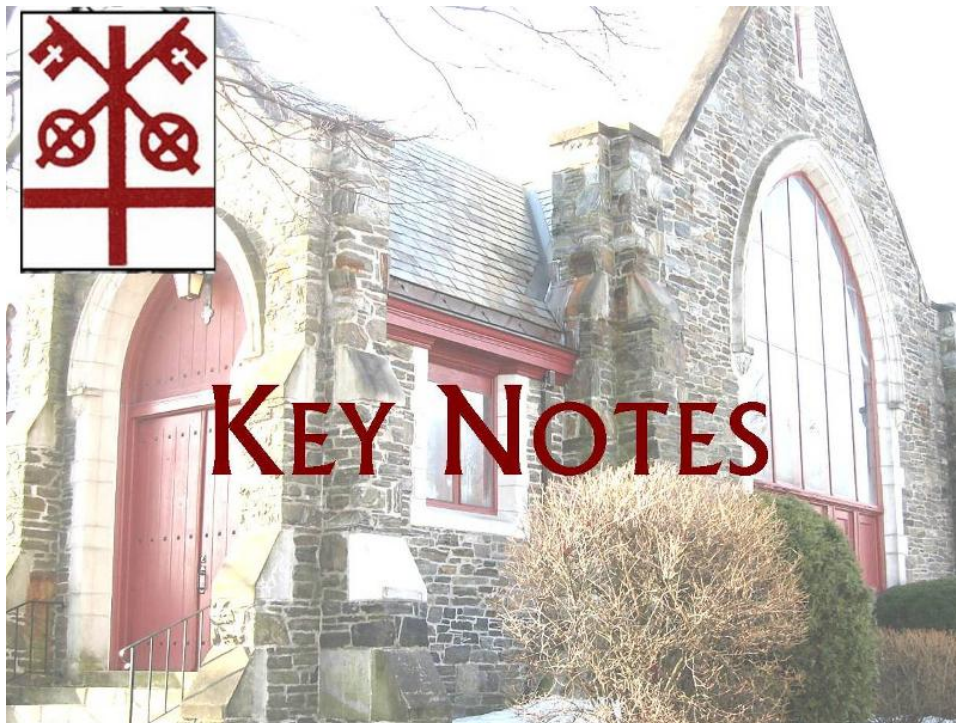




*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, August 2, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Join us in person for our service. Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's YouTube page [here](#).

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

This Sunday's Ministers:

August 2, 2026

Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Crucifer & Lector*

Ms. Anne Whitman & Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Usher*

Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Videographer*

Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Anita Chandler, *Counters*

The Congregation, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

From The Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

After many years of not attending church, I found myself a young mother grieving the untimely death of my own mother from lung cancer. Singing had always been a source of healing and joy for me, one I shared with the young children I taught, but it had been years since I had sung in a choir. One day my husband Paul pointed out an article in the Brunswick Times Record written by G. Cameron Smith, then the longtime choir director at St. Paul's church, inviting people to come join the choir. And so I did! In fact, I went to choir rehearsal before I even stepped foot in the sanctuary. I was distant from God, and sacred music brought me back into relationship with God, and with Jesus, and brought me to places I could never have imagined, including ordained ministry.

Music here at St. Peter's is a deeply treasured part of our worship experience. The incredible power and beauty of the hymns and the service music fill our souls and ready us to receive the sacraments and to go forth to be the light of Christ in the world. Our beloved organist Herb Taylor, whose last day with us this coming Sunday, has abundantly filled our sanctuary with his unique version of chimes at the start of our service, with reverent and exquisitely crafted preludes and postludes, and with hymns that fill our hearts---particularly one of his favorites, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," whose lyrics, by Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier, include the lines, "take from our souls the strain and stress,/and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace." God has so often worked through Herb's music to do just this.

One of my own favorites, "Come My Way, My Truth, My Life," was written by priest and poet George Herbert in the 17th century and the words ring true today. The final verse is, I think, fitting as we say goodbye to Herb, only for now:

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart,
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Our gratitude to you is boundless, Herb, and we will forever be connected in Christ's love!

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Myrna

Funeral Arrangements for Barbara Vessey **Requiem Mass will be Friday, August 7 at 10 am** **St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

We are saddened to share the news of the death of our sister Barbara Vessey. Her obituary can be found here:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/portland-me/barbara-vessey-12983589> Visiting hours will be held Thursday, August 6, from 4-7 pm at Jones, Rich & Barnes Funeral Home, 199 Woodford St. in Portland. A Requiem Mass in honor of Barbara's life will take place on Friday, August 7 at 10 am at St. Peter's. Following the service, there will be a committal at Evergreen Cemetery on Stevens Avenue in Portland. After the committal, parishioners are invited to join family at Bruno's Restaurant & Tavern, 33 Allen Ave. in Portland. Please continue to hold Barbara's family in prayer and to pray for the repose of Barbara's soul.

PLEASE FILL OUT OUR MUSIC SURVEY!

As we begin the search for our new organist, we want to know what you think regarding music at St. Peter's, and what you hope for. Please fill out the survey [here](#)!

Farewell to Galen Weibley

This past Sunday we celebrated our dear brother and postulant to the priesthood Galen Weibley as he heads to seminary in Sewanee, Tennessee. We have been so blessed to have him among us, preaching, serving in various altar ministries, leading the daily office, and sharing generously all his gifts and talents. Galen gave us a candle that he made himself, and when we use it, we will remember the light he brought to this parish and our life together. We hope to see him on occasion when he is back in Maine. Goodbye and Godspeed, Galen!



Bathroom Renovation Is Complete!

We had the "grand opening" of our renovated bathroom this past Sunday. The sliding doors cover the electrical boxes, adding safety and attractiveness to the room. What a delight to be in that bright and airy space! Abundant thanks to our Junior Warden Wayne Franklin for spearheading and shepherding this project, and to Wayne and Fred and Pat Fowler for their many hours of labor and problem-solving. We are indeed fortunate!



Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, August 5th, at its usual time, 7:00 PM, on Zoom.

Connect with our gathering by clicking the Zoom link [here](#).

Items Needed for St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

St. Peter's members volunteer at St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry on the second Tuesday of each month. The Pantry is in need of the following household items, either new or gently used:

- Kitchen & cookware
 - Pots/pans, crockpots, plates, bowls, cups, cutlery, small appliances (toasters, microwaves)
- Bed & bath linens
 - Sheets (full, queen or king), pillow cases, blankets, quilts, bath, hand & beach towels
- Personal care items
 - Diapers, feminine & incontinent products, toothbrushes & paste, deodorant, shampoo
- Adult winter coats & boots – clean and in good condition

SAVE THE DATE!

Summer Finale Weekend

Friday, Sept. 11 - Sunday, Sept. 13

Camp Bishopswood, Hope

The Episcopal Diocese of Maine invites everyone to celebrate the end of summer together with a weekend at Camp Bishopswood, which is located on Lake Megunticook, about five miles from Camden.



All are welcome ... we really mean it! Although Camp Bishopswood serves our youth during its regular season, Summer Finale is a time when everyone joins the fun! That means households or individuals, friends and family, and YOU!

More details and registration info coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE!

Doctrine of Discovery Learning Weekend

Thursday, Sept. 10 - Sunday, Sept. 13

The Cathedral Church of St. Luke

The Council on Indigenous Relations and the Province One Justice Network invite you to a long weekend of learning opportunities about the Doctrine of Discovery. The Episcopal Church has taken an historic lead role in repudiating this doctrine which so deeply injured our indigenous neighbors.

Events include "Interacting with Wabanaki History"—an interactive map experience, presentations by members of The Episcopal Church's Truth, Justice, & Healing Commission of Native Boarding Schools, and more. Registration information coming soon. Find more details [here](#).

Come Join our Sunday Ministries!

Every Sunday, there are opportunities for laypeople to serve as crucifer (carrying the cross), Eucharistic Minister, usher, videographer, and counter of the money received in the collection plates. We welcome your participation! **At the moment, we are in particular need of Eucharistic Ministers, crucifer and counters,**

but all other roles are valuable too. If you are interested in serving, please talk with Wayne Franklin, Junior Warden, or Rev. Myrna.

This Week at St. Peter's
Herb Taylor Farewell, Sun. August 2, Coffee Hour
Compline, Wed. August 5, 7 pm, Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's
St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, Tues. Aug. 11, 8:30-11, St. Luke's

Sunday Minister Rota for August

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Crucifer*
Ms. Anne Whitman & Ms. Emily Hickey, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Mr. Will Estrella, *Usher*
Mr. Clayton Hickey, *Videographer*
Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*
Mr. Wayne Franklin & Mr. Jonathan McCormick, *Counters*

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*
Ms. Emily Hickey & Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Ms. Cindy Sherwood, *Usher*
Mr. Will Estrella, *Videographer*
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Altar Guild*
Ms. Meredith Tipton & Mr. Jonathan McCormick, *Counters*

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Crucifer*
Ms. Anne Whitman & Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Usher*
Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*
Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*
Mr. Wayne Franklin & Ms. Anita Chandler, *Counters*

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*
Mr. Tom Ainsworth & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*
Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*
Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*
Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Meredith Tipton, *Counters*

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady
Allison Schroth
Francisco Andreu
Diane Dalton
Dino Rice
Robert Stillings
Pat and Fred Fowler
Mary Ann Hoy
Fred Madore
Alan Biagiotti
Jane Noone
Marc Lombe and family
Linda Foster
Garrett Keniston
Kevin Curty
Paul Loven
Anita Chandler
Melodie Gage
Bob Simmons
Herb Taylor

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*
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*
Kelly Marie Bell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Earle, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Grace, *family member of Jessie Vega*
Kay Gross, *friend of Jane Noone*
Lisa Gorham, *daughter of John & Janene Gorham*
Anita Talbot, *friend of Anita Chandler*

Peter Munro, *brother of Emily Hickey*
Todd Cheney, *father of Matt Cheney*
Jay Sprout, *friend of Tom Mousin*
Sandy Woolley, *friend of Judy Howes*
Amanda and Chris Conant, *friends of Jane Noone*
Pam, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Michael and Sue King, *friends of Anita Chandler*
Amy Carter, *friend of Fred and Priscila Madore*
Joe Kennedy, *friend of Jane Noone*
Mary Jo Floyd, *relative of Fr. Tom Mousin*
Frank Beal, *friend of Lenita and Rodney Richard*
Mary Lou Teye, *aunt of the McCormicks*
Cathryn Buckley, *sister of Judy Howes*
John Richard, *brother of Rodney Richard*
Jim Halstead, *friend of Craig Mousin*
Janice Grant, *friend of Jane Noone*
Dory, *friend of Judy Howes*

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

Allison Schroth: 207-807-1315, Aschroth207@gmail.com

or

Emma Bond: 207-619-3662, emma.e.bond@gmail.com

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*

NOTES ON THIS SUNDAY'S MUSIC

"Forest Green," the tune featured in this morning's prelude, is one of many traditional English folk songs which Ralph Vaughan Williams adapted and harmonized for the English Hymnal of 1906. Richard Purvis (1913-1994), the long-time organist of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, composed his organ setting of the tune while incarcerated in a German prison camp during WWII, having been captured following the Battle of the Bulge. He bribed his captors to supply him with music manuscript paper and pencils by playing the piano for Nazi officers' parties. He later reflected that his rendition of Gershwin's "I've Got Rhythm" never failed to bring down the house.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) captured the infinite timelessness of God in contrast to the ephemeral nature of humanity in his metrical paraphrase of Psalm 90, "O God, our help in ages past." The Wesley brothers made extensive use of Isaac Watts hymns. John Wesley altered Watts' hymns for many reasons when they were published in his collections. The first stanza of this venerable hymn contains one of John Wesley's most significant alterations: "O God, our help..." rather than "Our God, our help..." in the original. From John Wesley's perspective, the use of "our" as an adjective to God implied a narrower Calvinistic God who was the province only of the "elect." For the Wesleys, the grace of God was open to all, not just the elect. The antithesis between God and humanity is the primary message of Psalm 90 and Watts' paraphrase. Hymnologist J.R. Watson observes, "This is one of Watts's greatest hymns on the human condition, setting the shortness of life and the littleness of human beings against the timeless greatness of God.... who has been our help [in the past] and hope [in the future]."

Edinburgh-born Jane Borthwick (1813-97), the author of "Come, Labor On," was inspired by the New Testament passages which liken the winning of souls to the harvesting of grain. For those who labor faithfully there will come the glad sound at the last, "Well done!" The dramatic tune--"Ora Labora" (which means "Pray and Work")-- was composed by Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953). Born in Bath, England, Noble quickly rose to the top heights of English organists, serving as organist/choirmaster at Ely Cathedral and at York Minster. In 1913, the rector of St. Thomas Church, 5th Avenue, NYC, travelled to York Minster with the express purpose of urging Dr. Noble to come to St. Thomas to establish a choir school and a boy choir. Apparently, the rector was persuasive, because Dr. Noble came to St. Thomas and set a standard of Anglican church music that has never been surpassed.

Born in Chicago in 1952, Douglas Wagner is among the most prolific of contemporary composers with over 15 million copies of his music in print to date. His jazzy Marcia Gioiosa (literally, "Joyful March") is REALLY contemporary: it was published just five years ago. ~HT

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