

THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

**Twenty-Third Sunday after
Trinity
November 23, 2025**



Established 1825



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

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Render to God the things of God

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked *“in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice”* (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom *“is better than jewels”* and *“better than gold, even fine gold”* (Prov. 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our *“end is destruction”* (Phil. 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered *“to God the things that are God’s”* (Matt. 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true *“riches and honor are with [Him],”* because *“enduring wealth and righteousness”* (Prov. 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which *“we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”* He *“will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself”* (Phil. 3:20-21).

Welcome to St. Peter’s! We are glad you are here! We ask everyone to fill out an “attendance card” and place it in the offering plate later in the service. We welcome our first-time guests and visitors and request that you fill out the back side of the attendance card as well. Guests and visitors please take a “welcome” bag from our table out front.

Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room following the service today. You may also leave prayer requests there for them to pray over.

Today’s radio broadcast is given to the glory of God and in honor of Everett’s 3rd birthday (11/20) by The Frank Family (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

***Ages 2-5** - Room #1 Education Building- Brenda Fulbright & Alice Layne

***K-2nd Grade** - Room #8 Education Building - Emily Schwandt

***3rd - 5th Grades** - Grover Herman Room Education Building - Terry Sigmon

***Middle & High Schoolers (6-12th Grades)** - Room #4 Education Building - John Adams

***Adults of All Ages** - Education Building, Room #2 - A study on “The Book of Jude” by Eric Geiger with Kim Gantt ,Kevin Gantt & Kim Rector.

***Ladies Sunday School Class** - Education Building, Room 7 with Beth Lail They are studying “The Book of Acts.”

***Adults - Multi-Purpose Room Class** - They are studying “The Cross” with Christal Sigmon

***Pastor’s Class - Parish Hall** - Study of “Ephesians - The Mystery Revealed” with Pastor Frank

PRAYERS

Church Members in Need of prayer Carol Abbott, Carol Alley, Terry Bolick, Rosella Bollinger, Sherry Bumgarner, Keilee Cox, Betty Eckard, Judy Eckard, Earlene Fulbright, Janet Good, Mary Ruth Hefner, Malla Killian, Judy Little, Seth Paschal, Alan Pruitt, Amy Rucker, Karen Smith, Teresa Taylor, Dorothy Willis, and Marshall Wray

Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Carol Abbott, Rosella Bollinger, Polly Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Joe Eckard, Annette Hollar, Kathleen Houston, Patricia Isenhour, Bobby Little, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Jeanette Reese, Bonnie Sigmon, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Ernest & Carol Starnes, John Van Horne, Dorothy Willis, Mary Ann Winebarger

Abernathy Center: Gracie Bolick, Gwendolyn Allen

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger, Reva Reinhardt
Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman, Dorothy Willis

Friends Needing Prayer

- Debbie Hefner (wife of Randy Hefner)
- Pat Caldwell Kirby (friend of Judy Dellinger)
- Andreas Rodriguez (friend of Carolyn Paschal)

*(*names are listed for 4 weeks and can be renewed by calling the office*)*

Christian Sympathy

- The family of Steven Lipscomb (friend of Richard & Brenda Hallman)

Birthdays This Week Amy Rucker (11/23); Eddie Eckard (11/24); Patty Couch (11/24); Lynn Starnes (11/24); Lucas Nordyke (11/25); Maureen Price (11/26); Roxanne Canipe (11/27); Steve Hall (11/27); Lance Rector (11/27); Donald Bowman (11/28); Alex Scott Fulbright (11/28); Kim Pennington (11/28); Judy Eckard (11/29)

Anniversaries This Week Jerry & Darlene Knight (11/25)

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Community Meal

- Volunteers to do prep work for meals - 1:00 pm Wed. Nov 26
- Volunteers arrive to assemble meals - 9:00 am Thurs. Nov 27
- Meals to be picked up (no delivery) between 10:30-11:30 am

Pound cakes are needed for dessert - bring by church by Weds. Nov 26

Decorating the Church Volunteers are requested to come help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season on **Friday, November 28 starting at 9 am.**

ADVENT SERVICES: EVERY HEART PREPARE

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. In November and December people spend hours putting up lights in their living space and ornaments on their evergreens. Poinsettias are placed on the mantel and presents under the tree, and we “deck the halls with boughs of holly.” These Christmas decorations bring enjoyment and anticipation to the holiday.

Advent is the church’s season of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Lord. This Advent season, as part of our preparation, we reflect upon common Christmas decorations and how they help us see Christ and prepare for His coming. Join us Sundays evenings at 7:00 pm in the Spirit Center on November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. Free meals will precede each service from 5:30-6:30 pm, with the exception of December 14th, when we will have our Congregational Christmas Party at 5:00 pm.

Wreaths Across America Ceremony - St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Saturday, December 13 at 11 AM - church cemetery - rain or shine

Join us as honor and remember our veterans by placing wreaths on their graves. **Please submit all wreath orders by November 30.** (*order forms are in the narthex*) to a mission team member or the church office. Checks payable to “Wreaths Across America.” Our goal is to cover every veteran’s grave - and we need your help. Please consider donating or sponsoring a wreath today!

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends, I would like to thank everyone who prayer for me, sent text messages and cards, visited, as well as the calls to check on my progress during and following my recent surgery. Sincerely, Jerry Eckard

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the Crocheters & Loomers** in loving memory of Mickey Stewart by Jeannette Gantt; by Russ & Tonya Darden ; by Thelma Miller
- **Given to the Senior Youth** in loving memory of Mickey Stewart by Judy Little; by Barry & Carolyn Matthews

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Kids in Christ (Grades K-6)** will meet on **today at 2:00 pm** in the Spirit Center for an afternoon of crafts, devotions, and a service project. Bring a friend!
- **No Christmas program practice today**

Thanksgiving Eve Services

**Wednesday, November 26 at 12 noon at St. Peter's Lutheran
and 7:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran**

Together we will sing songs of thanksgiving, and express our gratitude to our God in prayers and worship! Please join us as we give thanks to God for all the wonderful things he has provided for us!

*"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever."
1 Chronicles 16:34*

Last Week - November 16, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 177 10:45 am 69 4:30 pm 14

Sunday School

Youth Only 17 (no adult classes due to Voters Meeting)

Offerings

General Fund \$8,344.48 ; Sunday School - \$24

***In order to meet the budget for 2025 that was approved by the congregation,
our weekly General Fund offerings must average \$11,184.22***

Dedicated Fund Offerings

Building Fund - \$572 ; Building Fund Audio/Visual - \$150; Crocheting & Looming - \$75;
Domestic Missions - \$140; Senior Youth - \$85; Feed the 5000 - \$88; Cemetery Fund - \$250;
Poinsettias - \$75

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (23)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes 10:45 am Traditional Service 12:00 pm Handbells 2:00 pm Kids in Christ (Grades K-6) - meet in Spirit Center 4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group</p>
Mon. (24)	<p>6:15 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice</p>
Tues. (25)	<p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class 7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>
Wed. (26)	<p>12:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service - at St. Peter's Lutheran Church 1:00 pm Volunteers arrive to do prep work for community meals 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service - at Bethel Lutheran Church</p>
Thurs. (27)	<p><i>Thanksgiving</i> Church Office Closed 9:00 am Volunteers arrive to assemble community meals 10:30-11:30 am - Meals to be picked up at the Spirit Center</p>
Fri. (28)	<p>Church Office Closed</p>
Sat. (29)	<p>7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study - <i>in multi-purpose room</i></p>
Sun. (30)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:15 am Fifth Sunday Social - sponsored by Senior Youth 9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Classes 10:45 am Traditional Service 12:00 pm Handbells 2:00 pm Christmas Program practice (ALL AGES) 5:30 pm Advent Meal - Taco bar - provided by church staff 7:00 pm Advent Service</p>

***Bold = activities that don't happen on a typical week**

SERMON NOTES

“Awake When the Bridegroom Comes”

Isaiah 65:17–25 / Matthew 25:1–13

I. The Bridegroom Is Coming

II. The Wise Stay Ready by Faith

III. When the “Cry” Comes

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Brenda Hallman, Robin Little

Praise Band: Drew Stiles, leader; Bradley Abernathy, Emily Allen, Thom Bumgarner, Tom Delgreco, Melody Frank, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Oz Hefner, Olivia Owens, Kim Rector, Emily Sherbino, Emma Spencer, Jeff Winebarger

Adult Choir: Charles Bumgarner, Sherry Bumgarner, Greg Eckard, Judy Eckard, Trudy Huffman, Carmen Lander, Scott Medlin, Carolyn Paschal, Emily Sherbino, Jan Sigmon, Drew Stiles, John Thomas.

Handbells: Betty Goble, Alice Layne, Carolyn Paschal, Cheryl Pennell, Cheryl Sigmon, Drew Stiles, Bill Totty.

Organist: Carolyn Paschal

Office: Bob Marlowe

Readers: 8:15 am Danny Goforth 10:45 am Russ Darden

Prayer Room : 8:15 am Danny Goforth 10:45 am Richard Hallman

Greeters: 8:15 am Vickie Miller 10:45 am Christal Sigmon

Ushers: Open

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2025

Advent Evening Services

"Every Heart Prepare"

Sunday Evenings

November 30

December 7

December 21

Fellowship Meals

5:30-6:30 pm

Service 7:00 pm



Congregational Christmas Party

December 14

Meal & Fun 5:00 -6:30 pm

Service 7:00 pm

(Bring a covered dish)

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21

9:30 am

(One service only)

Christmas Eve

Family Worship

Wednesday, December 24

7:00 pm Candlelight Service

with Children's Message

11:00 PM Candlelight Service

with Holy Communion

Christmas Day Bell Service

Thursday, December 25

9:30 am

Service of Lessons and Carols

with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve Family

Worship Service

Wednesday, December 31

7:00 pm

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