



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

FRIDGE NOTES: Parish Announcements

Second Sunday of Advent – December 7, 2025

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

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall following the 10.30 am service.

Advent Bible Study: *Behold the Messiah*

This four-week Advent Bible study explores the scriptural and theological foundations of Part One of Handel's *Messiah*. Participants will listen to key musical movements, read the related biblical passages, and reflect on how the themes of prophecy, incarnation, redemption, and kingship shape our Advent and Christmas faith.

Week 4 – Love: The Fulfillment of Promise, Tuesday December 9th, 6:00–8:30 p.m. Light Potluck in the Hall. Discussion to follow in the Church. All literature and materials will be provided—just bring an open heart and ears to listen. All are welcome as we prepare together to *Behold the Messiah*.



Advent Bible Study

This four-week Advent Bible study explores the scriptural and theological foundations of the first part of Handel's *Messiah*. Participants will **listen** to key musical movements, **read** the related biblical passages, and **reflect** on how the themes of prophecy, incarnation, redemption, and kingship shape our Advent and Christmas faith.



WHEN:
Tuesday November 18th & 25th
December 2nd & 9th
6pm – 8:30pm
WHERE: SPSS Parish Hall & Sitting Room

*NOTE: This is an open event for all who are interested, we will be having a light potluck dinner every Tuesday between 6-7pm in the hall before discussion. Come with hungry bellies and your favourite dish! Contact gracerockett@gmail.com for questions.

Reading Augustine's *Confessions* in Epiphany

When Saint Augustine wrote his *Confessions* he was facing and responding to a growing spread of asceticism in the Roman world. His task was twofold: to explain to himself the significance of his conversion to Christianity, and to do so in terms that would convince his readers that this was indeed the one, true faith. In his attempt to achieve these aims, Augustine produced a masterpiece of intellectual biography with an emotional intensity that makes his *Confessions* one of the great works of Christian spiritual writing.

In January we will be studying the *Confessions*. We will meet to discuss its content and look forward to two lectures by Father Walter Hannam who teaches at St Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Father Walter is the Rector of St Bartholomew's Anglican Church on Dundas Street in Regent Park.

Dates: January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 2026

- 6 pm - Supper
- 7 to 8.30 pm - Discussion and Compline

For more information please speak with Fr Geoff.

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 10th*. Please contact Sheila Thomas for further information, 416-921-2593.

Your Support for SPSS Matters | Further to the letter last week, if you are on Pre-Authorised Givings (PAG) you can email the office, office@stpeterstsimon.ca, and state how much you want to increase your monthly givings by. If you want to start contributing by PAG, the form can be accessed at <https://stpeterstsimon.ca/supportus/>

Hymn Notes: *Herald Sound the Note of Judgement (CP # 111)*

Moir Alexander James Waters (1906-80) was born in India where his father was a doctor. He came to Ontario in 1917 to study. After graduation from the University of Toronto in 1928, he attended Emmanuel College. Ordained in 1931, he served in parishes in Toronto and London. In 1940, he returned to India for evangelical ministry. In 1945, he returned to Canada and served in Victoria and London. For many years he served on the Senate of Victoria University. In 1968, Waters was minister of Robinson Memorial Church, London, when a memorial window depicting the baptism of Christ was dedicated. Waters wrote this hymn depicting John the Baptist as the herald of Jesus.

NEANDER was composed by Joachim Neander (1650-80), principal poet of the Reformed Church in Germany. He taught at the Latin School at Dusseldorf, but his preaching garnered so much opposition that he was forced to move to Bremen. Most of his hymns were written while he was at Dusseldorf. His 60 hymns with tunes were published in 1680. This tune accompanied his hymn "Unser Herrscher, unser Konig." He loved nature and liked to walk in a valley near Dusseldorf which became known as Neanderthal.

Submitted by Diane Way

SPSS SERVICES AND EVENTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 – WHEN CHRISTMAS IS A DIFFICULT TIME

6 PM BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE & DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 – ADVENT IV

4 PM A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

5 PM, FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE WITH CAROLS

10 PM, FESTAL CHORAL EUCHARIST

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 AM, SUNG 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. Alternatively, you can forward an e-transfer to office@stpeterstsimon.ca and a receipt will be mailed out at the beginning of the following year. Be sure to include your mailing address in the memo field. Forwarding an e-transfer directly to the church will save on the administration fee charged by Canada Helps.



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Church Office Hours	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 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