



## *Advent and Christmas at St. Peter*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>3 p.m.</i>	<i>Jam Afternoon/Decorating</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>Midweek Advent Service</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>10 am</i>	<i>Nursery School Christmas Celebration</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>Youth-led Advent Service</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>5:00/7:00 pm</i>	<i>Christmas Eve Services</i>
<i>Thurs</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Christmas Day Service</i>



## **St. Peter Lutheran Church**

**Hopewell Township, N.J.**

**December 3, 2025**

**Midweek Advent Worship I**

**Holden Evening Prayer**

***Theme: “The Prophet who brings Good News”***

### **Service of Light**

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Evening Hymn page 2

(The candles on the altar are lighted and the sanctuary lights brightened.)

Evening Thanksgiving page 3

**Psalmody: Psalm 141 page 3**

(silence for meditation)

**Psalm 40:1-10** (front of hymnal): **read responsively**

(silence for meditation)

### **Scripture Readings**

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Hebrews 1:1-5

Luke 4:16-21

**L:** The Light shines in the darkness

**C:** and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Hymn:** 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

### **Homily**

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**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Final Blessing** page 9

**Closing Hymn:** 338 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus



### **Deuteronomy 18:15-22**

<sup>15</sup> The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. <sup>16</sup> For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.”

<sup>17</sup> The Lord said to me: “What they say is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. <sup>19</sup> I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. <sup>20</sup> But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.”

<sup>21</sup> You may say to yourselves, “How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the Lord?” <sup>22</sup> If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed.



### **Hebrews 1:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. <sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. <sup>4</sup> So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

### **Luke 4:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”