

# JANUARY

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## From the Sr. Warden

### The Light of Christ Shines Forth

This Epiphany season, as the Christmas lights dim, a greater light dawns! The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "appearance" of God, and it celebrates the moment Jesus, the Light of the World, was revealed to all nations, not just Israel, through the visit of the Magi.

These wise travelers followed a star, a divine sign, on a long journey, bringing gifts to the newborn King. Their story isn't just about the past; it's a mirror for our own spiritual journey. Like them, we are called to seek Christ, to follow His light even when the path is unclear, and to worship Him with our whole selves.

### What Does This Mean for Us?

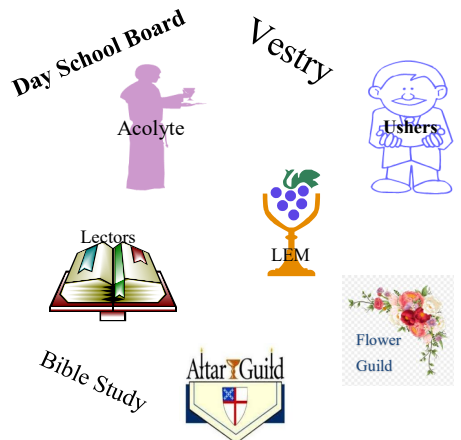
- **A Call to See:** Epiphany calls us to open our eyes and hearts to see God's presence in new ways—in Scripture, in prayer, in creation, and in "the least of these" around us.
- **A Call to Share:** The light we receive is not meant to be hidden. The Magi were warned in a dream to return home by a different way, a way illuminated by their encounter with Christ. We too are called to be witnesses, to share God's love and justice in dark places, showing the world the glory of Christ.

**A Call to Action:** This season is a powerful reminder that God is at work, inviting us to new beginnings. What new path is God calling you to? A step of forgiveness, a renewed commitment to prayer, or a greater act of generosity? Let us pray for the courage and vision to follow the Star of Bethlehem, to recognize Christ's glory in our lives and world, and to let His light shine through us, bringing hope and healing to all.

### Join Us!

- **Worship:** Celebrate with us on Sunday, January 11th as we worship the King of Kings!

**Serve:** Find opportunities to be Christ's light by attending a Bible study, visiting others, joining the vestry, joining the Day School Board, serving on the altar guild, as an usher, lector or LEM (lay eucharistic minister).



## Presiding Bishop:

**The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe**

## Diocesan Bishop:

**The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes**

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH STAFF

**Parish Administrator:**  
**Laura Kallestad**

**Organist:**  
**Elizabeth Miller**

**Treasurer:**  
**Charlie Pfeifer**

# MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**The Ladies Luncheon**—The ladies of St. Peter's meet at a different restaurant on the second Monday of each month for lunch and fellowship. We will be enjoying lunch at 12:30 PM on January 12<sup>th</sup> at Warrior's Grill, 1437 Sam's Drive, Chesapeake. Please join us and bring a friend. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the parish hall so we have an accurate number for reservations. For more information contact Millie Coward cell (757) 469-5887/[m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net).

**The Altar Guild** is still looking for help!! There are currently openings, for both men and women, in this ministry that need filling as soon as possible. You will be fully trained, at your convenience, and work with an experienced member. Only requirement for placement in the Altar Guild is that you are confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Benefits are unlimited, e.g. working with a great team, pride in knowing that you had a hand in helping to make the Altar beautiful and pleasing for our church family, and most of all the joy you will experience knowing that you are serving the Lord by preparing the Altar at St. Peter's for celebrations of worship for Sunday services, weddings, baptisms, and funerals. Please prayerfully consider applying for this critical ministry job today! Contact Millie Coward 757 469-5887/[m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net).



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Small group, big impact! ❤️ Last month we shared our love through 7 baby blankets, 17 preemie hats, 5 children's hats 1 child's scarf, 5 pocket prayer shawls, 3 baby hats and 2 adult hats.

We welcome anyone who knits, crochets, or looms—or wants to learn! Join us **Jan. 6, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.** in the **Diffenbaugh Library**. Prefer to work from home? Donations are gladly accepted and we will even pick them up.

For details contact: **Millie Coward**—757-469-5887 | [m.jlc@cox.net](mailto:m.jlc@cox.net)

**Bible Study** will return to Thursday meetings on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M. in the Diffenbaugh Library. Bruce Comfort will continue to lead this Bible study on the book of Revelation. All are welcome! Bring a Bible and don't forget to bring a friend.



**Cursillo** - So, you think your faith is strong and you don't need anyone to **make** it a deeper relationship? You are right, no one can make you but, a Cursillo weekend will entice you to go deeper and more fully than you could imagine possible. Men's and women's small group meetings are held in the library and meeting room every Wednesday evening at 6:00 P.M. Anyone can attend these meetings, and whatever might be said in the meetings, stays in the meeting for **our privacy**. We can **and will** answer all the questions you may have regarding Cursillo and the weekends. It is **not** a secret society, and we do **not** have any "rituals" that can't be talked about. The weekend is Christians coming together for 3 days, 3 nights and delving deeper into our relationship and walk with and for Christ. We are called to be His hands and feet in this world! The next weekend is **May 14<sup>th</sup>—17<sup>th</sup> 2026**. The Lay Rector is Allen Cersley.



St. Peter's Search Committee is still actively searching for a new rector for our church. Although this process seems to be taking a long time, this is not unusual. We will continue to keep you informed on our progress by publishing news in The Call and the Sunday bulletin. Please be patient and supportive of our Committee and keep them in your prayers. Remember, our next rector is out there somewhere, searching for the perfect church with the best church family. Let's hope he finds us soon! It's in God's hands!

Blessings,  
Vel Shreve  
Search Committee Chair

# January

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  Happy New Year To All 2026	2	3
4 Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II Second Sunday after Christmas Day	5	6 The Epiphany of our Lord, Jesus the Christ  Prayer Shawl - 10:00 A.M.  AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	7   Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	8   Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	9	10
11 Wisemen Visit Holy Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II  First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ Annual Meeting and 1st Vestry Meeting	12 Ladies Lunch- eon - 12:30 P.M.  Day School Board Meeting - 7:00 P.M.	13   AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	14   Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	15   Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	16	17
18 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II  Second Sunday after the Epiphany	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Office and Day School Closed	20   AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	21   Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	22   Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	23	24
25 Morning Prayer 8:00 A.M. Rite I 10:00 A.M. Rite II  Third Sunday after the Epiphany	26	27   AA Meeting 7:00 P.M.	28   Cursillo Small Groups 6:00 P.M.	29   Bible Study - 10:30 A.M.	30	31

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

### JANUARY 4 -

Acolyte: Magdalena Kress

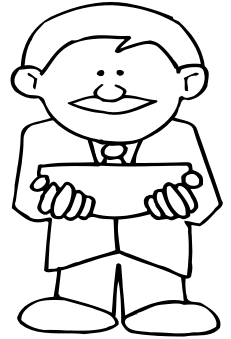
Ushers: Larry Shreve, Vicky Martin

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Bruce Comfort

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Charlie Pfeifer

Altar Guild: Judy Eller, Josie Jimeno

Flower Guild: Christmas Poinsettias



### JANUARY 11 -

Acolyte: Carys Shreve

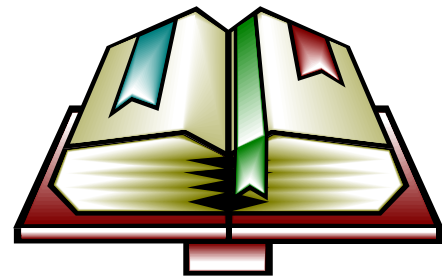
Ushers: Jim Jimeno, Steve Kakol

Lector: 8:00 - Charlotte Corbett; 10:00 - Jeffrey Pfeifer

LEM: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Kimberly Truxell

Altar Guild: Charlotte Corbett, Millie Coward

Flower Guild: Jessica Trochanowski



### JANUARY 18-

Acolyte: Eric Evans

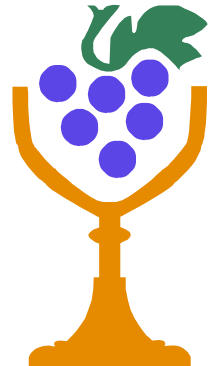
Ushers: Larry Shreve, Vicky Martin

Lector: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Janet Chauncey

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Linsey Shreve

Altar Guild: Vel Shreve, Ashley Pierce

Flower Guild: Nancy Comfort



### JANUARY 25-

Acolyte: Nancy Comfort, Brody Whitehorne

Ushers: Vicky Martin, Larry Shreve

Lector: 8:00 - Susan Sigler; 10:00 - Jim Jimeno

Worship Leader: 8:00 - Bob Vanderslice; 10:00 - Bruce Comfort

Altar Guild: Hilda Monte, Millie Coward

Flower Guild: Hilda Monte







## January 2026

**January 4 Children remain in church with parents**

**January 11 Debbie Whitehorne, Samantha Whitehorne**

**Wise Men Visit**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**January 18 Ashley Pierce, Carys Shreve**

**John the Baptist prepares the way**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

**January 25 Debbie Whitehorne, Josie Jimeno**

**Jesus is Baptized**

**Matthew 3:13-17**





## JESUS' BAPTISM



JANUARY

***Birthday and Anniversary Blessings are on the 1st Sunday of the month at both the 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. services.***

**happy  
birthday**

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

Michael Caldwell 1st

Robert Whitehorne 3rd

Marissa Weissner 3rd

Jim Hunter 6th

Susie Johnson 10th

Larry Shreve 13th

Marissa McGinty 17th

Elizabeth Miller 18th

Anna Kallestad 20th

Jordynne Wicker 20th

Floyd Parker III 22nd

Nancy Comfort 23rd

Linsey Shreve 26th

Dana & Brad Bolding

4th

Ron & Hilda Monte

26th

If we missed your special date, we are **very** sorry. Please take some time to let the office know so we can update our records. Call - (757) 466-9392 or email - [laura@stpeters-norfolk.org](mailto:laura@stpeters-norfolk.org)

Please visit our website for online ordering if you would like to donate flowers in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration of a loved one or an event.

The website **eliminates mistakes** that would hinder the ordering of flowers, and the Flower Guild can personalize the arrangements easier.

The price is \$50 per Sunday or \$25 if two people share the date.



**The deadline for articles in 'The Call' is the fifteenth of each month.**

**Send articles to :**

**[laura@stpeters-norfolk.org](mailto:laura@stpeters-norfolk.org)  
or call the church office - 757-466-9392.**

## 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)



Joe, Michael, Matt, David, Mario, Kyle, Frank, Courtney,  
Hannah, Chris, Chloe, Allan, Roger



*Please keep these people in your prayers.  
Notify the office to remove from or add to  
these lists. Thank you.*

### The Veterans are always in need of:

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, tissues & handkerchiefs (new unopened). No candy, food, or drinks right now. They **are** accepting used clothing items again.

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



### VESTRY MEMBERS

**Sr. Warden - Kimberly Truxell ('27)**

**Jr. Warden - Bruce Comfort ('27)**

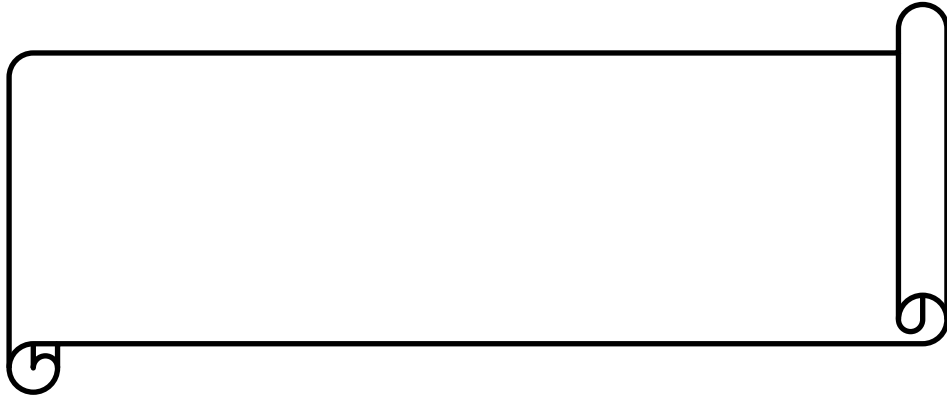
**Judy Eller ('25), Liz Kress ('25), Peggy Pfeifer ('25), Linsey Shreve ('25), Nancy Comfort ('27), Charlotte Corbett ('26), Vel Shreve ('26)**

Holy Father, the navigator of our souls, hear us as we hold up before you our annual Vestry. Be with us as we chart a course together, inspired by the presence of your Spirit. Give courage to our clergy, our leaders and each of us, as we move forward with your blessing. For all we do, we do to your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

BJ Neaves	Karen Kakol	Joan Snyder
Niko Miyashiro	Lois Deloatche	Haley G.
Jessica T.	Patsi Walton	Mary Johnston
Barbara Bowser	Kathy Vanderslice	Edward Klaus III
Luanne Cattley	Mary Robson	Robyn Klaus
Sarah Kakol	Charlotte Corbett	Sharon Dashiell
Howard Belote	Susan Sigler	Eddie Klaus II
Nancy Davis	Dot Pierce	Joyce Caldwell
Mary Horkey	Josie C	Megan C
Val Powell	Debbie Hollister	Joan Crowther
Denise McCue	Bert Truxell	Barbara LaDue
Marlena Spiva	Karleen Smith	Dianne McKnight
Christine Alexander	Krista Itzen	Pam Standish
Yvonne Authement	Joan Wilson	Bill Naylor
Wanda Smith		

Eddie & Lisa Stanfield	Paul & Lee Nelson
Bruce & Nancy Comfort	Teresa & McKinley Kerns
Leslie & Charlie Pereira	Debbie & Kenny
Steve & Betty Jane Baxter	Myles & Family
Jodi & Sean McGinty	Kathy & Tim Sarver
Mary & Larry Laine	Dee & Glen Smith
Wade & Karen Freidt	Sheila & Tom Lambert
Evans Family	Tark & Carol Tarkington
Wayne & Loretta Radford	Janet & Bob Chauncey





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## “THE CALL”

We *celebrate* the love of Christ and *proclaim* our faith by *welcoming* and *serving* all.

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*St. Peter's Church was organized in 1885 and the cornerstone was dedicated October 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.*

