

# SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m.

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

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

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

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 29

*Said responsively by half verse.*

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
**and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the LORD \*  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## OFFERING PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

## MAKING AN OFFERING

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



## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

in memory of Nancy Hotchkiss Anikeeff,  
and in thanksgiving for the baptism today of Carter Clara McElroy,  
Jordan Pierce Wiggins, and Pierce Theodore Wiggins.

**ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE**

Scott Raab, *Lay Server*  
Bud Harrell, *Assistant Head Usher*  
Glenn Stewart, *Usher*  
Lily Venzke and Pamela Farrell Venzke, *Flower Guild*

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

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# Announcements for the Week of January 12

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher  
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 with Baptisms—Sermon  
by the Rev. Rob Fisher
- 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)  
Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)  
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Rob Fisher  
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)  
Parish Lunch (Parish House; see next  
column)  
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 flower deliveries are needed to: Stephenson Place, NW; Veazey Terrace, NW; and Maple Lane, Fairfax.**

### CONGRATULATIONS, ERIC!

Eric Bailey was ordained to the transitional diaconate at a service yesterday at Washington National Cathedral. Today, he serves 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.

### PARISH LUNCH

**Today at noon | Hosted by the Refugee Committee**

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.



### 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 Susan Cardwell.

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*January 13–19*

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**Monday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Wednesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

*No Evensong this month; the next will be on February 19.*

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Friday**—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

**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

5:30 p.m. Epiphanytide Lessons and Carols  
(Offsite; see next page)

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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### Monday, January 13

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

7 p.m. Lafayette Fellowship Trivia Night  
(Offsite; see next column)

### Tuesday, January 14

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

### Wednesday, January 15

4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 16

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, January 18

10:30 a.m. Grace's Table (Offsite; see next column)

## LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP TRIVIA NIGHT

**Monday, January 13, 7–9 p.m.**

The Lafayette Fellowship offers activities for all adults at St. John's who seek to build community with one another. Join us on Monday, January 13, 7–9 p.m., at Red Bear Brewing Company (209 M Street, NE) for a free trivia night where ample food and drinks will be available for purchase. The trivia ranges from current events to music and movie history to sports—so knowledge of all types is both needed and welcomed. Come help our team! RSVP to [bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events](https://bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events). Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](https://stjohns-dc.org).



## 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](https://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.

**Monday, January 20—Parish Office Closed for  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day & Inauguration Day**

## 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.



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

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



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

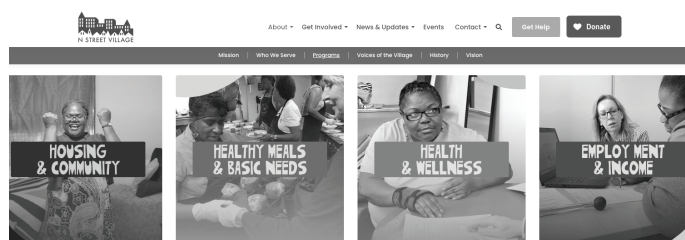
## STEWARDSHIP

### PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

*As of Wednesday, January 8, we had received 269 pledges totalling \$1,099,345.*

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

## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY



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

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

## CONSIDER JOINING THE FLOWER GUILD

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

## BAPTISMS

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism must also attend an Adult Inquirers' Class, offered twice a year, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. Upcoming dates for baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy at St. John's include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

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

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).

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

March 2

March 9

March 16

## ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF VESTRY

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

**Worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m. that day**

**Reception following Annual Meeting**

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

### Candidates for Wardens

Nora Rigby, Senior Warden

Alfred Thesmar, Junior Warden



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

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



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



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING

**Sunday, January 26, at 9 a.m.**

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

### LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER

**Tuesday, January 28, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

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

### LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

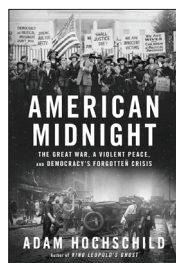
**Wednesday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m.**

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. For more, contact Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m.**

Join us via Zoom to discuss *American Midnight: The Great War, a Violent Peace, and Democracy's Forgotten Crisis*. In this book, Adam Hochschild offers a reassessment of the period between World War I and the Roaring Twenties, during which the foundations of American democracy were threatened by war, pandemic, and violence fueled by battles over race, immigration, and the rights of labor. The book group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at



7 p.m. For information and the link, please contact leader Janet Edmond via the online directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



### FAMILY MEET-UP

**The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe**

**Saturday, February 22, at 10:30 a.m.**

*RSVP by Monday, January 20*

St. John's families are invited see the play *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis at Museum of the Bible (400 4th Street SW) on Saturday, February 22. We will be purchasing a group package and estimate that tickets will be approximately \$50 each. Please indicate your interest and the number of tickets you wish to purchase on the registration form found at [bit.ly/lion-witch-wardrobe-feb-22](http://bit.ly/lion-witch-wardrobe-feb-22). The deadline to register is Monday, January 20. Questions? Contact Emily Lucio; you'll find her under the Sisters at St. John's listing in our online ministry directory. If cost is a barrier, please contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

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

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

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## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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### NURSERY HOURS

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

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

### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

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

### YOUTH GROUP

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

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

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

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

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

### THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

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

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

## CHORISTER PROGRAM

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

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## REMINDERS

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### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Sundays at 10 a.m.**

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. We are focusing this year on the structure, audience, and themes of the Gospel of Luke. For class notes and Zoom login information, please connect with leader Jack Reiffer via our online Ministry Directory found at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

### JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

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

### FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

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

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



## ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

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



## LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



## LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

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## PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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Praying for the sick and those in need is an important part of our life together. We invite you to add yourself, family, or friends to the parish prayer list. **Contact Pastoral Care through the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at 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.

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

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

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

**Friends and family of our parish:** Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Kiesha Carroll (GeeGee Bryant), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Mark

Hallett (Livy More), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Christopher More (Sarah Akes-Cardwell), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Patrick Christopher O'Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Sophie Panagi (Brian and KayAnn Schoeneman), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Wayne Richard (Reed Barnes), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), Matt Skinner (Blount and Charlotte Stewart), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), John Walsten (Emily and John Lucio), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

### THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITAL

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

### THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

### THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

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

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

Douglas Burt, Bonnie Dewitt, Beth DuMond, Lizzie Ehrich, Susan Feaster, Bianca Gaziano, Kenner Gutterman, Jack Herzog, Gabriela Koch, Jack Kozlowski, Kevin Kozlowski, Zack Lindsey, Julie Lippman, Matthew



Paeffgen, Cami Pease, Ray Petniunas, Natalie Popovic, and Kenneth Starling.

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

Kate Bedingfield and David Kieve, Michael and Missy Grealy, and Emily and John Lucio.

**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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## LIST OF 2025 PLEDGERS

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

*(As of January 8, 2025)*

Anonymous (11)  
David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis  
Alison Adkins  
Sarah & Jeff Agnew  
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  
Kathleen Benner  
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  
Finley Buchanan  
Craig & Barbara Burkhardt  
Richard T. Busch  
Carolyn Buser

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  
Stephen & Nicole Crochet  
Gwendolyn & Jimmy Cunningham  
James Czerwonky  
Patricia Wardwell Czerwonky  
Garry & Patricia Dalby  
Betsy Danello  
Christine Davies  
LaFawn C. Davis  
William E. Davis  
Justin B. Dean  
Clayton & Margaret Depue  
John Derrick  
Charles & Bonnie DeWitt  
George & Anita Diliberto  
Russell Doggett  
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 Eyd  
Caroline & Steve Faris  
Wendy J. Fibison  
Hyman & Anne Field  
Elizabeth Field  
Jamie Finch & David Dawson  
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  
Christina Hannah  
Peter & Summer Hardinge  
Barbara Harper



Robert & Anne Harrington  
 Fruzsina Harsanyi  
 Dolph Hatfield & Mary Wilson  
 Nora & Everett Haugh  
 Diane Hauslein  
 Tim & Susan Heil  
 Whitley Herndon  
 Laura & John Herzog  
 Katie & Paul Holder  
 Zealan & Amanda Claire Hoover  
 Stephen Huettnner  
 Ann Compton Hughes  
 Joanne & Powell Hutton  
 Marlene Ikeda  
 John Peters Irelan  
 Nancy James  
 Deborah Jennings  
 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 Klymenova  
 Frank & Nancy Klotz  
 Elizabeth P. Koehler  
 Elizabeth & Jonathan Kosobucki  
 Julia Koster  
 Kenny Kraft  
 Grant Kraus  
 Albert S. & Katherine C. Kyle  
 Patricia Leslie  
 Zack & Kate Lindsey  
 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  
 Judson McIntire  
 Thomas McKinnon  
 George McLendon & Carol Quillen

Matthew McMurray & Christine Kennedy  
 Jacob McNeill  
 Ellen McPeake  
 Anna Lee & PJ Melnick  
 Richard Metzger  
 Johnathan S. Miller  
 Nathan & Kelly Miller  
 Joseph D. Mitchell  
 Livy More  
 Will & Michelle Morris  
 Greg & Elizabeth Cavert Morrison  
 Rob Mosbacher, Jr.  
 Jim & Michele Mullins  
 Dick & Joy Nathan  
 Dixie & John Noonan  
 John C. Northrup  
 Elizabeth Oblinger & Wil Mackey  
 Peter & Eleanor Odom  
 Ralph & Lydia Olson  
 Ucheora & Nkem Onwuamaegbu  
 Owen & Felicia Owunwanne  
 Matthew L. Paeffgen  
 Robert Pahnke  
 Robert & Sharon Park  
 LaFleur Paysour  
 Cami Pease  
 Anthony Pegues  
 Robin Pennington  
 Eric Peters  
 Raymond & Susan Petniunas  
 Larry & Connie Pettinger  
 Natalie Popovic  
 Richard Price & Yung Chang  
 William Priest  
 Kelly & Tricia Pulsifer  
 K. Scott & Katherine Raab  
 Will Rabbe & Brittany Prime  
 Carl & Mary Raether  
 Allie Raether Ganijan  
 Luis Ramos-Chacon  
 Garret & Gigi Rasmussen  
 Larry Redway  
 Glenn Reichardt & JoAnn Zuercher  
 Sarah & Avo Reid  
 Jack Reiffer  
 James Reilly & Caleb Hays  
 Geraldine & Harker Rhodes  
 Hap & Nora Rigby  
 Steve & Susan Roehrich  
 Damion Rose  
 Chase Rynd  
 Alex & Jessica Sanchez  
 KayAnn & Brian Schoeneman

John & Zachary Schutz  
 Sandy & Susan Sierck  
 Adelle Simmons  
 Thom Sinclair & James Kreger  
 Jeremy Skog  
 Patrick & Cameron Smith  
 Diane & Peter Spaulding  
 John Staples & Scott Raspa  
 Kenneth & Susan Starling  
 Anne Stewart  
 Charlotte & Blount Stewart  
 Toby Stock & Margy Slattery  
 Desirée Stolar  
 Catherine Stolar  
 Alex Stolar  
 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  
 Richard Young  
 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](http://www.stjohns-dc.org))** has up-to-date information about the church including the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

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## **Vestry Leadership & Members**

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

Tony Anikeeff, Krista Rimple Bradley,

Kaye Edwards, Wendy J. Fibison,

David Gallalee, Fruzsina Harsanyi,

Elizabeth Cavert Morrison,

Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer,

Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members*

Casey Evans, *Treasurer*

Nora Haugh, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

**Head Usher**—James H. Czerwonky

**Head Greeters**—Eleanor and Peter Odom

## **Heads of Flower Guild**

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

## **Worship & Program Staff**

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah 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*

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

## **Staff**

Preston Cherouny, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Operations Manager*

Lisa Koehler, *Program Associate and Executive Assistant to the Rector*

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant, David Gamboa, and John Queen, *Assistant Sextons*

Anne Stone, *Publications*

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## **ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT**

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

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