

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

621 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL

## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

*For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"  
who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.*



**Welcome to St. Peter's. We are glad you are here!**

If you are visiting with us today, please feel free to participate as much or as little as you are comfortable. There are visitor cards in the pews, and if you fill one out, we will get in touch with you. Please introduce yourself to us and join us for coffee hour after the service if you have time.

At the time of communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. If you do not want to receive communion, but would like a blessing, come forward at the time of communion and place your arms across your chest to indicate your intention. If you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to ask.

Gluten-free bread for communion is available. Just let the minister know when he or she presents the bread to you.

# THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**Prelude**      *Quatrieme Ton Prelude, and Recit Grave de Nazar, ou de tierce, ou de cromhorne*  
Jacques Boyvin

**Processional Hymn**      “Songs of thankfulness and praise”      **Hymn 135**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People*      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Gloria in Excelsis**      (*see insert for service music*)      **Hymn S 280**

Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*All are seated for the lessons.*

### **The First Reading**

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

**The Psalm**

*Read in unison.*

Psalm 50:1-6

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.

“Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice.”

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

**The Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

**Gospel Hymn**

*“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”*

**Hymn 440**

**The Gospel**

Mark 9:2-9

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.  
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white,

such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Shane Patrick Gormley

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

Form IV

*Deacon or other leaders*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People*        **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers with an appropriate Collect*

## **The Confession**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
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 loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Peter the Apostle, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer** (if sung, see insert for service music)

**Hymn S 119**

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread** (if sung, see insert for service music)

**Hymn S 152**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

**Communion Interlude** *Cromhorne en Taille* from *Suite du 4<sup>th</sup> Ton*

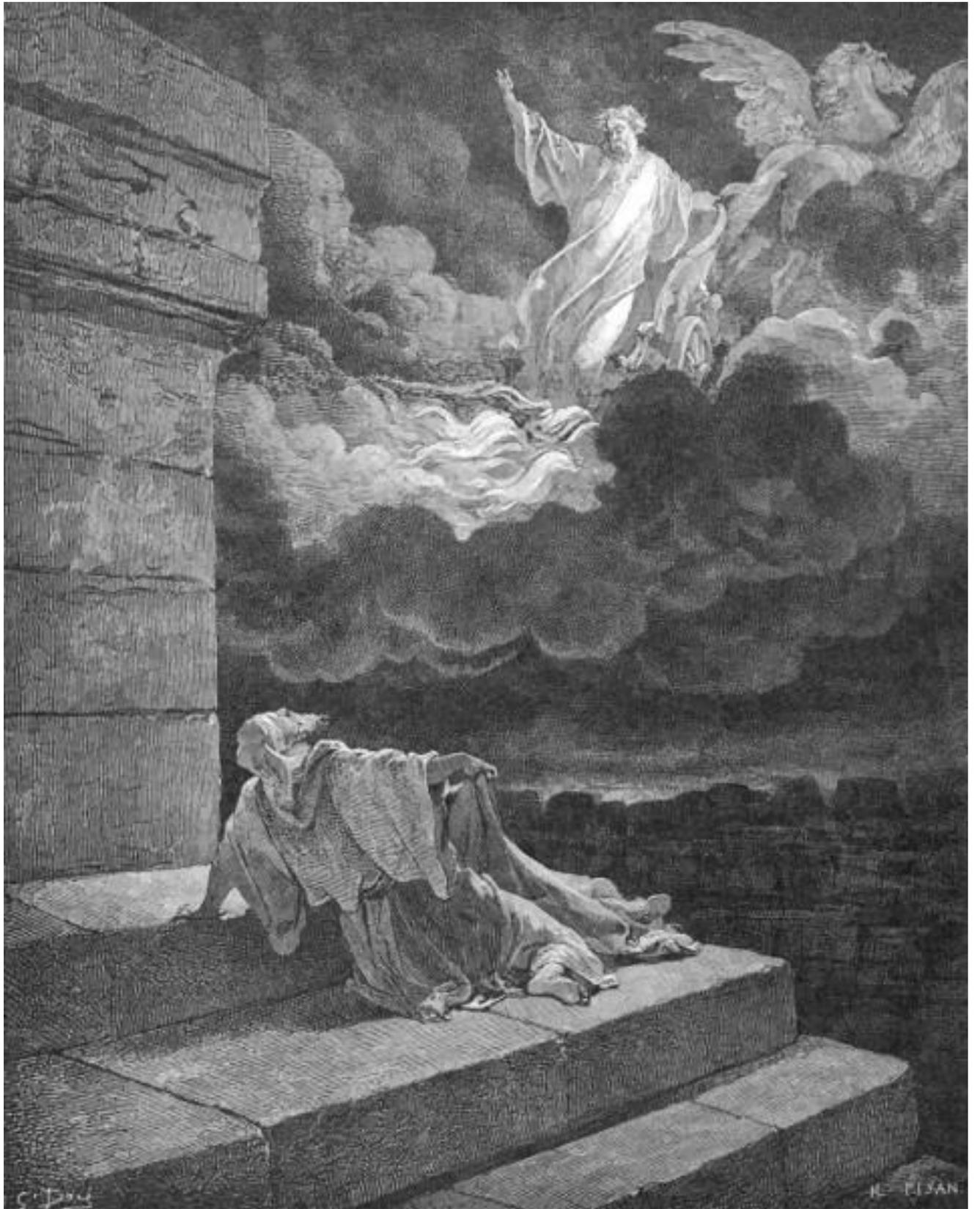
Jacques Boyvin

**Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.





## Parish Announcements

### *Upcoming Events*

- February 13 (Tues.) Shrove Tuesday Supper at Stella's  
6:30pm; contact Tom Stabnicki (tomstabnicki@yahoo.com) if you are interested.
- February 14 (Wed.) Ash Wednesday  
Spoken Holy Eucharists at 7:00am and 12:00pm  
Holy Eucharist with Hymns at 7:00pm
- February 22 (Thurs.) 60s+ Growth Group  
2:00pm-4:00pm at Kate Wulle-Dugan's home.
- February 28 (Wed.) 20s/30s Growth Group  
7:00pm at Wilde's restaurant on Broadway.

### *Parish Work Days*

In the months ahead, there will be many opportunities to help out around St. Peter's. You are welcome to schedule a time with Betsy or Father Shane to come in and see what needs to be done. The following Saturdays are set aside for larger tasks around the Parish House and Church: **February 24, March 10, and March 24.**

Each day begins with Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, and the work day officially runs from 10:00 to 1:00 pm. Come for all or some of the time—whatever you can spare. There's plenty to be done! If you can join us for these work days, please sign up in the Guild Room or email Betsy at [administrator@stpeterschicago.com](mailto:administrator@stpeterschicago.com).

### *Prayer Requests*

*Your prayers are asked for the following members and friends of St. Peters (those in bold are appearing for the first time). To add persons to the prayer list, contact Deacon Nancy (deacon@stpeterschicago.com).*

For those who are sick in body, mind, or soul and those caring for them: Maryann, Carol, Pam, Bruce, Judy, Gary, William, Philip, John, Tom, Cathy, the Sexton family, Dan, Angel, William, Jim, David Jr., John, **Alex, Mark, Woody, and Dawn.**

For the repose of the souls of Shirley June Powell (John Cummings' grandmother), John Mahoney (actor and longtime patron of the arts in Chicago) and Lillie Henderson (aunt of Qiana Johnson) and for their families and friends as they grieve.

For inspiration, perseverance, and insight for Ellen as she works to complete her book, and for Shane as he works on his dissertation.

For Qiana as she continues in parish discernment.

## Opportunities to Connect

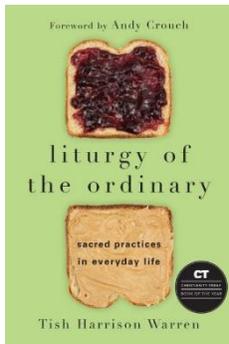
**Growth Groups** are St. Peter's primary "small groups" or "fellowship groups" that meet regularly to discuss life, faith, and more. To find more information about the growth groups, please feel free to reach out to the following coordinators:

20s/30s Growth Group: Becca Wicker (rgkingman@gmail.com)

40s/50s Growth Group: Qiana Johnson (q-johnson@pobox.com)

60s+ Growth Group: Nancy Fifield (fifieldnancy@gmail.com)

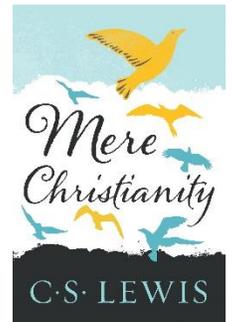
### 60s+ Growth Group



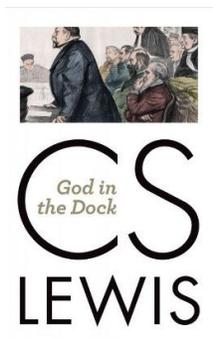
The 60s+ Group is currently reading Tish Harrison Warren's *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, a book that looks at how our everyday routines speak beyond themselves to our relationships with God, one another, and the world. For February's meeting (Thurs., February 22, from 2:00-4:00pm), we'll be finishing the book with chapters 10 ("Drinking Tea: Sanctuary and Savoring") and 11 ("Sleeping: Sabbath, Rest, and the Work of God"). Join us at Kate Wulle-Dugan's home for conversation and fellowship.

### 40s/50s Growth Group

The 40s/50s Group will meet in March, and discuss another reading from C.S. Lewis—Thursday, March 15 from 7:00-9:00pm. Contact Qiana Johnson if you want any details or are interested in joining. The reading continues out of February's discussion, but all are welcome to join, regardless of whether you were at the February meeting. Hope to see you there!



### 20s/30s Growth Group



The 20s/30s Group generally meets on the last Wednesday of each month (February 28, this month), from 7:00-9:00pm at Wilde's restaurant on Broadway. This year, we're launching into an extended discussion of short essays by C.S. Lewis (found in *God in the Dock*, a collection of his essays), as we prepare to read his novel, *Till We Have Faces: A Myth Retold*. The essays for this month's meeting will be chosen soon, so stay tuned for more information.

*All are welcome to attend any Growth Group meeting, regardless of age.*



## St. Peter's Episcopal Church

### *Clergy and Staff*

The Rev. Shane Patrick Gormley, *Priest in Charge*

The Rev. Nancy R. Meyer, *Deacon*

The Rev. Dr. Ellen Wondra, *Assisting Priest*

Charlie Carpenter, *Parish Musician*

Betsy Lent, *Parish Administrator*

### *Vestry*

Randall Fearnow, *Senior Warden*

Becca Wicker, *Junior Warden*

Glenn Charlton, Jarod Couch, John Cummings,

Molly Ekelof, Nancy Fifield, Guy Norred, Jordan Rutledge, Tom Stabnicki

Jack Adrian, *Treasurer*

## Regular Sunday Services

8:00 (spoken) and 11:00 (with hymns) Holy Eucharists

Every first Sunday of the Month with Anointing and Prayers for Healing

## Parking

Parking is no longer available at PARK ONE.

Alternatives are being sought.

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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