

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Beacon of Hope... A Call to Serve!



We've begun a new church year  
(Cycle C, The Gospel of Luke)  
and a new season — Advent!

This is the time of expectant waiting for God's word to speak to us anew, a time to open our hearts to the mystery and joy of God's presence with us. Here are some ways for individuals and families to enrich these four weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas:

- **Meditations #AdventWord**

Each day in Advent a word is provided for which a visual and written meditation is offered and to which people respond from around the world. Offered by Forward Movement.

- Journeying the Way of Love - a meditative **Advent Calendar** and an **Advent Curriculum**, Bishop Curry's "Way of Love" offers a meditative daily Advent Calendar and a four part Advent Curriculum for use in the four weeks of Advent on the first two chapters of Luke.

[www.episcopalchurch.org/journeying-way-love](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/journeying-way-love)

- Participate in an Advent calendar from the American Friends of the **Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ)** - <https://afedj.org/resources/advent/> Learn about the lives of Holy Land Christians and the ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

- **Episcopal Relief and Development, One Thousand Days of Love Advent Toolkit** - <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/1000daysoflove/advent/>

Creative weekly Advent activities for families are provided as well as suggestions for alternative gift ideas.

SUNDAY AT  
7:30AM AND 10:00AM  
IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMING

JAZZ VESPERS - 6PM THURSDAYS  
IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMING

A MOMENT WITH MUSIC  
WITH DR. JOSEPH EPPINK

Weekdays on our Facebook page

Pew polishing  
Saturday, Dec. 4  
at 9:00 to 11:00AM

Brass polishing  
Saturday, Dec. 11  
at 9:00 to 11:00AM

Vestry Zoom Meeting  
Saturday, Dec. 15  
at 6:00PM

Christmas Sanctuary Decorating  
Sunday, Dec. 19  
after the 10:00AM service

Thursday, Dec. 23  
No Jazz Vespers

Christmas Eve Worship,  
Dec. 24 - Outdoor worship  
on the Square at 5:30PM  
In Person & Online at 8PM

Christmas Day Worship  
Dec. 25 at 9:30AM

Christmas Sunday Worship  
Sunday, Dec. 26 at  
7:30AM & 10:00AM

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### Christmas Services in 2021

Last year we had Christmas in Cars, a virtual Christmas Eve service, and a modified Christmas Day service, this year it's still modified, but expanded!—at least we hope so. Everything is subject to change as we see how this pandemic evolves. Below is what we are currently planning.

**All services will be live-streamed in addition to “in person” options. If you plan to attend in person, please let the church office or Pastor Diane know for planning purposes.**



#### Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24

##### **5:30pm Outdoor Worship on the Square with Bishop Bob and the Clergy of St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's**

A COVID-19 safe worship experience featuring the telling of the Christmas story and carols! Bring your chairs or blankets and enjoy this service in the beauty of the early evening. Youth volunteers as lectors and Christmas pageant characters (no speaking required) are being sought. If you prefer a parking stall and FM transmission to worship in your car, please let Pastor Diane know.

##### **8:00pm - Candle Light Christmas Eve Service at St. Peter's**

Masks required; Seating at the ends of numbered pews.  
Concurrent live-streaming on church Facebook page and website

#### Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25

##### **9:30am - Christmas Day (Luke's Gospel) at St. Peter's**

Masks required; Seating at the ends of numbered pews.  
Concurrent live-streaming on church Facebook page and website

#### Christmas Sunday - December 26

##### **7:30am and 10:00am - John's Christmas Gospel, Christmas Carols, and Eucharist at St. Peter's**

Masks required; Seating at the ends of numbered pews.  
Live-streaming on church Facebook page and website at 7:30am  
Viewing “on demand” after the 7:30am service



### Pledge update

Our 2022 pledge drive is going well. As of November 29th, we had received 56 pledges for a total of \$212,276.00 and more came in this week. Even in the midst of this pandemic, we have three new families who have pledged their participation and support of this congregation. Thank you for your commitment and faithfulness to this ministry. We are the church, and our work as disciples of Jesus and bearers of hope and promise continues. Our challenge continues to be rental income that has not returned to pre-pandemic levels, particularly the loss of rental income from our largest tenant, the Watabe wedding company which supplied 33% of our budget prior to the pandemic. The PPP and PPP2 loans we received covered that revenue loss through both 2020 and 2021. This congregation extends its grateful thanks to Nancy Rowe, our Treasurer, for working with Peter Pereira, our retired Diocesan Treasurer, in shepherding us through both the acquisition and forgiveness phases of those processes. Watabe hopes to resume business sometime in 2022, but whether and when they can do that are dependent upon pandemic factors beyond their control.

The Vestry will begin budget work in December with approval of the budget taking place in January. We continue to welcome your pledge commitments for 2022. They are important for the Vestry in this work. Thank you!

### IRS Reminder regarding 2021 Donations:

Per the IRS, please note that all donations and pledge contributions need to be postmarked by December 31st in order to appear on your 2021 Giving Statement. Thank you for your faithfulness in continuing to support the ministry of this church through this pandemic!

**Coffee hours** have begun again following both services! Food items are individually wrapped and masks are worn when not eating or drinking. Can you host a Sunday? Contact Stephanie Goo for the 7:30am service and Haroldwyn Chang for the 10:00am service or let Pastor Diane know. For now, the 10am plans to host coffee hours on the first Sunday of each month. The 7:30am service is currently weekly, but the frequency is being evaluated.



**Care boxes for our college students** were sent just before Thanksgiving. An excellent assortment of items was collected by the congregation and packed and sent by Sharleen Kwok, Nancy Rowe, and Junko Kobayashi-Uyetake.





### It's the little things...

Terry Dang, our Jr. Warden, coordinated the installation of a new backflow valve for the church. The inspector said the one the church had was archaic from plantation days. The valve prevents water from flowing back into the water main if there should be a drop in pressure in the main such as when there's a water main break or firefighters using the hydrant. The Board of Water Supply doesn't want water flowing backwards in case the water is contaminated. The backflow valve is tested annually by a certified plumber who sends the test report to the Board of Water Supply.

### St. Peter's in the Community:

- St. Peter's Annual Thanksgiving collection for holiday meals and other services for the families at The Towers of Kuhio Park came to \$1,450.25 this year. A check was hand delivered by coordinator, Haroldwyn Chang, to Parents And Children Together (PACT) at The Towers of Kuhio Park before Thanksgiving.
- K2P2 (Knit Two, Pray Too), the knitting ministry of St. Peter's, delivered 16 colorful lap robes this month to our neighbors at Hope Lodge. Hope Lodge is run by the American Cancer Society and provides free lodging and board for off island patients receiving cancer treatment at Oahu hospitals. Nancy Rowe took the photo of the Executive Director of Hope Lodge, Michelle Hashimoto, receiving the lap robes from Marilyn, a K2P2 knitter. Next, in meeting a need at Hope Lodge, they will be working on chemo caps!
- The Diocesan BACPAC Prison Ministry project is ready to send this quarter's backpacks filled with essential supplies for those being released from prison. The backpacks will be blessed at the worship services on December 5th. Items can continue to be donated for the next quarter backpacks in March.



### Alternative Gift Ideas for Christmas

**Episcopal Relief & Development** - Check out their gift catalog at:

<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/gifts/catalog>

Example: animals, disaster relief kits, seeds and farming implements, micro-credit loans for women

**SERRV International** - <https://www.serrv.org>

Example: fair trade products made around the world; Serrv's mission is to eradicate poverty by providing support to low income artisans and farmers worldwide.

**Ordering by Amazon? Don't forget to order through Amazon Smile which provides a donation to the church!** Go to [www.stpetershonolulu.org](http://www.stpetershonolulu.org) and click on "Amazon Smile." The same products are available on Amazon Smile as on the regular site. The only difference is that Amazon gives a percentage to the church with every purchase you order through the Amazon Smile webpage!





**Acknowledgement letters from ministries we support within the community:****From Honolulu Habitat for Humanity:**

*Every person should have a safe place to call home, and because of your contribution, this will be a reality for more families on Oahu. Your impact will result in helping build eight more affordable, energy-efficient and healthy homes in our communities in 2021.*

*Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, community, and hope. We rely on the support of community partners and organizations like yours to make this possible. Thank you.*

*Jim Murphy, Executive Director*

**From the Hawai'i Food Bank:**

*Your gift to Hawaii Foodbank comes at a critical time. As many Hawaii families continue to get back on their feet, Hawaii Foodbank will help make sure they have meals on the table—and it's because of your help. With your essential support, we are able to keep food flowing to vulnerable members of our community.*

*Mahalo for your commitment to Hawaii Foodbank and your trust in our mission. Your steadfast support gives much more than food; it provides courage, hope and aloha.*

**2021 Vestry**

**Senior Warden: Velma Lee**

**Junior Warden: Terry Dang**

**Treasurer: Nancy Rowe**

**Clerk: Karin Kimura**

**Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson**

**Term expires in 2021:**

**Gail Kuroda, Bill McKinney, Stephanie Wight**

**Term expires in 2022:**

**Rose Baroza, Beth Cox, Gail Haruki**

**Term expires in 2023:**

**Karin Kimura, Bryan Matsumoto, Barry Wood**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 03 Philip Yuen
- 07 Colleen Yap Lunasco
- 08 Alessandra Kaneshiro
- 09 Joshua Baldovi
- 11 Sela Kimura
- 12 Austin Thompson,  
Kevin Ho, Philip Chun,  
Raestelle Gorman
- 15 Karin Kimura
- 16 Rebecca Ching
- 17 Amy Ono, Dan Ching
- 19 Lindsey Ono
- 23 Margaret Chun
- 24 Maiesha Stovall
- 25 Edmund Wong
- 27 Darryl Lum
- 29 Peter Wu
- 30 Pokhui McKinney,  
Kekoa Turner,  
Sarah Fargo,  
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
- 31 Violet Chew