



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer
September 1st, 2024
9:00 AM

Join us in person for our service.

Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's Facebook page [here](#).

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

There will be a coffee hour after morning prayer.

This Sunday's Ministers:

Morning Prayer Leaders: Anita Chandler and Thomas Ainsworth

Some Notes about Sunday & September

On Sunday, September 1st we will have morning prayer.

Hallelujah! We will be in the the church this Sunday. As you know, we have had the pews removed in the church, the

floor sanded and polished, and the pews returned to their proper places. We are so grateful for all the shepherding of this project our Junior Warden, Wayne Franklin, has done. And to the others that helped with moving things and unscrewing pews over the last few weeks, we are grateful.

Fr. Tom remains on vacation and will return September 6th. If you need an earlier response or the assistance of a priest, please call our senior warden, Anita Chandler at: 207-772-2701.

A brief calendar follows: This Week at St. Peter's
Wednesday Compline Service, Wednesday, Sep. 4th at 7 p on Zoom

Looking Ahead

Sunday Eucharist, Sunday, Sept. 8, 9 am, Church & Zoom
Monthly Breakfast, Sunday, Sept. 8, 10:15 am, Undercroft
St. Elizabeth's Pantry Tuesday, Sept. 10, 8:30 am, St. Lukes
Gathering Sunday Sept. 15, 9 am, Church and Zoom
Merry Hearts, Thursday, Sept. 19 @12 noon, Undercroft
Vestry (fourth Tuesday) Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6:30 pm, Zoom

From Ms. Myrna Koonce

Dear Beloved People of St. Peter's,

My heart is full after the beautiful sendoff you gave me on my last Sunday with you. I was very touched by the good wishes and words you shared, both in person and in the cards you gave me, and by the gorgeous coffee hour spread, cake and gift of the elegant prayer book and hymnal. Thank you so much!

As I said that Sunday, I wasn't sure what to expect when I learned I would be placed for my internship at St. Peter's. While I had a little familiarity with the church itself, most of you were new to me, and I felt a bit nervous. I needn't have worried! From the very start you warmly welcomed me and wove me right into your life as a parish and congregation. I

have enjoyed getting to know you and learning from you in worship, fellowship, community outreach, mutual study, and informal conversations. You have fostered my growth toward the priesthood in fruitful ways.

I want to extend my gratitude to Father Tom, the Wardens and Vestry, those who gathered with me to respond to my sermons, my fellow altar party servers, and all of you who showed me the ropes in one way or another. Your guidance has been a blessing!

There is such a richness of gifts at St. Peter's, and the Spirit is moving strongly as more seekers come, looking for community and spiritual sustenance. I have admired your flexibility in accommodating newcomers, and your collective positive and optimistic approach to handling what our prayer book calls "the changes and chances of this life." I feel so privileged to have walked with you at this particular time of communal flowering and unfolding.

As I move on to other duties and responsibilities within the Diocese, you will be in my prayers and in my heart, and I hope to see you again before too long. In the meantime, I offer these familiar words:

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

In Christ's love,
Myrna



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The
Season
of

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Creation, Sept. 1 through Oct. 4, is celebrated by Christians around the world as a time for renewing, repairing, and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation. The Episcopal Church joins this international effort for prayer and action for climate justice and an end to environmental racism and ecological destruction. The 2024 theme is “To hope and act with creation.” In celebrating the season, we are invited to consider anew our ecological, economic, and political ways of living.

A Collect for the Season of Creation:

God, the source and destiny of the cosmos
Author of creation:

In wisdom you brought forth all that is,
to participate in your divine being,
and to change, adapt, and grow in freedom.

You make holy the matter and energy of the universe that it
may delight you and give you praise.

We thank you for gathering all creation into your heart by the
energy of your Spirit
and bringing it through death to resurrection glory; through
the One in whom all things have their being, Jesus Christ, your
Wisdom and your Word. *Amen.*

Compline Link

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on
Wednesday, September 4th.

Here is the service for Compline.

The Zoom link is **here**.

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady

Allison Schroth

Francisco Andreu

Steve Secord

Diane Dalton

Dino Rice

Robert Stillings

Fred Fowler

Mary Ann HoyBarbara Vesey

Peter Haskell, *friend of Allison Schroth*

Martha Gagliardi, *friend of Fr. Tom*

Tommy Valente, *friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady*

Jane Reiha, *friend of Judy Howes*

Brenda Pappalardo, *friend of Judy Howes*

Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche, *friends of Dino Rice*

Marge Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*

Jimmy Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*

Fuji Sprott, *friend of Dino Rice*

David Turner, *cousin of Craig Mousin*

Tammy, *friend of Craig Mousin*

Beth, *friend of Lee Walters*

Pam, *friend of Anita Chandler*

The Kutasi Family, *friends of Allison Schroth*

Luca Esposito, *friend of Allison Schroth*

Glenn, *spouse of Caroline Loupe*

Patrick, *family member of Tom Ainsworth*

The Hendricks Family

Janet Blessing, *neighbor of Jane Noone*

Kelly Marie Bell, *friend of Allison Schroth*

Earle, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*

Grace, *family member of Jessie Vega*

Janice, *friend of Janene Gorham*

Kay Gross, *friend of Jane Noone*

Please remember in your prayers the family of **William Harmer**, who died on August 5th.

Bill was a longtime member of St. Peter's. Plans for a funeral service in September will be forthcoming. May Bill rest in peace and rise in glory.

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

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or

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A Prayer for Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

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