

Calendar

▼ Sunday Schedule

8:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:30 Holy Chow
9:15 Christian Formation for all ages
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:00 Sunday Evening Worship

▼ Weekdays

12:10 Holy Eucharist , Rite II

▼ Monday, November 22

6:00 Girls Choir Rehearsals
6:00 Long Range Planning Committee

▼ Tuesday, November 23

6:00 Boys Choir Rehearsals

▼ Wednesday, November 24

5:00 Thanksgiving Service
7:00 St. Peter's Choir Rehearsal

▼ Thursday, November 25

Office Closed

▼ Friday, November 26

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Welcome

If you are visiting St. Peter's today and would like to know more about the parish or would like to send us your contact information, please visit our website at www.st-peters.org.

Pastoral Care is available to all members of St. Peter's. If you have special needs, please contact Mary Virginia Woodall (704-749-6141 or mv-woodall@st-peters.org) or the Reverend Gene Humphreys (704-749-6142 or ghumphreys@st-peters.org). Any members of the Parish interested in joining the Pastoral Care Commission, please contact Mary Virginia or Gene.

Parking at St. Peter's

As you enter the parking deck you will receive a ticket. You must bring this ticket with you to be validated in order to exit without paying. If you forget your ticket, you may get a special ticket "chaser" to use as payment. Both the validation machine and the ticket chasers are available in the reception area of the Seventh Street lobby and in the tower entrance to the church. You may use either the Seventh Street or Eighth Street exits parking deck. In case of trouble exiting, there is a call button on the ticket machine.

Today at St. Peter's

Our guest preacher this morning is The Reverend Martin Smith, a member of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, the senior associate rector at St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C., and the author of *A Season for the Spirit*, *The Word is Very Near You*, *Reconciliation*, and *Compass and Stars*.

You are invited to a special reception and coffee hour in the Parish Hall following today's festival Holy Eucharist marking the dedication of our new pipe organ.

The second of two dedicatory organ concerts is today at 3:00 p.m. Recitalist Janette Fishell caps the dedication festivities with a special concert this afternoon (Note: She will be playing the same program as last night.) General admission tickets are available for \$15.

The Annual Youth Advent Fair continues today and next Sunday. Please purchase your Advent candles, wreaths, calendars at the Advent Fair. We will also open the Advent Fair after the five o'clock service of Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols on December 5.

Announcements

Thanksgiving Service Date and Time Change. The Thanksgiving Service has been moved to Wednesday Evening at 5:00 p.m. to avoid the 10:00 a.m. start of the Thanksgiving Day Parade on Tryon Street. We hope you can join us on Thanksgiving Eve for this special service.

The church offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Thompson Child & Family Focus Annual Thanksgiving Offering will be taken next Sunday, November 28.

The Evensong Choir at St. Peter's leads a service of Evensong for the Feast of St. Andrew and Kirkin' o' the Tartan next Sunday, November 28 at 5:00 p.m. Join us at 4:30 pm for an Organ Recital by Michael Grant prior to Evensong.

Volunteers Needed for Room In The Inn. Every winter St. Peter's is one of dozens of churches and other organizations in the Charlotte region that provides an evening meal and overnight accommodations for our homeless neighbors. Our church hosts a dozen residents each Wednesday evening December through March. One of four teams of volunteers works each Wednesday to check supplies, set up overnight beds and linens in the parish hall, deliver, prepare, serve, and clean-up after dinner, stay with the neighbors overnight, make breakfast in the morning, break down the sleeping dorm afterward and do laundry in preparation for the crew working the next Wednesday. Four teams have already been formed with numerous volunteers already in the fold. If you would like to join the effort by doing one of these many small jobs one Wednesday per month please contact coordinator Des Keller (704-778-3271 or deskeller@carolina.rr.com). The Room In The Inn program is run by the Urban Ministry Center based in uptown Charlotte and serves thousands of needy area residents every year.

We are pleased to announce that our former assistant, Fr. Scot McComas, has accepted a call to serve as Associate Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Madison, New Jersey (Diocese of Newark). Scot begins his work at Grace Church this month.

St. Peter's will be included in the 2010 Fourth Ward Christmas Home Tour, December 3-5. The church will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings, from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., and on Sunday afternoon, from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. We will need at least twenty volunteers to serve as greeters during the tour, each taking a two-hour block of time. There will be an orientation for greeters at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, so that volunteers will feel comfortable answering questions posed by our visitors. To volunteer, please call Mary Virginia Woodall or the Rector, David Pittman (704-332-7746).

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

❖ The Last Sunday after Pentecost

❖ 21 November 2010 ❖ Holy Eucharist, Rite II

You are Peter, and upon this rock

I will build my church.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S. Today we are dedicating our new organ, C. B. Fisk Opus 136, named the Van Ness Hamrick Organ after Grace Van Ness Hamrick, a parishioner whose bequest made this new organ possible. We are also celebrating the completion of the renovation of our historic church and our parish's successful capital funds campaign. These bold acts of generosity demonstrate St. Peter's vision for its mission.



This celebration is also evidence of the work and faithfulness of St. Peter's entire congregation. From those who tend the altar, to those who provide "Room in the Inn," to those who tend the garden, and those who walk on behalf of the hungry, St. Peter's parish is at work in our world. Today it is important to recognize the work of those who make music in this place. The St. Peter's Choir has lead and inspired our parish with their hours of preparation, the faithfulness of their presence and their constant striving for excellence. They personify hymn 420 where it says, "When in our music God is glorified and adoration leaves no room for pride" as this celebration reflects, "it is as though the whole creation cries, Alleluia."

The choir is wearing crosses made from wood from our old organ inscribed with its years of service. These crosses, made by Charles Farrar, are symbols of our history, our journey to this new day. As we look to Advent and a new liturgical year, we must remember that our calling is to "perfect our praises," inspiring each other to faithful lives, witnessing to our world and returning to God what he has so freely given us. I often use the phrase "he who sings prays twice." In this beautifully renewed space, accompanied by this remarkable new instrument, I say, "pray well."

—Ben Outen, Organist & Choirmaster

The Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY GOD, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Receive the work of our hands in this place, now to be set apart for your worship, the building up of the living, and the remembrance of the dead, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Old Testament Lesson ❖ 2 Chronicles 29:1, 2, 25-31

HEZEKIAH BEGAN TO REIGN WHEN HE WAS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD; he reigned for twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah daughter of Zechariah. He did what was right in the sight of the LORD, just as his ancestor David had done.

He stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, harps, and lyres, according to the commandment of David and of Gad the king's seer and of the prophet Nathan, for the commandment was from the LORD through his prophets. The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. Then Hezekiah commanded that the burnt-offering be offered on the altar. When the burnt-offering began, the song to the LORD began also, and the trumpets, accompanied by the instruments of King David of Israel. The whole assembly worshipped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt-offering was finished. When the offering was finished, the king and all who were present with him bowed down and worshipped. King Hezekiah and the officials commanded the Levites to sing praises to the LORD with the words of David and of the seer Asaph. They sang praises with gladness, and they bowed down and worshipped.

Then Hezekiah said, "You have now consecrated yourselves to the LORD; come near, bring sacrifices and thank-offerings to the house of the LORD." The assembly brought sacrifices and thank-offerings; and all who were of a willing heart brought burnt-offerings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church is a dynamic Episcopal community of faith providing sanctuary in the center of Charlotte. Welcoming the stranger and nurturing one another, we joyfully live the mission of Jesus Christ through prayer, traditional liturgy, Christian formation, active outreach, and love of all God's creation.

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Unison
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Hallelujah! Praise God in his ho - ly tem - ple:* praise him in the fir - ma - ment of his power.

2. Praise him for his might - y - acts:* — praise him for his ex - cel - lent greatness.

Harmony

3. Praise him with the blast of the ram's horn:* praise him with lyre and harp.

4. Praise him with tim - brel and dance:* praise him with strings and pipe.

Men
ff

5. Praise him with re - sound - ing cym - bals:* praise him with loud — clang - ing cymbals.

All
ff

6. Let everything that has breath* praise the Lord. — Hal - le - lu - jah!

Epistle Lesson ❖ Revelation 5:6-14

THEN I SAW between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!” Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson ❖ John 1:14-18

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND LIVED AMONG US, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of North Carolina
The Right Reverend Michael B. Curry *Bishop*
The Right Reverend William O. Gregg *Assistant Bishop*
The Right Reverend Alfred Marble Jr. *Assisting Bishop*

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The Reverend David Pittman *Rector*
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Vonnie Rankin *Property Manager Assistant*
Mary Virginia Woodall *Assistant to the Clergy*

Participants in the Liturgy

The Reverend David Pittman *Celebrant*
The Reverend Martin Smith *Preacher*
The Reverend Gene Humphreys *Deacon*
Althea Callaway *Eucharistic Minister*
Stephen McQueen *Eucharistic Minister*
Letitia Landers-King *Eucharistic Minister*
Pat Markel *Lector*
Joseph Welch *Lector*
Pat & Dick Markel *Intercessors*
Lynn Lewis *Breadbaker*
Ellison Clary *Usher*
Jack Cozean *Usher*
Dee & Pete Heyd *Ushers*
Kathleen Mundle *Usher*
Bobby Tindle *Usher*
Dee Crayton *Altar Guild*
Lydia Gittens *Altar Guild*
Ruth Hurst *Altar Guild*
Mary Anna Turner *Altar Guild*
Barbara Partington *Altar Guild*
Rob Carpenter *Flower Guild*
Todd Murphy *Flower Guild*

The Eucharistic Supplies are given to the glory of God by Jay and Barbara Partington in memory of Jim and Isabel Partington and Martin and Alice Proveaux; and by Lydia Gittens in memory of Lionel Gittens and Henry Gittens.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Harold Watts McKee and Roland Abner.

Taking Part in Worship

While the worship style of the Episcopal Church is based on old and established customs, it is sometimes confusing to newcomers. Generally speaking, we sit to listen to the scripture lessons and the sermon, and we stand to sing, to recite the Creed, and when the Gospel Lesson is proclaimed at the Eucharist. When it comes to prayer, both standing and kneeling are ancient and accepted practices—so please feel free to stand or kneel during our prayers, whichever most enriches your worship experience.