NEWS OF ST. PETERS
FEBRUARY, 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026, 11:30am

The sacred Season of Lent begins with worship on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Our worship will be at 11:30am in the Sanctuary. As the first twelve parking stalls in our lot are rented, you may park in the Cluett lot, marked stalls #83-88, in Queen Emma Square.

WORSHIP ON THE SQUARE FOR LENT

During the Season of Lent, there will be a variety of special worship and educational experiences for the members and friends of St Peter's, St. Paul's and the Cathedral of St. Andrews.

On Tuesdays in Lent at 6pm St. Peter's will offer a special worship service, Holden Evening Prayer followed by a time of Contemplative Prayer. Holden Evening Prayer is a unique and meditative Vesper's service composed by Marty Haugen, perfect for the season of Lent. It emphasizes themes of peace, justice, and the presence of God in daily life, while featuring call-and-response, prayers for healing, and a focus on community.

On Wednesdays, St. Paul's will hold a special worship for the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mother.

On Thursdays in Lent, Dean Heather from the Cathedral will release a quick message and Thoughtful Thursday question to help guide participants in the Cathedral's Lent book group called: "Lewis in Lent: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe". Pick up a copy of this classic, read along, read aloud, read among friends on the Square! A special in-person gathering or two may be planned along the way ~~ with this being a digital offering, you can participate whenever it works for you! AND whether you have read through the book, plan on gathering in the Von Holt Room at the Cathedral on Friday, April 9, 6:30pm for movie night – Together we will watch the 2005 Disney version of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" – complete with popcorn and concession snacks! All are most welcome!

REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

Forty-two (42) members (36 in person and 6 online) of St. Peter's attended the 2025 Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25. We heard from various members of those who serve our congregation, received the 2026 budget report from the Treasurer, and elected new Vestry members and those who will be delegates to the Diocesan convention. We also said Mahalo to Paula Choy and Michele Baldovi who have completed their service on the Vestry and to Velma Lee and Terry Dang who are stepping down as Senior and Junior Warden. Gail Haruki and Lori Yee were elected as vestry members, and Chucky Nakoa was elected as Jr. Warden.

The 2026 Vestry members are: Stephanie Vlachos; Chucky Nakoa; Nancy Rowe, Leila Diamond, Hal Halvorson, Beez Zane, Beth Cox, Suzanne Kagawa, Stephanie Wight, Gail Haruki and Lori Yee.

Those who will be delegates at the Conventions are Stephanie Vlachos, Chucky Nakoa, Rosa Dayao, Joseph Eppink, Nancy Rowe, Kia Williams. Alternates are Beth Cox and Stephanie Wight.

BISHOP FITZPATRICK'S VISITATION

Bishop Fitzpatrick will make his final Visitation with St. Peter's on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026, to honor the anniversary of our congregation which first gathered on Palm Sunday, 1887.

2026 CHRISM MASS AND SPRING TRAINING

Saturday, February 28, 2026
The Cathedral of St. Andrew, Honolulu

Join us for the Diocese's Annual Chrism Mass & Spring Training event being held at The Cathedral of St. Andrew on Saturday, February 28, 2026. The day will begin at 9:00 AM with the Chrism Mass and Eucharist, that will include the Renewal of Clergy Vows and Baptismal Vows. Spring Training will commence immediately following Chrism Mass with the theme, "A Time of Discernment."

Cost is only $25 and includes lunch. Don't let the registration fee be a barrier -- assistance is available to help cover these costs! Be sure to select the waiver box on the bottom of the registration form. *Free childcare is also available.*

If you have any questions, please contact Rae Costa at (808) 536-7776, ext. 326. Or go to: https://episcopalhawaii.jotform.com/form/200280497866160

For more information please visit the Diocese website
https://www.episcopalhawaii.org/spring-training-2026.html

Schedule:

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH SEEKS INPUT ON HOUSEHOLD DIVERSTIY

All Episcopalians are invited to complete a 15- to 20-minute survey offered by the Task Force to Study Household and Relationship Diversity and designed to help the church better understand and support all its members.

Created by General Convention in 2022, **the task force seeks** "to create opportunities for discussion, reflection, and deepening of understanding about existing diversity of family relationships and households among congregations, dioceses, and throughout The Episcopal Church."

Participants are encouraged to **learn more and complete the survey** by **March 1**. Simply go to the link at: bit.ly/episcopaldeisurvey

NEWS OF OUR OHANA

On Sunday, February 1st we will rejoice with Elton and Paulette Choy as their grandson Cassian Sumulong is baptized. Welcome to the family Cassian!

We also will gather together as an Ohana as we grieve with families of two members who have passed away recently: On Saturday, February 7th at 11:00 am there will be a funeral for Dr. Roland Tam.

On Saturday, February 28th at 3:00 pm there will be a funeral for Paula Choy's Mother, Barbara Nishida

MOMS IN PRAYER

Twice a month a small group of women, including Jan Yap and Cheryl Fong, gather together to spend an hour in prayer as part of the organization "Moms In Prayer". As Jan writes: "We welcome anybody from our church who would like to pray with us. We pray for our kids our spouses and our grandkids and I testify most of my prayers have been answered for my children." If you would like more information, please contact Jan Yap.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 BRITT LECTURES: "THE HOUR ON SUNDAY"

February 14-16, 2026

Presented by the Hawaii District of the UMC

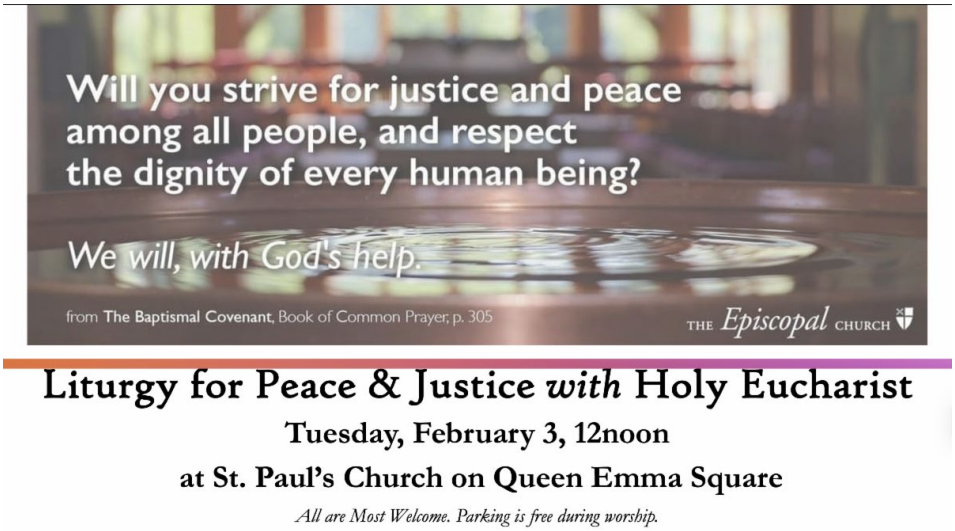
The Annual Britt Lectures will be held at First United Methodist Church of Honolulu, 1020 S. Beretania Street. There will be two lectures on Saturday, February 14th at 10am and ending in the early afternoon, with a free lunch in between. A third lecture will be held on Sunday evening at 7pm. The themes for the lectures are:

The Hour on Sunday: The God who Gathers Us; The Work of Imagination: Why Beauty Matters; A people Who Can Take Part: What Can Only Happen Together.

This year's lecturer is Pastor Samantha Beach Kiley. She is a writer, performer and pastor working in the intersection of art and faith. Partnering with Samantha for the lectures is her mother, Nancy Beach, who was the programming director at the Willow Creek Community Church for many years.

For more information call First UMC at 808-522-9555.

FAITH ACTION LEADERSHIP TRAINING – FEB. 13–14, 2026

All clergy and congregational leaders are invited to a statewide training, **"Building Collective Power Through Community Organizing,"** hosted by Faith Action Hawai'i on **Feb. 13–14, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.** This faith-rooted training will equip leaders in relational organizing, equity strategies, spiritual grounding, and community care. For more information contact director@hifaithaction.org or to register go to bit.ly/FaithActionCon

NOONDAY PRAYERS WITH BISHOP FITZPATRICK, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, QUEEN EMMA SQUARE