



ST. PETER'S
— IN THE WOODS —

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 18, 2022
10:00 am

Welcome!

We are delighted to have you with us today. We hope you find worship at St. Peter's in the Woods to be an inspiring and nurturing part of your faith journey. If you are visiting, please know that you belong. Don't hesitate to introduce yourself and fill out a welcome card found on the back table of the sanctuary. Simply place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. (We will only contact you if you ask us to!) You are warmly invited to stay for coffee and fellowship after the service.

About Today's Worship:

We welcome all people to God's table to receive Holy Communion. To receive the host directly from the priest, extend your hands as you approach. You may prefer to serve yourself by taking a small cup from the large paten. A gluten-free alternative is available; please ask the priest when you come up. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please come forward during Communion and place your arms across your chest.

Holy Baptism is our sacramental rite of initiation into the Christian faith. If you would like to learn more about this rite or other sacraments and membership at St. Peter's in the Woods, please speak with our clergy or contact our office: 703-503-9210.

About our worship books: BCP refers to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (red) and "Hymnal" refers to the 1982 Hymnal (blue), both of which are located under the seats.

Thank you for worshipping with us. We'd love to see you again!

God's peace be with you this day and always,

Rev. Susan Hartzell, Rector

Rev. Guimond Pierre Louis, Assistant Rector

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Rite II

Prelude

Instrumental

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 390

Opening Words

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Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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

Song of Praise

Gathering 406

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,
and I know that there are an - gels all a -
round; let us praise Je - sus
now; we are stand - ing in his
pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

Collect of the Day

(The people remain standing)

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

(In unison) *Found in the bulletin insert*

Insert

(The people sit)

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Insert

The Word of the Lord..

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 113 *(to be read responsively by whole verse)*

Insert

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Insert

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

Hymn 601
vs. 1-3

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Insert

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin
Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the

Son.

With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the Church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Empower the body of Christ to speak your truth to the world. Let our words and our actions be both simple and powerful, kind and gentle. Bless our leadership with language to encourage your people to deepen their relationship with you.
God of love.

Hear our prayer.

Leader: Empower us to protect and preserve habitats and biospheres, especially in places damaged by natural disaster or human destruction. Help us restore balance to deserts, oceans, polar regions, and temperate areas. God of the cosmos.

Hear our prayer.

Leader: Your world reflects your image in billions of unique ways. Touch every life -- low and high, rich and poor-- and sway every heart toward your merciful will. God of righteousness.

Hear our prayer

Leader: Instruct all the world's people, nations, and governments in ways of justice, mercy, and peace. We pray for our **President Joe and our Governor Glenn**. Lead us away from the idols of power, war, self-centeredness, and fear. God of the nations.

Hear our prayer.

Leader: Giver of life and grace, we pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially..... and anniversaries..... Let your love overflow around us and fill us with every good thing. Reveal yourself to us in every moment and encounter of our lives. God of joy.

Hear our prayer.

Leader : Watch over all who are sick in body mind or spirit. Give strength to those who care for relatives, serve the sick, minister to prisoners, and bring food or communion to the homebound. We pray for those on our prayer list..... Deliver them and bring them to wholeness. God of healing.

Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who have died, especially.....our recently departed. We pray for those who have given their lives in service to our country.... We pray for those who grieve. Give us confidence in your promise of eternal life; surrounded by your glory. God of the eternal life.

Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

Presider: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

Presider & People: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Declaration of Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Offering

** Presentation of Alms and Oblations*

Your gift of gratitude will be used to build up God's kingdom and serve others. Online giving is encouraged. Thank you!

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(in unison)*

"Praise God"

Hymn 380

The Great Thanksgiving--Eucharistic Prayer 2

EOW p. 60

(The people remain standing).

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: 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:

Sanctus

Hymn S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider: 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. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

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." 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 ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Peter 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,

The Lord's Prayer

arr. Chad Steffey

 *Our Father 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 our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory
For Thine is the Kingdom, forever and forever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction

Hymn S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

Come to the Table of Grace

Barbara Hamm

Come to the ta - ble of *grace.
Come to the ta - ble of *grace.
This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.
Come to the ta - ble of *grace.

*Additional Stanzas:

2 - Peace; 3 - Love

All persons are welcome at God's Table. Those who would like to learn more about the sacrament of baptism as a rite of Christian initiation, please speak with Rev. Susan. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than

Week of September 18, 2022 Announcements & Events

Please see weekly E-news for links and information. If you do not receive the enews contact the office, spwmain@gmail.com, to be added to our mailing list.

New Program Year Kick off today. Stay for the picnic. All are invited.- We are starting a new program year. Consider getting involved in a ministry of your calling! Please explore our ministry tables. Or talk to someone with a clipboard or ministry badge.

Wired Word Returns – Sept. 21st at 7:30 pm.- Join us for the start of a new year and to Celebrate Bart’s leadership of this group.

Thursday Morning Theology - Sept. 22nd at 8 a.m. – We will start with a course by Bishop NT Wright called “Faith Working Through Love”. No prep work, just join us on Thursday mornings at 8. See enews for the Zoom link.

Sunday Adult Form Kick off Sept. 25th at noon on Zoom. -This Fall, Adult Forum is inviting different people from the congregation to share their thoughts on different topics. And since so many of you have asked about Rev. Susan's Sabbatical, we will kick off this season's Adult Forum by hearing from and chatting with Reverend Susan to ask her exactly that! Check next week's newsletter for the Zoom link.

Youth Group Program - Year begins September 25th at 6:30 pm. Join us for dinner and events. Find out what is planned for the fall. Youth group is for students 5th through 12th grade. We explore what faith means. Complete service projects. Share a meal. Bring a friend. Come make new connections or strengthen old ones.

Office Hours: M-F 7:30-3:30 spwmain@gmail.com 703-503-9210

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| Sunday, Sept. 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Program year kick-off, 11 a.m. |
| Monday, Sept. 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Sept. 20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer in Community Call, 9- 9:12 a.m. • EfM meeting, 7-9 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Sept. 21 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROMEO’s, 12 p.m. • Wired Word, 7:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, Sept. 22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday Morning Theology, 8 a.m. Zoom • Choir, 7:30-9 p.m. |
| Friday, Sept. 23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |
| Saturday, Sept. 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men’s Group 7:30-9 a.m., Zoom |
| Sunday, Sept. 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop in Book Club, 9:15- 9:50 a.m. CH 10 • Adult Forum on Zoom at noon • Youth Group Meet, 6:30 pm |

