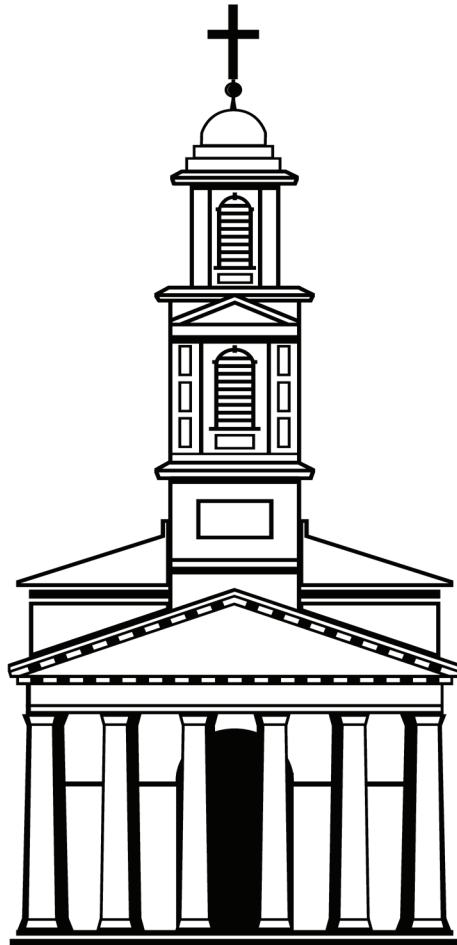


THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2025 ♦ Baptism and Holy Eucharist at 9 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.

VOLUNTARY

Morning Star: Reflections

Margaret Vardell Sandresky (b. 1921)

HYMN 616

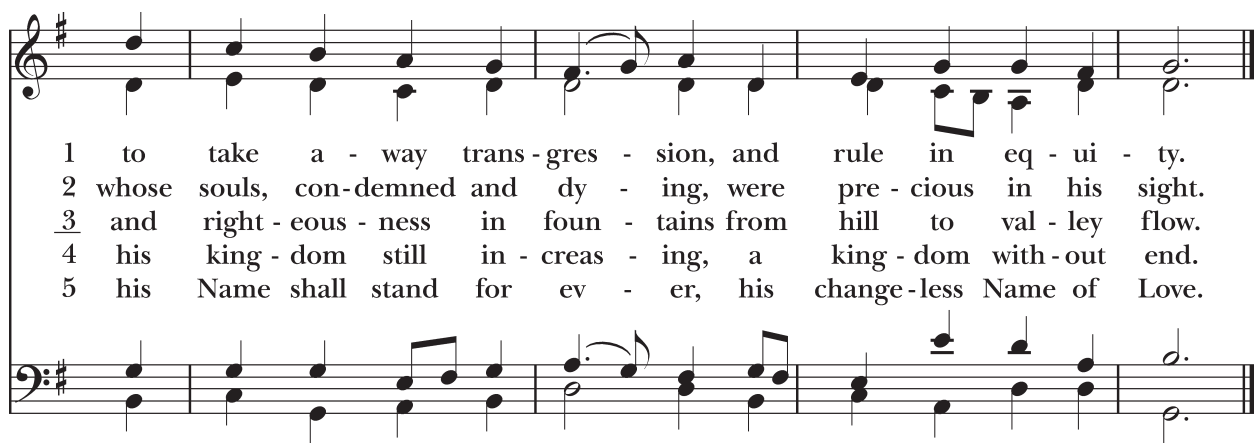
Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

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.**

Priest There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Priest One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

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

Please be seated.

Read by Holly Sukenik.

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

Led by Katherine Bliss, 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.

HYMN 120

The sinless one to Jordan came

Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1–3 will be sung before the Gospel, stanzas 4 & 5 after.



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!
 5 go forth with you a world to win:



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Please remain standing as you are able.

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Following the Gospel, all sing stanzas 4 & 5 of the gradual hymn.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Please remain seated until invited to stand as you are able.

Priest The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate who is able to answer for himself is presented by his Sponsor, as follows

Sponsor I present Jordan Pierce Wiggins to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents We present Pierce Theodore Wiggins to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

We present Carter Clara McElroy to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

The priest then asks the following questions of the candidate who can speak for himself, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants.

- Priest* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
- Parents and Godparents* I renounce them.
- Priest* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
- Parents and Godparents* I renounce them.
- Priest* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
- Parents and Godparents* I renounce them.
- Priest* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
- Parents and Godparents* I do.
- Priest* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
- Parents and Godparents* I do.
- Priest* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
- Parents and Godparents* I do.
- Priest* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
- People* **We will.**
- Priest* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
- Please stand as you are able.*
- Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?
- People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- People* **I will with God's help.**
- Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People* **I will with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Led by Alex Stolar.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Please be seated.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The priest continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the priest, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

Priest Jordan, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Priest Jordan, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

Priest Pierce, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Priest Pierce, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

Priest Carter, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Priest Carter, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Priest says

Priest Let us pray.

All Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

WELCOMING HYMN 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

Standing as you are able. The choir sings the verses; the people sing the refrain.

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

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Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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A donation via this code can go only to offerings and not to pledges or any other specific funds.*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

John Gardner (1917–2011)

Sung by the choir.

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance
to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance:

Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance;
thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance: *Refrain*

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance,
betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance: *Refrain*

Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance,
my Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance. *Refrain*

—*Traditional English carol*

HYMN 124

What star is this, with beams so bright

Standing as you are able.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in five verses, with the first verse of each system underlined. The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with some melodic movement in the treble part.

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
 2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
 5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
 2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
 4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
 5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
 2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
 4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt. Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902.

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.

The priest continues

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 in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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

Deep river

arr. Matthew Culloton (b. 1976)

Sung by the choir.

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that Gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace?

—*Negro spiritual*

HYMN 325 *Sung by all, seated.*

Let us break bread together on our knees



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).

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 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C, BWV 547

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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

Anya Kleyменова, *Crucifer*
Eric Bailey and Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, *Chalice Bearers*
Bud Harrell, *Assistant Head Usher* ♦ Fruzsina Harsanyi, *Usher*
Becca Brown Todd and Roderick Todd, *Greeters*
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.**

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 January 12

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 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.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 13–19

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)

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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. Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at 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 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.

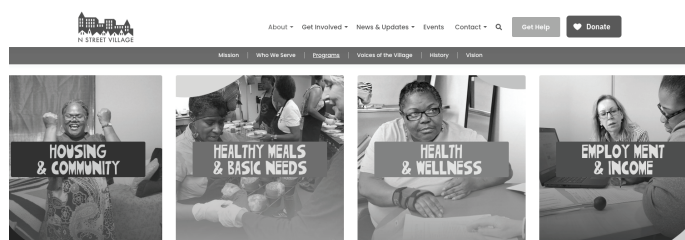
STEWARDSHIP

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 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. 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.

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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING

Sunday, January 26, at 9 a.m.

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

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. Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

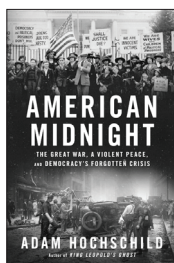
Wednesday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m.

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.



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. 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 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.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY HOURS

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

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

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.

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

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Sundays during 11 a.m. worship

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

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

Sundays during 11 a.m. worship

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

CHORISTER PROGRAM

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

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

Explore our many ministry groups at www.stjohns-dc.org, and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.

FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

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



ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

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



LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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

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).

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

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
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WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

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ST. JOHN'S 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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