

# SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 19, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m.

*St. John's is a church for people of all races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, and viewpoints grounded in love. Whoever you are, we welcome you.*

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### ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

*Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a "Welcome" card and leaving it in the offering plate or with an usher or greeter. ♦ Free valet parking is available on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Look for the valet sign at the corner of Black Lives Matter Plaza (16th Street) and H Street, NW. ♦ Follow us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare. See photos from St. John's musical performances, special events, meetings, Sunday services, and more. Relive the moment or experience it for the first time through the touch of a button on your smartphone.*

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 36:5-10

*Said responsively by half verse.*

Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, \*  
**and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
**you save both man and beast, O LORD.**

How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
**your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.**

They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
**you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life, \*  
**and in your light we see light.**

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
**and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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## OFFERING PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Prayer cards are provided at the entrance of the church. You are invited to write your prayers and place them in the collection plate. Your prayers will be blessed and will be prayed for by a priest during the week.*

## MAKING AN OFFERING

*You may make an offering by placing your donation in the plate, or use this QR code to pay electronically. A donation via this code can go only to offerings and not to pledges or any other specific funds*



## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Wait for an usher to call your pew to come forward. You will first be handed a wafer by a priest (gluten-free wafers are available by request) and then offered wine by a lay server. You may either sip the wine or dip your wafer into the wine. Receiving the bread alone is a valid way to share in the Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. All may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.*

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**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD,**

and in memory of Rota Lee and Richard Thomas.

**ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE**

Jack Reiffer, *Lay Server*

Richard Young, *Assistant Head Usher*

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

**If you do not wish to take this bulletin home after the service,  
you may leave it at the end of the pew as you depart or place it in a blue recycling bin.**

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# Announcements for the Week of January 19

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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*Please note: No valet parking, no nursery care, and an altered service schedule today, due to inauguration-related closures.*

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell  
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)  
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 2)  
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)  
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)  
Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)  
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell  
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)  
Church Tour (see next column)
- 5 p.m. Epiphanytide Lessons and Carols (Offsite; see next column)  
*Please note: This service will start 30 minutes earlier than previously publicized.*

### FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help us brighten the day of parishioners by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel most Sundays of the year. A card is attached to each vase with contact information.

**Today flower deliveries are needed to: Connecticut Avenue, NW; Chesapeake Street, SE; and Water Oak Drive, Fairfax.**



### TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

**Today at noon**

For more than 200 years our church has served as a place of worship for a growing and everchanging city and country. Its structure is a lasting testament to Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who, because of his training in both architecture and engineering, is considered by the American Institute of Architects as our country's first architect. If you are interested in an in-person tour of St. John's Church, meet at the front of the church near the baptismal font after the 11 a.m. service. Today's guide is Richard J. Price.



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### EPIPHANYTIDE LESSONS AND CAROLS

**Today at 5 p.m. at Christ Church, Georgetown**

*Please note: This service starts at 5 p.m., 30 minutes earlier than previously publicized.*

The combined professional choirs of St. John's, Lafayette Square, and Christ Church, Georgetown, will offer a joint service of Epiphanytide Lessons and Carols this afternoon. The service includes readings interspersed with seasonal hymns and choral anthems. A reception follows. Note that this year the service will be held at Christ Church (3116 O Street, NW). We hope you'll join us for this annual collaboration with a neighboring parish as we observe the joyous season of Epiphany.

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*January 20–27*

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*Monday—No noonday Eucharist*

**Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Wednesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Friday**—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

**Sunday**—The Rev. Rob Fisher, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon  
and Children's Chapel

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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### Monday, January 20

All Day Parish Office closed for Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day & Inauguration Day

### Tuesday, January 21

1 p.m. Staff Meeting (Togo West Parlor)

6 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Togo West Parlor)

### Wednesday, January 22

4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 23

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

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## SPEAKER SERIES

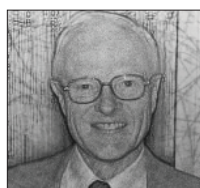
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The Speaker Series is held most Sundays from September through May at 10 a.m. in the Togo West Parlor on the first floor of the Parish House. An audio recording will be available on our website the week after each talk.



**January 19: Charles Lister**, a noted Syria expert, will discuss the recent fall of the Assad regime and its regional implications. Charles Lister is a senior fellow and the Director of the Syria and Countering Terrorism & Extremism programs at the Middle East Institute.

**January 26: Vestry Candidates Presentation.** Hear from those seeking election to the Vestry, in preparation to cast your vote at Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2.



**February 16: George Nash**, historian, author, lecturer, and a noted authority on the life of our 31st president, will speak about the presidency of Herbert Hoover.

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## STEWARDSHIP

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### PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

*As of Wednesday, January 15, we had received 276 pledges totalling \$1,107,800.*

Thank you to all who have already pledged for this calendar year. Pledging today, if you have not yet done so, will help determine what St. John's budget will be. All pledges are welcome, no matter how big or small. If you are able to increase your pledge this year, it will greatly impact the growth of our programs to better serve our entire parish community. You can pledge either with a physical pledge card, available at the front desk or in the narthex of the church, or by visiting [stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge](http://stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge) to complete an online pledge form. Thank you!

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## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

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### **N STREET VILLAGE SUPPLY DRIVE** **Now through March 30**

The Sisters at St. John's are partnering with N Street Village, a local group that supports D.C. women experiencing homelessness by offering a broad spectrum of services, housing, and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Now through the end of March, we are collecting a variety of necessities, including travel sizes of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, lotion, and deodorant, as well as cleaning supplies, dishwashing soap, paper towels, toilet paper, women's underwear (sizes 7, 8, 11, and 12), and adult incontinence items (M-XXL). To donate, please bring any of the above items to church with you and leave them in the basket by the reception area in the Parish House. Or you can skip the hassle and order supplies via the online wish list found at [bit.ly/sisters-supplies-2024](https://bit.ly/sisters-supplies-2024). Thank you!

### **CONSIDER JOINING THE FLOWER GUILD**

Whether you want to develop a new skill or expand on an existing talent, being a member of the Flower Guild is a rewarding way to volunteer at St. John's while also acquiring new friendships. No experience is needed; newcomers are paired with experienced members who mentor them until they are fully fledged, confident flower arrangers. Arranging typically takes place on Saturday mornings. To learn more or get involved, please contact Flower Guild leader Katherine Kyle at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](https://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

### **BAPTISMS**

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism must

also attend an Adult Inquirers' Class, offered twice a year, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. Upcoming dates for baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy at St. John's include:

**Sunday, February 9, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, February 8, at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday, March 2, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday, April 27, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m.*

### **SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH**

#### **Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service**

Sunday lunch at St. John's is a longtime tradition in which every member and every visitor can participate. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones—a time for fellowship and for hearing another's story. The lunch is held most Sundays in the Parish House. Contributions of \$5 for adults and young people 13 and over and \$2 for children under 13 are requested to help defray the costs of the lunch. All are welcome. Valet parking hours are extended to 2 p.m. any Sunday with a parish lunch.

The Sunday lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve the meal—which is why we encourage individuals, families, groups, or ministries to host at least once before the end of May. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt. Not sure what's involved? Want to claim an open date? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](https://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

*January 19 No Lunch*

*January 26 Susan Cardwell*

*February 2 Annual Meeting and Reception*

**February 9**

**February 16**

*February 23 Laurie Adams, Matthew Bode,  
David and Liz Gallalee*

**March 2**

**March 9**

**March 16**

**March 23**

**March 30**

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*Contact Pastoral Care at Connect: Ministry Directory on our website to add, remove, or change a status on the prayer list.*

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## ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF VESTRY

Sunday, February 2, at 11:30 a.m.

Worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m. that day  
Reception following Annual Meeting

Please plan to join us in person or online for this year's Annual Meeting. We will elect Wardens (uncontested) and three Vestry members from six candidates. Absentee ballots will be available at the front desk starting Tuesday, January 14. Bios for the candidates are posted in the building and linked in *The Word*.

### Candidates for Wardens

Nora Rigby, Senior Warden  
Alfred Thesmar, Junior Warden



### Candidates for Vestry (3 to be elected)

Brian Cordova-Brookey (*top left*), Doug Estes (*center*),  
Debby Hailey (*right*), Laura Herzog (*bottom left*),  
Julia Koster (*center*), and Eleanor Odom (*right*).



*You will have the opportunity to hear from the candidates during the 10 a.m. education hour on Sunday, January 26, one week prior to Annual Meeting.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING

Sunday, January 26, at 9 a.m.

The Sisters at St. John's welcome all women of the parish to breakfast at the University Club (1135 16th Street, NW) on Sunday, January 26, at 9 a.m. Meals are paid individually, and we will wrap up in time to attend the 11 a.m. service at St. John's. RSVP to leader Emily Lucio via the online Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

### LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER

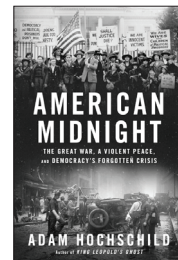
Tuesday, January 28, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

The Lafayette Fellowship offers activities for all adults at St. John's who seek to build community with one another. On Tuesday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m., we have booked a table for up to 12 people at Da Hong Pao Restaurant (1409 14th Street, NW), and we look forward to gathering for dim sum to celebrate the Lunar New Year. There will likely be a small per-person charge for this event once we have confirmed attendance numbers. RSVP to [bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events](http://bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events). Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom to discuss *American Midnight: The Great War, a Violent Peace, and Democracy's Forgotten Crisis*. In this book, Adam Hochschild offers a reassessment of the period between World War I and the Roaring Twenties, during which the foundations of American democracy were threatened by war, pandemic, and violence fueled by battles over race, immigration, and the rights of labor. The book group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, please contact leader Janet Edmond via the online directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).





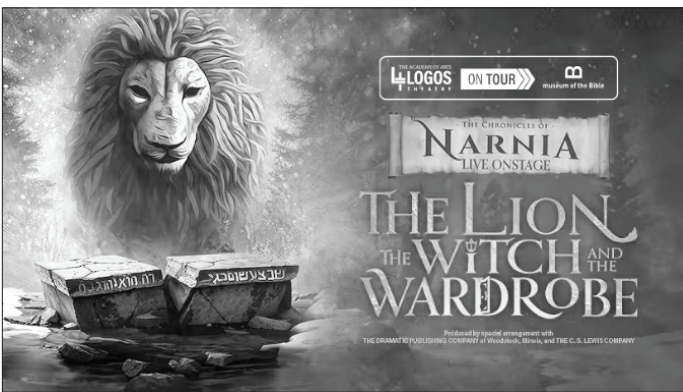


## GRACE'S TABLE

**Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

*Upcoming Dates: February 15 and March 15*

Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. Volunteers purchase and prepare food (including casseroles, rolls, salad, and dessert) and/or serve the guests. Typically, as many as 60 or 70 guests come seeking food and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other St. John's parishioners and to spread God's loving kindness in our community. Contact leader Elizabeth Field using the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions, or visit [bit.ly/sjc-graces-table-1224](https://bit.ly/sjc-graces-table-1224) to volunteer.



## FAMILY MEET-UP

**The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe**  
**Saturday, February 22, at 10:30 a.m.**

*Important Deadline: RSVP by Monday, January 20*

St. John's families are invited see the play *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis at Museum of the Bible (400 4th Street SW) on Saturday, February 22. We will be purchasing a group package and estimate that tickets will be approximately \$50 each. Please indicate your interest and the number of tickets you wish to purchase on

the registration form found at [bit.ly/lion-witch-wardrobe-feb-22](https://bit.ly/lion-witch-wardrobe-feb-22). The deadline to register is Monday, January 20. Questions? Contact Emily Lucio; you'll find her under the Sisters at St. John's listing in our online ministry directory. If cost is a barrier, please contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

## WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

**Friday, March 7, through Sunday, March 9**

The Sisters at St. John's annual retreat, this year entitled "Wilderness Blessings," will be held at the A. Felix DuPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Led by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, it will feature the poetry of Pádraig Ó Tuama, Jan Richardson, and Cole Arthur Riley, three contemporary poets who explore liturgy, faith, and the power of story. Space is limited and fills quickly, so please complete the online registration at [bit.ly/sjc-retreat-2025-register](https://bit.ly/sjc-retreat-2025-register) and submit your payment to secure your spot. The cost (\$400) includes housing and meals. For those in need of financial assistance, scholarships are available; contact the Rev. Rob Fisher with your request. Questions? Reach out to leader Emily Lucio via the online Ministry Directory—and remember that your payment (not your email) secures your place at the retreat. Full information, including details about the venue and payment, can be found at [bit.ly/sjc-wilderness-blessings](https://bit.ly/sjc-wilderness-blessings).

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## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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### NURSERY HOURS

**Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Infants and children are welcome at all worship services. Nursery care is also available most Sundays for infants and children up to age three. The nursery meets in the Godly Play Classroom #2 on the second floor of the Parish House.

### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House. The Godly Play class is for children in pre-K through first grade, while kids in second through fifth grade gather in the Spark class. For information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

All middle and high school youth are invited to the second floor of the Parish House for an exploration of life and faith with their peers. Questions? Contact Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

## **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

**Sundays during 11 a.m. worship**

Children from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at the 11 a.m. service. Children gather by the pulpit during the gradual hymn and process to the Parish House for a song, homily, and prayer time, returning to the sanctuary at the Peace. Parents may accompany their children, and are encouraged to do so for those younger than three. Children are also welcome to stay and worship in the main sanctuary. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

## **THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

**Sundays during 11 a.m. worship**

Youth in 6th grade and above are welcome to participate during the 11 a.m. service, serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. To learn more, contact us via [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

## **CHORISTER PROGRAM**

The St. John's Chorister Program offers children and youth exceptional choral training, music theory education, and leadership development. We have a preparatory choir for children in grades 3–6, and an advanced (auditioned) program for young singers with unchanged voices. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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## **REMINDERS**

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### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

**Sundays at 10 a.m.**

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. We are focusing this year

on the structure, audience, and themes of the Gospel of Luke. For class notes and Zoom login information, please connect with leader Jack Reiffer via our online Ministry Directory found at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

## **JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP**

Explore our many ministry groups at [www.stjohns-dc.org](http://www.stjohns-dc.org), and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.

## **FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

The flowers that enhance the beauty of the Church and Parish House are made possible by gifts from our community and are often dedicated to the memory of a loved one or to mark a birth or birthday, a wedding, an anniversary, a graduation, or another special event. To make a dedication, pick up a flower card at the entrance to the Church.

## **MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S**

A pledge is a commitment of financial support over the course of a year, to be paid weekly, monthly, or on another schedule. By making a pledge to St. John's, you enable us to plan for the work we undertake in mission and ministry. It's easy to make a pledge commitment online using this QR code or by visiting the Give tab on our website.



## **ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS**

If you want to make a monetary offering toward your pledge or a specific fund, you may do so on our website or by scanning the QR code on the right. In the "Fund" drop-down menu, select the fund to which you wish to donate.



## **LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS**

To listen to past sermons or speaker series, visit our website, scan this QR code, or search for "St. John's Church, Lafayette Square" in the Podcast app on your device.



## **LIVESTREAMED SERVICES**

The weekly 11 a.m. Sunday service (10:30 a.m. in summer) is broadcast and available for replay on our website, as are the monthly evensong and occasional other special services and events.

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## PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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Praying for the sick and those in need is an important part of our life together. We invite you to add yourself, family, or friends to the parish prayer list. **Contact Pastoral Care through the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at stjohndc.org.** Birthdays, anniversaries, births, and deaths are listed for a week. Other names added to the prayer list will be reviewed twice a year to help keep prayer requests current. If you would like a name to be on the prayer list for a specific period of time, please let us know. For family and friends who are not members of the congregation, we list in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers.

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**Our prayers are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:**

### **THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING**

**From our parish:** Margo Arnold, Yung Chang, Anne Field, Andy McKinnon, LaFleur Paysour, Diane Spaulding, and David Springer.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Kiesha Carroll (GeeGee Bryant), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Mark Hallett (Livy More), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Christopher More (Sarah Akes-Cardwell), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Patrick Christopher O'Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Sophie Panagi (Brian and KayAnn Schoeneman), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Wayne Richard (Reed Barnes), Jim Scarantino and family (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), Matt Skinner (Blount and Charlotte Stewart), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew),

Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), John Walsten (Emily and John Lucio), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

### **THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITAL**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Justin Fyala (Jack Reiffer) and Pat Morris (Will Morris).

### **THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING**

**From our parish:** Eve Atkeson, Milton Chamberlain, Barbie Harper, Jack Kinsey, Barney Malloy, Marcella Odom, Becky Schergens, and Paul and Susan Van Nice.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), Pat Morris (Will Morris), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Cawley Scott (Robyne Johnston), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

### **THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Ann (Frances Tyler), Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), and Ian Paton (Frances Tyler).

### **THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Frederick H. Beaudry, December 27 (Jim and Pat Czerwonky); and Merrill Koster, January 14 (Julia Koster).

### **THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

GeeGee Bryant, Matson Coxe, George Diliberto, David Gamboa, Hermann Helgert, Katie Holder, Ann Hughes, Jack Kinsey, Nicholas Lewis, Paul Mandelson, Leila Nuzum, Ike Owunwanne, Robert Pahnke, R. Scott Raspa, Gini Rhodes, Susan Roehrich, Kaki Tipler, Susan Van Nice, Patrick Venzke, Benjamin Watson, Tung-lin Wu, Eden Zaborowski, and Catherine Zeller.

### **THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Anna Broadbent-Evelyn (Shawn Evelyn), and Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris).

## LIST OF 2025 PLEDGERS

**On behalf of the rector, wardens, vestry, and all who share in the grace of God through the worship, ministries, programs, and outreach of St. John's Church, we thank the following for their pledges for the year 2025:**

*(As of January 15, 2025)*

Anonymous (12)	James Czerwonky	Christina Hannah
David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis	Patricia Wardwell Czerwonky	Peter & Summer Hardinge
Alison Adkins	Garry & Patricia Dalby	Barbara Harper
Sarah & Jeff Agnew	Betsy Danello	Robert & Anne Harrington
Sarah & Amanda Akes-Cardwell	Christine Davies	Fruzsina Harsanyi
John & Renate Alison	LaFawn C. Davis	Dolph Hatfield & Mary Wilson
Anthony H. Anikeeff & Tung-lin Wu	William E. Davis	Nora & Everett Haugh
Douglas & Margo Arnold	Justin B. Dean	Diane Hauslein
Eric Bailey	Clayton & Margaret Depue	Tim & Susan Heil
Harvey E. & Carolyn L. Bale	John Derrick	Whitley Herndon
Paul Barkett	Charles & Bonnie DeWitt	Laura & John Herzog
Chandler Battaile	George & Anita Diliberto	Katie & Paul Holder
Jordan & Angelle Baugh	Russell Doggett	Zealan & Amanda Claire Hoover
Robert Beizer	Deb & Jeff Dornemann	Pamela Howard
Laura Belman	James Doyle	Stephen Huettner
Kathleen Benner	Mike & Beth DuMond	Ann Compton Hughes
Coleman Bird	Diana Duke Duncan	Joanne & Powell Hutton
Martha L. & William S. Birdseye	James Eastwood	Marlene Ikeda
Diane Bitsberger	Janet Edmond	John Peters Irelan
Mary Ellen Bittner	Kaye Edwards	Nancy James
Marion Blakey & William Dooley	Brandon & Elizabeth Elliott	Deborah Jennings
Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington	Martha Ellison	Richard Jesus
Thomas Bleha & Natasha Simes	Anne & Cliff Elmore	Wande Johnson
Katherine Bliss & Mark Dennis	Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris	Ethan Johnson
Matt Bode & Laurie Adams	Sylvia Martin-Estes & Doug Estes	Felton Johnson
Jeff Bozman	Le & Casey Evans	Robert & Whitney Johnston
Krista & Larry Bradley	Amanda & Eric Eversole	Bill & Sara Josey
Lacy Broemel	Allison Herron Eydt	Carter & Fran Keithley
Sydney Brooks	Caroline & Steve Faris	William T. Kendall
Autumn Brown	Wendy J. Fibison	Tracy Lee Kendall
Finley Buchanan	Hyman & Anne Field	Kim Kennedy & Beverly Roberts
Craig & Barbara Burkhardt	Elizabeth Field	Loren & Anne Kieve
Richard T. Busch	Jamie Finch & David Dawson	David Kieve & Kate Bedingfield
Carolyn Buser	Dr. Art & Louise Fisher	James & Lisa Kirchenbauer
Susan Cardwell	Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood	Anya Kleymenova
Mark Cardwell & Paul Ramos	Molly & Matthew Ford	Frank & Nancy Klotz
Andrea Charters	Linda Gaines	Elizabeth P. Koehler
Mary Jane Checchi	Elizabeth Gallalee	Elizabeth & Jonathan Kosobucki
Preston Cherouny	David Gallalee	Julia Koster
Virginia Chew	John & Ann Gardner	Kenny Kraft
Carlye Christianson & Pascal Joly	Elizabeth & Christopher Gardner	Grant Kraus
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill	Kay Gilley	Albert S. & Katherine C. Kyle
Gwinneth Ann Clarkson	Donnie & Ronald Goodheart	Patricia Leslie
Carly & Collier Connell	Richard & Jeanne Grimmett	Julie Neff Lippman
Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey	Michael Gullans	James Longley
Pamela Covington	Sandra Hackworth	Jeffrey Lovelace
Jamison Craft	Dierdre & JD Hague	Emily & John Lucio
Joe Creech & Stephanie Delong	Deborah Hailey	Jan Lupton
Stephen & Nicole Crochet	Nick and Kate Hailey	Chip & RJ Lyerly
Gwendolyn & Jimmy Cunningham	Budd & Susan Hallberg	Sandy & Nancy Martin

Paolo Mastrangelo & Perri Warren  
Caroline Mazzocchi  
Abbott McCartney & Sigrid Block  
Clayton McCleskey  
Saunders McElroy  
Judson McIntire  
Thomas McKinnon  
George McLendon & Carol Quillen  
Matthew McMurray & Christine Kennedy  
Jacob McNeill  
Ellen McPeake  
Anna Lee & PJ Melnick  
Richard Metzger  
Johnathan S. Miller  
Nathan & Kelly Miller  
Joseph D. Mitchell  
Livy More  
John & Catherine Morefield  
Will & Michelle Morris  
Greg & Elizabeth Cavert Morrison  
Rob Mosbacher, Jr.  
Jim & Michele Mullins  
Dick & Joy Nathan  
Dixie & John Noonan  
John C. Northrup  
Elizabeth Oblinger & Wil Mackey  
Peter & Eleanor Odom  
Ralph & Lydia Olson  
Ucheora & Nkem Onwuamaegbu  
Owen & Felicia Owunwanne  
Matthew L. Paeffgen  
Robert Pahnke  
Robert & Sharon Park  
LaFleur Paysour  
Cami Pease  
Anthony Pegues  
Robin Pennington  
Eric Peters  
Raymond & Susan Petniunas

Larry & Connie Pettinger  
Natalie Popovic  
Richard Price & Yung Chang  
William Priest  
Kelly & Tricia Pulsifer  
K. Scott & Katherine Raab  
Will Rabbe & Brittany Prime  
Carl & Mary Raether  
Allie Raether Ganijan  
Luis Ramos-Chacon  
Garret & Gigi Rasmussen  
Larry Redway  
Glenn Reichardt & JoAnn Zuercher  
Sarah & Avo Reid  
Jack Reiffer  
James Reilly & Caleb Hays  
Geraldine & Harker Rhodes  
Hap & Nora Rigby  
Steve & Susan Roehrich  
Damion Rose  
Chase Rynd  
Alex & Jessica Sanchez  
KayAnn & Brian Schoeneman  
John & Zachary Schutz  
Sandy & Susan Sierck  
Adelle Simmons  
Thom Sinclair & James Kreger  
Jeremy Skog  
Patrick & Cameron Smith  
Diane & Peter Spaulding  
John Staples & Scott Raspa  
Kenneth & Susan Starling  
Anne Stewart  
Charlotte & Blount Stewart  
Toby Stock & Margy Slattery  
Desirée Stolar  
Catherine Stolar  
Alex Stolar  
Tim & Hillary Stuart

John & Holly Sukenik  
Patrick J. Summers  
Matthew Taylor  
Veronica Tejera  
Hilary & Alfred Thesmar  
Marianne Thomas  
Jocelyn Tichenor  
Laurel & Andrew Tierney  
Roderick & Rebecca Todd  
David Trebing  
Cal Trepagnier & Marta Cook  
Anthony G. Turner  
Frances Tyler  
Susan Valaskovic  
Paul & Susan Van Nice  
Pamela & Patrick Venzke  
Ryan Wagner  
Christopher Wall  
Alis Wang & Amy Stulman  
Carl & Kristin Ward  
Louisa Waycott  
Susan Welch  
Gail West  
Hilary West  
Brainerd H. Whitbeck III  
Suzanne Whitmore  
Trey & Amy Whitworth  
Margaret E. Wiegenstein  
Elena & Marty Williams  
Rev. Dr. Wesley S. Williams, Jr.  
Emma Wilson  
Anita Woehler  
Bill Wright  
Renee Yancey  
Richard Young  
Nicole Zehfuss & Neil Guttermann  
Paul & Sitta Zehfuss





## WELCOME!

**At St. John's Church, we believe** Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus' call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God's work in the world.

**St. John's was organized in 1815** to serve as a parish church for Episcopalians residing in the neighborhoods in the west end of the District of Columbia. Its cornerstone was laid on September 14, 1815, and it was consecrated on December 27, 1816. Beginning with James Madison, every person who has held the office of President of the United States has attended a service at the church. Several Presidents have been communicants. Thus, St. John's is often referred to as the "Church of the Presidents." Pew 54 is the President's Pew. The architect of the church was Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who assisted in the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol and the White House after the War of 1812. Twenty-five of the stained glass windows in St. John's were designed and executed by artisans of the noted Lorin firm of Chartres, France.

**If you are visiting**, please fill out the visitor information card found at the end of each pew to enable us to welcome you personally into the life of our parish.

**St. John's website ([www.stjohns-dc.org](http://www.stjohns-dc.org))** has up-to-date information about the church including the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

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### **Vestry Leadership & Members**

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

Tony Anikeeff, Krista Rimple Bradley,

Kaye Edwards, Wendy J. Fibison,

David Gallalee, Fruzsina Harsanyi,

Elizabeth Cavert Morrison,

Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer,

Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members*

Casey Evans, *Treasurer*

Nora Haugh, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

**Head Usher**—James H. Czerwonky

**Head Greeters**—Eleanor and Peter Odom

### **Heads of Flower Guild**

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

### **Worship & Program Staff**

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*

*for Engaging Local Communities*

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

The Rev. Dc. Eric Bailey, *Minister for Youth and Young Adults*

### **Staff**

Preston Cherouny, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Operations Manager*

Lisa Koehler, *Program Associate and*

*Executive Assistant to the Rector*

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant, David Gamboa, and John Queen,

*Assistant Sextons*

Anne Stone, *Publications*

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## ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. John's shines as a beacon of God's love through faith, worship, care, and community, and offers a place of grace at our historic corner in the nation's capital.

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