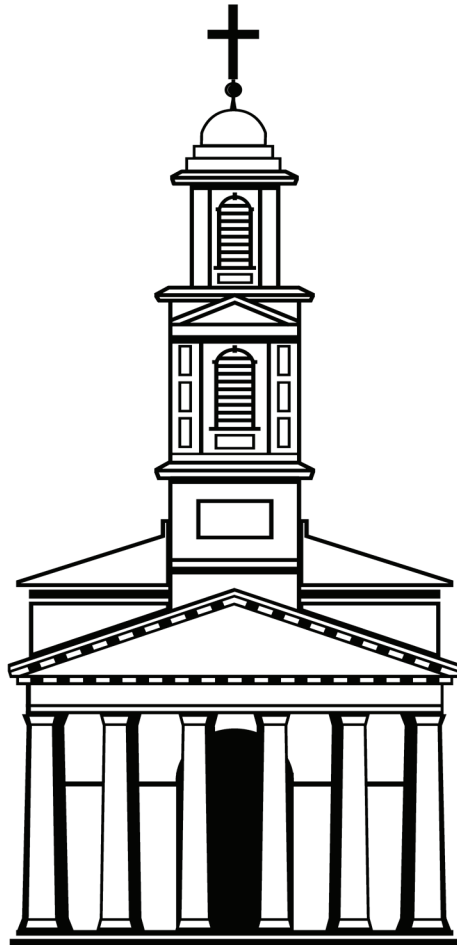


THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 8, 2024 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



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

Conditor alme siderum

Raymond Weidner (b. 1949)

INTROIT

What is the crying at Jordan?

Irish melody

(9 a.m. only) Sung by the St. Cecilia Choir.

harm. Norman Mealy (1923–1987)

What is the crying at Jordan? Who hears, O God, the prophecy?
Dark is the season, dark our hearts and shut to mystery.

Who then shall stir in this darkness, prepare for joy in the winter night?
Mortal in darkness we lie down, blind-hearted, seeing no light.

God give us grace to awake us! To see the branch that begins to bloom.
In great humility is hid all heaven in a little room.

Now comes the day of our healing in joy and trembling a Word is giv'n!

Our God is born into our lives, oh, let salvation dawn! —Carol Christopher Drake (1933–2022), *alt.*

HYMN 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

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

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), 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 second candle of the Advent wreath is lit, the following prayer is said.

Holy and Gracious God, we pray that this new candle will kindle the hope of Peace. May we reflect this season on moments when we have known Peace, however light, however brief. May we prepare to receive new visions of Peace. And may the Peace which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in knowledge and love of God and of the coming of the Prince of Peace in unexpected form and ways. 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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

Please be seated.

9 a.m. Read by Amy Whitworth.
11 a.m. Read by Clark Ervin.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 16 The Song of Zechariah

Luke 1:68-79

9 a.m. Led by Hilary West, said responsively by half verse.

11 a.m. Chanted by the choir.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; * **he has come to his people and set them free.**

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, * **born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers * **and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, * **to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship him without fear, * **holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation * **by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God * **the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

(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 3 will be sung before the Gospel, stanza 4 after.

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from

3 tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the
4 Sa-tan's ty-ran-ny that trust thy mighty power to

3 law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!
4 save, and give them victory o'er the grave. Re-joice! Re-joice!

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 3:1-6

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 the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 4 of the gradual hymn.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell

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 Frank Klotz.

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 the Diocese of Washington Latino Ministries. 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

Sung by the choir.

At 9 a.m.

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Claude Goudimel (1510–1572)

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them,
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign;
for the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that his Word is never broken.

—*Johann Olearius (1611–1684); tr. Catherine Winworth (1827–1878)*

At 11 a.m.

O sapientia

Robert Ramsey (c. 1590–1644)

*O sapientia quae ex ore altissimi prodisti attingens a fine usque ad finem fortiter
suaviter disponensque omnia: Veni ad docendum nos viam prudentie. Amen.*

O wisdom which comes from the mouth of the Most High, extending strongly from pole to pole,
which orders all things fittingly: Come and teach us the way of prudence. Amen.

—*Antiphon for Advent*

HYMN 640

Watchman, tell us of the night

Standing as you are able.

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise
2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -
3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav-eler, yes; it
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav-eler, a - ges
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav-eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872). Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903).

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.**

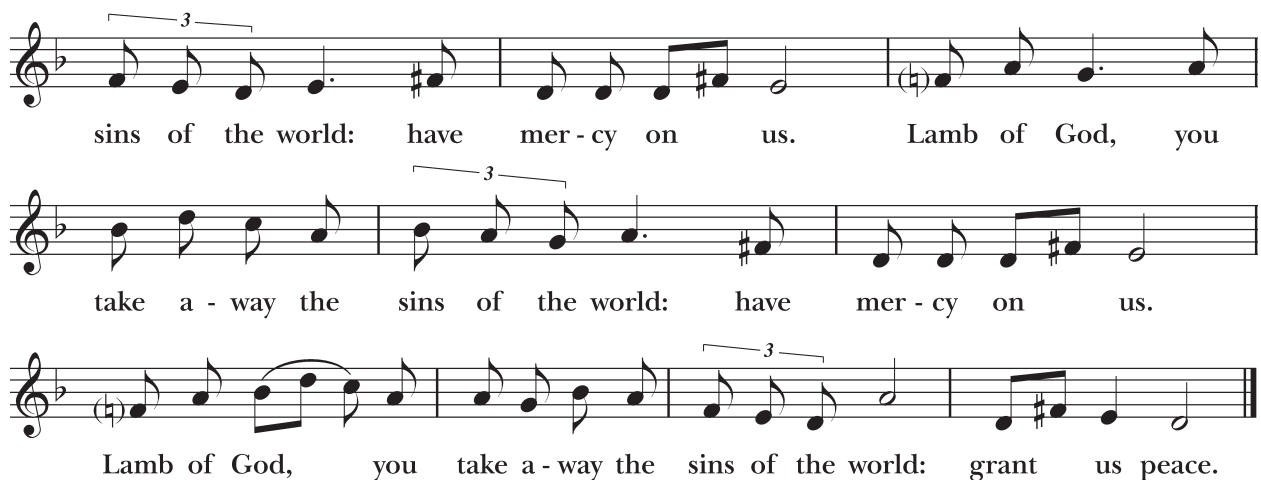
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Robert Powell



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: have mer-cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Sung by the choir.

At 9 a.m. Come, thou long expected Jesus Martyr Wheeler Burnett (b. 1961)

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
 from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
 dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
 born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
 by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us, raise us to thy glorious throne.

—Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

At 11 a.m. Canite tuba Francisco Guerrero (1528–1599)

*Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini. Ecce veniet ad salvandum nos.
 Erunt prava in directa, et aspera in vias planas: Veni, Domine, et noli tardare.*

Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near. Lo, he is coming to save us:
 The crooked will be made straight, and the rough ways plain. Come, Lord, and do not delay.

—Joel 2:1 and Isaiah 40:4

HYMN 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Sung by all, seated.



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O _____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God _____ en - du - reth, the _____



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst _____ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The _____
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they _____ per - ish, like
 feed his _____ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our _____ God _____ may go!
 na - tions shall _____ pass like a dream _____ a - way;
 lead them, and _____ bring them _____ safe to his fold.

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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 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



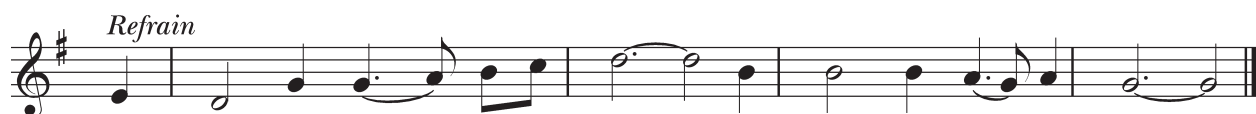
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

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

Anya Kleymenova, *Crucifer* ♦ Eric Bailey and Jack Reiffer, *Chalice Bearers*
Bud Harrell, *Assistant Head Usher* ♦ Martha Ellison and Diane Spaulding, *Ushers*
Desirée Stolar and Susan Welch, *Greeters*
Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Rachel Pepper, *Crucifer* ♦ Gloria Burkhardt and Ugo Owunwanne, *Acolytes*
Doug Estes and Joanne Hutton, *Chalice Bearers*
Matt Bode, *Assistant Head Usher*
Claire Kim, Livy More, Gini Rhodes, and Jess Unger, *Ushers*
Patricia Leslie and John Lucio, *Greeters*
Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*
Matthew Taylor, *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 8

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 3)
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)
Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Parish Lunch (Parish House)
Church Tour (see next column)
- 5 p.m. Advent Party (Togo West Parlor; 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: Chancellors Way, NE; and Milestone Drive, Silver Spring.

PARISH LUNCH

Today at noon | Hosted by the Stewardship Committee

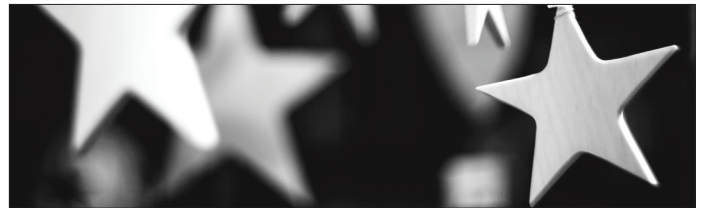
Sunday lunch at St. John's is a longtime tradition in which every member and every visitor can participate. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones—a time for fellowship and for hearing another's story. The lunch is held most Sundays in the Parish House. Contributions 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 Richard Busch.



ADVENT PARTY

Today at 5 p.m.

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

SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 9–15

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Rob Fisher, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, December 9

Last day to deliver Angel Tree Gifts to church (see page 4)

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

Tuesday, December 10

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

6:30 p.m. Lafayette Fellowship Dinner and Game
Night (Togo West Parlor; see next column)

Wednesday, December 11

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

Thursday, December 12

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

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal (Parish House Fourth
Floor)

Saturday, December 14

10 a.m. Angel Tree Wrapping Party (Togo West
Parlor; see next column)
St. John's Pride Brunch (see next column)

Sunday, December 15

5 p.m. St. John's Pride (Offsite; see next column)

8 p.m. Sisters at St. John's (Zoom; see page 4)

LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP

Holiday Dinner & Festive Game Night

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

The Lafayette Fellowship invites all adults who are looking to be part of and build social community at St. John's to join in an evening of holiday merriment. Prizes will be awarded for the most festive attire and the ugliest Christmas sweater! Please sign up at bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events so we can plan for enough food. Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.



ANGEL TREE WRAPPING PARTY

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

To wrap up our Angel Tree gift drive, we will have a special gift-wrapping event for the donations we have received—and you are invited to come spread cheer. This will be a fun gathering with food and music to help us prepare to make someone's Christmas a little extra special this year. RSVP to the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

ST. JOHN'S PRIDE EVENTS

On **Saturday, December 14**, come celebrate the season of service by wrapping Angel Tree donations with us in Togo West Parlor. The quicker we wrap, the sooner we can gather nearby for brunch!

On **Sunday, December 15, at 5 p.m.**, a group of us will attend a performance: Our very own Jack Reiffer will be on stage sharing a holiday extravaganza with the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C., as they celebrate holidays around the world. Information and tickets can be found at www.gmcw.org/the-holiday-show.

Questions? Contact leaders Brian Cordova-Brookey and John Schutz via the Ministry Directory, found under the Connect tab at stjohns-dc.org.

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.



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

December 15: Bell Tower Project. Parishioner Sharon Park will offer a detailed description and visuals of the work that was done to repair and restore our historic bell tower.



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.

STEWARDSHIP

2025 PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN’S

Thank you to all who have already pledged for 2025. As of Wednesday, December 4 we had received 222 pledges for a total of \$918,080. 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!

PLEDGING HELPS US PLAN! Setting up automatic pledge payments is easy and convenient—but we still ask that you turn in a pledge card or visit the “Make a Pledge” link on the website. Doing so helps us record your pledge promptly and accurately, as well as plan for the coming year of mission and ministry. Thank you for your support of St. John’s!

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

2024 ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE A GIFT!

Our [Amazon Wish List](https://bit.ly/sjc-angel-tree-2024) (bit.ly/sjc-angel-tree-2024) is still available for purchases. Gifts will ship directly to the church. Thank you for helping bring holiday cheer to those in need. Questions? Contact Kevin Cordova-Brookey via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

THREE IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Gift Delivery Deadline:** Tomorrow, December 9
(for purchases from angel lists only; the Amazon wish list remains active beyond this date)
- **Gift Wrapping:** Saturday, December 14 (see page 2)
- **Gift Distribution:** Beginning Monday, December 16
(so please return your gift purchases on time)

SPONSORING CHRISTMAS MUSIC

We invite you to make a contribution to support the special music on Christmas Eve. Our goal is \$3,000. Gifts of any size are gratefully appreciated and will be recognized in the bulletins that evening. If you would like to contribute to the Special Music Fund for Christmas, please contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

BAPTISMS

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

Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, February 9, at 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, April 27, at 9 a.m.

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

SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

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 8	Stewardship
December 15	Greeters
December 22	No Lunch
December 29	No Lunch
January 5	
January 12	Refugee Committee
January 19	
January 26	
February 2	Annual Meeting and Reception
February 9	
February 16	
February 23	Laurie Adams, Matthew Bode, David and Liz Gallalee

COMING UP IN DECEMBER

SISTERS AT ST. JOHN'S ZOOM SOCIAL

Sunday, December 15, at 8 p.m.

The Sisters at St. John's are hosting a friendly gathering over Zoom to help usher in the holiday. Contact leader Emily Lucio via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org for the link or any questions. Sisters at St. John's is a group of women who support each other throughout the year in fellowship, friendship, and ministry, including an annual weekend retreat generally held during Lent.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JAMES DOYLE

Friday, December 20, at 10 a.m., in Silver Spring

We share with sadness that parishioner James Doyle died on Sunday, November 24. James was a familiar face on Sundays as a chalice bearer, crucifer, and usher. A service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church in Silver Spring on Friday, December 20, at 10 a.m. James attended Grace prior to coming to St. John's, and it is where his wife is buried. Please keep James' family and friends in your prayers.



GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming Dates: December 21 and January 18

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.

FAMILY SERVICE ACTIVITY: CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COOKIES

Sunday, December 22, at 10 a.m.

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



HELP DELIVER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Sunday, December 22

Please plan to deliver at least one Christmas poinsettia to fellow parishioners who cannot be present with us at

worship at this time. The plants will be in the Parish House parlors on Sunday, December 22, with cards addressed to parishioners who live near you in Virginia, Maryland, or the District. Give the gift of your time, love, and cheer.



LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

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

Join the combined choirs of St. John's for one of our most beloved holiday traditions. Sung in the beauty of a candlelit church, the service begins with the singing of "Once in royal David's city," followed by nine lessons interspersed with carols and choral anthems. Complimentary valet parking will be available starting at 4:30 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

On Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m., the children and choristers of St. John's—dressed as angels and friendly beasts—are joined by the Parish Choir in telling the story of the nativity. At 7 and 10 p.m., the St. John's Choir, accompanied by strings and organ, will offer George Malcom's charming "Mass at the Crib" along with many of your favorite Christmas carols. *All services are preceded by 30 minutes of prelude music. Worship begins at the listed time.*

Know of someone you'd like to invite? Give them the full schedule of Christmas services found on the next page.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S



LESSONS & CAROLS

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

Don't miss this annual favorite, which tells the story of our faith from the genesis of our mortal foolishness through the mystery of the divine incarnation. See previous page for full details.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:30 p.m. Pageant & Choral Eucharist with Choir

7 p.m. Festal Choral Eucharist
Sermon—The Rev. Rob Fisher

10 p.m. Festal Choral Eucharist
Sermon—The Rev. Rob Fisher

Arrive 30 minutes early (before all three Christmas Eve services) to enjoy a prelude of carols and music prior to worship.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

11 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist
Sermon—The Rev. Will Morris

The Church and Parish Office will close after the 11 a.m. service on Christmas Day and will remain closed through Friday, December 27.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 24 at 4:30 p.m. (*Come 30 minutes early to enjoy a prelude of anthems and carols before the start of the service.*)

The annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Christmas Eve beginning at 4:30 p.m. Children ages three and up are invited to participate in the pageant as an Angel, Shepherd, or Friendly Beast. All children who wish to participate should attend rehearsal on Saturday, December 21, at 10 a.m. Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website for more information.

IF YOU ARE MOVED TO MAKE AN OFFERING TOWARD CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OR MUSIC . . .

The poinsettias and evergreens that enhance the beauty of the church and parish house at Christmastide are given by parishioners as memorials for those who have died and in thanksgiving for those who are living. Please consider remembering those who are important to you; see page 10 for details. Gifts toward the special music on Christmas Eve are also welcome; gifts of any size are gratefully appreciated and will be recognized in the bulletins. See page 4 for details or contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership page of our website. The deadline for listing in Christmas bulletins is Wednesday, December 18.

COMING UP IN THE NEW YEAR

THREE KINGS' PROCESSION

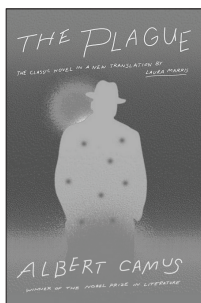
Sunday, January 5, at 11 a.m.

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.

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 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.



CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday, January 15, at 5:30 p.m.

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

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.

Opportunities for children and youth continue on the next page.

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

Sundays during 11 a.m. worship

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



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 stjohndc.org.** Birthdays, anniversaries, births, and deaths are listed for a week. Other names added to the prayer list will be reviewed twice a year to help keep prayer requests current. If you would like a name to be on the prayer list for a specific period of time, please let us know. For family and friends who are not members of the congregation, we list in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers.

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: Cathy Ballman (Laura Ballman), Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Kiesha Carroll (GeeGee Bryant), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), 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), 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 WHO HAVE DIED

From our parish: James Doyle, November 24.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING

A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Samuel Akes-Cardwell, Douglas Arnold, Carlos Arriaga, Charles Bader, Bob Beizer, Mary Jane Checchi, Sarah Demarest, Nicole Feaster, Linda Gaines, Annie Gardner, Debby Hailey, Kate Huffman, Sara Josey, David Kieve, Ailin Lovelace, Paul Ramos, Ella Sanchez, Anne Stewart, and Richard Young.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING

AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Jeff and Sarah Agnew, and Alex and Jessica Sanchez.

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).

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The poinsettias and evergreens that enhance the beauty of the church and parish house at Christmastide are given by parishioners as memorials for those who have died and as thanksgiving for those who are living. Please consider remembering those who are important to you. The suggested donation is \$50 per name. Your support of this important ministry is greatly appreciated. **The deadline for inclusion in the Christmas order of service is Wednesday, December 18.**

To pay by check, please enclose your completed form with a check payable to St. John's Church, and send it to the Parish Office, Attention: Finance, with "Christmas Flowers" noted on the outside of the envelope—or simply place this form with your check in the offering plate on Sunday.

You may also make your payment online at bit.ly/SJCLGive. Choose "Special Flowers" from the dropdown menu. Under memo, list the name(s) and indicate whether your gift is in memory of or in thanksgiving for.

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Your name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Amount _____

Mail to: St. John's Church ♦ 1525 H Street, NW ♦ Washington, DC 20005 ♦ Attention: Finance Office
Please contact the Parish Office at 202-347-8766 if you have questions.

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 4, 2024)

Anonymous (10)

David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis

Alison Adkins

John & Renate Alison

Anthony H. Anikeeff & Tung-lin Wu

Douglas & Margo Arnold

Harvey E. & Carolyn L. Bale

Paul Barkett

Chandler Battaile

Jordan & Angelle Baugh

Robert Beizer

Laura Belman

Martha L. & William S. Birdseye

Diane Bitsberger

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

Gwineth Ann Clarkson

Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey

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Joe Creech & Stephanie Delong

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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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