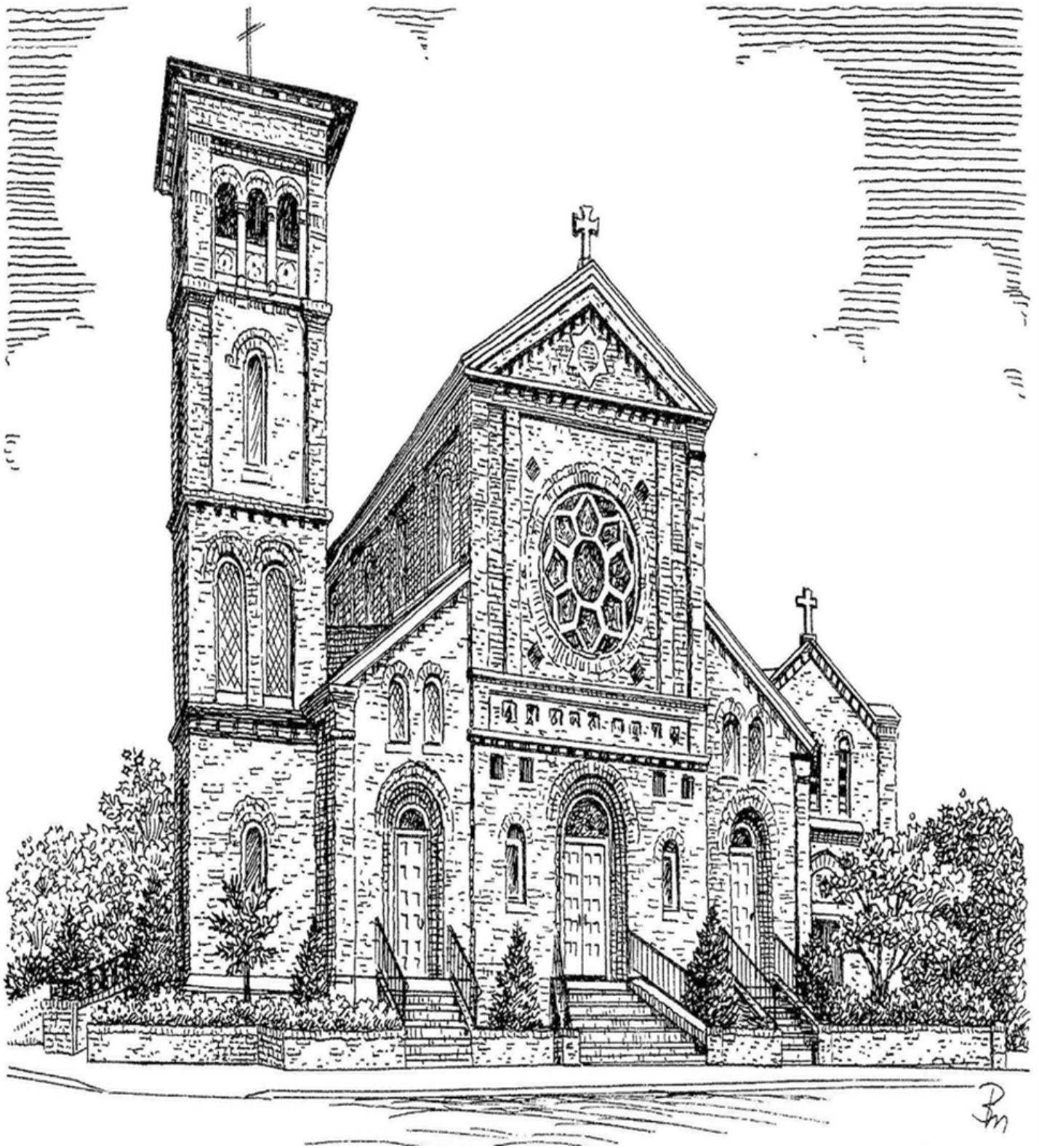




The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026 - 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Welcome to St. Peter's Church

We are glad you are joining us today.

Please, join us following the service for coffee & refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Children are always welcome at St. Peter's. Worship bags for ages five and above are available at the rear of the church as you enter. A staffed nursery is available for children under 5 years old.

MINISTERS FOR THIS SERVICE

All God's People, including:

The Rev. Greg Harbaugh *Celebrant*

The Ven. Laura Harbaugh *Deacon*

Ella Fenoglietto *Crucifer/Acolyte*

Jim & Sarah Bounds *Ushers*

Marc Duncan *Sunday Vestry Person*

The Very Rev. David Michaud *Preacher*

Lauma Akmene *Music Director & Organist*

John Phillips *Lector*

Jeff Cottingham *Camera Operator*

Kathy Fahey & Lynn Tomczak *Altar Guild*

**The Flowers on the High Altar are dedicated to The Greater Glory of God
and in Memory of our parents, John & Mary Ann McClister
given by Deacon Laura Harbaugh & Lydia Filgueras**

The Flowers on the Family Altar are dedicated to The Greater Glory of God

**The Sanctuary Light on the High Altar is lit this week for The Greater Glory of God
and In Memory of Samuel Jenkins given by Amanda & Carolyn Jenkins**

**The Sanctuary Light on the Family Altar is lit this week for The Greater Glory of God
and In Memory of Sarah Garrabrant Hughes given by Her Family**

LEARN MORE ABOUT ST. PETERS: Please, scan or use link below for information about St. Peter's Church, including the history of the church, staff & Vestry, service times, ministries, church calendar & much more. <https://stpeterschurch.net>



PASTORAL CARE: Please, make Fr. David Michaud aware of those who are ill or in need of a visit. For Pastoral emergencies call 410.422.7053. To add or remove names from the Parish Prayer list send an email to cathyp@stpeterschurch.net.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*
(*Lauda anima*) (H 410) (V. 1 – 3)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

GLORIA (BCP p. 356)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

DIOCESAN COLLECT

Gracious God, through the movement of your Holy Spirit, strengthen us here at St. Peter's and in the Diocese of Easton as an inviting and welcoming people; receive our worship, nurture our life in Christ that we may evermore faithfully serve all your people, both near and far; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10~4:11

A Reading from the book of Jonah.

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. ^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” ⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which

there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 145:1-8

¹I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

²Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.

⁷They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

²¹To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the

marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Gospeller	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM I (BCP P. 383)

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Prayer for the Victims of Addiction

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

The ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

To make your offering electronically, please scan the QR code.



ORGAN MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY (H 380) (V. 3)

OFFERTORY HYMN *Glorious things of thee are spoken* (H 523)
(Abbot's Leigh)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p. 361)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You may receive a blessing at the Communion Rail if you are not baptized. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

The customary posture for receiving communion is to kneel at the rail and place one hand over the other for the bread. You may, of course, stand to receive communion. Consume the bread. The minister holding the chalice will then present the chalice to you. Please, guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer you may dip the wafer into the wine.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers are available. Let the Clergy know if you would like a gluten-free wafer when you receive Holy Communion at the communion rail.

ORGAN MUSIC AT COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *O Jesus, I have promised* (Nyland) (H 655)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

POSTLUDE

The ministers then process to the south door of the church, please follow them for coffee & fellowship in the Parlor. Thank you for being part of our congregation this morning.

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