



# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

121 Church St., Phoenixville, PA 19460

saintpetersphoenix@gmail.com + www.saintpeterschurch.net

## Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost + August 22, 2021

**Mission Statement:** We are an inclusive, forward-looking Episcopal parish that seeks to grow in Christ through worship, education and fellowship, serves Christ by ministering to local and global communities and shares Christ in following His command to "Love one another as I have loved you." **Vision Statement:** Our vision at St. Peter's is to be an inclusive, vibrant Christian community honoring our Episcopal heritage by achieving excellence in worship, mission, education and fellowship.

### + We Gather In God's Presence +

[Silence for prayer and preparation] [\* indicates all standing - + indicates all kneeling - \*\*indicates all sitting]

Prelude

\*Hymn 460      *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*      Hyfrydol

Officiant    Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.      Philippians 1:2

Officiant    Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**+ 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.**

Officiant      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.**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant      Lord open our lips.

**People      And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

\*\*Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

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

\*\*Psalm 34:15-22

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup> The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

<sup>17</sup> The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

<sup>19</sup> Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

<sup>20</sup> He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.

<sup>21</sup> Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup> The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

**\*\*Ephesians 6:10-20**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

**\*\*John 6:56-69**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

Sermon Ron Druckenmiller

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

Hymn 380 vs. 3 ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

## Announcements

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Lord's Prayer ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.***

Collect of the Day ***Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

**The General Thanksgiving** [*Officiant and People*]

***Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.***

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Deacon May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\* Hymn 304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Land of Rest

Recent news reporting re: COVID19 has caused great concern, especially for our dear brothers and sisters who have not been fully vaccinated against COVID19. While cases and deaths due to Covid 19 are down, there is concern over the recent rise in cases due to the Delta variant. Although the state mask mandate has been lifted, your Vestry is recommending that parishioners wear a mask indoors during services.

This is not mandatory, however in recognition of the attendance of unvaccinated children and elderly in our congregation, the vestry believes that maintaining these precautions is beneficial to those in our congregation most at risk. Disposable masks will be available at the front door if needed.

**Good News from St. Peter's Food Pantry** – The pantry has started back in a semi-normal way and would like to stock up on "non-essential luxuries", **SMALL Packages please** - salt, pepper, baking products such as flour, sugar, cake mixes.

***Intercessions This Week - Please pray:*** • For those who are sick, or in any other adversity, John Burkhardt, Pat Howse, Harland Johnson, Peter Fifer, Laura, Shawn, Joan Grunwell, Vernet Spence-Brown, Greg Schiele, Lane Schultz, Anna Sullivan, Joyce Paster, Karen Greene, Bob Pearce, Dolores Colores, Jenn, Ralph and Clyde. • For the men and women who are serving in our armed forces. • For those with whom we give thanks especially, for Peter and Katie Druckenmiller who celebrate a wedding anniversary this week. • For all who have died.

### **People at St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

**The Bishop:** The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutierrez

**Rector:** The Rev. Fr. Samuel Ndungu: 302-252-8152

kirabisam@gmail.com

**Retired Clergy:** The Rev. David Hyatt

**Deacon:** The Rev. Joseph Dietz: JoesFrames@Comcast.net; Liaison to Vestry: Fellowship, Adult Forum, Worship Committee

**Liturgical Coordinator:** Marty Bloem: mabloem@verizon.net

**Music Director:** Derek Maninfior: derekmaninfior90@gmail.com

**Parish Secretary:** Judith Dougherty: saintpetersphoenix@gmail.com

#### **Vestry:**

Lynn Boukalik

Shelly Brennfleck

Vernon Feather

Leo Guen

Diane Hope

Todd Jackson

Frank Rothenberger

Danielle Smith

Mary Jo Wells

Mona Chylack

#### **Liaison Position:**

Communication, Social Media

Mission Committee

Property Committee

Communication, Website, Music, Gardens

Senior Warden, New Member Ministry

Pantry

Accounting Warden, Stewardship Committee

Children's Faith Formation

Junior Warden, Children's Faith Formation, Youth Group

Clerk of the Vestry

#### **Contact Information:**

Lynn.boukalik@gmail.com

216-570-0330

sbrennfleck@gmail.com

484-347-1442

vernon@thefeatherfamily.com

610-772-4613

leotguen@gmail.com

718-764-3503

dhope321@comcast.net

484-924-9630

tjusunrc@yahoo.com

610-469-1102

franklin.rothenberger@gmail.com

267-524-1656

daniellesmith2122@gmail.com

267-934-8230

mjwells\_2000@yahoo.com

610-539-1042

mchylack@ursinus.edu

610-948-4407