

# Welcome



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THE REVEREND KEITH D. CORNELIUS,  
PASTOR

**LOVE  
ONE  
ANOTHER**

**For Love is Of God**



**HOPE•PEACE•JOY•LOVE**  
**LOVE**

The fourth candle of Advent, **Love**, is the greatest of all the virtues on the Advent wreath and encompasses Jesus' entire purpose for being on earth  
(1 Corinthians 13:13).

**~ ENTER TO WORSHIP ~**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, December 21, 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

Away In A Manger"

Hymn # 113

1) Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;  
the stars in the heavens looked down where He lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2) The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3) Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

## LITANY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## "LOVE"

Keowon Salmond

Leader: Love covers us now, and nothing can separate us from it.

People: Lord, where there is hurt, let love heal.

Leader: When it is hard to care or forgive, remind us how deeply You care for us.

People: Open our hearts, O God. Help us love one another with grace.

Leader: You have loved us beyond measure. Teach us to do the same.

People: May love guide our words and actions. May we welcome others as You welcome us.

Leader: Jesus, You are love.

ALL: Make us loving - sharing Your love everywhere we go. Amen.

**\*\*The Invocation**

**\*\*The Choral Prayer Response**

**\*\*The Scripture Reading**

1 John 4:7-11 (NKJV)

**\*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

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

"A Covenant of Love"

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!*

Sunday, December 21, 2025

WEBSITE: <https://www.stpeteramecstl.org/>. Visit for more detailed information and to view event flyers.

SCAN

to join St. Peter or submit a special prayer request.

Also available on the church website.

JOIN ST. PETER



- Our thoughts and prayers are with Mother Betty Anderson in the loss of her husband, Bro. Roy Anderson. Service arrangements are pending.
- 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.
- **Please join us for a Christmas Day Prayer** from 10:00-10:30 AM via Zoom. ID: 845.9636.0192. Password: 866493. Mobile: 1.301.715.8592. Password: 866493
- **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.
- **On Sunday, December 28th we will celebrate Pastor Cornelius's birthday** following the 10:00 AM Worship Service. Expressions of love may be given to the Pastor via the special envelope that is in your bulletin.
- **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 either of these positions, please submit your name to Sis. Jacquie Young by the January 9, 2026, deadline.
- **Elder Lowe's 1st Quarterly Conference Meeting** with St. Peter will be on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Zoom information forthcoming.
- **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.
- **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 contact Sis. Pat Samuel at 314-458-7704 for additional information.
- **RISE UP Fifth Episcopal District AME Church Midyear Gathering**, Hilton Los Angeles Airport, 5711 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045, March 1st at 4 PM - March 3rd at 12:30 PM. Please visit the website for additional information.

## Please Join Us!

# Christmas Day Prayer



Via Zoom  
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Thursday, December 25, 2025  
10:00-10:30 AM




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- **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=IuZexNxrTVnGnOvE3H7xdD5POa95nl1> 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/> 

### 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

