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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

“Ring Out, Wild Bells” is a poem published in 1850 by Alfred, Lord Tennyson—the year he was proclaimed the Poet Laureate of England. It remains one of his most famous works. Inspired by hearing the midnight ringing of the bells at Waltham Abbey in the southeast of England, Tennyson sings out a call for change—not only in time, but also in lived experience. The poem is a call to let go of the tired past and to embrace the future with enthusiastic faith and hope in the daily, eternally new life of Christ’s Kingdom. That Kingdom is breaking out even now in ways we do not always see; it is leading us to final revealing of Christ the King on the Last Day of time and the first day of Eternity. I hope you find even some parts of it meaningful, and I pray with earnest certainty that next year will be the best yet.

Faithfully and in the love of Christ,
Chris Bowhay+

*Happy
New Year
2024*

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December 31—New Year's Eve

RING out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night—
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new—
Ring, happy bells, across the snow
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land—
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

-Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)



The People's Table

St. Peter's will host the People's Table at the Columbia First United Methodist Church from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2024. Contact Joann Belcher as soon as possible at 931-212-7254 if you can help. Any financial assistance also would be greatly appreciated. Simply note your donation as "The People's Table." Thank you!

Cemetery Plots at St. John's, Ashwood

As of January 1, 2024, the cost of a plot in the historic cemetery at St. John's, Ashwood will increase to \$1,500. Plots may be purchased by members of the Episcopal Church, and both single and family burial plots are still available in various areas of the cemetery. If you are interested in learning more about the cemetery or burial at St. John's, Ashwood, please contact Brian Holmes, John Finney, or any other member of the St. John's Board of Directors.

Diocesan Convention

On January 19th and 20th, 2024, St. Peter's will join the 192nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee. The Convention will be live streamed from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Murfreesboro. The Vestry would like to thank Nic and Jaryn Abdallah, Kevin and Sarah Benderman, Anne Ciccoline, John Finney, Chip Wallace, and Ben Wrather for their representation of St. Peter's.

Epiphany Service - Burning of the Greens

This year, St. Peter's will celebrate the feast of Epiphany on Saturday, January 6th, at 5:00pm. We'll have an inside service followed by a candlelight ceremony outside and a burning of the greens in the back parking lot. Please bring a small branch from your outgoing Christmas tree or the greens from your advent wreath to burn as well.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship meets Thursday, January 4th, in the Parish Hall at 5:00 PM. Our meal will be blessed at 6:00 PM. Join us for great food and fellowship. All men are welcome. Bring your appetite!





Membership Classes

If you are interested in learning more about St. Peter's, please consider attending the next Membership 101 and 201 classes led by Rev. Chris Bowhay. Attending this two-part class is the first step to membership in our St. Peter's family. The 101 Newcomer Class is designed to give you an opportunity to get to know our Rector and to learn more about St. Peter's and the Episcopal Church. The 201 Membership Class will explore the life of St. Peter's parish and how we all serve a purpose in God's kingdom.

Upcoming Membership Classes:

January 9th (101) & February 13th (201)

6:00 pm in the Lounge, adjacent to our office.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Reservations are required to attend both parts of the Membership classes by January 5th and February 9th, respectively. Requests for childcare must be made with the reservation. Please make your reservation by emailing office@saintpeterscolumbia.org or calling 931-388-3331.

*Wishing
you a
Blessed
New Year!*



Music Ministry Update

We are blessed to have had Glenn Perry faithfully serve as organist for many years here at St. Peter's. Knowing the musical needs of his friend, Fr. Michael Murphy at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Tullahoma, Glenn reached out to them suggesting an interim organist position. Tullahoma extended him an offer and Glenn accepted to become their interim organist starting in January. It is important to note that Tullahoma did not intentionally take Glenn from us, but rather, Glenn feels called to help this church in need. We will miss his presence and organ playing, but we are happy for Glenn and look forward to welcoming him back after the interim position concludes.

Dr. Peter Douglas will be taking on the organist role, starting January 1, in addition to continuing as choir director.

Wreaths Across America for St. John's



Thank you to everyone who participated in Wreaths Across America to purchase Christmas wreaths for the veterans buried at St. John's! We were able to grace nearly all of the 62 veterans' graves, and we remain grateful to local businesses who covered the cost of the remainder. The wreaths and flags at the cemetery are loving reminders of these brave individuals, spanning from the American Revolution to today. Join us next fall when we organize another Christmas wreath sale for St. John's.



Annual Parish Meeting and Vestry Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for the five persons who will serve on St. Peter's Vestry. The election will take place at our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2024. Fifteen members serve on the Vestry in staggered three-year terms.

The Vestry is responsible for managing the facilities and finances of the congregation and for assisting the Rector in leading the ministries, programs, and fellowship necessary to our growing congregation.

According to our Bylaws, any member is eligible to be elected who is:

- At least eighteen years old
- Confirmed or Received by a bishop in the Episcopal Church
- A Communicant (who has received Holy Communion at least three times in the previous twelve months) in Good Standing (one who has been "faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.")

Any church member may nominate one person to stand for election. The person who offers that nomination must secure the consent of their nominee and is responsible for sending to the Church Office the nominee's short biography and a photo suitable for publication. If the person nominated has served previously, two years must have elapsed from the conclusion of their previous term.

Those who agree to be nominated must be willing to:

- Attend a Vestry Retreat on Friday evening, February 2, and Saturday morning, February 3.
- Be present to meet with Bishop Bauerschmidt at his Annual Visitation on Sunday, February 4.
- Attend the monthly Vestry meetings as determined by the new Vestry at the retreat.
- Participate in other meetings as needed by the Vestry Committee on which they serve, as determined at the Retreat.
- Help count the Sunday offering with another Vestry member according to an agreed-upon schedule.
- Be present at major events in the life of our congregation, including regular Sunday services.

According to Section 4.03 of our Bylaws, which declares that no person shall be eligible to serve until two (2) years have passed since their previous Vestry service, the following individuals are ineligible for nomination: Mike Sharpton, Ginger Moon, John Breyfogle, Mark Sells, Jane Rodriguez-Keeton, Gail Lewis, Louis Davis, Travis Groth, Tom Brewer, and Carol Baker.

Any questions may be directed either to Fr. Bowhay (priest@saintpeterscolumbia.org) or our Senior Warden, Mike Sharpton (Sharpton_mike@yahoo.com).



What does a member of the Vestry do?

The fifteen (15) members of the Vestry serve as the Board of Directors for St. Peter's who help the Rector advance our congregational health. Five new members are selected each year to serve a term of three years; sometimes, special elections take place to fill the seat of those who for one reason or another needed to step down from the Vestry during the year.

Vestry service is a tremendous privilege and responsibility—no other ministry provides such a close perspective on how God moves in and through His people's gifts, challenges, and opportunities.

Unsurprisingly, such service calls for a meaningful investment in time and energy. Specifically, members of the Vestry attend:

- A Friday night and Saturday daytime orientation and retreat (February 2-3, 2024)
- A diocese-wide "Day with the Bishop" as an orientation to the life of our diocese (Saturday, March 9)
- Monthly meetings as a whole
- Monthly meetings as members of one of four committees: Finance and Governance, Property and Grounds, Christian Life, and Christian Service
- Major congregational events:
 - Pig Roast
 - Whitsunday
 - Rally Day
 - Our Bishop's Visitation (Sunday, February 4, 2024)

Members of the Vestry also take turns counting the weekly Sunday offering and are asked to offer their annual pledge before the campaign begins.

Please pray for God's guidance as we discern whom He calls to this service this year. If, in your prayers, someone comes to your mind, please ask the person for their permission for you to give us their name as a nominee.



Commemorates the Feast of Saint Charles, King and Martyr



REMEMBER!

**11:00 AM, Saturday, 27 January 2024
Trinity Episcopal Church,
317 Franklin St., Clarksville, Tennessee**

***Celebrant and Preacher, The Rev'd Roger Senechal
Priest Associate, St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville***

Charles Stuart was born 1600, son of James I of England and VI of Scotland. In 1625, Charles became King on the death of his father, James.

Oliver Cromwell and his followers were opposed to both King and the Church and were anxious to protestantize the Church and make it into a Presbyterian-Puritan body; whereupon, in 1645, Civil War broke out, and Charles was taken prisoner to await trial. After the mockery of a trial, Charles prepared for his death. On 30 January 1649 King Charles I was martyred for refusing to abolish the Church and the order of bishops.

In 1660, after eleven years of persecution, Church and monarchy were restored, and 30 January was set aside as a special day of remembrance of the King's martyrdom. In 1661, the Convocation of Canterbury and York canonized Charles and added his name to the Kalendar of Saints. But for Charles I, under God, the Church would not have been restored intact at the Restoration.

In 2015, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church added "January 30, Charles I of England, King and Martyr, 1649" to its Kalendar of Saints in the Book of Common Prayer.

**The Tennessee Chapter of the Society of King Charles the Martyr
For more details visit: www.tnscm.org**



Children's Christmas Pageant





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John Finney, Junior Warden
John Breyfogle, Clerk

Ginger Moon
Mark Sells
Jane Rodriguez-Keeton
Jennifer Ballard

Dave Glowacki
Peggy Harmon
Becky Clayborne
Wilks Halliday

Sarah Robert
Larry Trotter
Lucia Vining
Ken Vickers

Vestry Meeting Bullet Points from December 19, 2023

- Vestry Formation: Father Bowhay presented a lesson on why we celebrate Christmas on December 25 (see article [here](#), or go to <http://tinyurl.com/d3yar8h9>)
- Stewardship Report: As of December 17
 - We have received 92 pledges totaling \$313,407
 - 10 are new pledging households totaling \$20,880
 - 37 are increases from last year's pledge totaling \$175,135
 - 29 households are pledging the same as last year, totaling \$85,340
 - 15 are decreases from last year, totaling \$30,852
 - There are 4 households who will not pledge in 2024
 - 2 are deceased, and gave \$10,900 in 2023
 - 2 will not pledge for other reasons, and last year gave \$3,600
 - There are 32 pledges not received from previous pledgers totaling \$90,365.
 - The Treasurer is sending personal letters to each of these households to ask for their continued support. Previously, these households were contacted directly by members of the Vestry. The Finance and Governance committee has decided to change this practice.
 - To the best of our knowledge, there is no reason to believe that these pledges will not be renewed.
- The Finance and Governance Committee will present several draft versions of the 2024 budget at a special meeting on January 9. The final vote on that budget will take place at another special meeting on January 16.
- Voted to approve \$100 Christmas bonuses to 11 members of the staff
- Voted to approve Outreach grants to:
 - Columbia Cares (\$1,000 from the Hales Fund)
 - St. Peter's People's Table Account (\$500 from the B.I. Naddy Fund)
 - Harvest Share (\$545 from the B.I. Naddy Fund)



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Financial Summary for November 2023

Below please find a very broad overview of St. Peter's financial activity in the month of November 2023. We will receive the December Financial Report at our Vestry meeting on the third Tuesday in January. This summary is drawn from our Treasurer's Report to the Vestry which is much more detailed. Those who would like to see it may find it in the hallway that leads to the Church Office where it is always posted.

	November	Year to Date
All Revenues	\$27,374.04	\$412,978.30
All Expenses	\$42,118.74	\$489,068.41
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$14,744.70)	(\$76,090.11)

A few things to consider when examining these figures:

- As of December 1, St. Peter's had received about 75% of the funds that had been pledged (that is, gifts that were promised through a pledge card). In the past, we have received about 20% of our pledged revenue in December. This is not uncommon in churches across the country.
- As of December 1, St. Peter's had received just under 100% of "plate" revenue (that is, gifts made without being pledged) that had been estimated for the 2023 budget. In the past, substantial unpledged gifts also take place in December. Again, this is not uncommon in churches across the country.

Thank you for your gifts to God through your gifts to St. Peter's. If you have any questions about our finances, please contact either our Treasurer, Melanie Lucas-Evanko (melanieevanko@gmail.com) or our Senior Warden, Mike Sharpton (sharpton_mike@yahoo.com).

Our Lord said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

If you have any other questions, please call St. Peter's or send an email to office@saintpeterscolumbia.org.

Chris Bowhay+





Pat and Lewis Inman

1/22

Emmie Wallace	1/2	Levi Abdallah	1/15
David Dorozynski	1/3	Wilson Barnett	1/16
Brandy Eddlemon	1/4	Evelyn Groth	1/17
Kristen Husaim	1/4	Lonsdale Green	1/18
Cora Fowler	1/4	John Breyfogle	1/18
Shirley Bagwell	1/4	Sam Wrather	1/19
Sharon O'Brien	1/6	John Olson	1/19
Kim Wallace	1/6	Jacqueline Karp	1/19
Jill Helton	1/8	Peggy Harmon	1/20
Fr. Sandy Herrmann	1/10	Litton Robert	1/20
Raelynn Turner	1/10	Collette Chambers	1/21
Donald Marshall	1/11	Susan Tuke	1/21
Asher Eddlemon	1/11	Terry Hutt	1/21
Matthew Grams	1/11	David Tuck	1/22
Bonnie Crews	1/12	Samuel Whatley	1/22
Trevor Pennington	1/12	Alex Evans	1/23
Eric Evans	1/13	Mark Sells	1/24
Brad Walton	1/13	Sherri Naddy	1/24
Becky Clayborne	1/14	Peggy Verstreet	1/24
Beth Holmes	1/14	Jake Trainor	1/25
Tom Dubois	1/14	Elliott Hutto	1/26
Mo Rich	1/14	Lou Anne Pritchard	1/27
Catharine Hess	1/15	Pat Inman	1/28
Maya Keeton	1/15	Pamela Lachmann	1/28
Melody Williams	1/15	Nicholas Janowicz	1/28
		Maximo White	1/30
		Liz Cooley	1/31





January 2024 Lay Schedule

Beginning in January 2024, please visit the Rotunda Ministry Scheduler page for the monthly lay schedule. This website allows you to view the monthly acolyte schedule, request substitutions, and fill in any open spots.

If you do not have an account, please sign up for one. If you have forgotten your password, please use the “forgot password” feature on the login page. For additional questions, contact anne@saintpeterscolumbia.org.

January 2024 Lay Schedule

<https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/29/msp/web-terminal/home?user=stpeterscolumbia>





January 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed 7:00pm-NA	2 5:15pm-Estes Committee 6:00pm-Outreach Committee 6:00pm-AA 7:00pm-NA 7:00pm-NAMI	3 10:30am-Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 12:00pm-NA 5:30pm-Choir	4 11:30am-Agathos dance lessons 5:00pm-Men's Fellowship 6:30pm-Scouts 7:00pm-NA	5 10:00am-People's Table at First Methodist	6 5:00pm-Epiphany Service 7:00pm-NA
7 8:00am-Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15am-Sunday School 10:15am-Holy Eucharist Rite II	8 7:00pm-NA	9 11:30am-Lunch Bunch 6:00pm-Crossroads to Home 6:00pm-Membership 101 6:00pm-AA 7:00pm-NA	10 10:30am-Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 11:30am-DOK 12:00pm-NA 5:30pm-Choir 5:30pm-DOK	11 11:30am-Agathos dance lessons 5:00pm-Buildings and Grounds Committee 7:00pm-NA	12 10:00am-People's Table at First Methodist 6:00pm-1861 Girls' School meeting	13 7:00pm-NA
14 8:00am-Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15am-Sunday School 10:15am-Holy Eucharist Rite II 12:15pm-Vestry F&G 2:00pm-Cadet & Teacher Meeting, 1861 School 5:00pm-EYC Devo/Game Night	15 1:30pm-Scouts 7:00pm-NA	16 6:00pm-AA 7:00pm-NA	17 10:30am-Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 12:00pm-NA 1:00pm-Visitation, Cavalyn Muller 2:00pm-Funeral, Cavalyn Muller 5:30pm-Choir 6:00pm-Discernment Committee Meeting	18 11:30am-Agathos dance lessons 6:30pm-Scout Pack Meeting 7:00pm-NA	19 10:00am-People's Table at First Methodist 1:00pm-Diocesan Convention	20 9:00am-Diocesan Convention 3:30pm-Jr. Cotillion 7:00pm-NA
21 8:00am-Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15am-Sunday School 10:15am-Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:30am-Annual Parish Meeting 12:15pm-Vestry Exec Comm.	22 7:00pm-NA	23 6:00pm-Polk Home Author/Lecture 6:00pm-Vestry Meeting 6:00pm-AA 7:00pm-NA	24 10:30am-Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 12:00pm-NA 5:30pm-Choir	25 11:30am-Agathos dance lessons 7:00pm-NA	26 10:00am-People's Table at First Methodist	27 7:00pm-NA
28 Acolyte & Parent Meeting 8:00am-Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15am-Sunday School 10:15am-Holy Eucharist Rite II	29 7:00pm-NA	30 6:00pm-AA 7:00pm-NA	31 10:30am-Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 12:00pm-NA 5:30pm-Choir			



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