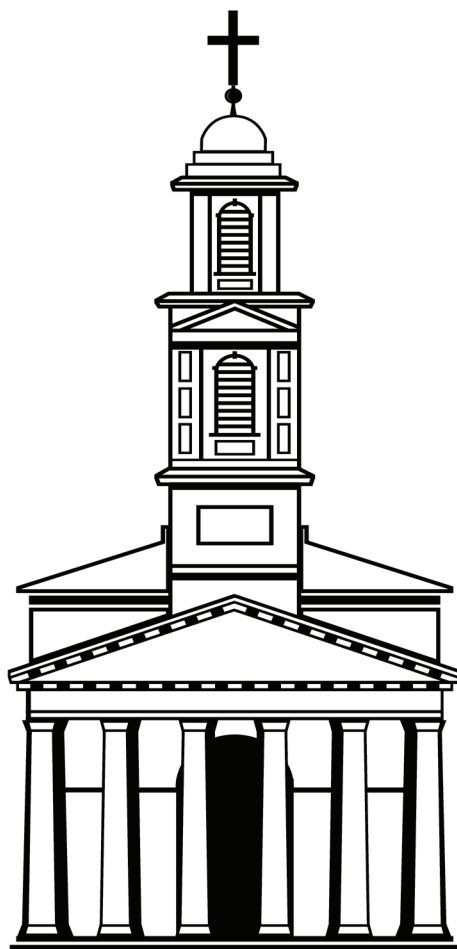


# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 9, 2025 ♦ 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.*

## VOLUNTARY

Variations on *Nettleton*  
Meditation No. 1

Undine Smith Moore (1905–1989)  
Ulysses Kay (1917–1995)

## HYMN 401

The God of Abraham praise

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

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA (S-280)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*Sung by all.*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-13

*Please be seated.*

*Read by Betsy Danello.*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 138

*Chanted by the choir; setting by James Turlle (1802–1882)*

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.

The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

*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 367

Round the Lord in glory seated

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

1 Round the Lord in glo - ry seat - ed cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim  
 2 Heaven is still with glo - ry ring - ing, earth takes up the an - gels' cry,  
 3 "Lord, thy glo - ry fills the hea - ven, earth is with thy full - ness stored;

filled his tem - ple, and re - peat - ed each to each the al - ter - nate hymn;  
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," sing - ing, "Lord of hosts, the Lord Most High."  
 un - to thee be glo - ry giv - en, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."

"Lord, thy glo - ry fills the hea - ven, earth is with thy full - ness stored;  
 With his ser - aph train be - fore him, with his ho - ly Church be - low,  
 Thus thy glo - rious Name con - fess - ing, with thine an - gel hosts we cry

un - to thee be glo - ry giv - en, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."  
 thus u - nite we to a - dore him, bid we thus our an - them flow:  
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," bless - ing thee, the Lord of hosts Most High.

Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848). Music: *Rustington*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*     **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

*Priest*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. William Morris

## 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

*Led by Clark Ervin.*

*Standing or kneeling as you are able.*

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* We pray for the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa\* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Absalom Jones. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* We pray for Joseph, our President, and Donald, our President-elect; for the leaders of Congress and the nations, for the Supreme Court, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

*Priest* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*Priest* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Priest* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



## THE PEACE

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*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

I will trust in the Lord

arr. Undine Smith Moore

*Sung by the choir.*

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord till I die.

I will shout and praise his name, I will shout and praise his name till I die.

I will put old Satan behind me, I will put old Satan behind me till I die.

Oh children, let us trust in the Lord. God guide us, let us trust in the Lord.

God bless us, let us trust in the Lord. Love one another, let us trust in the Lord.

*—African American spiritual*

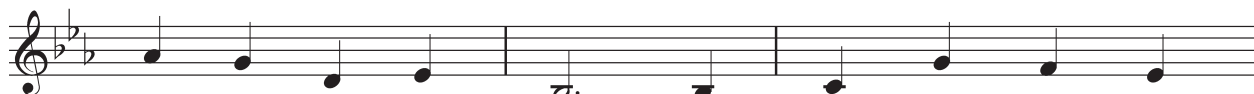
# HYMN 653

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

*Standing as you are able.*



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -  
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -  
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O  
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till  
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our  
 2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing  
 3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to  
 4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the  
 5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in  
 2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise  
 3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -  
 4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the  
 5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
 2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.  
 3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
 4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.  
 5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt. Music: *Repton*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, (1848-1918), alt.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The priest continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS (S-129)** *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People* **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Robert Powell

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

# COMMUNION ANTHEM

Confitebor tibi

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

*Sung by the choir.*

*Confitebor tibi, Domine Deus meus, in toto corde meo, et glorificabo nomen tuum in aeternum.  
Quoniam tu Domine suavis et mitis, et multae misericordiae omnibus invocantibus te.*

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.  
Will you be angry with us for ever? Will you draw out thine anger to all generations?

—*Psalm 85:5, 12*

# HYMN 318

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

*Sung by all, seated.*



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;  
3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need  
4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;  
an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;  
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.  
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.  
my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.  
thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889). Music: Nyack, Warren Swenson (b. 1937). Copyright © 1970, Warren Swanson.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

## THE BLESSING

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

## HYMN 535

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

*Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Finale from *Symphony No. 1*

Elfrida Andrée (1841–1929)

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**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD,**  
in thanksgiving for the baptism today of Zachary Brian Lee Copeland and Joelle Gamble Copeland.

**ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE**

Greg Morrison, *Crucifer*  
Walker Crochet and Gus Tierney, *Acolytes*  
Sylvia Martin Estes and Joanne Hutton, *Chalice Bearers*  
Anthony Pegues, *Assistant Head Usher*  
Claire Kim, Livy More, Jess Unger, and Bill Wright, *Ushers*  
Elena Braithwaite-Williams and Marty Williams, *Greeters*  
Becca Todd, Joanne Hutton, and Eve Cox, *Flower Guild*  
Jeremy Sheeler, *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.**

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**ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?**

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

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# Announcements for the Week of February 9

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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- 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 with Baptism—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)  
Adult 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)  
Parish Lunch (Parish House; see below)  
Church Tour (see next column)  
Confirmation Class (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: 11th Street, NE; Jenifer Street, NW; Massachusetts Avenue, NW; and Stephenson Place, NW.

### PARISH LUNCH

Today at noon | Hosted by Team Anikeeff/Morrison

Sunday lunch at St. John's is a longtime tradition in which every member and every visitor can participate. It's a great

opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones—a time for fellowship and for hearing another's story. The lunch is held most Sundays in the Parish House. Contributions of \$5 for adults and young people 13 and over and \$2 for children under 13 are requested to help defray the costs of the lunch. All are welcome. Valet parking hours are extended to 2 p.m. any Sunday with a parish lunch.



### TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Today at noon

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

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*February 10–16*

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**Monday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Wednesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Friday**—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

**Sunday**—The Rev. Rob Fisher, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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### Monday, February 10

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

### Tuesday, February 11

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

6:30 p.m. Lafayette Fellowship (Togo West Parlor; see below)

### Wednesday, February 12

4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 13

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, February 15

10:30 a.m. Grace's Table (Offsite; see below)

### LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP

#### Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m.

The Lafayette Fellowship offers activities for adults at St. John's who seek to build community with one another, typically gathering on the second Tuesday of the month for an evening activity. Please join us Tuesday, February 11, as we welcome the Rev. Will Morris for a discussion of his unique faith journey and how to approach the intersection of the spiritual and the secular in all of our lives. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in Togo West Parlor, and a light dinner will be served. RSVP to [bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events](http://bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events). Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

### GRACE'S TABLE

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

*Upcoming Dates: February 15 and March 15*

Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. Volunteers purchase and prepare food (including casseroles, rolls, salad, and dessert) and/or serve the guests. Typically, as many as 60 or 70 guests come seeking food and fellowship. This is a wonderful

opportunity to get to know other St. John's parishioners and to spread God's loving kindness in our community. Contact leader Elizabeth Field using the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions, or visit [bit.ly/sjc-graces-table-1224](http://bit.ly/sjc-graces-table-1224) to volunteer.

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## SPEAKER SERIES

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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.



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### TWO-WEEK PRESIDENTIAL SERIES: THE PRESIDENCY OF HERBERT HOOVER

**February 9:** For the first of our two-part February series on the Hoover presidency, Hoover Institution research fellow and lecturer at Stanford University in history and international relations, **Bertrand Patenaude**, will give a talk titled "Herbert Hoover and War, Revolution, and Peace."

**February 16:** In the second of our two-part February presidential series, **George Nash**, historian, author, lecturer, and a noted authority on the life of our 31st president, will speak about Hoover's presidency.

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**February 23:** **Franco Prinsloo**, an award-winning South African composer, will join us live on screen to discuss his newest piece, commissioned by St. John's, to be premiered at the 11 a.m. service that day. See "News and Noteworthy" for full details about this special Sunday offering.

**March 2:** **Adam Rothman**, Professor of History at Georgetown University and Director of Georgetown's Center for the Study of Slavery and Its Legacies, will talk about his work.

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## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

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### CELEBRATING DESMOND TUTU'S LEGACY

**Sunday, February 23, at 11 a.m.**

On Sunday, February 23, we will celebrate the legacy of Archbishop Desmond Tutu during a service that includes special music and a sermon by the Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton, recently retired Bishop of Maryland. The Archbishop was formerly primate of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient for his leadership in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, and a good friend of the Episcopal Church in Washington. The service will include the world premiere of a newly commissioned work of sacred choral music titled *Ubuntu* and composed by the award-winning South African composer Franco Prinsloo. The cantata reflects the values shared by St. John's Church and Archbishop Tutu: justice, peace, and unity. It draws inspiration from the painting of Archbishop Tutu that protected St. John's historic Parish House after the protests around the murder of George Floyd in 2020.

Plans are underway for several of the paintings that protected our buildings to be accessioned by the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture. The painting of Archbishop Tutu will be on display at St. John's as we premiere the musical work that it inspired. The speaker series preceding the service will be a presentation and Q&A with the composer, who will be joining us live via video from South Africa. Please invite your friends and plan to join us for this special morning.

## CONSIDER JOINING THE FLOWER GUILD

Whether you want to develop a new skill or expand on an existing talent, being a member of the Flower Guild is a rewarding way to volunteer at St. John's while also acquiring new friendships. No experience is needed; newcomers are paired with experienced members who mentor them until they are fully fledged, confident flower arrangers. Arranging typically takes place on Saturday mornings. To learn more or get involved, please contact Flower Guild leader Katherine Kyle at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



## N STREET VILLAGE SUPPLY DRIVE

**Now through March 30**

The Sisters at St. John's are partnering with N Street Village, a local group that supports D.C. women experiencing homelessness by offering a broad spectrum of services, housing, and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Now through the end of March, we are collecting a variety of necessities, including travel sizes of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, lotion, and deodorant, as well as cleaning supplies, dishwashing soap, paper towels, toilet paper, women's underwear (sizes 7, 8, 11, and 12), and adult incontinence items (M-XXL). To donate, please bring any of the above items to church with you and leave them in the basket by the reception area in the Parish House. Or you can skip the hassle and order supplies via the online wish list found at [bit.ly/sisters-supplies-2024](http://bit.ly/sisters-supplies-2024). Thank you!

### Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Ashes
- 12 noon Choral Holy Eucharist and Ashes
- 7 p.m. Choral Holy Eucharist and Ashes

### Ashes to Go (in front of the Church on 16th Street)

8:30-9:30 a.m. | 4-6:30 p.m.

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

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## 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 (see page 5), 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, March 2, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday, April 27, at 11 a.m.**

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

**Sunday, June 8, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m.*

## SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

**Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service**

The Sunday lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve the meal—which is why we encourage individuals, families, groups, or ministries to host at least once per program year. 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](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

February 9	Team Anikeeff/Morrison
<b>February 16</b>	
February 23	Laurie Adams, Matthew Bode, David and Liz Gallalee
March 2	Mardi Gras: Margo Wiegenstein, Susan Cardwell, and Being With
<b>March 9</b>	
March 16	St. John's Book Group
March 23	Vestry Tex Mex
March 30	Care of Creation
April 6	Sisters at St. John's
<i>April 13</i>	<i>No Lunch: Palm Sunday</i>
<i>April 20</i>	<i>No Lunch: Easter Day</i>
<b>April 27</b>	
May 4	New Members Reception
<i>May 11</i>	<i>No Lunch: Mothers Day</i>
<b>May 18</b>	
<i>May 25</i>	<i>No Lunch: Memorial Day Weekend</i>
<b>June 1</b>	
June 8	Pentecost Party

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## STEWARDSHIP

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### PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

*As of Wednesday, February 5, we had received 286 pledges totalling \$1,122,100.*

Thank you to all who have already pledged for this calendar year. Pledging today, if you have not yet done so, will help determine what St. John's budget will be. All pledges are welcome, no matter how big or small. If you are able to increase your pledge this year, it will greatly impact the growth of our programs to better serve our entire parish community. You can pledge either with a physical pledge card, available at the front desk or in the narthex of the church, or by visiting [stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge](http://stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge) to complete an online pledge form. Thank you!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### YOUTH BOWLING EVENT

**Friday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for an evening of strikes, spares, and fun! St. John's Youth Group will be hosting a bowling night on Friday, February 21, at Pinstripes in Georgetown (1064 Wisconsin Avenue, NW). All middle and high school youth are invited and welcome to bring their friends! Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**Special Date: Saturday, February 22, at 4 p.m. (Offsite)**

Join us for a visit to Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria on Saturday, February 22. While on campus, we'll gather for prayer, followed by food and drinks at 1823, the seminary's on-campus pub. Latrobe members will carpool to the seminary from the King Street/Old Town metro. The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. For more, contact Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

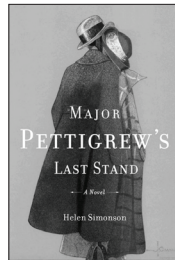


**BISHOP WALKER SCHOOL ANNUAL DINNER**  
**Thursday, February 27, at 7:15 p.m. (Reception at 6 p.m.)**

The Bishop Walker School’s annual dinner will be held on Thursday, February 27, at Washington National Cathedral. Bishop Walker School, an all-boys elementary school in Southeast DC with full tuition support, is one of St. John’s longstanding partners. The school is supported by our Outreach Committee, and many parishioners are involved in the school as supporters and board members. For more information and to reserve your seats, visit [bishopwalkerschool.org/annualdinner](http://bishopwalkerschool.org/annualdinner).

**ST. JOHN’S BOOK GROUP**  
**Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m.**

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Set in England, the story depicts a retired officer who finds an unexpected romance with a Pakistani widow, challenging the prejudices of their small village. The book explores the risks one takes when pursuing happiness in the face of family obligation and tradition. The book group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, please contact leader Janet Edmond via the online directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



**WOMEN’S WEEKEND RETREAT**  
**Friday, March 7, through Sunday, March 9**

The Sisters at St. John’s annual retreat, this year entitled “Wilderness Blessings,” will be held at the A. Felix DuPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Led by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, it will feature the poetry of Pádraig Ó Tuama, Jan Richardson, and Cole Arthur Riley, three contemporary poets who explore liturgy, faith, and the power of story. Space is limited and fills quickly, so please complete the online registration at [bit.ly/sjc-retreat-2025-register](http://bit.ly/sjc-retreat-2025-register) and submit your payment to

secure your spot. The cost (\$400) includes housing and meals. For those in need of financial assistance, scholarships are available; contact the Rev. Rob Fisher with your request. Questions? Reach out to leader Emily Lucio via the online Ministry Directory—and remember that your payment (not your email) secures your place at the retreat. Full information, including details about the venue and payment, can be found at [bit.ly/sjc-wilderness-blessings](http://bit.ly/sjc-wilderness-blessings).

**THE 2025 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS’ CLASS**  
**Saturdays, April 5 and 12**

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John’s? If so, please join the Spring Adult Inquirers’ Class. This two-day class will meet on Saturdays, April 5 and 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John’s, will lead the sessions. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John’s Church. All are welcome, whether you are a newcomer or a longtime parishioner. To register, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Those who participate this spring or have completed another inquirers’ class are invited to celebrate at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, May 10, at 10 a.m. with a Service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows.

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**FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

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**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 most Sundays 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 Akers-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](http://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.

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# **REMINDERS**

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## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

**Sundays at 10 a.m.**

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

lectionary lessons and sermons. We are focusing this year on the structure, audience, and themes of the Gospel of Luke. For class notes and Zoom login information, please connect with leader Jack Reiffer via our online Ministry Directory found at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

## **JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP**

Explore our many ministry groups at [www.stjohns-dc.org](http://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 evensongs and occasional other special services and events.



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## PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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

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

### **THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING**

**From our parish:** Margo Arnold, Andy McKinnon, LaFleur Paysour, Diane Spaulding, David Springer, and Richard Young.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Kiesha Carroll (GeeGee Bryant), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Justin Fyala (Jack Reiffer), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Mark Hallett (Livy More), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Christopher More (Sarah Akers-Cardwell), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Patrick Christopher O'Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Sophie Panagi (Brian and KayAnn Schoeneman), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Wayne Richard (Reed Barnes), Jim Scarantino and family (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), Matt Skinner (Blount and Charlotte Stewart), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Louise

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

### **THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING**

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

**Friends and family of our parish:** Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Cawley Scott (Robyne Johnston), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

### **THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE**

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

### **THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**From our parish:** Anne Field, February 2.

### **THOSE BEING BAPTIZED TODAY**

Zachary Brian Lee Copeland and Joelle Gamble Copeland.

### **THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING**

#### **A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

Michael Aschieris, Betsy Danello, Brady Demarest, Cliff Elmore, Mary Getz, Missy Grealy, Catherine Hughes, Robin Keithley, Daniel Kroese, Claire Marshall, Richard J. Price, Jack Reiffer, Jean Schepers, Margy Slattery, Sarah Tareen, Anderson Waltz, and Carl Ward.

### **THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING**

#### **AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK**

Barbara and Craig Burkhardt, and John Goheen and Haleigh Hildebrand.

### **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).

# 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](http://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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## **Vestry Leadership & Members**

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

Tony Anikeeff, Brian Cordova-Brookey,  
Kaye Edwards, Casey Evans, Debby Hailey,  
Fruzsina Harsanyi, Julia Koster,  
Elizabeth Cavert Morrison,  
Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer,  
Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members*

Nora Haugh, *Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

**Head Usher**—James H. Czerwonky

**Head Greeters**—Eleanor and Peter Odom

## **Heads of Flower Guild**

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

## **Worship & Program Staff**

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

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

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

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

The Rev. Dcn. 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*

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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.

## **Parish House**

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