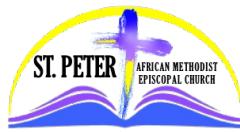


# WELCOME



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DR. EMMA CAMPBELL-CORNELIUS,  
1ST LADY  
THE REVEREND KEITH D. CORNELIUS,  
PASTOR

*Rejoice* **ALWAYS**  
*Pray* **CONTINUALLY**  
*Give Thanks* **IN ALL**  
*Circumstances*

*1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18*



HOPE•PEACE•JOY•LOVE

# JOY

The third candle of Advent, *Joy*, reflects the joy that comes through Jesus' arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us, highlighting the joy the shepherds experienced when they received the good news about Christ's birth (Luke 2:8-20).

**~ ENTER TO WORSHIP ~**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, December 14, 2025 - 10:00 AM**  
***"Give God the Glory! Lord, Increase Our Faith!"***

**\*PLEASE STAND**

**\*\*NO ENTERING OR EXITING THE CHURCH**

**The Lighting of the Candles**

**The Praise and Worship**

**\*The Doxology**

*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."*

**\*The Call to Worship**

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem! (Psalm 122:2)

People: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the House of my God, than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.(Psalm 84:10)

Leader: Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good. (Psalm 122:9)

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:13)

Leader: Blessed are they that dwell in your house. Lord, I have loved your house, the place where your honor dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

People: For the Lord is in his Holy Temple; let all the earth keep silent before Him.(Psalm 11:4)

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

ALL: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth sing His praises! (Psalm 66:1)

**The Hymn of Praise**

**"Joy to the World"**

**Hymn # 120**

1) Joy to the world! The Lord is come Let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing. And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2) Joy to the world! the Savior reigns Let men their songs employ. While fields and floods,  
Rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy. Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sound joy.

3) He rules the world with truth and grace. And makes the nations prove. The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love. And wonders of His love.  
And wonders and wonders of His love.

## LITANY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## "JOY"

Kaliah Salmond

Leader: We gather, still waiting, but now joy rises among us.

People: Lord, even when things are hard, Your joy finds us.

Leader: When worries grow heavy, let joy break through and strengthen us.

People: Lift every burden, O God. Help gladness grow in our hearts.

Leader: You have brought joy out of sorrow before. Do it again in us.

People: Help us celebrate Your goodness today. Help us share true joy wherever we go.

Leader: Jesus, You are our joy.

ALL: Make us joyful - shining with Your joy for all to see. Amen.

### \*\*The Invocation

### \*\*The Choral Prayer Response

### \*\*The Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

### \*The Decalogue (Summary)

Leader: Hear what Christ our Saviour saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

### \*The Gloria Patri

The Congregation

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

### The Ministry of Music

The Choir

### The Benevolent Offering

*"In the name of the Triune God, May the spirit of Christian missions enter every heart,  
This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen."*

### The Announcements/Welcome of Visitors

Sis. Patricia Searcy

### The Altar Call/Receiving of Tithes and Offering

### The Offertory Response

*"All things come of thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee." A-men*

### The Sermonic Selection

The Choir

### The Message

*"What Kind of Joy Is his?"*

Rev. Keith D. Cornelius

### \*\*The Invitation to Christian Discipleship/Pastor's Word

### \*The Doxology

### The Un-lighting of the Candles

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~ DEPART TO SERVE ~

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. We pray that something was said or done to encourage you on your journey and remind you of God's grace. We've been blessed by your presence and look forward to worshiping with you again as God gives opportunity. Again, thank you. God Bless!*



*Mark Your Calendars*  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025**

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.stpeteramecstl.org/>

**Visit for more detailed information and view event flyers.**

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special prayer request.

Also available on the church website.

- ❖ **Christmas Day Prayer** via Zoom - December 25, 2025, 10:00 - 10:30 AM. All members and guests are invited. Zoom ID: 845 9636 0142 Password: 866493 Mobile: 1.301.715.8592 Password: 866493
- ❖ We are asking all that can to please give a **special Thanksgiving Offering of \$60.00**. The **Advent/Christmas Offering is \$60.00**, due by December 21, 2025. Thank you for all of your efforts in support of the Church.
- ❖ **St. Peter Lay Organization will host a Kwanzaa Luncheon and Bingo Celebration**, Saturday, December 27th, 1:00-4:00 PM in Dancy Hall. Donation: \$20.00. Please see any member of the Lay for tickets and additional information.
- ❖ **St. Peter is sponsoring a Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest** on Sunday, January 25, 2026. Applicants must be a St. Peter member between the ages of 13-18. The essay must be 100 words or more on the topic: "What does the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Mean to You as a Young Person." The deadline is January 11, 2026, for all essay submissions. Please see Sis. Pat Samuel for an application and additional information (314-458-7704).
- ❖ **The Gateway District** is sponsoring a "Gratitude is Essential Card Appreciation" for Presiding Elder Lowe and First Lady Regina Lowe. Any auxiliary or organization who wishes to express their appreciation with cards and monetary gifts may send to: 14866 Afshari Circle, Florissant, MO 63034.
- ❖ **The MOCO Stewardess and Deaconess** meeting will be held on Saturday, December 20th at 10:00 AM, at St. Luke AME Church, 9634 Meeks Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132.
- ❖ **Our \$125.00 Church Conference Assessment** is due January 24, 2026. You may start paying 20.00 a week, until January 24, 2026. We need all members to participate so we may meet our obligations. Please make every effort to contribute.
- ❖ **Church Anointing Service** will be January 4, 2026 during service. Please invite friends, family and loved ones. Come expecting a miracle.
- ❖ **Church Conference** will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2026, after service. Election of the District Steward and the Annual Conference Delegate will take place. If you are interested in any of these positions, please submit your name to Sis. Jacquie Young by the January 9, 2026, deadline.
- ❖ **Elder Lowe's 1st Quarterly Conference** is Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6 PM via Zoom. All members and leaders are expected to attend this meeting. Zoom information forthcoming.



- **St. Peter AME Church School** is being held in person, 9:00 AM. Call-in line: 520-453-7070.
- **Weekly Prayer Call/Communion**: Tuesdays @ 6 PM via our Conference Call-in line: 520-453-7070.
- **Weekly Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. 7:00 PM.  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84596360142?pwd=IuZeNxfrTVnGnOvE3H7xdD5POa95nI.1> Meeting ID: 845 9636 0142 Passcode: 866493 One tap mobile +13017158592, 84596360142# \*866493# US (Washington DC) +13052241968, 84596360142# \*866493#
- **Monday Youth Night**: 5:30/Dinner, 5:30-6:00/Bible Study 6:00-6:30/Choir Rehearsal; 6:30-7:00/Dance Ministry
- **Be Men Mondays**: 6:00 PM, in Dancy Hall. All St. Peter men are asked to assist as volunteers. Dinner served..
- **WEBSITE**: <https://www.stpeteramecstl.org/>   <https://www.facebook.com/StPeterStLou>



**YOUR SERVANTS IN CHRIST**

**The Right Reverend Francine A. Brookins, Presiding Bishop 5th Episcopal District**  
**The Reverend Edmund Lowe, Sr., Presiding Elder, The Gateway District**  
**The Reverend Keith D. Cornelius, Pastor**  
**The Reverend Charley Kibby Johnson, Local Deacon**  
**Sis. Chelsie Carter, Evangelist**

