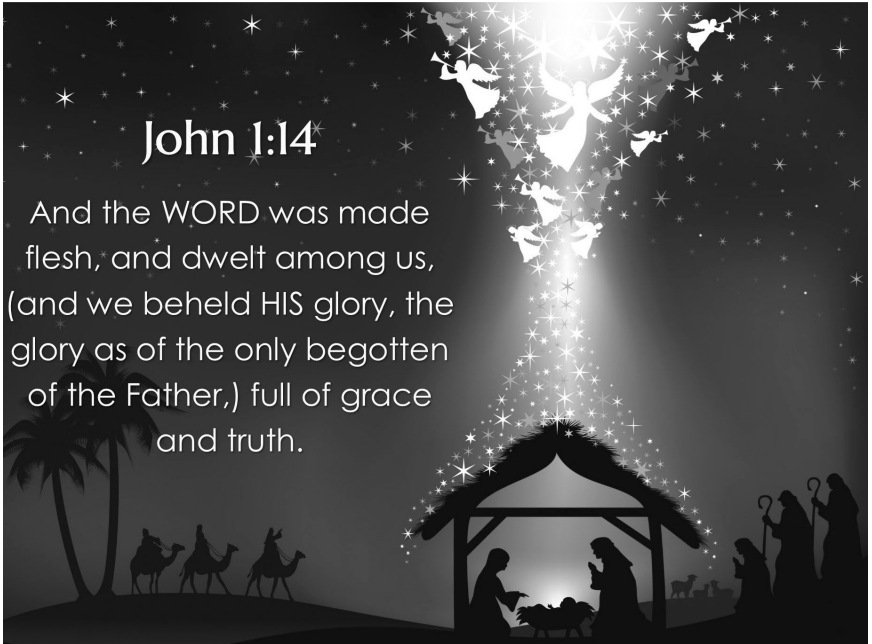


CHRISTMAS DAY

DEC. 25, 2022, 11:00AM



John 1:14

And the WORD was made
flesh, and dwelt among us,
(and we beheld HIS glory, the
glory as of the only begotten
of the Father,) full of grace
and truth.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.– John 1:1-5

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Nativity of Our Lord

Rector: The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks
The Rev. Tom Hughes, Rector Emeritus

**(BCP—Book of Common Prayer, H-Hymnal 1982; S Numbers are the service music found in the front of The Hymnal 1982; WLP-Wonder, Love and Praise)
LEVAS-Lift Every Voice and Sing II)**

In the name of Christ, we welcome you to this Church. May those who sorrow find comfort; the weary, rest; the unhappy, joy; the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; and to all the sense of God's Presence in this holy place. We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Port Royal, the Nandtaughtacund, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Rappahannock Tribe.

Processional Hymn Good Christian friends, rejoice H 107

Opening Acclamation BCP 355

Hymn of Praise Angels from the realms of glory H 93

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Loving Word of God, you have shown us the fullness of your glory in taking human flesh: Fill us, in our bodily life, with your grace and truth, that our pleasure may be boundless and our integrity complete. **Amen.**

A Reading from The Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 52, verses 7-10.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

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

A Reading from Hebrews, Chapter 1, verses 1 through 4.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Prayers of the People

My sisters and brothers who dwell in God's peace, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are only small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's Word made flesh. With grateful hearts, let us pray for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying, Lord hear our prayer.

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence, in every town destroyed by conflict, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those in our military, especially those on our prayer list may be blessed with your peace in their hearts, and protected by your might, and return home well in mind, body and spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the imprisoned, the despairing, and the mourning, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the rejoicing of this day might become a bond leading us to true communion in life and worship in your Church, and in the world, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are suffering from any disease or illness, especially Brad Volland, Susan Linne von Berg, and all those on our prayer list. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That your whole creation, blessed by your Word made flesh and dwelling among us, may be blessed as well by our love and care for this earth and for all that you have created. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the blessed hope we celebrate this day might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O God, the source of light and sound, your word dispels our darkness, and your light fills our hearts. As we praise you, we pray for your power to overwhelm us, that all the world might see in us the light of your glory and the fire of your love.

May you be glorified this Christmas Day and forever in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 2 from EOW for Christmas Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

Celebrant and People

(WLP 785)

**Holy, holy, holy,
My heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words
You are holy, Lord.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us and proclaimed your dream of peace.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and spoke out the good news of hope.

He gave himself for our weary world,
Accepting death so that we might live,
And held our darkness deep within
until through the cross and grave and empty tomb
he set us free for love.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and our lives in thanks and praise.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, a people of grace and truth, carrying your good news of joy into every season.

And bring us at the last with Mary and Joseph, and all your saints from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The bread is broken.

We who are many are members of your one Body

For we share in one bread and one cup.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution of the Sacraments

Closing Prayer

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Christmas Blessing

May you have the Spirit of Christmas which is peace
The Gladness of Christmas which is hope
The Heart of Christmas which is love
And the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now
and always. Amen

Closing Hymn

I heard the bells on Christmas Day

I heard the bells on Christmas day
their old familiar carols play,
and wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
the belfries of all Christendom
had rolled along th' unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

**“God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men.”**

**Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Resources

Opening Collect: [Daily Prayer for all Seasons](#)

[Revised Common Lectionary Prayers](#)

[Intercessions for the Christian People](#), Gail Ramshaw, ed.

Announcements

Welcome to St Peter's. May you find God's love present with you in this place and return here often to worship. The communion bread is gluten free. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

The offering plates are in the back next to the doors. Your gifts help support God's work through this church. Mail - PO Box 399, Port Royal, VA 22535. online - <https://news.churchsp.org/onlinegiving>

Happy Birthday – Rob Dobson (Dec. 26), Alice Hughes (Dec. 29), Linda Upshaw (Dec. 30), Vivian McDonald (Dec. 30).

Congratulations to the ECM! (Episcopal Church Men)! For the 3rd year they raised over \$1,000 for the Caroline County Department of Social Services to purchase store specific grocery limited gift cards for local families.

Thank you to all who helped with the food distribution this past week and who put together Christmas gifts for a family in Bowling Green.

Sun., Dec. 25, 11:00am – Christmas Day service

Sunday worship—YouTube <https://youtu.be/6dtYbL4Y7tk>

Monday morning meditation (12/26) is taking a break and will resume on January 2nd.

Bible Study (12/28) is taking a break and will resume on Wednesday, January 4th. Make a New Year's resolution to attend Bible Study , which meets from 10-12 every Wednesday in the Parish House. All are welcome.

----- **Coming Up** -----

Sun., Jan 1, 11:00am – Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

YouTube <https://youtube.com/live/INqJUoRMJ24?feature=share>

Thank you for your generosity—Your donations have made a positive difference for many in need in this Christmas season.

Poinsettias for Christmas, 2022

Laura Carey, in memory of Milton Carey

Laura Carey, in memory of John Whitfield

Larry and Jan Saylor, in memory of our parents

Catherine D. Hicks, in memory of her father, Matthew Delbridge

Alice and Tom Hughes in memory of Jan and Gary

Ken and Andrea Pogue in memory of Barbara Pogue, Ken's mother

Ken and Andrea Pogue in memory of Judy Mazique, Ken's sister

Ken and Andrea Pogue in memory of Myrtle Samuels, Andrea's mother

Alice and Tom Hughes, in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren

Larry and Jan Saylor, in thanksgiving for our family, Brad, Deanna, Emma and Owen

Catherine Hicks, in thanksgiving for her husband, Ben Hicks

Endowment Fund for Christmas 2022

Ben and Catherine Hicks in honor of our three daughters and our granddaughter

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The Vestry

Becky Fisher, Andrea Pogue (2023), Cookie Davis, Robert Bryan (2024)

Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)

Jim Heimbach, Treasurer, Elizabeth Heimbach Registrar

Becky Fisher, Senior Warden

Cookie Davis, Junior Warden

Brad Volland – Music Director & Organist

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**Christ Centered, Biblically Based, Spirit Filled, Caring
Prayer List**

Susan and Helmut Linne von Berg, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Laura Carey, Lydia O'Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, Tommy Segar, John and Toni Faibisy, Linneth Feliciano, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Mike and Marilyn Newman, Bill Wick, Barbara and Boyd Wisdom

Ruby Barnes (Laura Carey's sister), **Claire Cole Curcio** (friend of Catherine Hicks), **Sandra Smith, Otis Felts** (friend of Johnny Davis), **The Glasgows** (friends of the Felicianos), **Randall Clingenpeel, Mrs. Watson** (Linneth Feliciano's mother), **Ann Pyle** (Carolyn Duke's mother), **J.T. Moriarty** (Hicks' friend), **Harvey Yarus** (friend of Tom Kramer), **Patty Reno** (cousin of Tom Kramer), **Joanne Wilkerson and Jimmy Davis, Julie Davis** (sister, brother and daughter of Johnny Davis), **Lois Christie, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Nathaniel Schakenberg, Martha Oldham** (Mike Newman's sister), **Jonathan Coleman** (Cleo Coleman's son), **Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear** (BJ's grandson), **Ruth Smith, Joyce Smith** (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), **Orville Watson** (Linneth Feliciano's brother), **Gloria Jewell, Kathryn, David and Bobby Hill** (Lydia O'Neil's family), **Lorena McElwain**, (friend of the Pogues), **Odessa Davis, Kelly Paterino, G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat Crenshaw** (Brad Volland's cousin), **Joan Pemberton** (Brad Volland's aunt), **Anna Haug, Albert Barnett** (Andrea's uncle), **Scott Crabtree** (Eunice Key's brother), **Louise Chapman** (Barbara Segar's cousin), **Dot Wright, Carolyn and Butch Delhagen** (Newman relatives), **Mary Lawrence Hicks** (Catherine and Ben Hicks' daughter), **Rodney C. Johnson** (Hicks' friend), **Charlene Schakenberg**, (Becky Fisher's mother)

Serving in the Armed Forces

PJ Koons

Scott Estes

Cliff Lance

Steven Lee

Greg Merkl

Grace Grimaldi

Alexis Rye

Michael Hobbs

Alex Long V