

ST. PETER'S  
**MINISTRIES**  
SERVANTS IN CHRIST



We are called by God  
to experience and  
share the Joy and Love  
of Jesus Christ through:

WORSHIP

FELLOWSHIP

DISCIPLESHIP

MINISTRY

AND MISSION

**St Peter's**  
Lake Mary

[stpeterslakemary.org](http://stpeterslakemary.org)

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## Overview

*Whatever you do, work at it  
with all your heart, as working  
for the Lord, not for men, since  
you know that you will receive  
an inheritance from the Lord as  
a reward. It is the Lord Christ  
you are serving.*

*—Colossians 3:23-24*

First, thanks to everyone who volunteers at St. Peter's. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Our church programs are successful thanks to your giving spirit, time and talents. We pray God richly blesses your life.

### **The Five Commissions of St. Peter's**

St. Peter's Episcopal Church is called by God to experience and share the joy and love of Jesus Christ, through:

- **Worship**
- **Fellowship**
- **Discipleship**
- **Ministry**
- **Mission**

These five Commissions describe the calling of all Christians who actively seek to grow in their knowledge and love of God through Jesus Christ.

#### **It begins with Worship.**

Having heard and accepted God's love, God's people are compelled to express this profound love in **Worship**. As they gather in celebration, they quite naturally begin to **Fellowship** with other Christians. This leads in turn to a hunger which is nourished through **Discipleship**, growing in our knowledge of the Lord.

Discipleship is what empowers Christians for **Ministry** where we minister God's love to our friends, neighbors and family. The final step in this process is **Mission** whereby Christians go out into the world to do God's will.

On the following pages, you will have the opportunity to acquaint yourself with the volunteer positions available within each ministry. Please take time to peruse the information. You can also open and download the latest versions of the Ministry booklet for each of the five commissions at [stpeterslakemary.org/volunteer/](http://stpeterslakemary.org/volunteer/)

#### **Qualifications and Personal Requirements for all Positions:**

Possess a teachable spirit and willing heart to serve God and others.

# WORSHIP



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## Worship Commission

To serve and glorify God by providing opportunities for active participation in worship and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

### Acolyte

**Description:** Parishioners—children and adults—who lead the procession, present the elements and offering to the Celebrant, and lead the recession.

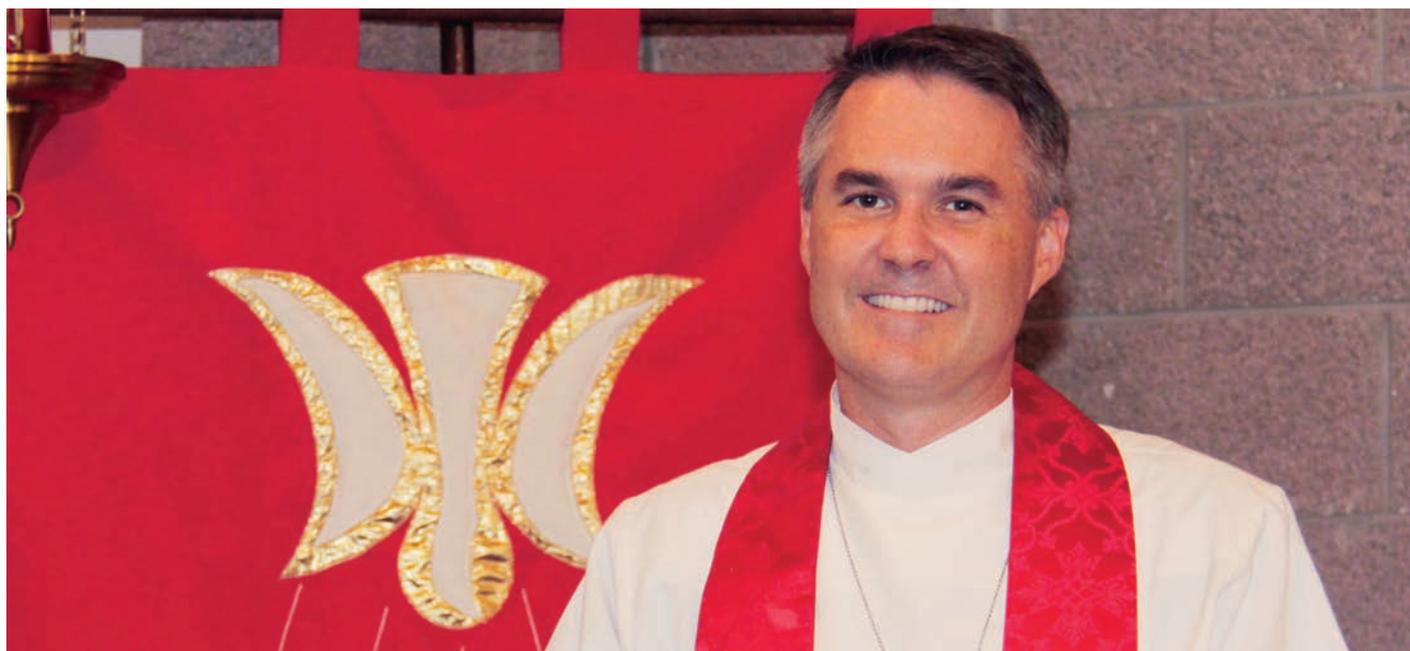
**Purpose:** To serve and glorify God by assisting the Rector and/or officiating clergy before and during the worship service.

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

**Torch Bearer:** Carries the candle or the torch in pairs and walks on either side of the crucifer.

**Crucifer:** Carries the Cross during the Processional and the Recessional and assists during the Gospel reading, with the offertory, and can also fulfill the torchbearer's or server's duties.

**Server:** Assists the Deacon during Holy Eucharist and at other times during the Service as needed. The Server can also fulfill other duties as needed.



### Altar Guild

**Description:** The Altar Guild prepares all things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist. Members are divided into teams for rotating weeks of service that includes a few hours of “housework” in addition to coverage of Eucharistic services.

**Purpose:** To serve and glorify God by assisting the Clergy in preparing the altar for worship.

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

**Directress:** Maintains awareness of other events requiring Eucharistic services, such as weddings, baptisms, funerals. Consults with the Rector regarding all Eucharistic services, communicates with team leaders re: special services, maintains linens and supplies, maintains financial records and prepares annual budget, and serves as a team leader.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Takes minutes at all meetings, keeps the Team roster up to date, collects and keeps track of dues.

**Team Leaders:** Oversee and trains individual team members and makes sure special services are covered.

**Team Members:** Prepare for all Eucharistic services as requested by the Team Leader. Members are divided into four teams. Each team is responsible for one week a month starting Friday and ending the following Thursday.



### **Chalice Bearer**

**Description:** Administers Chalice during Holy Eucharist and assists Rector or officiating clergy as required.

**Purpose:** To serve and glorify God by assisting in the celebration of Holy Communion at services on a rotating basis.

**Note:** Individuals who wish to be part of this service must be confirmed Episcopalians and are required to take a training course. After successfully completing the course, a license to administer the Chalice at St. Peter's is received.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Chairperson:** Assists new Chalice Bearers and ensures duties of all Chalice Bearers are being performed correctly. Responsible for scheduling Chalice Bearers for service.

**Chalice Bearer:** Administers Chalice and Eucharist, assists officiating clergy as needed and assists or serves as Acolyte if needed.



### **Flower Guild**

**Description:** Arranges flowers for the altar, children's church and visitors table for Saturday evening and Sunday services. Decorates church for special occasions. The time requirement is approximately 3 hours once a month. Also for Christmas, Palm Sunday and Easter it usually is about 3-4 hours as their schedule permits.

**Purpose:** To serve and glorify God by visually enhancing the worship experience for all attendees.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Chairperson:** Schedules teams, plans and orders flowers.

**Team Members:** Prepare containers and assist with clean up. New members are paired with experienced members.

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### **Funeral Guild**

**Description:** Assists in hosting the services for families holding memorial or funeral services at St. Peter's Lake Mary.

**Purpose:** To serve and glorify God by assisting the clergy in providing compassionate memorial or funeral services.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Coordinator:** Coordinate team to assist Rector in memorial or funeral services held at SPLM. Having experience in hosting such services and being familiar with SPLM worship services is needed.

**Team Members:** Serve as part of a team under the direction of the Funeral Guild Coordinator to provide a professional and compassionate experience for family and friends participating in memorial or funeral services.

### **Greeter**

**Description:** Friendly, outgoing people who greet visitors and members in the name of Christ. Partners with visitors to introduce them to St. Peter's.

**Purpose:** To serve and glorify God by greeting people and welcoming them to the House of the Lord.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Greeter/Usher Coordinator:** Ensures that every service has an adequate number of trained greeters and ushers.

**Greeter:** Greet people at the door with a smile; ask visitors to sign the guest book. All Greeters are expected to arrive at church at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned service and wear a Greeter Tag.

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## **Music Ministry**

**Description:** Worship as a community through music and worship to experience and share the love of Jesus Christ.

**Purpose:** To serve and glorify God by sharing with each other through voice and instruments.

## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Adult Choir:** The traditional celebration of the Holy Eucharist utilizes congregational hymns, choral anthems, and organ music from centuries past to the present day. The organ is the primary accompanying instrument, while the piano is used frequently for the communion songs. Other instruments, such as trumpet, flute, harpsichord, may be used with the organ on festive occasions. Anyone who loves to sing is invited to join. We welcome persons who might simply wish to sit in on a rehearsal to observe the techniques, energy and great fellowship before making a commitment to join.

**Youth Choir:** The Youth Choir invites children from grade 2 and up to join. There is not an established grade or age limit as long as the chorister is a student in elementary, middle or high school. The Youth Choir sings all service music (hymns, Psalms and parts of the Eucharist) and an anthem on the third Sunday of the month from September through May. In addition, they lead the music for the Christmas Eve Family Liturgy. Students are invited to join any time during the year. The most important element is faithful attendance at rehearsals and services. This, of course, presupposes solid parental support.



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## **Praise and Worship Band**

**Description:** Worship as a community through music and worship to experience and share the love of Jesus Christ.

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The contemporary worship service blends a modern contemporary style with traditional worship rites. The music for this service is enriched by a worship band with vocalists, guitars, keyboards, drums and other various instruments.

### **Prayer Team**

**Description:** Parishioners who prayerfully intercede for those who request prayer during and after Communion time. In addition, prays for the entire congregation and the leaders of St. Peter's as well as any other need revealed by the Holy Spirit.

**Purpose:** To serve and glorify God by praying for members' needs, thanksgivings and to praise God for things He has already done in their lives.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Prayer Team Coordinator:** Coordinates prayer team members and serves on team as scheduled.

**Team Members:** Serve on rotating prayer teams that are generally scheduled for one service per month.



### **Production**

**Description:** Running and operating the sound board for both regular services and special occasions. The sound tech also records weekly sermons which are then edited and uploaded to our website.

**Purpose:** To serve and glorify God by providing high-quality media production at all St. Peter's services, functions and events.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Media Coordinator:** Oversees the creation of media projected during Sunday Contemporary Worship Services, and coordinates the schedule of media volunteers.

**Media Operator:** Runs the projected slides and video used throughout Sunday Contemporary services at least one Sunday a month.

**Sound Coordinator:** Creates and maintains a schedule of events and volunteers and serves on the sound board as needed.

**Sound Operator:** Operates the sound board during services at least one Saturday or Sunday a month; records and uploads recorded sermons.

### **Reader/Lector**

**Description:** Clearly and loudly reads passages from the Bible during worship.

**Purpose:** To Glorify God by sharing the joy in the ways God is revealed in Holy Scripture.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Coordinator:** Recruits and schedules Readers for each service, and serves as a Lector.

**Lector:** One who reads scripture from Old and New Testaments.

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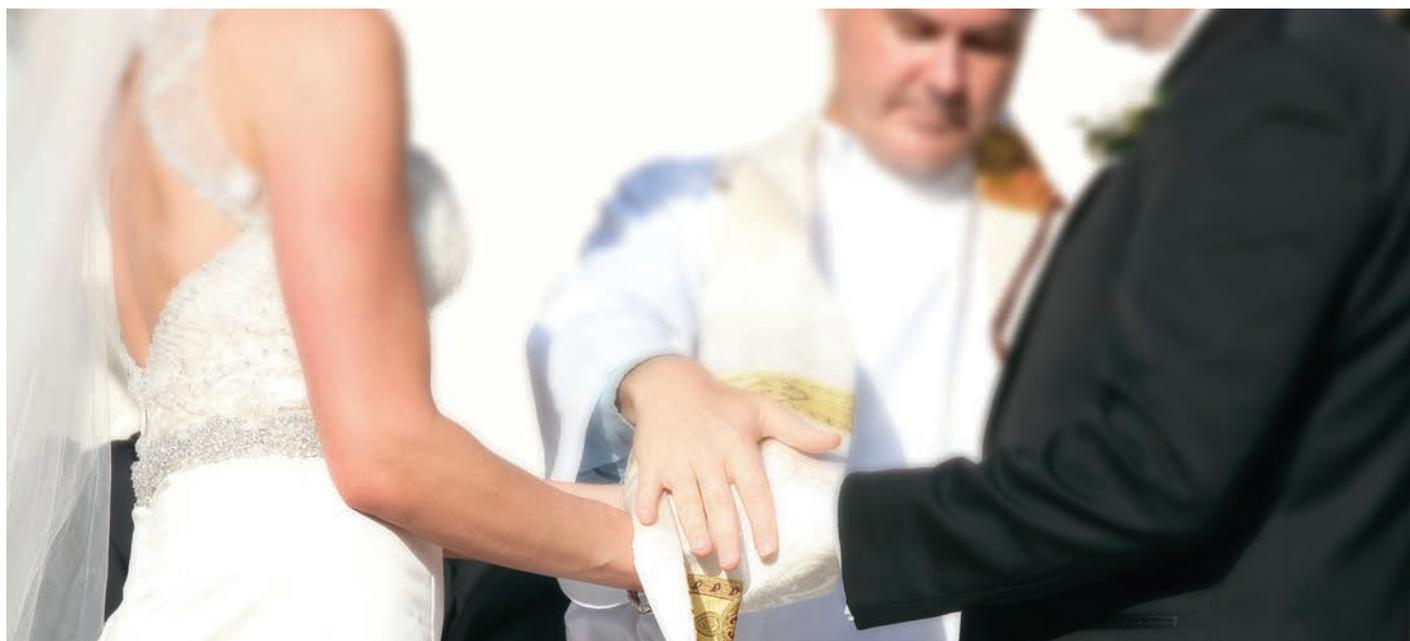
**Description:** Provide assistance and support to Clergy and Congregation before, during and following each worship service.

**Purpose:** To serve and glorify God ensuring that the clergy and congregation can focus upon worshipping the Lord rather than the details and operations of services.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Usher Coordinator:** Assigns ushers for each service and serves as an usher as scheduled.

**Usher:** Checks in with the Vestry in Charge upon arrival for any special instructions; distributes bulletins; seats parishioners; counts attendees if needed; brings children in from Children's Church; collects offerings; directs communicants to Altar rail during Eucharist and assists in any other needs that may arise.



## **Wedding Guild**

**Description:** Assists in the wedding plans of couples scheduled to be married at St. Peter's Lake Mary.

**Purpose:** To serve and glorify God by lifting up the bridal couple in prayer and assisting them as they finalize plans and enter into the sacrament of marriage.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Chairperson:** Communicates effectively with the bride and others as needed. Coordinates in a timely manner with other involved worship ministries and works within a strict timeline. The person in this position is familiar with St. Peter's wedding policy and instructs the wedding party as needed.

**Team Members:** Work with the Chairperson to provide the bride and groom a seamless and blessed experience. Provide prayers that God will be glorified and his presence felt by the bride and groom and those who attend the wedding service. They need to be present at both the rehearsal and the wedding service.

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