

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Lindell Boulevard and Spring Avenue

St. Louis, Mo.

THE REVEREND EDWARD S. TRAVERS, D. D., RECTOR
THE REVEREND FRANCIS C. REYNOLDS, VICAR OF EPIPHANY CHAPEL
CHARLES GALLOWAY, ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER

Fourth Sunday in Advent

DECEMBER 20, 1925

Hours of Services

Holy Communion.....7:30 a. m. Sunday School.....11:00 a. m.
(Holy Communion on first Sunday of Month)
Morning Prayer.....11:00 a. m.

Morning Prayer

Opening Voluntary: "Pastorale"Wely
Processional: Hymn 49Adeste Fideles
Venite Crotch

The Psalm selected for this morning's Service, is the 132nd Psalm,
found on Page 491 of the Prayer Book.

Benedicite Richards
Benedictus Anon
Hymn 58 Redner
Sermon The Rector
Offertory Anthem: "THE QUEST OF THE MAGI"Matthews

And behold, there came three wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered the chief priests and scribes together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea. For it is written by the prophet: And thou, Bethlehem in the land of Judah, art thou not the least among the princes of Judah; for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men together, inquired of them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also. And when they had heard the king, they departed.

From the Eastern mountains
Pressing on they come,
Wise men in their wisdom
To His humble home.
Stirred by deep devotion,
Hastening from afar
Ever journeying onward,
Guided by a star.
Light of light, that shineth
Ere the worlds began,
Draw Thou near, and lighten
Every heart of man.

Doxology Old Hundred
Recessional: Hymn 43 Greenland
Closing Voluntary: "Carillon" Vier
The flowers on the altar today are furnished in memory of
Mrs. J. E. Taussig, Jr.

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The following letter to the Rector was received from the Bishop:
"My Dear Dr. Travers:
I purpose, God willing, to visit St. Peter's Church, Saint Louis, on Sunday morning, the 25th of April, 1926, to minister, after the example of the holy Apostles of our Lord, the rite of Confirmation, or the Laying on of Hands.

I hope that you may be able, between now and the time of my official visit, to seek out many persons who ought to take upon themselves fuller responsibilities in the fellowship of Christ's religion, and to so instruct them that they will wish to be more diligent in private devotions, more faithful in family prayer, more eager in public worship, more steadfast in every good work, more ready to give generously, of their large or small incomes, toward the support of the Church and the spreading abroad of the Gospel of Christ. Having so instructed them, I hope that you will present them to the Bishop to receive in Confirmation the blessing of the Holy Spirit, without Whom we can bring no good desire to good effect.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) FREDERICK F. JOHNSON,
Bishop of Missouri."

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It will be seen from the above letter that the Bishop has appointed Sunday, April 25th, 1926, for his annual visitation to St. Peter's Church to administer the Rite of Confirmation. The Rector will be glad to discuss the subject of Confirmation with those who are interested. Do not wait to be sought out, but seek the Rector.

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Thursday, December 24th is Christmas Eve. There will be a Service in St. Peter's Church at 10:30 p. m. The Service will be Holy Communion, and Sermon by the Rector. The Choir prepared a number of Christmas Anthems and Carols which will be sung at this Service. The Service will end approximately at midnight.

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The only Service to be held in St. Peter's Church on Christmas Day, December 25th is at 10:30 a. m. The Service will be Morning Prayer, Sermon, and the administration of the Holy Communion.

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The Services on Sunday, December 27th, will be held at the usual hour, i. e., Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m., and Morning Prayer, Sermon, and Sunday School at 11:00 a. m.

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St. Peter's Church Service League will meet after the New Year. Due notice will be given.

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The treasurer closes his books for the year on December 31st, 1925. It will be a great help to him and those who have charge of the finances of the year if every member of the congregation will see that the contribution to the support of the Church for the year 1925 is paid before that date. Be sure your envelopes are all handed in.

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We shall want to have St. Peter's Church decorated during the Christmas Season. Anyone desiring to contribute to this end may send the money to the Rector.

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It has been customary for the members of St. Peter's Church to send Christmas Baskets. The donations for this purpose may be sent to the Rector or to Miss Mary Taylor, 4462 Forest Park Blvd. Two dollars will furnish a basket.