

**December 15, 2019**

***The Third Sunday of Advent***

**READINGS**

The First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Canticle 15

The Second Reading: James 5:7-10

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Rector

Assistant Priest

Deacon

Organist

The Reverend Bert Baetz

The Reverend J. Michael Wheeler

The Reverend Sam Hunnicutt

David Miron

**REGULAR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am, 9:15 am & 11:15 am

Ministries—Dec. 15	8:00 am	9:15 am	11:15 am
<b>Eucharistic</b>	Dave Weekley	Imelda Horne	Kevin Devore
<b>Ministers</b>	Deidra Harmer	Rita Self	Lynda Devore
<b>Vestry Rep.</b>	Lou Ann Maxwell	Kathy Voss	Stephen Drane
<b>Ushers</b>		Sarah Hilburn Junior Hilburn Andy Bachofen	Jimmy Wheat Herb Williamson Karen Weber Stephen Drane

**Altar Guild** - Helen Eisaman, Carey Ferris, Deidra Harmer, Harriett Ritter, Bev Schwehm, Beverlee Smith, Valerie Stinnett, and Amy Best.

Ministries—Dec. 22	8:00 am	9:15 am	11:15 am
<b>Eucharistic</b>	Charlie McIlvain	Paula Karl	Nicia Oakes
<b>Ministers</b>	Lou Ann Maxwell	Ted Whittier	Doug Holmes
<b>Vestry Rep.</b>	Lou Ann Maxwell	Kathy Voss	Stephen Drane
<b>Ushers</b>		Sue Whinnery Doug Whinnery Nellwyn Sadler	Jimmy Wheat Herb Williamson Karen Weber, Drane

**Altar Guild** - Cathy Murray, Fran Cox, Marianne Crain, Deborah Rommel, Rolinda Schmidt, Ellen Schoenfeld, Robin Wheeler, and Dawn Hatch.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**Long Term Prayer List:** Kathryn, Julie, Ryan, Dixie, Mike, Beth, Dave, Kevin, Lyla, Florence, Helen, Marilyn, Caitlyn, Leslie, Stockton, Lucas, Randy, a banjo player for our praise band, Grant, and Rick.

**Short Term Prayer List:**

**Military and Diplomatic Service Prayer List:** Kareen Hart, George Hart, Justin Augustine, Elison Crum, Ross Davis, Kevin DeVore, Jr., Jason Horne and family, and all who serve our country.

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:** We give thanks for St. Christopher's, Bandera and Christ Church, Laredo.

**Worship Attendance:**

**Sunday December 8, 2019**

8AM – 30; 9:15AM – 112; 11:15AM – 91; 5PM – 116

**Do You Know Someone  
Who is in Need of a Meal?**

St. Peter's E.C.W. has a special ministry dedicated to providing a meal for those who are ill or are headed home from the hospital.

**If you are in need of a meal, or know someone who needs one,  
Rosemary's Helping Hands wants to help!**

Please call our office volunteers at 830-257-8162 and leave the name, phone number, and address of the individual. Rosemary's Helping Hands will be alerted right away!



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

08:00 am	<b>Rite One Traditional Service</b>
09:00 am	Nursery opens – Shelton 3
09:15 am	<b>Rite Two Family Service</b>
10:15 am	Coffee & Fellowship – Tucker Hall
10:15 am	The Magi in Scripture, History, Culture & Art - Tucker Hall
11:15 am	<b>Rite Two Traditional Service</b>
06:00 pm	EYC Christmas Party

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

08:00 am	<b>Men’s Group Reunion</b> , Mondays at Inn of the Hills (first Monday of each month they meet at River Front Senior Park instead). This group was originally started years ago as a reunion of men who had made a Cursillo Weekend retreat. The group shares their faith journeys (and lives) in order to sustain each other in their “Fourth Day.” All men are welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Ted Whittier at 895-7956.
05:30 pm	<b>Vestry Meeting</b> - MPR

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:00 pm	<b>Prayers, Fellowship &amp; Football</b> - P.F.F. is a men’s lunch group with no agenda, purely social and men of all ages are welcome. Lunch is provided at \$7.50 per person. If you need more information, please feel free to call John Elliott 238-4958 or Maurice McAshan 895-2561.
02:00 pm	<b>Contemplative Prayer</b> - For Contemplative Prayer please meet in the conference room on the second floor of the church office. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Susan Parker at 257-3918.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

10:30 am	<b>Path of Life</b> – Multi-Purpose Room. Path of Life (POL) will be studying the book <u>Walk in Love</u> – a journey through the Book of Common Prayer guided by two Episcopal priests. It is a look at the practices and beliefs found within the Episcopal faith. Everyone is welcome to join this caring, sharing and fun Bible study.
05:15 pm	<b>The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two</b>

06:30 pm

**Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

11:30 am

**Best Timers** are meeting at **YO Branding Iron Restaurant** this month. This month bring a \$10 wrapped gift to exchange! Bring a friend, neighbor, co-worker, spouse, relative, etc. Just email or call Lynda Griffin, [lk.grffn@gmail.com](mailto:lk.grffn@gmail.com), 830-896-5163 by Tuesday morning (the 17th) to let her know how many are coming.

12:00 pm

**Daughters of the King Discernment Group** – AV Room

12:00 pm

**The Brotherhood of St. Andrew** – MPR - This men's organization is based on the threefold disciplines of Prayer, Study, and Service while spreading Christ's Kingdom among men in the Episcopal Communion. This a brown bag lunch gathering, meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month. For more information, contact James Horne at 830-896-5992 or [mel\\_jam72207@yahoo.com](mailto:mel_jam72207@yahoo.com).

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

10:00 am

**Contemplative Prayer** - For Contemplative Prayer please meet in the conference room on the second floor of the church office. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Susan Parker at 257-3918.

11:00 am

**Book Study - The Friday Book Study group** meets in the AV room on the second floor of the church office. The group is studying *Atoms and Eden: Conversations on Religion & Science* by Steve Paulson. This book is a collection of twenty interviews with major players in the ongoing debate about the relationship between religion and science. Contact Susan Parker, [parkers710@gmail.com](mailto:parkers710@gmail.com) for more information.

## **SUNDAYS**

### **Nursery**

Ages: 0-4 years  
When: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Where: Shelton Hall Room 3

Our church nursery is in Shelton Hall Room 3. Children ages 0-4 will be cared for and supervised by our Childcare Staff.

### **Children's Chapel**

Ages: Kinder- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
When: 9:15 am  
Where: Chapel

At the gospel hymn during the 9:15 am service, school aged children will process from “big church” to the chapel where they will hear a story from the Bible led by either Father Bert Baetz or Pastor Sam Hunnicutt. They will also learn our children's creed and offer up their own Prayers of the People. Children will return to “big church” to join their family in time for the Peace and Holy Communion.

### **Children's Sunday School:**

#### **Pre-School** (during the school year)

Ages: 3-4 years  
When: 10:15  
Where: Shelton Hall Room 2

Preschoolers are invited to attend our lectionary-based child care. Parents may drop their little ones off in Shelton Hall Room 2 before service begins. Kids will hear a story relating to the weekly Gospel reading, practice a memory verse, and either play a game or make a small craft. Children with parental permission will be escorted to “big church” to join their parents in time for the Peace and Holy Communion. Children without permission will join the nursery in Shelton Hall Room 3.

#### **Sunday School** (during the school year)

Ages: Pre-school – High School  
When: 10:15 am  
Where: Pre-School, Shelton Hall Room 2  
K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, Chapel  
6-12<sup>th</sup> grade, Youth Room

We are pleased to offer Sunday School to all of our children and teenagers. We will join the parish as it follows Bishop Reed's invitation to study the Book of Acts. We

will break up the book in small manageable 4-6 week series with breaks to study Advent and Lent.

## **Adult Education**

### **Adult Sunday School – The Magi in Scripture, History, Culture & Art**

When: 10:15-11:10 am on Dec. 1, 8, and 15

Where: Tucker Hall

Dr. Charlie McCormick, President, Schreiner University, Teacher

December 1: Magi in Matthew 2 and a Cultural-History of the Magi

December 8: Theories of the Magi and Their Visit

December 15: Legends of the Magi after the Nativity and Their Cultural Representations around the World

For three weeks we will explore the history, legend, and representation of these wise men in their many contexts. We are fortunate to have Dr. McCormick with us in Advent, and he hopes the class will help you see this Christmas season with brand new eyes.

**Adult Sunday School – News, Reviews & Special Topics will resume in January**

**Adult Sunday School – Spiritual Formation will resume in January**



### **Holiday Service Schedule:**

<b>December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Sunday Services at 8, 9:15, and 11:15 am Lessons and Carols at 5 pm, reception after
<b>December 15 and 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Sunday Services at 8, 9:15, and 11:15 am
<b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Eve services at 5:30 pm and 10:30 pm Caroling starts 15 min. prior to each service.
<b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Day service at 10 am
<b>December 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Sunday services at 8 am and 10 am



Our annual St. Peter's  
**"Friendly Beasts" Christmas Pageant**  
will take place Sunday, December 15th,  
during the 9:15 am service.

If you have a child or grandchild that would like to participate, please contact Lisa Earl at [lisaearl29@gmail.com](mailto:lisaearl29@gmail.com).

Be sure to include your name and your child's name and age, and preferred role in the pageant in your email. Also, we always need lots of help, so any middle school or high school youth who would like to help with the pageant and me an "animal or angel" team leader, please also contact Lisa at the above email.

**This is a special tradition at St. Peter's  
and we can't wait to see you there!**

*If you have any questions, please contact Lisa, or email Brian Blacklock at [brian@stpeterskerville.com](mailto:brian@stpeterskerville.com).*



Registration is open for 2020  
Mid-Winter, Summer, and Family  
Camps at Camp Capers, Mustang  
Island Conference Center,  
and Duncan Park.

Our diocesan camping programs provide opportunities for children, adults, and families to experience the beauty of creation, have fun with friends, and grow in faith, rooted in the transforming love of Christ. Visit [dwtx.org/camps](http://dwtx.org/camps) for more information and registration.



# C.A.M. DRIVE

SP3C.ops presents a mid-holiday C.A.M. Drive  
December 8th & 15th  
@St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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**CANNED VEGETABLES  
& PEANUT BUTTER.**

Place your donations in the gift wrapped boxes found at the entrances of the Church, Tucker Hall, Shelton Hall and the Office.