



LESSONS
and
CAROLS

Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide,
let it be our care and delight to hear
again the message of the Angels and in
heart and mind to go even unto
Bethlehem and see this thing which is
come to pass, and the Babe lying in a
manger.

DECEMBER 31, 2023, 11AM

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

The Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:10-12
The wisemen, overwhelmed with joy, pay the baby homage.
Hymn We three kings H 128

The Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-18
The Word was made flesh and we have seen His glory.
Hymn Angels, from the realms of glory H 93

Closing Collect and Dismissal

Announcements

Welcome to St Peter's! Our hope is that you will find God's love present with you in this place and that you will return here often.

Our service is not being streamed today since worship is taking place in the Parish House. The furnace in the church must be replaced.

Your contributions keep St Peter's mission and ministry at work in the world as we come to a new year with new possibilities.

Happy Birthday - Samantha Collins (1/ 1), Theo Key (1/ 6)

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is the Christmas Eve service first held in King's College Chapel in 1918. This service was conceived by Eric Milner-White, the Dean of the College, whose experience as an army chaplain had led him to believe that more imaginative worship was needed by the Church of England. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music. Today's worship follows this general format. Our celebration this year covers the birth of Jesus and the coming of the wisemen to Bethlehem.

Tonight. Sun, Dec. 31, 5PM, New Year's Eve dinner in the Parish House. Bring a dish and enjoy the last fellowship of 2023!

Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, Jan 3—Praying, studying the upcoming lectionary and enjoying time together—come to the midweek Bible study on Wednesday at 10AM each week. All are welcome.

Reading First Sunday after the Epiphany

https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpi1_RCL.html

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The Vestry

Cookie Davis, Larry Saylor (2024)

Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)

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Prayer List

Stanley and Cindy Fields, Marion Mahoney, The Wisdoms, The Pogues, Laura Carey, The Pannells, The Linne von Bergs, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, The Segars, The Faibisys, The Felicianos, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick, Jim Heimbach

Ralph and Diane Powell, Enid and Albert Barnett (Pogue relatives), Pinkie Mayfield (Laura Carey's friend), Kristina Childs, Cy and The Rev Deacon Linda Murphy (Saylor friends), Joe Parker, Dot Wright, Gordon Flesher, Beryl Harrison, Larry Saylor's family, Jesse Clarke's family, Daryl Potter (Hughes friend), Joanne and Herbert Wilkerson, Jimmy and Nancy Davis, Julie Davis, Otis Felts (family and friends of Johnny Davis), Dale Brittle, Ruth Smith, Joyce Smith (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), Lisa Herbert, John Ryan Kirwin (Jean Devitt's son), Max and Rita Jensen (Duke friends), Barbara Deal, Roberta Rutledge, (Pogue friend), Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz Ruthven, Charlene Schnakenberg, Nathaniel Schnakenberg, (Fisher family), Wayne Cohen (Pogue family), , Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth Wallace, Orville Watson, The Glasgows (Feliciano family and friends), Sylvia and Jonathan Coleman (Cleo's daughter and son), Ann Pyle (Carolyn Duke's mother), Harvey Yarus (friend of Tom Kramer), Lois Christie, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear (BJ's grandson), Gloria Jewell, The Hill family (Lydia O'Neil's family), G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat , Joan Pemberton (Brad's family), Louise Chapman (Barbara Segar's cousin)

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Scott Estes

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Reg Merkl

Grace Grimaldi

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V