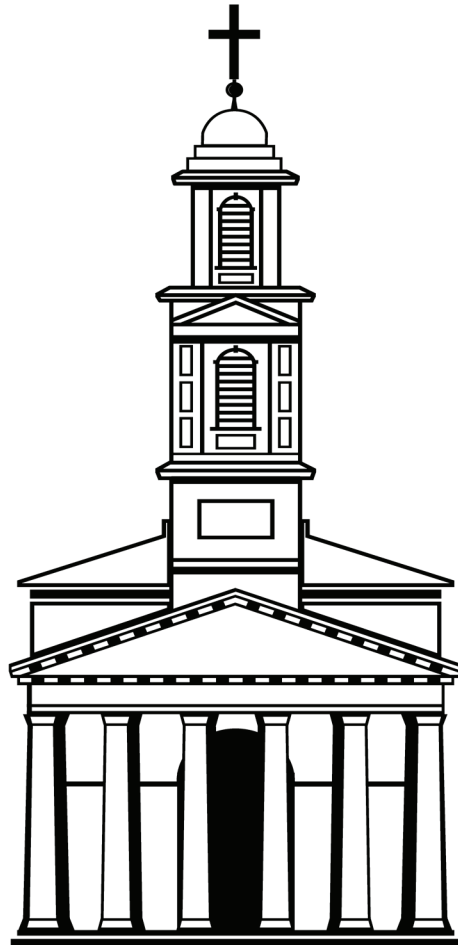


THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 10, 2024 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



# SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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*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.*

Welcome to St. John's Church, Lafayette Square.

All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.

Nursery care is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.

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.

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## VOLUNTARY

Allegretto, Op. 159

Mel Bonis (1858–1937)

Elevation, Op. 160

## HYMN 594

God of grace and God of glory

*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able as the procession enters.*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, days, goal, dore, for the liv - ing, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. By permission of the author. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GLORIA (S-278) *Sung by all.*

William Mathias (1934-1992)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR VETERANS DAY

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all those who have served or are serving in our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

*Please be seated.*

*9 a.m. Read by Martha Ellison.*

*11 a.m. Read by Chris Siddall.*

The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 146

*9 a.m. Led by Alex Stolar, said responsively by half verse.*

*11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; setting by Thomas Norris (1741–1790)*

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*

**for there is no help in them.**

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*

**whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*

**who keeps his promise for ever;**

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*

**and food to those who hunger.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*

**the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \*

**he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

The LORD shall reign for ever, \*

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

(11 a.m. only) Children's Chapel in the Parish House: All who wish may gather in front of the pulpit during the hymn and will return at the Peace. Parents are encouraged to accompany children younger than three.

## HYMN 656

Blest are the pure in heart

*Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1 & 2 will be sung before the Gospel, stanzas 3 & 4 after.*

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Following the Gospel, all sing stanzas 3 & 4 of the gradual hymn.*

THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*9 a.m. Led by Katherine Bliss.*

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*11 a.m. Led by Gus Tierney.*

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Intercessor* For Joseph, our President, the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in authority. For our nation during this election year, that we will value and uphold the common bond we share as citizens, and that you will empower us at this time to be graceful, loving, and brave. For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Intercessor* For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa\* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for St. Margaret's Parish, DC; Charlie's Place Feeding Program, St. Margaret's Parish; for all military veterans and their families; and for those who will be confirmed at the diocesan service on November 16. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

*People* **For all who serve God in the Church.**

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation . . . Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life . . . We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died . . . , that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*Intercessor* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence.*

*All* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Priest* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*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.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Greater love hath no man

John Ireland (1879–1962)

*Sung by the choir.*

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

—*From Song of Solomon and Saint John*



HYMN 568

Father all loving, who rulest in majesty

*Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

1 Fa - ther all lov - ing, who rul - est in ma - jes - ty,  
 2 Bless - ed Lord Je - sus, who cam - est in pov - er - ty,  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, cre - ate in us ho - li - ness,  
 4 Ho - li - est Trin - i - ty, per - fect in u - ni - ty,

judg - ment is thine, and con - demn - eth our pride;  
 shar - ing a sta - ble with beasts at thy birth,  
 lift up our lives to thy stand - ard of right;  
 bind in thy love ev - ery na - tion and race;

stir up our lead - ers and peo - ples to pen - i - tence,  
 stir us to work for thy jus - tice and char - i - ty,  
 stir ev - ery will to new ven - tures of faith - ful - ness,  
 may we a - dore thee for time and e - ter - ni - ty,

sor - row for sins that for ven - geance have cried.  
 tru - ly to care for the poor of the earth.  
 flood the whole Church with thy glo - ri - ous light.  
 Fa - ther, Re - deem - er, and Spi - rit of grace.

Words: Patrick Robert Norman Appleford (b. 1925), alt. By permission of The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.  
 Music: *Was lebet*, melody from *Choral-Buch vor Johann Heinrich Reinhardt*, 1754; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

## A PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

*Said by all.*

Gracious and everlasting God, the giver of all good gifts, you have blessed us and our parish abundantly. Grant us the hope to dream and the courage to live into our possibilities. Make us faithful stewards, both for the provision of our necessities and for the relief of those who are in need. Bless the efforts of our annual giving this year to extend the work of spiritual renewal in our church and community of faith. Through Jesus Christ, who gave all of himself, we offer this prayer. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS (S-125)

From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

*Sung by all.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please stand or kneel as you are able. The priest continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Priest* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**AGNUS DEI (S-374)**

Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

*Sung by all.*

8va bassa - - - - - Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:

world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Priest* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*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.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Sung by the choir.*

*At 9 a.m.*

Tantum ergo

Jessica French (b. 1991)

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
veneremur cernui:*

*Et antiquum documentum  
novo cedat ritui:*

*Praestet fides supplementum  
sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori, Genitoque  
laus et jubilatio:*

*Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
sit et benedictio:*

*Procedenti ab utroque  
compar sit laudatio. Amen.*

Hence so greatly the Sacrament  
let us venerate with heads bowed:  
And let the old practice  
give way to the new rite:  
Let faith provide a supplement  
for the failure of the senses.

To the Begetter and the Begotten  
be praise and jubilation:  
Hail, honor, virtue also,  
and blessing too:

To the One proceeding from Both  
let there be equal praise. Amen.

—Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?–1274)

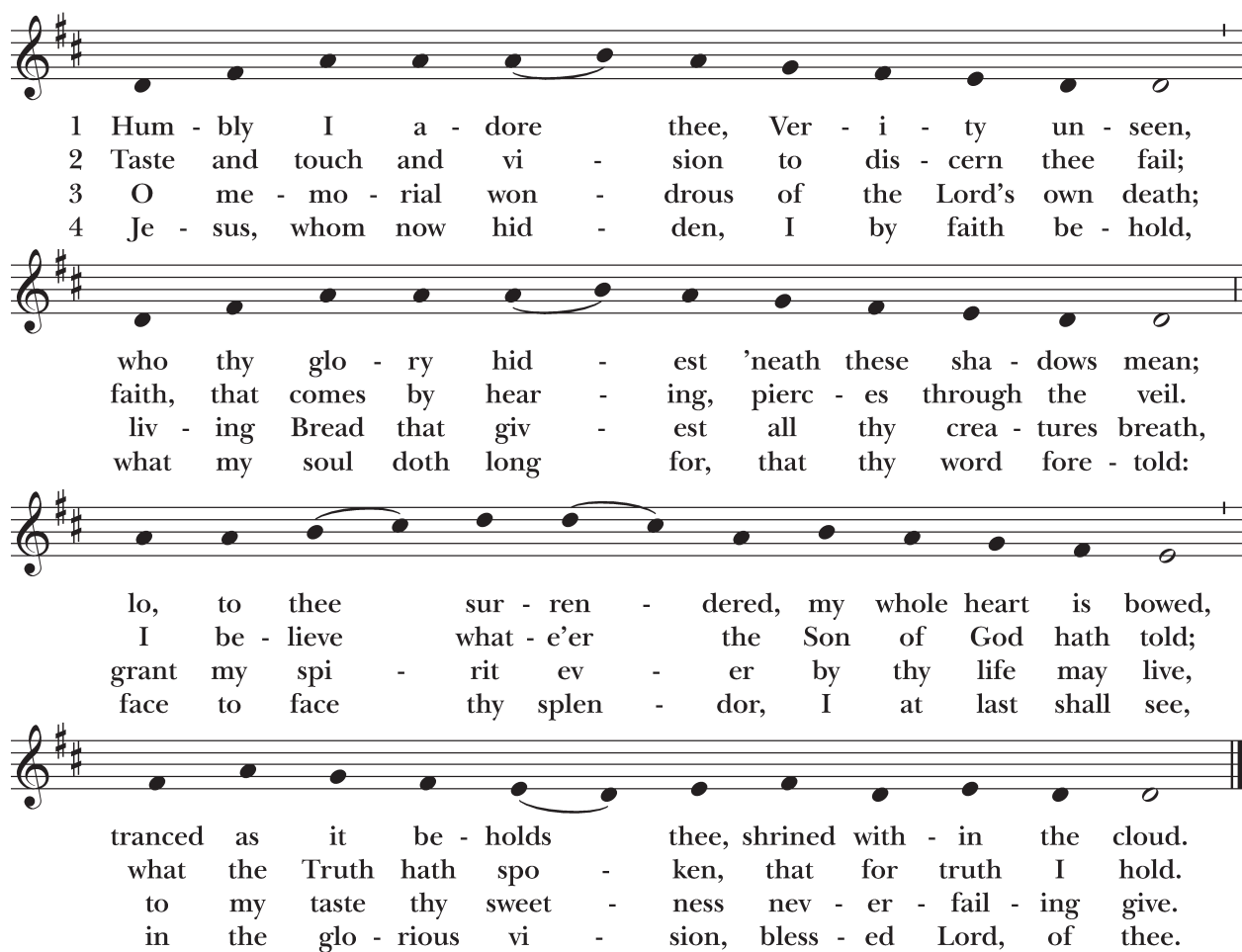
O sing unto the LORD a new song,  
sing unto the LORD all the whole earth.  
Sing unto the LORD and praise his Name,  
be telling of his salvation from day to day.  
For he cometh to judge the earth,  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the people with his truth.

—Psalm 96:1, 2, 13

## HYMN 314

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen

*Sung by all, seated.*



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,  
who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:  
lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,  
tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

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## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*When scheduled, the Priest offers a communion kit to any Lay Eucharistic Minister doing a home visit, saying*

On behalf of God and St. John's Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you will visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*Priest* Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

## HYMN 579

Almighty Father, strong to save

*Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic  
3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -  
firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save  
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we  
 ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy  
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.  
 watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.  
 rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Toccata, Op. 97

Mel Bonis

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

and in memory of Ann Edgar Miller.

**ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE**

Anya Kleymenova, *Crucifer* ♦ Eric Bailey and Jack Reiffer, *Chalice Bearers*  
Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher* ♦ Fruzsina Harsanyi and Diane Spaulding, *Ushers*  
Dylan Hayden and Desirée Stolar, *Greeters* ♦ Zach Schutz and Adelle Simmons, *Flower Guild*

**ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE**

Matt Bode, *Crucifer* ♦ Zoe Fisher and Ugo Owunwanne, *Acolytes*  
James Doyle and Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, *Chalice Bearers*  
Grant Kraus, *Assistant Head Usher* ♦ Reese Crochet, Joe Daniels, Livy More, and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*  
Nora Haugh and Sarah Wood, *Greeters* ♦ Zach Schutz and Adelle Simmons, *Flower Guild*  
Jeremy Skog, *Livestream Technician*

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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**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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# Announcements for the Week of November 10

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell  
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.  
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)  
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 3)  
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)  
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)  
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)

### 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 a flower delivery is needed to: **Wetherburn Court, Centreville, Va.**



### 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 Busch.

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*November 11–17*

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*No noonday service on Monday: Veterans Day.*

**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, November 11—Veterans Day

All Day Parish Office closed

### Tuesday, November 12

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

### Wednesday, November 13

4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal  
(Parish House Fourth Floor)

### Thursday, November 14

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals (Parish House Fourth Floor)  
7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal (Parish House Fourth Floor)

### Saturday, November 16

10 a.m. Diocesan Confirmation Service  
(Washington National Cathedral)  
10:30 a.m. Grace's Table (Offsite; see below)  
Refugee Committee (Offsite; see next column)



### GRACE'S TABLE

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

*Upcoming Dates: November 16 and December 21*

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 to volunteer.

### REFUGEE COMMITTEE

**Saturday, November 16, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 17, 2:30–6 p.m.**

Help the Refugee Committee with a clothing and supply donation giveaway event for refugee women at the Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resource Center in Alexandria. On Saturday, November 16, we will sort donations and set up for the event. On Sunday, November 17, we will host the giveaway event, with volunteers serving as personal shopper support to refugee women and hosting a play/craft area for children while the mothers shop. This will be a great way to meet and support refugee women in-person. The resource center is located at 5710A General Washington Drive, Alexandria, and we will organize a carpool for anyone who needs it. Sign up online at [bit.ly/refugee-donation-event](https://bit.ly/refugee-donation-event). Questions? Contact Lacy Broemel via the online Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

### FALL NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

**Sunday, November 17, at 9 and 11 a.m.**

St. John's will recognize new members of our community during worship on Sunday, November 17, at 9 and 11 a.m., and at a welcome reception in Togo West Parlor at noon. Come show your support for our growing community and get to know someone new.

### YOUTH CONFIRMATION INTEREST MEETING

**Sunday, November 17, at noon**

Parents and teens are invited to lunch to learn about plans for confirmation this spring. We will offer classes for youth beginning in January to prepare for confirmation on Saturday, May 10, at Washington National Cathedral. Confirmation is a sacramental rite in which candidates express a mature commitment to Christ before God, the bishop, and gathered community. RSVP to the lunch and express your interest in youth confirmation by contacting Eric Bailey, Lay Minister for Youth and Young Adults, on the About: Leadership page of our website.

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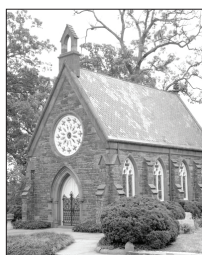
## SPEAKER SERIES

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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.



**November 10: Marla Karlin**, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, will deliver a talk titled “The Middle East: Old Challenges, New Dilemmas” reflecting on a critical and timely topic.



**November 17: Laura Lavelle**, author and historian, will talk about her book *Oak Hill Cemetery*. The iconic 175-year-old cemetery in the heart of Georgetown serves as the final resting place for many who played key roles in the life of our nation and the city of Washington.

(IMAGE: CAROL M. HIGHSMITH, PUBLIC DOMAIN, VIA WIKIMEDIA COMMONS)

**December 1: No Forum** (*Advent Wreath Making*)



**December 8: G. Derek Musgrove**, a University of Maryland professor of history whose teaching and scholarship focus on African-American politics, will give a talk titled “Black Protest Politics in the 1980s and 1990s.”

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## STEWARDSHIP

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### 2025 PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN’S

Thank you to all who have already pledged for 2025. As of Wednesday, November 6, we had received 158 pledges for a total of \$729,170. This is up slightly from last year at this time. We will be finalizing the 2025 budget very soon. Pledging today, if you have not yet done so, will help determine what that 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](https://stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge) to complete an online pledge form. Thank you!

### A WORD ABOUT MATCHING GIFTS

#### Here’s how to make your gift to St. John’s do a bit more

Many employers in the area want to make a positive impact in the community by offering matching gifts for various charitable programs. Matches are mostly focused around community support, education, and other 501(c)(3) entities, with gifts handled through portals such as Benevity, DoubleTheDonation, Global Giving, and YourCause. To find out whether your organization has a matching gift program, please contact your company’s corporate giving officer, who can also help you navigate the gift portal and make sure that St. John’s is listed as a verified recipient. (You can also contact the Parish Office for assistance.) Using your company’s matching gifts program is a wonderful and easy way to make a meaningful difference.

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## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

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### VESTRY NOMINATIONS

**Deadline: Monday, December 2**

The Vestry Nominating Committee will meet in early December to select the slate for Vestry elections to be held at the Parish’s Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2, 2025. The role of the Vestry Nominating Committee is to select, from all those nominated, the six candidates who will stand for election; three candidates will be elected. Nominees should be pledging members of the congregation, attend worship regularly, and be active in the life of the parish. Submit your nominations using the form found at [bit.ly/sjc-vestry-nominations-2025](https://bit.ly/sjc-vestry-nominations-2025). The deadline for nominations is Monday, December 2.

### SPOTLIGHT ON OUTREACH: GRACE’S TABLE

One in every nine people living in Washington, D.C., struggles to procure enough food for themselves or their family. St. John’s Grace’s Table ministry prepares, serves, and hosts a lunch at Grace Episcopal Church every third Saturday of the month (next date: November 16). For questions and how to get involved, contact Elizabeth Field via the online Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](https://stjohns-dc.org).



## 2024 ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

The annual Christmas gift drive is here! We are partnering with the Bishop Walker School, Advocates for Justice and Education, and Cardozo Education Campus to bring joy to children and adults in need this holiday season. Each recipient has provided a wish list of toys, books, or clothes that they are hoping to find underneath the Christmas tree this year.

### TWO WAYS TO PURCHASE GIFTS:

- **Visit the tree in the Parish House** and select an angel with a wish list, then procure it at a store of your choosing and return it (unwrapped) to the church by Monday, December 9.
- **Select items from our Amazon Wish List**, which will ship directly to the church. Details forthcoming.

### THREE IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Gift Delivery Deadline:** Monday, December 9
- **Gift Wrapping:** Saturday, December 14 (see next page)
- **Gift Distribution:** Beginning Monday, December 16, so please return your gift purchases on time.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us bring holiday cheer to those in need! Question? Please contact Kevin Cordova-Brookey via the online Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

## DEDICATIONS FOR SPECIAL MUSIC

Parishioners are invited to sponsor extra musicians for special events in the life of the parish. These contributions enhance our worship life and allow us to present occasional larger-scale musical works. Sponsorship is recognized by a dedication on the title page of the bulletin for the given service, and partial sponsorships are encouraged. Contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab of our website for more details. Availabilities include:

**Newly Commissioned Work for St. John's:** Contribute to a newly commissioned work of choral music by the award-winning South African composer Franco Prinsloo. The work is being composed in honor of late archbishop Desmond Tutu and will be premiered at St. John's this fall as we celebrate our ongoing partnership with Kwasa College in the Diocese of the Highveld. *Sponsorship: \$2,000*

**Festival Strings for Christmas Eve (December 24):** Sponsor the string ensemble that enhances the beauty of our Christmas Eve music. *Sponsorship: \$3,000*

## 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, January 12, 2025, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, January 11, at 10 a.m.*

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

*Class: Saturday, February 8, 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](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

*November 17 No Lunch: All are invited to the New Members Reception*

### November 24

*December 1 No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend*

December 8 Stewardship

December 15 Greeters

*December 22 No Lunch*

*December 29 No Lunch*

**January 5**

January 12 Refugee Committee

**January 19**

**January 26**

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### CHORAL EVENSONG

**Wednesday, November 20, at 5:30 p.m.**

Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the even point between the active day and the restful night. Evensong is sung by the St. John's Choir on the third Wednesday of most months from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. Parking validation is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW. A validation ticket can be obtained from an usher before or after the service. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special offering. The service will also be available via livestream on our website.

### THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

**Thursday, November 28, at 10 a.m.**

"Come, ye thankful people, come!" Spend part of your Thanksgiving morning in worship at St. John's. This service of Holy Eucharist, featuring hymns of praise and thanksgiving, is a meaningful way to mark the holiday.



### ADVENT WREATH MAKING

**Sunday, December 1, at 10 a.m.**

Join in this fun annual tradition at St. John's, which is suitable for all ages. Using seasonal greens, we will make decorative wreaths that also double as devotional aids throughout the Advent season. Materials will be provided for each household to make one wreath. You're encouraged

to bring your own clippers if you have them. A few "take and make" bags will be available for those who cannot stay to make a wreath. Contact Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website with questions. This activity will take the place of Church School.

### LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

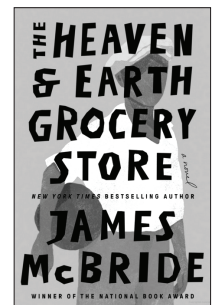
**Tiki Night: Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. In December, we'll be celebrating Tiki Night with tropical drinks and mocktails, location TBA. For details, contact Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, December 5, at 7 p.m.**

Join us via Zoom to discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride, about the Black and Jewish residents of Chicken Hill, a neighborhood of Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Taking place in the 1920s and '30s, the novel explores relationships, racism, redemption, and the American Dream. The book group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us online at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



### ADVENT PARTY

**Sunday, December 8, at 5 p.m.**

You are cordially invited to join us in the Togo West Parlor for an evening of holiday revelry, including decorations, food, music, and a carol sing-along. Special activities and food will be provided for children. Mark your calendar and plan to join us.

### ANGEL TREE WRAPPING PARTY

**Saturday, December 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

To wrap up our Angel Tree gift drive, we will have a special gift-wrapping event for all the donations. Whether you are great at wrapping gifts or not, you are invited to come spread cheer. This will be a fun gathering with food and music to help us prepare to distribute gifts and make someone's Christmas a little extra special this year. RSVP to the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

**FAMILY SERVICE ACTIVITY:  
CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COOKIES**

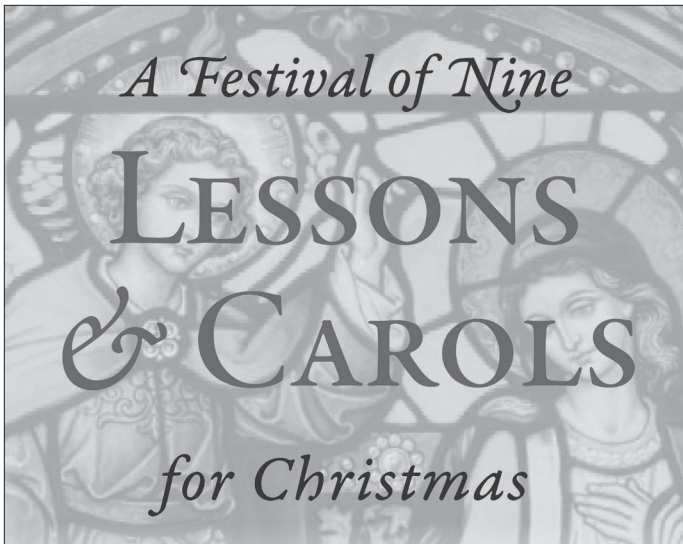
**Sunday, December 22, at 10 a.m.**

Help us spread comfort and joy this holiday season by decorating cookies and making Christmas cards for those who could use some extra cheer. Materials provided. This activity takes the place of Church School. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to join in the fun.

**HELP DELIVER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

**Sunday, December 22**

Please plan to deliver at least one Christmas poinsettia to fellow parishioners who cannot be present with us at worship at this time. The plants will be in the Parish House parlors on Sunday, December 22. You will find cards addressed to parishioners who live near you in Virginia, Maryland, or Washington, D.C. Give the gift of your time, love, and cheer.



**LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Sunday, December 22, at 5:30 p.m.**

Join the combined choirs of St. John's for one of our most beloved holiday traditions. Sung in the beauty of a candlelit church, the service begins with the singing of "Once in royal David's city," followed by nine lessons interspersed with carols and choral anthems. Complimentary valet parking will be available starting at 4:45 p.m. The service will be followed by a reception in the Togo West Parlor. Invite your friends and family to join us for this special

holiday offering. The service will also be livestreamed on our website. Please note: We are unable to offer nursery care for this service.

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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.

*Opportunities for children and youth continue on the next page.*





**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. Through November, the class is studying the end of the Galilean Ministry of Jesus, the Way of the Cross, and the episodes before Christ’s Passion. 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:** Yung Chang, Anne Field, Andy McKinnon, and David Springer.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Cathy Ballman (Laura Ballman), Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Kiesha Carroll and George Wilkins, Jr. (GeeGee Bryant), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Mary Leche Delong (Margo Wiegenstein), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Pat Dunachie (Jeff Bozman), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), 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), Melinda Leslie (Patricia Leslie), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Christopher More (Sarah Akers-Cardwell), Luke Morrison (Elizabeth and Greg Morrison), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Sophie Panagi (Brian and KayAnn Schoeneman), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook

and Cal Trepagnier), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), 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 ASSISTED LIVING**

**From our parish:** Eve Atkeson, Milton Chamberlain, 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), Cawley Scott (Robyne Johnston), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

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

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

### **THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**From our parish:** Sandy Graves, October 14.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Robert Stratton “Bob” Cherouny, October 25 (Preston Cherouny).

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

David Abernethy, Clark Agnew, Carys Beaumont, Kathryn Bubolz, Brenna Duncan, Rob Ehrich, Jeff Hantson, Ann Kaye, Caroline Lehmann Weng, James Longley, Joshua Maxey, Livy More, Garret Rasmussen, Jessica Sanchez, Dan Williams, Wes Williams, and Annabel Williams.

### **THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK**

Karolina Arias and Peter Koch, Branda and Paul Mandelson, Elena and Marty Williams, and Hugh and Sarah Yeomans.

### **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).

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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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## THE 1816 SOCIETY

The 1816 Society honors those who remember St. John's through a planned gift, such as a bequest in their will, a life-income gift, or a gift of real estate and life insurance.

Learn more about giving options at the Episcopal Church Foundation's website ([episcopalgifts.org](http://episcopalgifts.org)).  
Questions about giving or the 1816 Society? Please contact Lisa Kirchenbauer via the Ministry Directory.

*(Members as of November 6, 2024)*

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Douglas & Margo Arnold  
Christine & Thomas Arrasmith  
Paul Barkett  
Matt Bode & Laurie Adams  
Autumn Brown  
Richard T. Busch  
Andrea Charters  
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill  
Jamie Craft  
Nicole & Stephen Crochet  
James Czerwonky  
Kaye Edwards

Lauren Edwards  
Martha Ellison  
Clark K. Ervin & Carolyn Harris  
Christopher & Elizabeth Gardner  
Carrie & Jim Garland  
Kay Gilley  
Budd & Susan Hallberg  
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John Peters Irelan  
Bill & Sara Josey  
James & Lisa Kirchenbauer

Grant Kraus  
Michelle Mangrum  
Richard Metzger  
Livy More  
Jonathan Nateghi-Asli  
Eric Peters  
Susan & Raymond Petniunas  
Chase Rynd  
Anne Stewart  
Riley Temple  
Pamela & Patrick Venzke  
Renee B. Yancey

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## 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 November 6, 2024)*

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Susan Welch  
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# 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.

## **Vestry**

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

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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

## **Heads of Flower Guild**

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

## **Head Greeters**

Eleanor and Peter Odom

## **Worship and Program Staff**

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

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

The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*  
*for Engaging Local Communities*

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

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*

## **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.

## **Parish House**

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