

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rogation Sunday and Mother's Day
Holy Eucharist Rite One
Sunday, May 9, 2021
8:00 AM

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S

In recognition of the increase in successful methods of COVID prevention and treatment and the decrease in the number of cases, the percentage of positive tests, and hospitalizations, Fr. Bowhay has decided to tentatively relax some of our worship protocols. As we have done before, if these figures change substantially we will respond accordingly.

- Entrance
 - Registration, church access restrictions, and temperature checks are eliminated.
 - Seating and social distancing are at your discretion. Practice what is comfortable to you.
 - Masks and hand sanitizer are available.
 - Printed orders of worship, Prayer Book and Hymnals are available.
- Interior hygiene
 - Disinfecting continues after the 8:00 AM and the 9:15 AM services.
 - Hand sanitizer dispensers are provided at the entrance of each pew.
- Worship
 - Our 11:00 AM service continues to be live streamed on Facebook and YouTube and broadcast on WKRM 103.7 FM.
 - We have resumed the practice of passing the collection plate, exchanging the peace, and receiving Holy Communion at the rail or in the pews if desired.
 - The Chalice is offered only for sipping; intinction is not permitted.
- Nursery
 - Surfaces are disinfected after snack-time and at close.
- Enrichment
 - Christian Education for all ages has resumed.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 323)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS (BCP p. 323)

The Celebrant says

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

The following is said, all standing

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 98

All stand

- ¹Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- ²With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- ³The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- ⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- ⁶Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- ⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- ⁸Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- ⁹Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- ¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of John.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

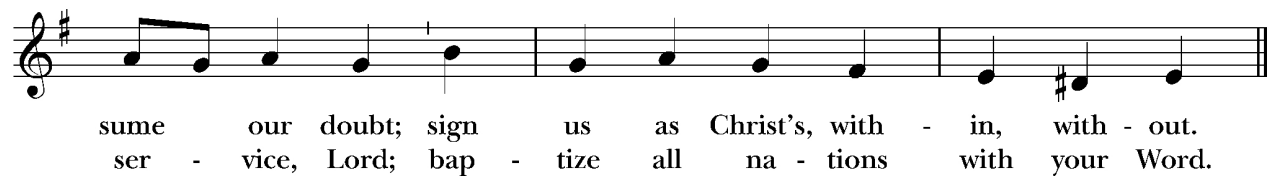
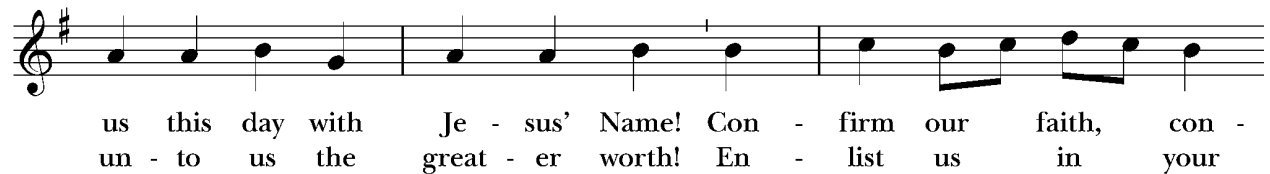
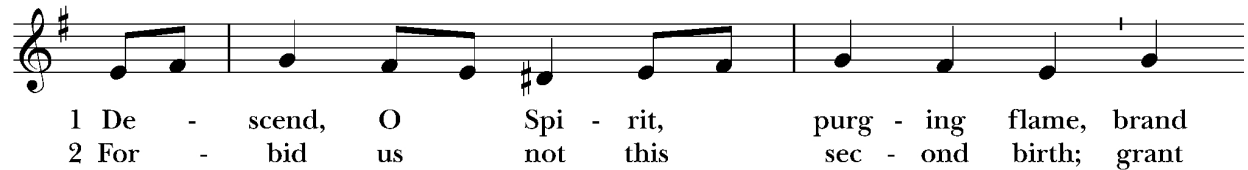
⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Descend, O Spirit, purging flame (Erhalt uns Herr)* (H 297)

Descend, O Spirit, purging flame,	Forbid us not this second birth;
brand us this day with Jesus' Name!	grant unto us the greater worth!
Confirm our faith, consume our doubt;	Enlist us in your service, Lord;
sign us as Christ's, within, without.	baptize all nations with your Word.



GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

All stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 326)

All stand.

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,

and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 328)

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; Tom, our Rector Emeritus; Chris, our Rector; and all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, especially to The Anglican Church of Kenya, to St. Paul's, Murfreesboro, and to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

The Flowers on the altar are given this week to the Glory of God by Mrs. Wick Halliday, honoring all mothers, especially in thanksgiving and loving memory of her mothers, Martha Billington Trabue & Caroline Wilkinson Halliday

The Roses are given this day to the Glory of God by Rick & Diane Bolton in honor of all mother's and in loving memory of Mary Margaret Bolton

We give thanks for the birthdays of Susan Gray, Diane Roe, Chuck Reid, Carson Hutto, James Leach, Zacharie Kinslow, and Beth Jackson

We give thanks this day for the anniversary of Ray & Gail Lewis, Earl & Celia Parrott, David & Georgia Barker, and Sam & Rachel Kennedy

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph, our President; William, our Governor; and Andrew and Charles, our Mayors, the Congress, and the Courts, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our Continuing Prayer List.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Peter and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. *Amen.*

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 332)

All stand.

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	<i>And with thy spirit.</i>

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

ONLINE GIVING AT ST. PETER'S

We have returned to our custom of passing the Collection Plate. Hand Sanitizer is available for your use. If you would like to give to St. Peter's, please visit our webpage at <https://www.saintpeterscolumbia.org/gifts>. If your offering is part of an annual pledge, be sure to select "Pledge Payments, Current Year" from the dropdown list of Funds. If your offering is a one-time gift, please select "Plate Offerings." You can also give by text. Send a message to 73256 (it will appear as 73-256). Enter "stpter" in the message and send. Then click on the link that appears and follow the instructions. We thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN *All creatures of our God and King* (H 400, v. 1, 2, 3)

All creatures of our God and King,

lift up your voices, let us sing:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams,

pale silver moon that gently gleams,

(Refrain after each verse)

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,

you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,

O praise him, Alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,

stars nightly shining, find a voice,

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,

make music for your Lord to hear,

Alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,

you give to us both warmth and light,



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

DOXOLOGY (V. 3 ONLY) *From all that dwell below the skies (Old 100th)*

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.

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 333)

The People remain standing.

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	<i>And with thy spirit.</i>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	<i>We lift them up unto the Lord.</i>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	<i>It is meet and right so to do.</i>

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS (BCP p. 333)

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 334)

The people kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy

grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 336)

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 337)

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

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

The People join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION (BCP p. 338)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING (BCP p. 339)

The priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go
 forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia,
 Alleluia.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We thank God for our mothers and for those who have been as mothers to us. In their honor or memory, everybody please take home a rose: red if your mother is a saint on earth and white if she is a saint in Heaven.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rehearsals for the Children's Choir during Sunday School (10:00–10:45 AM) in the Parish Hall and will continue until its debut at St. John's, Ashwood on Whitsunday, May 23. Children of all ages are welcome. If you can, please call St. Peter's to let us know that your child plans to participate.

GRADUATES 2021/2020

Located on the table in the back is a booklet with the list of 2021 and 2020 Graduates and their you would like to celebrate them with a card or gift. If anyone has been excluded from this list, please let the church office know as soon as possible (931) 388-3331 or office@saintpeterscolumbia.org.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes continue each Sunday from 12:15 PM–1:15 PM in the Parish Hall. Classes will continue through Sunday, May 16th. We have missed our first two classes, but it's not too late to join us.

Also invited: Those members who wish to reaffirm their Baptismal Vows, all members who wish to be baptized in a different tradition to be Reconciled, and those just curious about St. Peter's and the Episcopal Church.

**No Confirmation Class Today
Class Will Resume on May 16th**

Confirmations, Receptions, and Renewal of Vows will take place on Whitsunday, May 23rd at St. John's Ashwood at 10:00 AM. Please call if you would like to join the class so that we can be prepared to serve lunch to you.

Altar Flowers

Flowers given for a birthday or remembering someone that has passed, is a beautiful way to express love and celebrate that life. If you would like to give flowers for the Altar, we have several Sunday's available. Please contact Connie Hardin at (931) 626-0011 or call the church office at (931) 388-3331.

100th Annual Whitsunday Pilgrimage:
St. John's, Ashwood at 10:00 AM on May 23

We are thrilled to announce the return of one of the Diocese of Tennessee's oldest traditions. On Sunday, May 23rd at 10:00 AM, we will again return to historic St. John's, Ashwood (six miles south of St. Peter's at Highway 243 and Polk Lane) to celebrate and give thanks for the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' Disciples at Pentecost (Acts 2) and on each of us at our Baptism.

The Rt. Rev. Brian Cole, the fifth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee, will Celebrate the Holy Communion, preach, and administer the Rite of Confirmation.

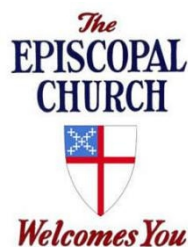
We are especially excited to anticipate the return of our Children's Choir and our Adult Choir for their first musical offerings in over a year.

Immediately after the service, the congregation will process to the graves of the Episcopal bishops buried on site for prayers and blessings.

We will also return to our tradition of the Whitsunday Picnic. St. Peter's will provide water and lemonade. We encourage those who would like to join us to bring their own lunch, lawn chairs, and/or blanket. St. John's Board will provide portable restroom facilities.

Thirty-four people are scheduled to be Confirmed, Received, or to reaffirm their Baptismal Vows. That is the largest group on one day in fifty years. We give thanks to God! And we should expect the church to be filled to capacity.

Remember that there is no running water at the church and the only air-conditioning is what passes through the open side windows. Please plan accordingly.



Welcome our New Director of Children's Ministries!

Jane Rodriguez-Keeton has agreed to serve as our Director of Children's Ministries. To show our commitment to these ministries' success, that role is a paid, part-time staff position. Her role will not be to organize these events themselves, but to assist those who coordinate them, to recruit others to support and lead them, and to let the entire congregation know about them.

Here is an amazing (and partial!) list of the fun and meaningful activities that St. Peter's offers its young children and their families:

- Sunday School
- Children's Choir
- Blessing of the Backpacks
- Halloween Party
- All Saints Parade
- Christmas Parade Viewing
- Advent Wreath Making
- St. Nicholas' Visit
- Christmas Pageant and Birthday Party of Jesus
- Easter Candy Hunt
- Rogation Sunday procession
- Vacation Bible School

That's a lot! We are deeply grateful for the parents and other adults who have given so much of their time and energy to serve our Lord by serving our children.

As the number of young children increase, we want to make sure that the adults who coordinate these events have all of the assistance they need. We also want to make sure that everyone—whether a first-time visitor or long-time member—is aware of these events so that they can not only enjoy them but also support them.

When you see Jane, please congratulate her! And, as equally importantly, ask how you can help!



We Love Vacation Bible School!!

Join Us
this Summer



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SAVE THE DATE!

We are grateful to Rusty Vest for hosting our Vacation Bible School (VBS) on Saturday, June 5. This will be a one-day event filled with crafts, singing, faith, and fun. If your child/children of any age would like to attend, please fill out the information below and return to the Church Office by May 28th.

Child's Name & Age: _____

Emergency Contact Information: Name - _____
Cell Phone - _____

Food Allergies/Special Instructions: _____

High School Graduation Date (For Future Use): _____



Come to VBS!

KALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, May 9th 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:15 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II (Family Service)
 10:00 a.m. – Christian Education
 10:00 a.m. - Children’s Choir Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
 11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II
 (Live Stream Facebook/Youtube)
 12:15 p.m. - Confirmation Class (Parish Hall)



Monday, May 10th 8:30 a.m. – Quilters (Lounge)
 10:00 a.m. - Parish Life (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, May 11th
 Wednesday, May 12th 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist and Healing (Chapel)
 4:30 p.m. - Outreach (Parish Hall)
 6:45 p.m. - Choir Practice

Thursday, May 13th 4:00 p.m. - Jr. Cotillion Reception (Parish Hall)
 5:00 p.m. - Building & Grounds (Lounge)

Friday, May 14th
 Saturday, May 15th
 Sunday, May 16th 9:30 a.m. - Vestry Executive Committee (Lounge)
 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:15 a.m. - Graduate Recognition
 10:00 a.m. - Christian Education
 10:00 a.m. - Children’s Choir Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
 11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II
 (Live Stream Facebook/Youtube)
 12:15 p.m. - Confirmation Class (Parish Hall)
 2:00 p.m. - 1861 Girls School (Parish Hall)

TO HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Parish Family

Pete Bottoms
 Barbara Crawford
 Steven Crawford
 Barbara Dreher
 Tony Dreher
 Anita DuBois
 Polly Ann Halliday
 Sandy Halliday
 Win Halliday
 Donny Long
 Sue Malone
 Fr. Michael Murphy
 B.I. Naddy
 Nancy Naddy

Talia Naddy
 Riley O’Brien
 Mark Orman
 Virginia Orman
 Earl Parrott
 Fr. Jim Rogers
 Judy Sanders
 Pete Sloan
 Evelyn Sharp
 Dale Strubbe
 Jimmy Waters
 Blair Wilson
 Brett Wilson

Friends of the Parish

Jonathan Barrett
 George Cecil
 George Dillen
 Vana Dillen
 Karmen Peeple

Military

Ryan Ball
 William Bateman
 Kathy Baxter
 Ryan Burns
 Justin Chavez
 Arlene Crews
 Will Davis
 Drake Fleming
 William Johnston
 John Park Lovell
 Karter Martin
 Joseph Rhodes
 Andrew Scott
 Matthew Stephenson
 Jacob Turner