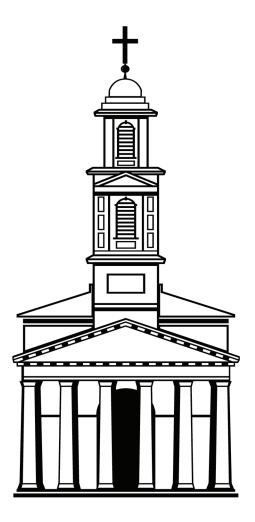
ALL SAINTS' DAY November 3, 2024 + Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m.



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 special music this morning is offered by Bill and Sara Josey, to the glory of God and in memory of all who have gone before us to the Land of Glory.

HYMN 287

For all the saints, who from their labors rest

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

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Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

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.**



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PriestThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PriestLet us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Please be seated.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

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

PSALM 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, * the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is he who founded it upon the seas * and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? * and who can stand in his holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, * who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD * and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek him, * of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?" * "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle." Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 Read by William Priest.

Chanted by the choir; setting by Joseph Barnby (1838–1896)

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?" * "The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."

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 293

I sing a song of the saints of God

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



Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: Grand Isle, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Please remain standing as you are able.

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 3 of the gradual hymn.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

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

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Intercessor	In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence.	
Intercessor People	For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
Intercessor People	For Joseph, our President, the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in authority. For our nation during this election year, that we will value and uphold the common bond we share as citizens, and that you will empower us at this time to be graceful, loving, and brave. For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
Intercessor People	For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
Intercessor People	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Intercessor People	For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
Intercessor People	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 All Saints' Church, Chevy Chase; All Saints' Pre-School, Chevy Chase; and All Saints' Parish, Oakley. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers. For all who serve God in the Church.
-	For the special needs and concerns of this congregation Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.
Intercessor People	We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.
Intercessor People	We pray for all who have died , that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.

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CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence.

- *All* Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- *Priest* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

PriestThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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

O how glorious is the Kingdom

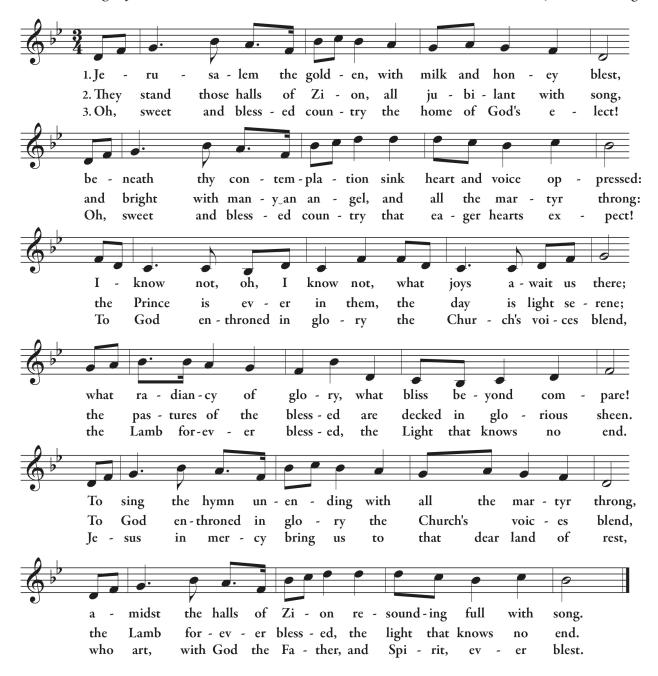
Basil Harwood (1859–1959)

Sung by the choir.

O how glorious is the Kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ. Clothed with white robes, they follow the Lamb, whithersoever he goeth, they follow the Lamb.

—Antiphon for the Feast of All Saints

Jerusalem the golden



Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th cent., abr.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt. Music: Thaxted, Gustav Holst (1874–1934).

A PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

Said by all.

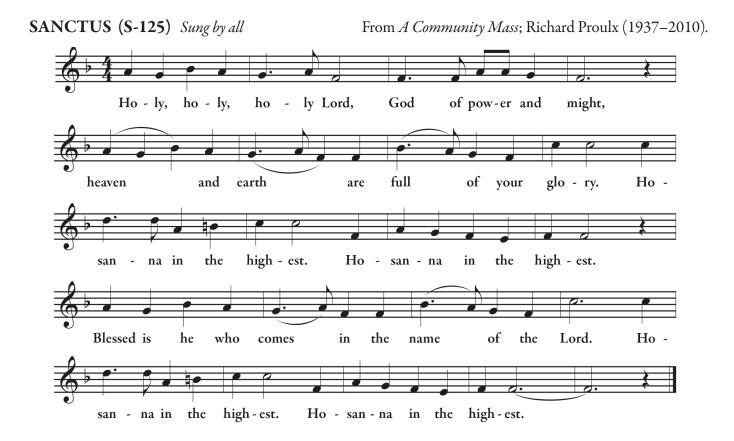
Gracious and everlasting God, the giver of all good gifts, you have blessed us and our parish abundantly. Grant us the hope to dream and the courage to live into our possibilities. Make us faithful stewards, both for the provision of our necessities and for the relief of those who are in need. Bless 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.

	The Lord be with you. And also with you.
	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Priest	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. 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:



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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

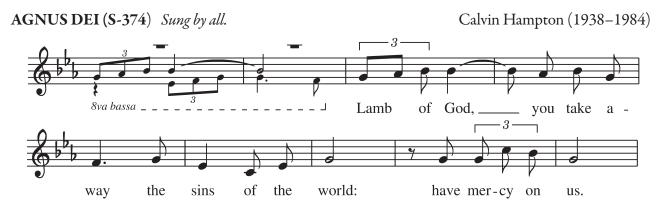
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

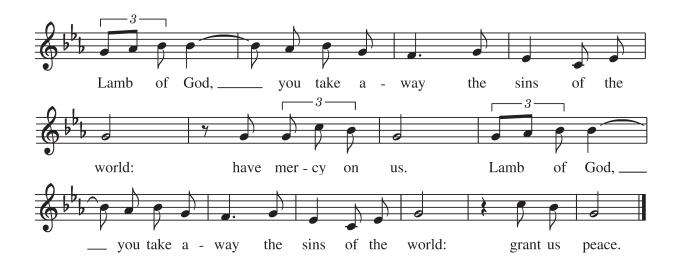
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD





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

Remembrance

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Sung by the choir.

Remember your servants, Lord. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when the world reviles you and persecutes you and utters all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake: Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

—Matthew 5:3-12

HYMN Sung by all, seated.

In our day of thanksgiving



Text: William Draper (1855–1933). Music: St. Catherine's Court, Richard Strutt (1848–1927).

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

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

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

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

THE BLESSING

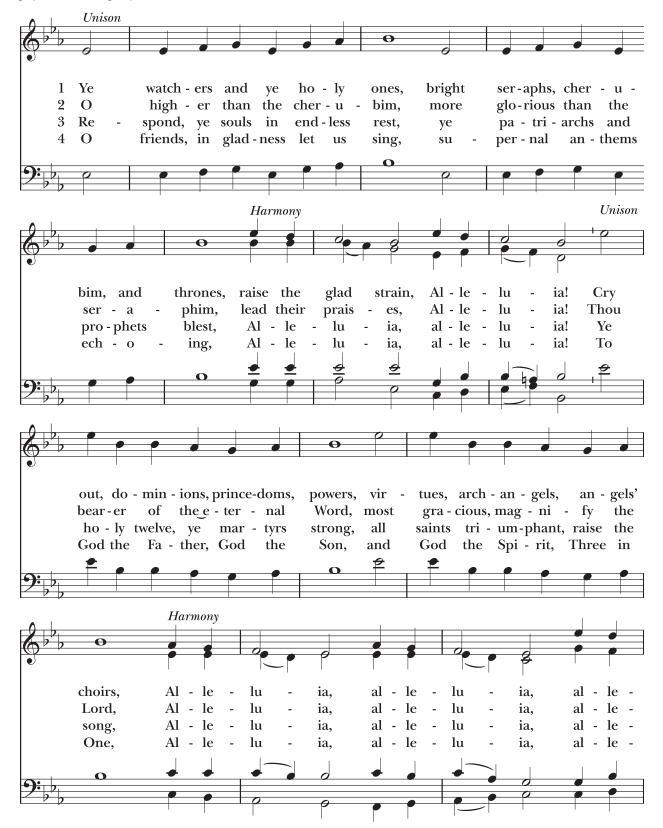
Priest Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

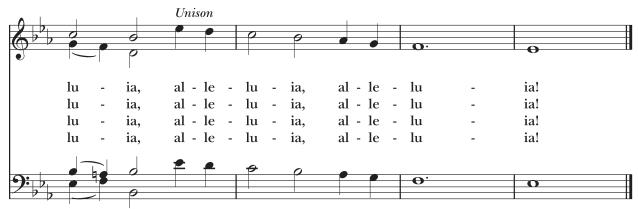
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HYMN 618

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Sung by all, standing as you are able.





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THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*People* Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Allegro from Concerto for Two Trumpets

Francesco Manfredini

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

and in thanksgiving for the baptism today of Jaya Virginia Bergen, Hugo Knowlson Kingsley, and Jo Alta Ornstein.

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Christian Ferrari and Amy McCabe, Trumpets

Eric Bailey, *Crucifer* + Lizzie Rigby and Powe Rigby, *Acolytes* Tony Anikeeff and Caroline Mazzocchi, *Chalice Bearers* Jeff Agnew, *Assistant Head Usher* Brian Cordova-Brookey, Claire Kim, and Jess Unger, *Ushers* Patricia Leslie and John Schutz, *Greeters* + Jamie Finch and Becca Brown Todd, *Flower Guild* Ryan Wagner, *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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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. Baptism and Choral Eucharist—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 4)
 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. Rob FisherChildren's Chapel (children begin in church)
 - Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor) Parish Lunch (see next column) Church Tour (see next column)

Lafayette Fellowship Lunch and Art Exhibition (see next column)

- 5:15 p.m. Parents' Night Out (Parish House Second Floor; see next page)
- 5:30 p.m. Choral Requiem Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Jack Reiffer (see next page)

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: Woodpark Lane, Columbia; Dartmouth Avenue, Silver Spring; and Wetherburn Court, Centreville, Va.

STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER

Many thanks to Caroline Faris, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, for offering a stewardship talk this morning at the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY Today at 11 a.m.

The combined St. John's Choir and Parish Choir are joined this morning by trumpeters in leading beloved hymns and anthems including Basil Harwood's monumental "O how glorious is the Kingdom."

PARISH LUNCH

Today at noon on the Parish House Lower Level

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. Lunch is hosted today by the Sisters at St. John's.

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.

LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP LUNCH AND ART EXHIBITION Today from noon to 3:30 p.m.

The Lafayette Fellowship is a group of adults looking to be part of and build social community at St. John's. Come enjoy Sunday parish lunch with us on the Lower Level of the Parish Hall, followed by a tour of the National Gallery of Art's "Paris 1974: The Impressionist Moment." We look forward to sitting together and catching up over a meal, from which we will depart for the museum by 1:15 p.m. We will gather again in the Cascade Cafe in the NGA's East Building for a brief discussion to provide context and spur our thinking, then view the exhibition itself. Questions about the Lafayette Fellowship? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT Today from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m.

Timed to coincide with the All Souls Fauré Requiem Mass being offered in the sanctuary, kids ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to play, watch a movie, and eat pizza at the church. Parents may attend the All Souls service or make their own plans.

ANNUAL REQUIEM EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS' DAY Today at 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we commemorate all faithful departed at a Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day. The St. John's Choir and Choristers will be joined by chamber orchestra and organ in offering Gabriel Fauré's beloved *Requiem* in the context of a liturgy. The service will include the reading of the names of those members and friends of our parish who have died in the past year. A reception will follow in the Togo West Parlor. Complimentary parking is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW; please obtain a validation ticket from an usher before or after the service. The service will also be available via livestream on our website.



PARISH NECROLOGY

Today's services are offered in thanksgiving for all the saints from St. John's and those near to us who have departed this life since All Saints' 2023.

(As of October 30, 2024)

Laura Ault Peter Balfe Mark Begeny Jim Bell Nathalie Hubbard Bramson Delora Burns Lucy Burr Deola Butler Judy Campbell Bird Diane Chrisman The Rev. W. Alan Delamater Tom Delaney Ayanna Dunn Sandra "Sandy" Farley Graves

Don Griffioen Vern Guerkink Ursula Gunzel S. Louis Hackworth Marjorie Ann Kessler Hinsch William Hughes Bea Jackson Tom Korologos Rota Lee Christopher Lewis Betsy Libretta Marion Genest Lowenfeld Virginia Cretella Mars Harry Latane Martin Patricia Marx Dan McDermott Nicholas Pagani Pereda Paty Shirley Paul John Perkins Claudia Perry Florence Ann McClain Priebe Tony Schweitzer Arnie Snoeyink Carol Borden Taylor Nancy White

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 4–10

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. 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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, November 4

- 5:30 p.m. Election Eve Prayer Vigil (Plaza; see next column)
- 6:15 p.m. Lawyers AA (Togo West Parlor)

Tuesday, November 5

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

Wednesday, November 6

- 4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal (Parish House Fourth Floor)
 - 7 p.m. Latrobe Fellowship (see next column)

Thursday, November 7

- 4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals (Parish House Fourth Floor)
 - 7 p.m. St. John's Book Group (via Zoom; see next column)

Parish Choir Rehearsal (Parish House Fourth Floor)

Friday, November 8

1 p.m. Parish Office closes

Monday, November 11—Veterans Day

All Day Parish Office closed

ELECTION EVE PRAYER VIGIL Monday, November 4, 5:30–6:30 p.m. on the Plaza

The evening before the national election, St. John's will take part in a candlelight vigil along 16th Street's "corridor of faith." That's a 6.5-mile stretch from the White House to Silver Spring with nearly 50 houses of worship—more than half of which will participate by lining the street with candles and prayer outside our respective houses of worship.

Join us in shining a light for democracy, peace, and hope in these divided times. All are welcome to bring candles (real or battery operated) and signs on cardboard expressing your prayers and hopes for our country. This is a positive, non-partisan vigil, so please bring only respectful signs that do not promote or oppose any candidate or party.

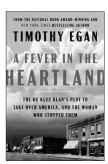
Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP Wednesday, November 6, 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. At our November gathering, we will be joined by St. John's music director, Brent Erstad, for a lesson on worship and liturgy. 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, November 7, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom to discuss *A Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Egan. This historical thriller recounts the rise of the Klan's power in Indiana and the U.S. in the 1920s, and the true story of how one American woman shut them down.



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.

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.



November 3: Vice Admiral Frank "Trey" Whitworth, Director of the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, will talk about the work of the agency and the role it plays in keeping the nation safe.



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

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

December 1: No Forum (Advent Wreath Making)



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

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

VESTRY NOMINATIONS Deadline: Monday, December 2

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

2024 ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

We're excited to announce that the 2024 Angel Tree Drive at St. John's will start on Sunday, November 10. Watch for our festive Angel Tree in the Parish House, which will be adorned with angels holding wishlists from children and adults in need. Help us spread the joys of Christmas to our neighbors and make some dreams come true. Contact Kevin Cordova-Brookey via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org with questions or for more details.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUTREACH: THE BISHOP WALKER SCHOOL

This is a tuition-free school for boys in kindergarten through fifth grade who come from historically underserved communities. The school boasts almost 90 students and a maximum of 16 learners per class—and with two teachers in each classroom, it offers an enviable student-to-teacher ratio. Five St. John's parishioners are on its two boards. Contact Andrew Clarke via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org with questions or to get involved.

DEDICATIONS FOR SPECIAL MUSIC

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

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

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

BAPTISMS

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

Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 9 a.m. Class: Saturday, January 11, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, February 9, at 9 a.m. Class: Saturday, February 8, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 27, at 9 a.m. Class: Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

The Sunday lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve the meal—which is why we encourage individuals, families, groups, and ministries to sign up to host at least once between October 6 and 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.

November 3 The Sisters at St. John's November 10 November 17 New Members Reception November 24 December 1 No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend December 8 Stewardship December 15 Greeters December 22 No Lunch No Lunch December 29 January 5 January 12 **Refugee Committee** January 19 January 26

STEWARDSHIP

2025 PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

Thank you to all who have already pledged for 2025. As of Wednesday, October 30, we had received 145 pledges for a total of \$684,320. This is slightly up from last year at this time. We will be finalizing the 2025 budget very soon. Pledging today if you have not yet done so will help determine what that budget will be.

All pledges are welcome, no matter how big or small. If you are able to increase your pledge this year, it will greatly impact the growth of our programs to better serve our entire parish community. You can pledge either with a physical pledge card, available at the front desk or in the narthex of the church, or by completing a pledge form online at **stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge**. Thank you!

—Caroline Faris, Chair of the Stewardship Committee

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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.

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 your options for planned giving, and contact Lisa Kirchenbauer via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org with questions or to join the 1816 Society.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GRACE'S TABLE

Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m. Upcoming Dates: November 16 and December 21

Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. Volunteers purchase and prepare food (including casseroles, rolls, salad, and dessert) and/ or serve the guests. Typically, as many as 60 or 70 guests come seeking food and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other St. John's parishioners and to spread God's loving kindness in our community. Contact leader Elizabeth Field using the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE Saturday, November 16, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, November 17, 2:30–6 p.m.

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

FALL NEW MEMBER SUNDAY Sunday, November 17, at 9 and 11 a.m.

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

YOUTH CONFIRMATION INTEREST MEETING Sunday, November 17, at noon

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

CHORAL EVENSONG Wednesday, November 20, at 5:30 p.m.

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

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE Thursday, November 28, at 10 a.m.

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

ADVENT WREATH MAKING Sunday, December 1, at 10 a.m.

Join in this fun annual tradition at St. John's that is suitable for all ages. Using seasonal greens, we will make decorative wreaths that also double as devotional aids in the Advent season. Materials will be provided for each household to make one wreath. You're encouraged to bring your own clippers if you have them. A few "take and make" bags will be available for those who cannot stay to make a wreath. Contact Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website with questions. This activity will take the place of Church School.

ADVENT PARTY Sunday, December 8, at 5 p.m.

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

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. Through November, the class is studying the end of the Galilean Ministry of Jesus, the Way of the Cross, and the episodes before Christ's Passion. For class notes and Zoom login information, please connect with leader Jack Reiffer via our online Ministry Directory found at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

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.



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.

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 stjohnsdc.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: Yung Chang, Anne Field, Andy McKinnon, and David Springer.

Friends and family of our parish: Cathy Ballman (Laura Ballman), Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Kiesha Carroll and George Wilkins, Jr. (GeeGee Bryant), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Mary Leche Delong (Margo Wiegenstein), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Pat Dunachie (Jeff Bozman), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Melinda Leslie (Patricia Leslie), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Luke Morrison (Elizabeth and Greg Morrison), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Sophie Panagi (Brian and KayAnn Schoeneman), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and

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

John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), John Walsten (Emily and John Lucio), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Friends and family of our parish: Nicholas Panagi, October 28 (The Schoeneman Family).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Christian Berlin, Larry Bradley, Julia Brandus, Anita Diliberto, Lizzie Eversole, Ella Fuller. Susie Jess Hallberg, Clara Hallett, Grant Kraus, DeQuan Kuntu, Claire Montgomery, Susan Morefield, Elizabeth Morrison, Charles Rhodes, Quincy Rhodes, Alexian Wines, and Hunter Yeomans.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Krista and Larry Bradley, Collier and Carly Connell, David and Liz Gallalee, John and Kristy Highsmith, and Alex and Desirée Stolar.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Anna Broadbent-Evelyn (Shawn Evelyn), and Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris).

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(Members as of October 30, 2024)

Douglas & Margo Arnold Christine & Thomas Arrasmith Paul Barkett Matt Bode & Laurie Adams Autumn Brown Richard T. Busch Andrea Charters Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill Jamie Craft Nicole & Stephen Crochet James Czerwonky Kaye Edwards Lauren Edwards Martha Ellison Clark K. Ervin & Carolyn Harris Christopher & Elizabeth Gardner Carrie & Jim Garland Kay Gilley Budd & Susan Hallberg Everett & Nora Haugh Laura & John Herzog John Peters Irelan Bill & Sara Josey James & Lisa Kirchenbauer Grant Kraus Michelle Mangrum Richard Metzger Livy More Jonathan Nateghi-Asli Eric Peters Susan & Raymond Petniunas Chase Rynd Anne Stewart Riley Temple Pamela & Patrick Venzke Renee B. Yancey

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 October 30, 2024)

Anonymous (6) David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis John & Renate Alison Douglas & Margo Arnold Paul Barkett Chandler Battaile Robert Beizer Martha L. & William S. Birdseye Diane Bitsberger Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington Thomas Bleha & Natasha Simes Katherine Bliss & Mark Dennis Autumn Brown Craig & Barbara Burkhardt Richard T. Busch Susan Cardwell Andrea Charters Mary Jane Checchi Preston Cherouny Virginia Chew Carlye Christianson & Pascal Joly Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill Gwinneth Ann Clarkson Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey Joe Creech & Stephanie Delong Garry & Patricia Dalby Betsy Danello **Christine** Davies LaFawn C. Davis Justin B. Dean Clayton & Margaret Depue John Derrick Deb & Jeff Dornemann James Doyle Mike & Beth DuMond James Eastwood Janet Edmond Kaye Edwards Brandon & Elizabeth Elliott Martha Ellison Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris Sylvia Martin-Estes & Doug Estes **Caroline Faris** Wendy J. Fibison Hyman & Anne Field Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood John & Ann Gardner

Kay Gilley Donnie & Ronald Goodheart Sandra Hackworth Deborah Hailey Budd & Susan Hallberg Barbara Harper Robert & Anne Harrington Fruzsina Harsanyi Diane Hauslein Tim & Susan Heil Ann Compton Hughes Joanne & Powell Hutton John Peters Irelan Wande Johnson Ethan Johnson Robert & Whitney Johnston Carter & Fran Keithley Kim Kennedy & Beverly Roberts Loren & Anne Kieve James & Lisa Kirchenbauer Frank & Nancy Klotz Julia Koster Kenny Kraft Grant Kraus Patricia Leslie Julie Neff Lippman Emily & John Lucio Jan Lupton Chip & RJ Lyerly Sandy & Nancy Martin Abbott McCartney & Sigrid Block Saunders McElroy Jacob McNeil Ellen McPeake **Richard Metzger** Johnathan S. Miller Joseph D. Mitchell Livy More Greg & Elizabeth Cavert Morrison Rob Mosbacher, Jr. Jim & Michele Mullins John C. Northrup Peter & Eleanor Odom Ralph & Lydia Olson Matthew L. Paeffgen Robert Pahnke Robert & Sharon Park

Cami Pease Anthony Pegues Robin Pennington Raymond & Susan Petniunas Larry & Connie Pettinger Richard Price & Yung Chang Will Rabbe & Brittany Prime Carl & Mary Raether Garret & Gigi Rasmussen Glenn Reichardt & JoAnn Zuercher Jack Reiffer Geraldine & Harker Rhodes Damion Rose Chase Rynd Alex & Jessica Sanchez KayAnn & Brian Schoeneman John & Zachary Schutz Sandy & Susan Sierck Adelle Simmons Diane & Peter Spaulding John Staples & Scott Raspa Kenneth & Susan Starling Anne Stewart Toby Stock & Margy Slattery Desirée Stolar John & Holly Sukenik Patrick J. Summers Hilary & Alfred Thesmar Jocelyn Tichenor Laurel & Andrew Tierney Susan Valaskovic Paul & Susan Van Nice Pamela & Patrick Venzke Christopher Wall Alis Wang & Amy Stulman Louisa Waycott Susan Welch Gail West Hilary West Suzanne Whitmore Elena & Marty Williams Emma Wilson Anita Woehler Bill Wright Renee Yancey Paul & Sitta Zehfuss

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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.

Vestry

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden* Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

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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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