



the Church
of St Peter and
St Simon-the-Apostle

FRIDGE NOTES

Parish Announcements: December 8, 2024

Welcome to St Peter and St Simon's, especially if you are visiting us.

**We invite you to join us after the 10:30 am Sunday service
for refreshments in the Parish Hall.**

A Prayer for the Mission of the Church

*Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples,
together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life,
together serving him in his mission to the world,
and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island.
We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.*

Request from the Wardens to All Committee Chairs: Please submit your request for Budget 2025. We are looking at a possible deficit, and everyone needs to consider cost saving measures. Submit your request to office@stpeterstsimon.ca by *Tues. Dec. 10th*, the Wardens Council will be having a preliminary discussion of Budget 2025 on Dec 11th.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY: MERE CHRISTIANITY by C.S. Lewis

Dates: Tuesday, November 26, Tuesday, December 3 & 10.

6 pm Light Supper/7 pm Discussion/8.30 pm Compline

There is a sign-up list in the Narthex. We hope you will join us.

Christmas Flowers | If you would like to make a donation towards flowers for Christmas, please use the envelopes found at the back of the Church. Include the particular memorial and/or thanksgiving you would like acknowledged. Deadline for a memorial and/or thanksgiving is *12:00 pm Wednesday, December 18th*. Please contact Sheila Thomas for further information, 416-921-2593.

SPSS Website | For all your parish news and events, please visit our website:
<https://stpeterstsimon.ca/>

Christmas-Tide Dinner | The Christmas dinner will be held on the 3rd day of Christmas, *Friday December 27th*. Arrive at 5pm for 6 o'clock dinner. Potluck contribution of a vegetable dish/salad or dessert will be most helpful. Please speak to Carol Peck if you are interested in attending.

Hymn Note for *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (CP # 101)

James Montgomery (1771-1854), the son of a Moravian minister, was born in Ayrshire. He began writing for the Sheffield newspaper in 1794 and took over as editor when the previous editor fled the country. Montgomery was a man of strong convictions, maintaining man's right to freedom of thought. He was jailed in York Castle for publishing a poem celebrating the fall of the Bastille. He espoused many humanitarian causes, denouncing the slave trade and advocating for chimney sweeps. After 1814, he took an active interest in Methodism and a chapel in Sheffield bears his name. He wrote more than 400 hymns. He assisted Thomas Cotterill, rector of St. Paul's, Sheffield, in producing an edition of Cotterill's hymn book (1816). Montgomery contributed 50 hymns. Montgomery wrote "Angels from the Realms of Glory." and "Songs of Praise the Angels Sang." Today's hymn was written in 1821 as a Christmas ode for a Moravian settlement.

"Blue Christmas" Service on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.

While most people look forward to the Christmas season, we acknowledge that there are also those for whom Christmas is not a happy time, people who — for various reasons — approach Christmas with sadness or even dread, people whose Christmases are more blue than white.

Beginning in about 1990 in North America, many parishes have offered "Blue Christmas" services, quiet and contemplative occasions of healing and hope, as an alternative to the more traditional gatherings. These are generally held close to the Winter Solstice, "The Longest Night", and this year St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle will be hosting a "Blue Christmas" service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, for those in sadness and pain, those who are stressed, lonely or grieving, people struggling with unhappy memories or who find this season difficult to cope with for any reason at all.

Please come and support our "Blue Christmas" service on December 18 even if Christmas is your favourite time of the year. Your attendance will help to provide a safe and accepting place for our brothers and sisters who are not so fortunate. Not everybody in pain is comfortable with sharing their feelings, and it is a loving thing to do to be supportive of them. We need to gather as a whole community, surrounded by love, to listen to God's word, remember God's promises, and to praise God who is the source of all light and hope. A time of refreshment and fellowship will follow the service.

Please keep this service and those for whom it is intended in your prayers and join us on December 18 if you possibly can.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES at SPSS

❖ **Sunday, December 15 – Advent 3**

Morning services as usual at 9.00 and 10.30 am.

1.00 pm *Children's Christmas Musical – "Once upon a Starry Night"*

❖ **Wednesday, December 18 – Advent Ember Day**

11.00 am – Sung Eucharist

6.30 pm – *Blue Christmas Service and Reception*

❖ **Sunday, December 22 – Advent 4**

Morning services as usual at 9.00 and 10.30 am.

*Our area Bishop, The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson
will Celebrate and preach at 10.30 am.*

4.00 pm *Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas*

❖ **Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

5.00 pm – *Family Eucharist with the Christmas Story*

10.00 pm – *Festal Eucharist*

❖ **Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

10.30 am – *Sung Eucharist with Carols*

❖ **Sunday, December 29 – Christmas I**

9.00 am – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

10.30 am – Choral Eucharist.

SCAN and DONATE

To make a donation to the Church, open up the camera on any smartphone and point it at the QR code and a web page will open to take you directly to Canada Helps' donation page for the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle. You will receive an auto-generated tax receipt emailed directly from CanadaHelps.org. Thank you for your support.





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Church Office Hours	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

SERVICES

Sundays

9.00am	Weekly Holy Eucharist (BCP) - In the Chapel of Holy Spirit)
10.30 am	1 st and 3 rd Sundays Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite
2 nd Sunday	Choral Matins (unless announced)
4 th Sunday	Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
5 th Sunday & Evensong	As Announced

Wednesdays

11.00 am	Weekly Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
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We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God, we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples including the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein."

Psalm 24.1.