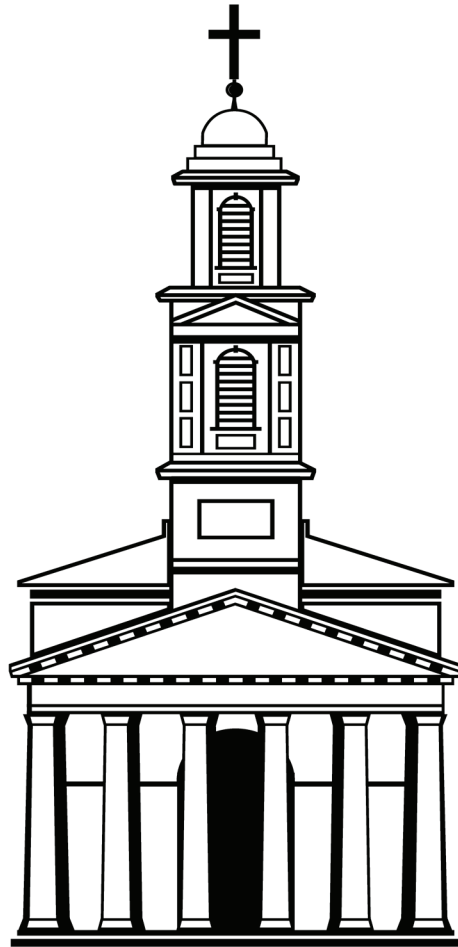


THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 22, 2024 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



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.

THE ADVENT WREATH

As we await Christ's Advent, or "coming," we symbolically acknowledge the role of his birth in salvation history through the lighting of our Advent wreath. In the Bible, Christ is referred to as the "Light of the World," contrasted with the darkness of sin. Each week in Advent, as the celebration of his birth draws nearer, we light another candle and dispel the darkness a little more. The candles may be said to represent hope, peace, joy, and love, just as they represent the four weeks of our wait. Thus, the Advent wreath helps us to contemplate spiritually the great drama that surrounds the birth of God Incarnate who comes to redeem the world.

VOLUNTARY

Veni Emmanuel

Margaret Vardell Sandresky (b. 1921)

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen
(Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming)

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

HYMN 73

The King shall come when morning dawns

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

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

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.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

As the fourth candle of the Advent wreath is lit, the following prayer is said.

Holy and Gracious God, we light this candle to Love. Love, which endures all things. Love, which saves all things. Love, which sustains Hope, Peace, and Joy. Love immeasurable is coming to us in humility, but with great clarity. How silently it may enter in. How peacefully it will abide. **Amen.**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

Please be seated.

9 a.m. Read by Mark Dennis.

11 a.m. Read by Elena Braithwaite-Williams.

When Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).” When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7

*9 a.m. Led by David Trebing, said responsively by half verse.
11 a.m. Chanted by the choir.*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

(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.

GRADUAL HYMN 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanza 7 will be sung before the Gospel, stanza 8 after.

7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-55

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 8 of the gradual hymn.

THE SERMON

The Rev. William Morris

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 Alex Stolar.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

11 a.m. Led by Elizabeth Morrison.

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray 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. Stephen and the Incarnation; St. John's, Broad Creek; St. John's, Georgetown; St. John's Pre-School, Georgetown; St. John's, Lafayette Square; St. John's, Mt. Rainier; St. John's Norwood; St. John's, Olney; St. John's School, Olney; and St. John's, Beltsville. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for Joseph, our President, and Donald, our President-elect; for the leaders of Congress and the nations, for the Supreme Court, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

Priest Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

A Hymn to the Virgin

Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)

Sung by the choir.

Of one that is so fair and bright *velut maris stella*
brighter than the day is light, *parens et puella*:
I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me *tam pia*,
that I may come to thee. *Maria!*

All this world was forlorn, *Eva peccatrice*,
till our Lord was y-born *de te genetrice*.
With ave it went away darkest night, and comes the day *salutis*;
the well springeth out of thee *virtutis*.

Lady, flow'r of ev'rything, *rosa sine spina*,
thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King, *gratia divina*:
Of all thou bear'st the prize, Lady, queen of paradise *electa*:
Maid mild, mother *es effecta*.

—Anonymous, c. 1300

like the star of the sea
mother and maiden
so tender
Maria

Eve having been a sinner
of you, his mother
of salvation
of virtue.

thornless rose
by divine grace
chosen
you are fulfilled

HYMN WLP 724

People, look East. The time is near

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



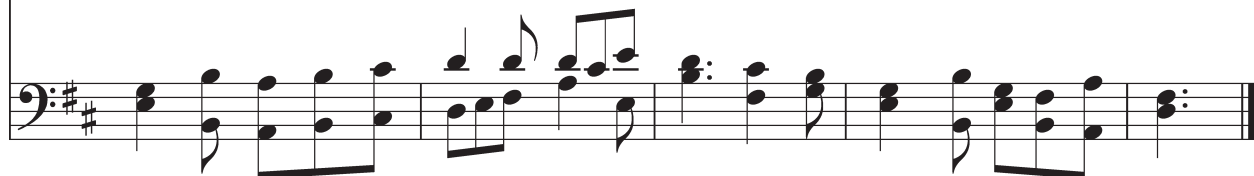
1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music: *Besaçon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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-129) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM (S-163) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell



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

Magnificat in G

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Sung by the choir.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
 For he hath regarded
 the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold from henceforth
 all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
 and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him
 throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength with his arm;
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

—*Luke 1:46-55*

HYMN 265

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Sung by all, seated.

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say -

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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 438

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Magnificat, Op. 18, No. 15

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

THE ADVENT FRONTAL ON THE ALTAR WAS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD,
and in loving memory of Avedis Thomas Reid Jr., Joseph Browning Reid II, and Richmond Shackleton Reid.

THE GREENS IN THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE

Jack Reiffer, *Crucifer* ♦ Robyne Johnston and Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, *Chalice Bearers*
Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher* ♦ Julia Koster and Kenny Kraft, *Ushers*
Dylan Nayden and Desirée Stolar, *Greeters*
Anne Harrington, Joanne Hutton, and Julia Koster, *Flower Guild*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Greg Morrison, *Crucifer* ♦ Walt Ehrich and Cooper Thesmar, *Acolytes*
Laurie Adams and Sylvia Martin Estes, *Chalice Bearers*
James Czerwonky, *Head Usher*
Fruzsina Harsanyi, John Herzog, and RJ Lyerly, *Ushers*
Mark Cardwell and Marty Williams, *Greeters*
Anne Harrington, Joanne Hutton, and Julia Koster, *Flower Guild*
Jeremy Sheeler, *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.

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 December 22

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Will Morris
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. Will Morris
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Christmas Cards and Cookies (Togo West
Parlor; see next column)
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. Will Morris
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Church Tour (see next column)
- 5:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols for Christmas
(see next column)



HELP DELIVER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Today after all services

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 are in the Parish House parlors, paired with cards addressed to parishioners who live near you in Virginia, Maryland, or Washington, D.C.

FAMILY SERVICE ACTIVITY: CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COOKIES

Today 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 the fun.

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.



LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

Today 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 "Once in royal David's city," followed by nine lessons interspersed with carols and choral anthems. Complimentary valet parking will be available starting at 4:30 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.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 23–29

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday—4:30 p.m.—Pageant and Choral Eucharist
7 p.m.—Christmas Eve Festal Eucharist
10 p.m.—Christmas Eve Festal Eucharist

No noontime service on Tuesday: Christmas Eve.

Wednesday—11 a.m.—Christmas Day Eucharist

*No noontime services on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday:
Office closed for Christmas.*

Sunday—The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, 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

*No Adult Bible Study. No nursery, Church School, or Youth
Group. Children's Chapel will be offered at the 11 a.m. service.*



THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 24 at 4:30 p.m. (Prelude starts at 4 p.m.)

The annual Christmas Pageant featuring children of the parish, carols, and hymns will take place on Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m. Walk-ons are welcome. Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website for more information.

DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 p.m.—Pageant & Eucharist with Choir & Harp
Nursery care available. Musical prelude starts at 4 p.m.

7 p.m.—Festal Choral Eucharist with Strings—
Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher

Nursery care available. Musical prelude starts at 6:30 p.m.

10 p.m.—Festal Choral Eucharist with Strings—
Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher

Musical prelude starts at 9:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 25—CHRISTMAS DAY

11 a.m.—Holy Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Will Morris
No valet parking available on Christmas Day.

*The Church and Parish Office will close after the service
and remain closed through Friday, December 27.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, December 23

6:15 p.m. Lawyers' AA (Togo West Parlor)

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

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

Wednesday, December 25—Parish office closed

Thursday, December 26—Parish office closed

Friday, December 27—Parish office closed

COMING UP IN THE NEW YEAR

EPIPHANY PARTY FOR KIDS

Sunday, January 5, at 10 a.m.

During the Church School hour, which begins at 10 a.m., infants, toddlers, and elementary aged kids are invited to the second floor of the Parish House, where we'll decorate stars, enjoy King Cake, and reflect on the story of the magi. Then, stay to watch the Three Kings' procession during the 11 a.m. service.

THREE KINGS' PROCESSION

Sunday, January 5, at 11 a.m.

We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany on January 5 with our annual, costumed procession to "We three kings of Orient are." Members of the choir will play the kings, and young people from our congregation will accompany them as the star and pages. Join us for this special offering during the 11 a.m. service.

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

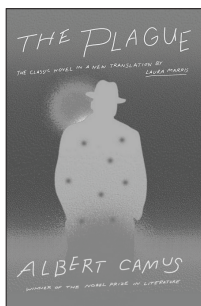
Wednesday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m.

The Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship will host a Three Kings celebration on Wednesday, January 8. We'll kick things off at 6:30 p.m. with Evening Prayer, followed by a presentation on the history of Three Kings' Day, its connection to Epiphany, and how the tradition is celebrated today. Food and drinks will be served. If you're in your 20s and 30s, please come! The Latrobe Fellowship typically gathers 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. Questions? Contact Eric Bailey, St. John's minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership page of our website.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, January 9, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom to discuss *The Plague* by Albert Camus, translated by Laura Marris. Marris's translation brings new insight into Camus' story of the townspeople of Oran, who are in the grip of a deadly plague, condemning its victims to a swift and horrifying death. Forced into quarantine, the town is gripped by fear, isolation, and claustrophobia. Each



person responds in their own way to the lethal disease: Some resign themselves to fate, some seek to blame, and a few, like Dr. Rieux, resist the terror. 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.



ERIC BAILEY ORDINATION

**Saturday, January 11, at 10 a.m.,
Washington National Cathedral**

All are invited to the diaconal ordination of Eric Bailey, St. John's Minister for Youth and Young Adults. The service will take place at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, January 11, beginning at 10 a.m.

Eric has been serving at St. John's since the summer of 2024. He is in his senior year at Virginia Theological Seminary, graduating with his M.Div. in May 2025. During his short time at St. John's, Eric has made a meaningful impact in our parish community, especially among our youth and young adults. This ordination for Eric is to the transitional diaconate; after a minimum of six months, he will then be ordained to the priesthood.

Deacons play an important role in keeping the gathered community connected to the needs of the world outside our church walls. This period of the transitional diaconate gives all those seeking ordination to the priesthood a unique period of practical experience rooted in servanthood. We are grateful that Eric will be able to live into this call in our midst.

On Sunday, January 12, Eric will serve as a deacon at our 9 and 11 a.m. services. Liturgically this means he will proclaim the gospel, bid the confession of sins, help prepare the altar for Communion, and offer the dismissal. Please keep Eric in your prayers, and join us in celebrating this joyous occasion.

SPEAKER SERIES

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 12: David Marchick, Dean of the Kogod School of Business at American University, and former Director of the Center for Presidential Transition at the Partnership for Public Service, will speak about the presidential transition process.



GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming Dates: January 18 and February 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 to volunteer.

EPIPHANYTIDE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, January 19, at 5:30 p.m.,

at Christ Church, Georgetown

The combined professional choirs of St. John's, Lafayette Square, and Christ Church, Georgetown, will offer a joint service of Epiphanytide Lessons and Carols on Sunday, January 19. 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.

STEWARDSHIP

2025 PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

Thank you to all who have already pledged for 2025. As of **Wednesday, December 18**, we had received **243 pledges for a total of \$996,040**. Pledging today, if you have not yet done so, will help determine what the budget will be in the coming year. 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 to complete an online pledge form. Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?

Required Minimum Distributions can be directed from an IRA to St. John's—something to keep in mind as the year's end approaches!

We are grateful for all the ways that members support the church. If you are in a position to give from your retirement account, now may be a good time to consider directing some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to a charity, including St. John's as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) as part of your annual giving or as a one-time gift.

If you are interested, please talk to your tax advisor and financial advisor regarding your obligations and options. Questions? Contact Lisa Kirchenbauer, Chair of the 1816 Society, via the Ministry Directory on our website.

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 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, easy way to make a meaningful difference at and through St. John's.

THE 1816 SOCIETY

Planned giving is another way to sustain the mission and ministry of St. John's. 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. Check out the Episcopal Church Foundation (episcopalgifts.org) to learn more about various options for planned giving. Contact Lisa Kirchenbauer via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org with questions or to join the 1816 Society.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

SPEAKING OF ORDINATIONS . . .

We are delighted to report that on December 14, Teboho Molefe (below left) was ordained by Bishop Charles May as a deacon in the Diocese of the Highveld, South Africa. St. John's supported Teboho in seminary as part of our link with the Anglican Church of South Africa.



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.

HELP US RING IN THE NEW YEAR

Sunday, January 5, at noon

On Sunday, January 5, after the 11 a.m. service, we are hosting a special Three Kings-themed parish potluck. You are invited to bring your favorite New Year's or Epiphany dish—or any other favorite food—to share as we celebrate the arrival of the magi and the year 2025.

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.

December 22 No Lunch

December 29 No Lunch

January 5 Three Kings' Day Potluck with King Cake

January 12 Refugee Committee
January 19
January 26 Susan Cardwell
February 2 Annual Meeting and Reception
February 9
February 16
February 23 Laurie Adams, Matthew Bode,
David and Liz Gallalee

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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.

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.

REMINDERS

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. During Year C we are focusing 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.

JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

Explore our many ministry groups at 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.

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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 stjohns-dc.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.

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

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, 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), Mary Leche Delong (Margo Wiegenstein), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), 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), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Christopher More (Sarah Akes-Cardwell), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), 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), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), 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 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), 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 IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING
A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

Margo Arnold, Robert Carroll, Virginia Chew, Matthew Ford, Matt Gaziano, Katherine Green, Margaret Hampe, James Kreger, Molly Lyons, and Nancy Mathis.

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

Carlos and Lourdes Arriaga.

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 December 18, 2024)

Anonymous (11)
David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis
Alison Adkins
Sarah & Amanda Akes-Cardwell
John & Renate Alison
Anthony H. Anikeeff & Tung-lin Wu
Douglas & Margo Arnold
Eric Bailey
Harvey E. & Carolyn L. Bale
Paul Barkett
Chandler Battaile
Jordan & Angelle Baugh
Robert Beizer
Laura Belman
Coleman Bird
Martha L. & William S. Birdseye
Diane Bitsberger
Mary Ellen Bittner
Marion Blakey & William Dooley
Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington
Thomas Bleha & Natasha Simes
Katherine Bliss & Mark Dennis
Matt Bode & Laurie Adams
Jeff Bozman
Krista & Larry Bradley
Lacy Broemel
Sydney Brooks
Autumn Brown
Craig & Barbara Burkhardt
Richard T. Busch
Susan Cardwell
Mark Cardwell & Paul Ramos
Andrea Charters
Mary Jane Checchi

Preston Cherouny
Virginia Chew
Carlye Christianson & Pascal Joly
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill
Gwinneth Ann Clarkson
Carly & Collier Connell
Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey
Pamela Covington
Jamison Craft
Joe Creech & Stephanie Delong
Garry & Patricia Dalby
Betsy Danello
Christine Davies
LaFawn C. Davis
William E. Davis
Justin B. Dean
Clayton & Margaret Depue
John Derrick
Charles & Bonnie DeWitt
Deb & Jeff Dornemann
James Doyle
Mike & Beth DuMond
Diana Duke Duncan
James Eastwood
Janet Edmond
Kaye Edwards
Brandon & Elizabeth Elliott
Martha Ellison
Anne & Cliff Elmore
Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris
Sylvia Martin-Estes & Doug Estes
Le & Casey Evans
Amanda & Eric Eversole
Allison Herron Eydt

Caroline & Steve Faris
Wendy J. Fibison
Hyman & Anne Field
Elizabeth Field
Dr. Art & Louise Fisher
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood
Molly & Matthew Ford
Linda Gaines
Elizabeth Gallalee
David Gallalee
John & Ann Gardner
Elizabeth & Christopher Gardner
Kay Gilley
Donnie & Ronald Goodheart
Richard & Jeanne Grimmett
Michael Gullans
Sandra Hackworth
Dierdre & JD Hague
Deborah Hailey
Budd & Susan Hallberg
Peter & Summer Hardinge
Barbara Harper
Robert & Anne Harrington
Fruzsina Harsanyi
Dolph Hatfield & Mary Wilson
Diane Hauslein
Tim & Susan Heil
Whitley Herndon
Laura & John Herzog
Ann Compton Hughes
Joanne & Powell Hutton
Marlene Ikeda
John Peters Irelan
Nancy James

Wande Johnson
Ethan Johnson
Felton Johnson
Robert & Whitney Johnston
Bill & Sara Josey
Carter & Fran Keithley
William T. Kendall
Kim Kennedy & Beverly Roberts
Loren & Anne Kieve
David Kieve & Kate Bedingfield
James & Lisa Kirchenbauer
Anya Kleyменова
Frank & Nancy Klotz
Elizabeth P. Koehler
Elizabeth & Jonathan Kosobucki
Julia Koster
Kenny Kraft
Grant Kraus
Albert S. & Katherine C. Kyle
Patricia Leslie
Julie Neff Lippman
James Longley
Jeffrey Lovelace
Emily & John Lucio
Jan Lupton
Chip & RJ Lyerly
Sandy & Nancy Martin
Paolo Mastrangelo & Perri Warren
Caroline Mazzocchi
Abbott McCartney & Sigrid Block
Clayton McCleskey
Saunders McElroy
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
Greg & Elizabeth Cavert Morrison

Rob Mosbacher, Jr.
Jim & Michele Mullins
Dick & Joy Nathan
Dixie & John Noonan
John C. Northrup
Peter & Eleanor Odom
Ralph & Lydia Olson
Ucheora & Nkem Onwuamaegbu
Owen & Felicia Owunwanne
Matthew L. Paeffgen
Robert Pahnke
Robert & Sharon Park
Cami Pease
Anthony Pegues
Robin Pennington
Raymond & Susan Petniunas
Larry & Connie Pettinger
Natalie Popovic
Richard Price & Yung Chang
William Priest
Kelly & Tricia Pulsifer
Will Rabbe & Brittany Prime
Carl & Mary Raether
Allie Raether Ganijan
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
John & Holly Sukenik
Patrick J. Summers
Matthew Taylor
Veronica Tejera
Hilary & Alfred Thesmar
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
Nicole Zehfuss & Neil Gutterman
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) 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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St. John's shines as a beacon of God's love through faith, worship, care, and community,
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