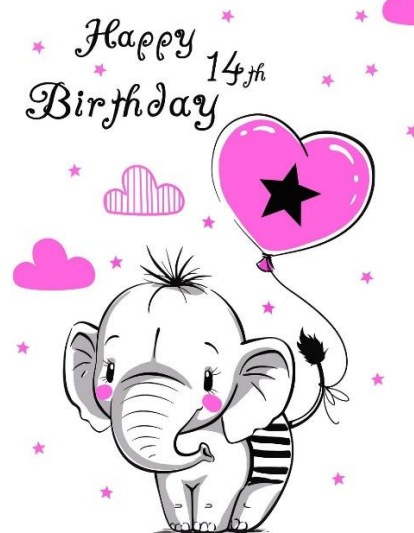
- ❖ Dec 26<sup>th</sup> - Christmas 1: John 1:1-18; *The Word Became Flesh*



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### Happy Birthday!

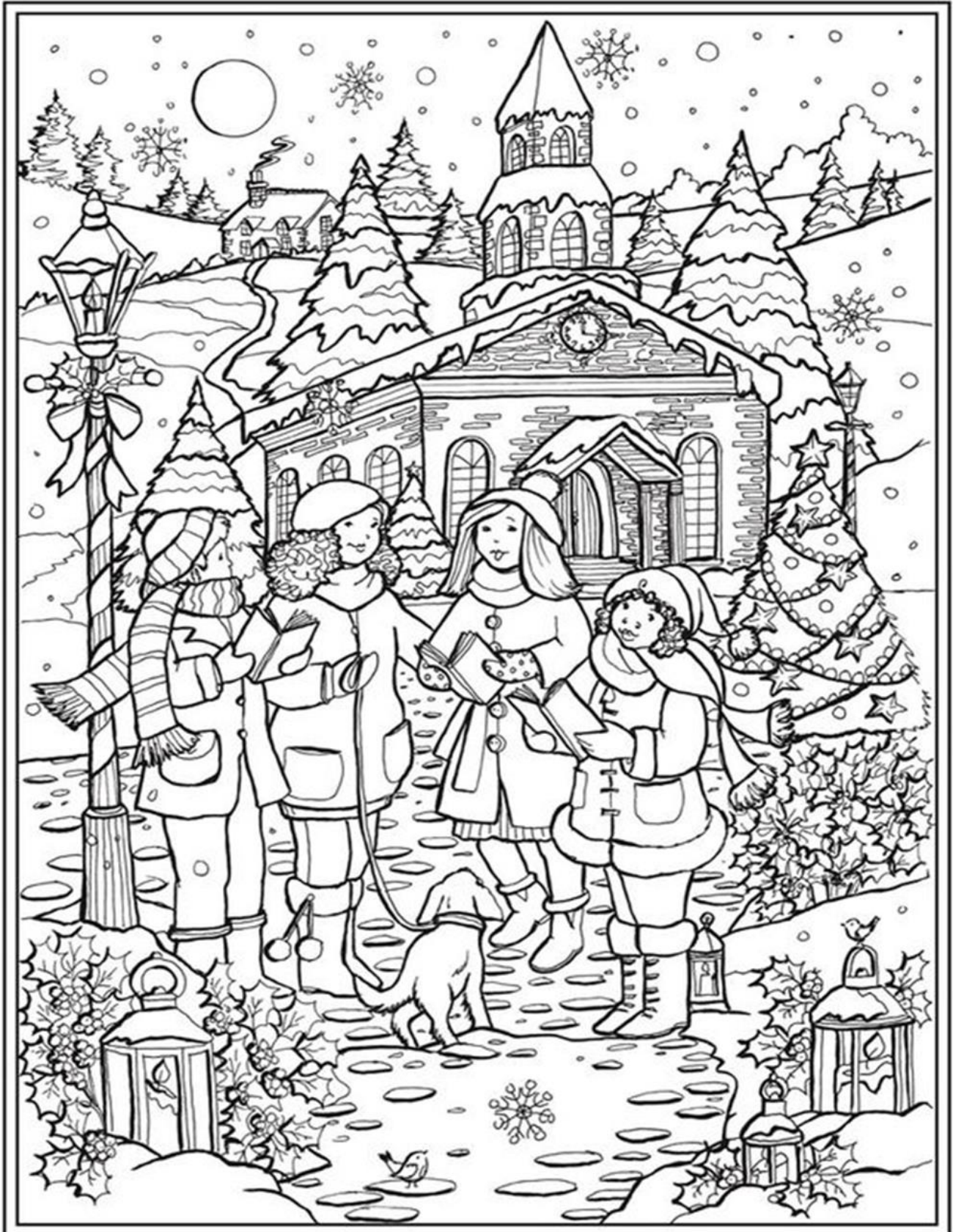
Isabel Nowland (December 15<sup>th</sup>)





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# DECEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

## **Dec 5—2nd Sunday of Advent**

Acolytes

Gabi McGinty, Olivia McGinty

Ushers

Coach Sigler, Larry Shreve

Lector

Larry Shreve

LEMS

Charlie Pfeifer, Debbie Whitehorne

Altar Guild Duty

Bobbi Bowery, Millie Coward

## **Dec. 12th –3rd Sunday of Advent**

Acolytes

Judy Eller, Nancy Comfort

Ushers

Steve Kakol, Susan Sigler

Lector

Kimberly Truxell

LEMS

Nancy Comfort, Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild Duty

Bobbi Bowery, Jessica Trochanowski

## **Dec. 19th—4th Sunday of Advent**

Acolytes

Carys Shreve, Bronwyn Shreve

Ushers

Jim Jimeno, Vicky Martin

Lector

Jeffrey Pfeifer

LEMS

Debbie Whitehorne, Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild Duty

Charlotte Corbett, Dot Pierce

## **Dec.. 24th—Christmas Eve**

Acolytes

Bruce Comfort, Judy Eller

Ushers

Larry Shreve, Jim Jimeno, Steve Kakol, Coach Sigler

Lector

Bruce Comfort

LEMS

Nancy Comfort, Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild Duty

Millie Coward, Dot Pierce, Vel Shreve

## **Dec.. 26th—1st Sunday after Christmas**

Acolytes

Jeffrey Pfeifer, Kimberly Truxell

Ushers

Vicky Martin, Susan Sigler

Lector

Jeffrey Pfeifer

LEMS

Debbie Whitehorne, Nancy Comfort

Altar Guild Duty

Jessica Trochanowski, Vel Shreve

# Priest's Letter

December

*It's the most wonderful time of the year!*

December always feels like a special time of year. Whether it is the cleansing snowy landscapes, seeing family for the holidays, or just some time off from our busy and rushed lives, the end of the year feels special. As Christians, we have the added Major Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. We make a big deal out of this holiday because God revealed his long-awaited plan to redeem humanity by becoming human. That sounds simple but getting to that conclusion took a while: from the first days of Adam and Eve until the birth of Christ. In fact, the entire Old Testament, the Fall of humanity and the introduction of sin and death, the flood, the election of Abraham to father a Holy Nation, the salvation from Pharaoh in Egypt, the resettling of the Holy Land, all of it leads to Jesus. The point is that all of history leads to Jesus. Even the Big Bang happened so that Jesus could come into the world to redeem creation. The significance of this event is impossible to overstate.

The time leading up to our Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ is called Advent (coming into being). It is so called because the readings retell the story about how God became man in Jesus Christ. Traditionally, a few weeks before a Major Feast was to happen, the Church would declare a fast, where Christians would eat less food and focus on their spiritual growth in order to appreciate the Feast as much as possible.

This Advent, make a commitment to ask yourself how your walk with Christ is going. Use this time of anticipation for Christmas to grow closer to God and to each other. Living a Holy Advent will indeed ensure Christmas will always be the most wonderful time of the year!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore,

Jesse+