

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 27, 2024 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m.

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

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126

Said responsively by half verse.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Scott Raab, *Lay Server* ♦ Richard Young, *Assistant Head Usher*
Sarah Agnew and Zach Schutz, *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.**

OFFERING PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

MAKING AN OFFERING

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



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

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Announcements for the Week of October 27

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Will Morris
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.
Will Morris
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 2)
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.
Will Morris
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Church Tour (see next column)
Latrobe Fellowship Brunch (see next
column)

WE HAVE A GUEST TODAY!

Today we welcome the Rev. Eva Cavaleri, Senior Chaplain and Chair of the Religious Studies Department at National Cathedral School, who will assist during our liturgies.

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; and Dartmouth Avenue, Silver Spring.

TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Today at noon

For more than 200 years our church has served as a place of worship for a growing and everchanging city and country. Its structure is a lasting testament to Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who, because of his training in both architecture and engineering, is considered by the American Institute of Architects as our country's first architect. If you are interested in an in-person tour of St. John's Church, meet at the front of the church near the baptismal font after the 11 a.m. service. Today's guide is Richard J. Price.

LATROBE FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

Today after the 11 a.m. service

All in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join other young adults at St. John's for brunch. We will gather in the back corner of the church near the Lincoln Pew before making our way to Chipotle (1010 Vermont Avenue, NW)—or you can meet us there. Questions? Look for Eric Bailey, or contact him via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 29 to November 3

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

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Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Rob Fisher, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Baptism and Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

5:30 p.m. All Souls' Requiem (see page 3)

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.



October 27: The Rev. Christine Dunn, Director of Community Engagement for Lutheran Social Services of the Northern Capital Area, will speak about who our refugee neighbors are and will highlight volunteer opportunities and ways to advocate for refugees.



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.

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."

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, October 28

- 6:15 p.m. Lawyers AA (Togo West Parlor)
- 7 p.m. Lafayette Fellowship Trivia Night (Offsite; see next column)

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

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

Thursday, October 31

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

Saturday, November 2

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Inquirers' Class (Togo West Parlor)
- 3 p.m. Samaritan Ministry Gala 2024 (Offsite; see below)

Sunday, November 3

- Noon Lafayette Fellowship Lunch and Art Exhibition (see next page)
- 5:15 p.m. Parents' Night Out (see "All Saints & All Souls" on next page)

LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP TRIVIA NIGHT

Monday, October 28, 7–9 p.m.

The Lafayette Fellowship is a group of adults looking for community. Join us on Monday, October 28, 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.

SAMARITAN MINISTRY GALA 2024

Saturday, November 2, 3–6 p.m.

Join other St. John's Lafayette Square parishioners in helping to make the DMV a kinder, more equitable place by attending Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington's Gala 2024. Enjoy abundant and delicious passed hors d'oeuvres, charcuterie and dessert stations, wine, beer, seasonal mocktails, live music, and plenty of onsite parking at the beautiful St. Paul's Center on the campus of St. Paul's Episcopal Rock Creek Parish (201 Allison Street, NW).

Proceeds will provide caring and individualized coaching, counseling, education, and material assistance to struggling area residents working to overcome poverty, homelessness, and other critical challenges. Tickets and more information available at bit.ly/smgw-gala-2024. Questions? Contact Sarah Wood via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP LUNCH AND ART EXHIBITION

Sunday, November 3, noon to 3:30 p.m.

On Sunday, November 3, come enjoy Sunday parish lunch at St. John's 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 lunch, departing by 1:15 p.m. for the museum. Prior to viewing the exhibit, we will gather in the Cascade Cafe in the NGA's East Building for a brief discussion that will provide context and spur our thinking. Please let us know that you're coming so we can keep a lookout for you. RSVP to bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events. Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Sunday, November 3

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Names of those who have died since November 1, 2023, will be listed in our All Saints' service bulletins on November 3 and read aloud during the All Souls' requiem that evening at 5:30 p.m. If you would like a name to be included in this remembrance, please complete our online form at bit.ly/sjc-necrology-2024. The deadline for submitting names is Monday, October 28.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday, November 3, at 11 a.m.

The 11 a.m. service on November 3 will include special music for All Saints' Day. The combined St. John's Choir and Parish Choir will be joined by trumpeters in leading beloved hymns and anthems, including Basil Harwood's monumental "O how glorious is the Kingdom."

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Sunday, November 3, 5:15–7:30 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. RSVP by Monday, October 28, using the online form found at bit.ly/PNO-1003. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

THE COMMEMORATION of ALL
FAITHFUL DEPARTED

REQUIEM

GABRIEL FAURÉ

THE ST. JOHN'S CHOIR & CHORISTERS
with CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

The service will include the annual reading of the parish necrology.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, at 5:30 PM

ANNUAL REQUIEM EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

Sunday, November 3, 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.

STEWARDSHIP

2025 PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

As of Wednesday, October 23, we had received 135 pledges totalling \$664,910.

A big thank you to all who have already pledged for 2025! Your pledge ensures that the Vestry and Rector will be able to plan for another great year of ministry, music, outreach, and fellowship. All pledges are welcome. If you are able to increase your pledge this year, it will impact the growth of

our programs to better serve our diverse 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 an online form 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 of the ways St. John's members give to 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 and would like to learn more, please contact Lisa Kirchenbauer, Chair of the 1816 Society, via the Ministry Directory on our website.

Earlier this summer, the Treasury Department and IRS issued updated rules on when/how Required Minimum Distributions will be handled in the future. A few reminders:

- Those born between 1951 and 1959 must begin their RMDs at age 73.
- Those born in 1960 and later, do not need to take their distributions until age 75.
- For IRAs inherited, with exceptions possibly for spouses and minor/disabled children, you must complete distribution of all assets within 10 years of the death of the original owner (the distributions do not have to be equal), unless the original owner of the IRA died before January 1, 2020.
- If the original owner of the inherited IRA had started distributions before death and died on or after January 1, 2020, the inheritor must take distributions along with meeting the 10-year rule.
- Opportunity: Once you are over 70½ years, whether you hold a regular IRA or inherited IRA, you are able to make Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) directly to the 501(c)3 charity of your choice of up to \$105K/year tax-free. (You **cannot** do this from Donor Advised Funds, 401ks and other retirement plans besides IRAs, and the money must go directly to the charity from the IRA.)

This opportunity may support your annual charitable gifting as well as one-time charitable gifts. As you plan end-of-year 2024 giving and future 2025 charitable giving, you may want to talk with your tax advisor and financial advisor regarding your obligations and options.

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.

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUTREACH: REFUGEES

More than 3,000 refugees were resettled to Maryland, Virginia, and D.C. in the past year. The Refugee Committee at St. John's works to welcome these new neighbors. Join us on November 16 and 17 as we host an event for refugee women to receive free clothes and personal supplies. See page 6 for full details, and contact Lacy Broemel via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org with questions.

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, November 3, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, November 2, at 10 a.m.

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 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.

October 27 No Lunch: Marine Corps Marathon

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

December 29 No Lunch

January 5

January 12

January 19

January 26

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m.

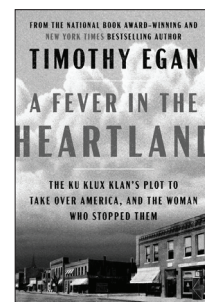
The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. At our November gathering, we will be joined by St. John's music director, 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.



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 each month 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.

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.



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.

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: 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), Ryan Hyde (Pete and Katherine Kyle), 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), Nicholas and Sophie Panagi (Brian and KayAnn Schoeneman), Ian Paton (Frances Tyler), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John

and Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and 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

From our parish: Ursula Gunzel, October 18.

Friends and family of our parish: Carol Bradley, October 19 (Larry and Krista Bradley).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Alison Adkins, Ashley Atwater, Kate Bedingfield, Mark Dennis, Kaye Edwards, Lynne Faris, Vincent Gaziano, Judd Littleton, Kelly Miller, Robin Pennington, Matilda Rossbach, Emily Smith, Lily Venzke, and Eric Zavala.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Anne and Pete Seidlitz, Paul Barkett and Eric Peters, Katie and Paul Holder, and Claire Kim and Jess Unger.

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.*



THE 1816 SOCIETY

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.

Learn more about giving options at the Episcopal Church Foundation's website (episcopalgifts.org).

Questions about giving or the 1816 Society? Please contact Lisa Kirchenbauer via the Ministry Directory.

(Members as of October 23, 2024)

Douglas & Margo Arnold
Christine & Thomas Arrasmith
Paul Barkett
Matt Bode & Laurie Adams
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Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill
Jamie Craft
Nicole & Stephen Crochet
James Czerwonky
Kaye Edwards

Lauren Edwards
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Christopher & Elizabeth Gardner
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Kay Gilley
Budd & Susan Hallberg
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LIST OF 2025 PLEDGERS

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

(As of October 23, 2024)

Anonymous (4)
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
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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
Joe Creech & Stephanie Delong
Garry & Patricia Dalby
Betsy Danello
Christine Davies
LaFawn C. Davis
Justin B. Dean
Clayton & Margaret Depue
John Derrick
James Doyle
Mike & Beth DuMond
James Eastwood
Janet Edmond
Kaye Edwards
Martha Ellison
Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris
Sylvia Martin-Estes & Doug Estes
Caroline Faris
Wendy 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
Julia Koster
Kenny Kraft
Grant Kraus
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
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
Patrick J. Summers
Hilary & Alfred Thesmar
Jocelyn Tichenor
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

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*

Tony Anikeeff, Krista Rimple Bradley, Kaye Edwards,
Wendy J. Fibison, David Gallalee, Fruzsina Harsanyi,
Elizabeth Cavert Morrison, Ucheora Onwuamaegbu,
Jack Reiffer, Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger,
Members

Casey Evans, *Treasurer*

Nora Haugh, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

Head Usher

James H. Czerwonky

Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

Head Greeters

Eleanor and Peter Odom

Worship and Program Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*
for Engaging Local Communities

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

Eric Bailey, *Minister for Youth and Young Adults*

Staff

Preston Cherouny, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Operations Manager*

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

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

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

Anne Stone, *Publications*

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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