

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

The LORD spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16 *Said responsively by half verse.*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-8

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

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* ♦ Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher*
Becca Brown and Laura Kinitra, *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 November 17

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist—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 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.
Rob Fisher
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon All are invited to a special reception to
welcome new members (Togo West Parlor)
Church Tour (see next column)
Youth Confirmation Interest Meeting
(Parish House Second Floor)

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 Swann Street, NW.

FALL NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

St. John's will recognize new members of our community during worship today at 9 and 11 a.m., and all are invited to a welcome reception in Togo West Parlor at noon. Come show your support for our growing community and get to know someone new.



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 Kevin Cordova-Brookey.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION INTEREST MEETING

Today 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. Walk-ins are welcome at lunch today even if you did not RSVP—and if you can't come, please 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.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 18–24

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist
5:30 p.m.—Choral Evensong
(see next column)

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Will Morris, 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 18

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

Tuesday, November 19

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

6 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Togo West Parlor)

Wednesday, November 20

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong and Reception (see next column)

Thursday, November 21

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

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

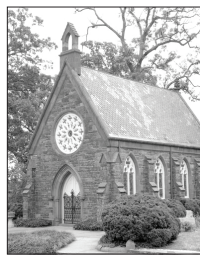
CHORAL EVENSONG

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.

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 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.

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November 24: No Forum (*Thanksgiving Weekend*)

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 titled "Black Protest Politics in the 1980s and 1990s."

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

2025 PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

Thank you to all who have already pledged for 2025. **As of Wednesday, November 13, we had received 177 pledges for a total of \$767,265.** This is up slightly 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 visiting stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge to complete an online pledge form. Thank you!

A WORD ABOUT MATCHING GIFTS

Here's how to make your gift to St. John's do a bit more

Many employers in the area want to make a positive impact in the community by offering matching gifts for various charitable programs. Matches are mostly focused around community support, education, and other 501(c)(3) entities, with gifts handled through portals such as Benevity, DoubleTheDonation, Global Giving, and YourCause. To find out whether your organization has a matching gift program, please contact your company's corporate giving officer, who can help you navigate the gift portal and make sure that St. John's is listed as a verified recipient. (You can also contact the Parish Office for assistance.) Using your company's matching gifts program is a wonderful, easy way to make a meaningful difference at and through St. John's.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

SPOTLIGHT ON OUTREACH: COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS (CIS)

One in seven young DC children faces hunger, and St. John's volunteers, working through the CIS program, help unpack and distribute food for them provided by the Capital Area Food Bank. For questions or to get involved, contact Livy More or Ann Gardner via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

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

The annual Christmas gift drive is here! We are partnering with the Bishop Walker School, Advocates for Justice and Education, and Cardozo Education Campus to bring joy to children and adults in need this holiday season. Each recipient has provided a wish list of toys, books, or clothes that they are hoping to find underneath the Christmas tree this year.

TWO WAYS TO PURCHASE GIFTS:

- **Visit the tree in the Parish House** and select an angel with a wish list, then procure it at a store of your choosing and return it (unwrapped) to the church by Monday, December 9.
- **Purchase from our Amazon Wish List** (bit.ly/sjc-angel-tree-2024); gifts will ship directly to the church.

THREE IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Gift Delivery Deadline:** Monday, December 9
- **Gift Wrapping:** Saturday, December 14 (see page 5)
- **Gift Distribution:** Beginning Monday, December 16 (so please return your gift purchases on time)

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us bring holiday cheer to those in need. Question? Please contact Kevin Cordova-Brookey via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

SPONSORING CHRISTMAS MUSIC

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

BAPTISMS

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

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

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

Sunday, February 9, at 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, April 27, at 9 a.m.

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

SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

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.

The Sunday lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve the meal—which is why we encourage individuals, families, groups, or ministries to host at least once before the end of May. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt. Not sure what's involved? Want to claim an open date? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

*November 17 No Lunch: All are invited to the
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 Refugee Committee

January 19

January 26

February 2 Annual Meeting and Reception

February 9

February 16

February 23 Laurie Adams, Matthew Bode,
David and Liz Gallalee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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, which is suitable for all ages. Using seasonal greens, we will make decorative wreaths that also double as devotional aids throughout 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.

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

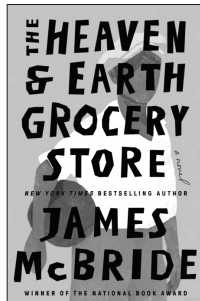
Tiki Night: Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m.

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. Please join us on December 4 for evening prayer followed by fellowship and a light dinner. We will usher in the bright spirit of the season with tiki cocktail/mocktail mixology with the Rev. Rob Fisher. For details, contact Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, December 5, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom to discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride, about the Black and Jewish residents of Chicken Hill, a neighborhood of Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Taking place in the 1920s and '30s, the novel explores relationships, racism, redemption, and the American Dream. 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.



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 plan to join us.

LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP

Holiday Dinner & Christmas Tree Crawl

Tuesday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m.

The Lafayette Fellowship invites all adults who are looking to be part of and build social community at St. John's to join us for our inaugural Holiday Dinner & Christmas Tree Crawl. We'll gather in the Togo West Parlor for festive food and drinks at 6:30 p.m. before boarding "Santa's sleigh" to visit some of DC's most iconic Christmas trees, returning to the church by 9 p.m. Space is limited on the sleigh, so please sign up at bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events to secure your seats. Questions about the Lafayette Fellowship? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

ANGEL TREE WRAPPING PARTY

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

To wrap up our Angel Tree gift drive, we will have a special gift-wrapping event for all the donations. Whether you are great at wrapping gifts or not, you are invited to come spread cheer. This will be a fun gathering with food and music to help us prepare to distribute gifts and make someone's Christmas a little extra special this year. RSVP to the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website.



GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming Dates: December 21 and January 18

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

FAMILY SERVICE ACTIVITY:

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COOKIES

Sunday, December 22, at 10 a.m.

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

HELP DELIVER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Sunday, December 22

Please plan to deliver at least one Christmas poinsettia to fellow parishioners who cannot be present with us at worship at this time. The plants will be in the Parish House parlors on Sunday, December 22. You will find cards addressed to parishioners who live near you in Virginia, Maryland, or Washington, D.C. Give the gift of your time, love, and cheer.



LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

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

Join the combined choirs of St. John's for one of our most beloved holiday traditions. Sung in the beauty of a candlelit church, the service begins with the singing of "Once in royal David's city," followed by nine lessons interspersed with carols and choral anthems. Complimentary valet parking will be available starting at 4:30 p.m. The service will be followed by a reception in the Togo West Parlor. Invite your friends and family to join us for this special holiday offering. The service will also be livestreamed on our website. Please note: We are unable to offer nursery care for this service.

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.

JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

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

FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

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



ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

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



LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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

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

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: 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

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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 IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING
A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

Peter Holder, Chris Janson, Lara Kanitra, David Kirchenbauer, Robert Kirchenbauer, Evan Lyerly, PJ Melnick, Margaret Northcutt, Jason Ornstein, Chip Sherrill, Holly Sukenik, Frances Stevenson Tyler, Sonya Williams, and Emma Wilson.

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

Jennifer Agiesta and Paul Hortenstine, Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis, Becca Brown-Todd and Roderick Todd, Doug Estes and Sylvia Martin Estes, Chip & RJ Lyerly, and Carl and Kristin Ward.

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).

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.

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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:

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WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

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ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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