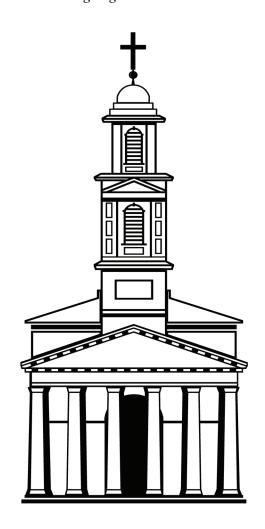
## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024 → Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.

With Recognition of Christian Formation Leaders, Acolytes, and Graduating High School Seniors at 11 a.m.



# SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE . WASHINGTON, DC

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.

#### **HYMN 410**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). Music: Lauda anima, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971).

## THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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
Acts 10:44-48

Please be seated.

9 a.m. Read by Holly Sukenik.

11 a.m. Read by Lafleur Paysour.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

#### **PSALM 98**

9 a.m. Led by Martha Ellison, said responsively by half verse. 11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; setting by Thomas Attwood (1765–1838).

Sing to the LORD a new song, \*

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm \*

has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; \*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*

the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

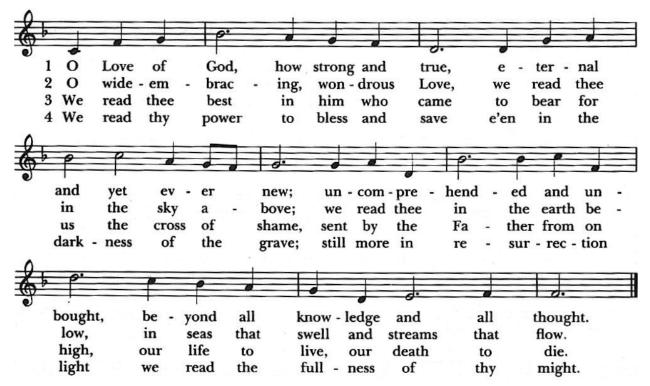
In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.

(11 a.m. only) 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 455**

O Love of God, how strong and true

Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1 & 2 will be sung before the Gospel, stanzas 3 & 4 after.



Words: Horatius Bonar (1808–1889). Music: Dunedin, Vernon Griffiths (1894–1985).

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 15:9-17

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following the Gospel, all sing stanzas 3 & 4 of the gradual hymn.

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

#### THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

9 a.m. Led by Richard Greene. 11 a.m. Led by Powell Hutton.

Please stand as you are able.

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

*Intercessor* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For Joseph, our President, the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in

authority; for this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, oppression, and war.

*Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican

Church of Southern Africa\* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for those who are to be confirmed at the diocesan confirmation service on May 11, and for St. Dunstan's Church, Bethesda. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our

Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*People* For all who serve God in the Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation . . . Hear us, Lord;

*People* For your mercy is great.

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life . . . We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* And praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died . . . , that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

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

Silence.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

#### RECOGNITIONS

The 9 a.m. service continues with the Peace on the next page. At 11 a.m., the congregation may be seated for the recognitions. Those being recognized are invited to gather at the foot of the stairs in the front of the church.

#### **CHRISTIAN FORMATION LEADERS**

Nursery Caregivers: Lexie Bernier and Jessica Ortez-Zavala.

Church School Teachers: Susan Cardwell, Christine Davies, Emily Lucio, Katherine Raab, and Blount Stewart III.

Youth Group Teachers: Becca Brown and Matthew Taylor.

Adult Leaders: Carolyn Crouch (Education for Ministry), Clark Ervin (Speaker Series), Jack Reiffer (Bible Study); and Krista Bradley, Lacy Broemel, James Doyle, Sylvia Estes, Elizabeth Field, and Kate Seifert (Being With).

God of all wisdom and knowledge, we gather today to thank you for raising among us stewards of your creation who have used their time and talent to teach and mentor members of our community. We pray that you will continually bless and guide them so that by word and example they may bring others to the knowledge and love of you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **ACOLYTES**

Youth Acolytes: Gloria Burkhardt, Walker Crochet, Walt Ehrich, Zoe Fisher, Ugo Owunwanne, Lizzie Rigby, Powe Rigby, Cooper Thesmar, Gus Tierney, and Lily Venzke.

Coordinator: Nora Haugh.

Faithful and ever-present God, we give thanks for the ministry of our acolytes. We pray that you bless them so that they may continue to serve before your earthly altar in reverence and holiness. Keep their hands steady, their eyes focused, and their hearts tuned to your love. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

**2024 High School Graduates:** Leonardo Arriaga, Callie Ervin, Aurelia Lucio, Katherine Simmonds, Alexander Weng, and Sebastian Weng.

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember the world is now too dangerous for anything but the truth and too small for anything but love. **Amen.** 

—A blessing by the Rev. William Sloane Coffin (1924–2006)

#### THE PEACE

*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**

Greater love hath no man

John Ireland (1879–1962)

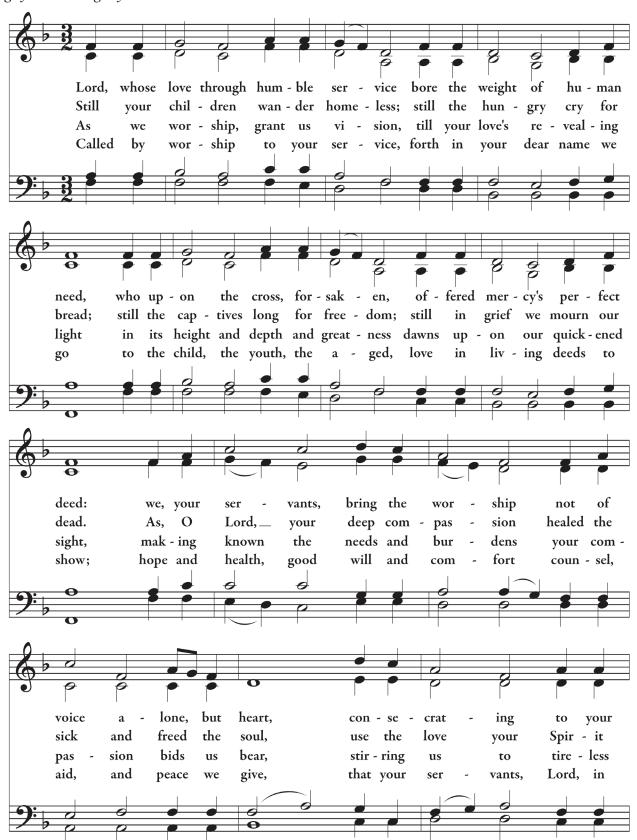
Sung by the choir.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

—From Song of Solomon and St. John

#### **HYMN**

Sung by all, standing as you are able.





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#### 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.

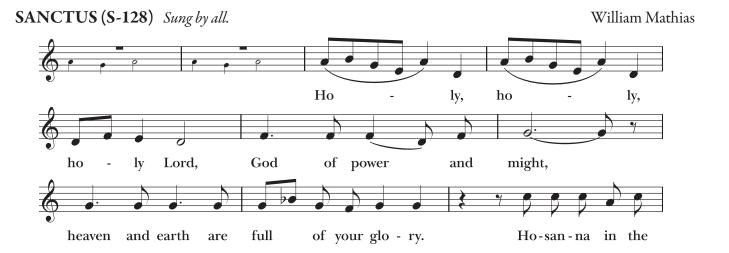
People We lift them to the Lord.

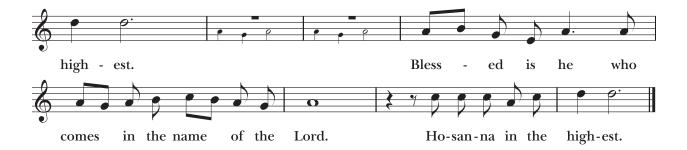
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

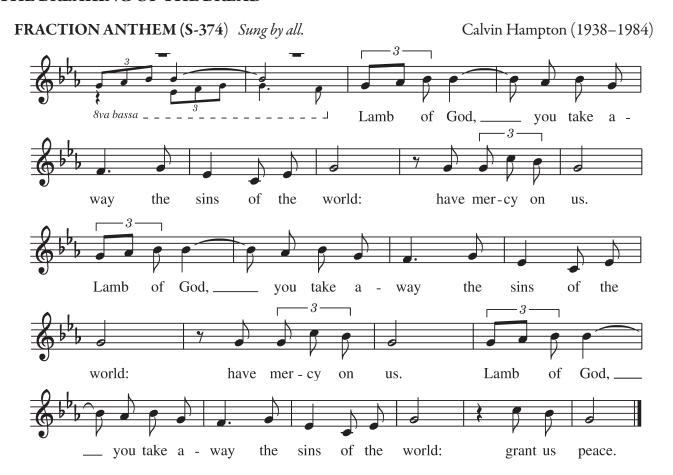
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

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

# COMMUNION ANTHEM Sung by the choir.

At 9 a.m. A new commandment Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord, that ye love together, as I have loved you, that e'en so ye love one another. By this shall ev'ry man know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

—John 13:34-35

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where charity is true, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be glad in him.

Let us fear and love the living God.

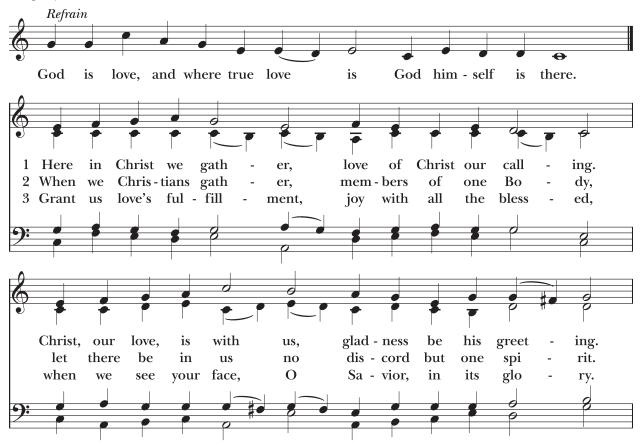
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

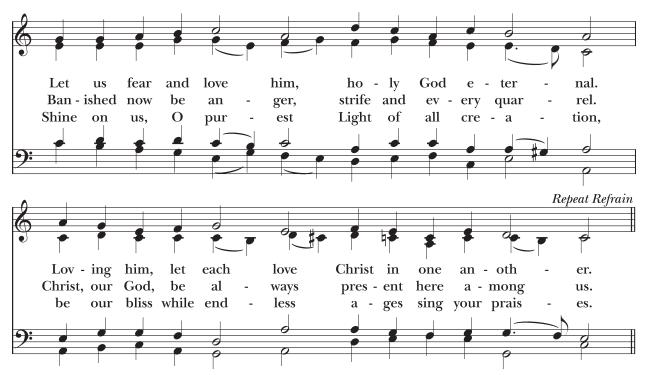
—John 13:34–35 and Liber Usualis

#### **HYMN 577**

God is love, and where true love is

Standing as you are able.





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#### 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.

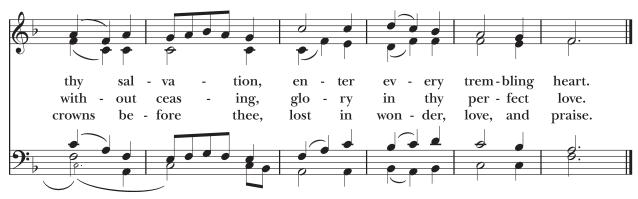
#### THE BLESSING

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 657**

Sung by all, standing as you are able.





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

#### THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**VOLUNTARY** 

On an Ancient Alleluia

Roberta Bitgood (1908-2007)

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

and in memory of Cornelia Clay Leslie.

#### ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE TODAY

Kenny Kraft, *Crucifer*Kevin Cordova-Brookey and Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, *Chalice Bearers*James Czerwonky, *Head Usher*Julia Koster and Tim Stuart, *Ushers*Dylan Hayden and Richard Young, *Greeters*Pat Dalby and Joanne Hutton, *Flower Guild* 

#### ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE TODAY

Jack Reiffer, Crucifer → Ugo Owunwanne and Lily Venzke, Acolytes

Matt Bode and Sylvia Martin Estes, Chalice Bearers

Jeff Agnew, Assistant Head Usher

Linda Chen, Joe Daniels, James Longley, and Karen Zachary, Ushers

Larry Bradley and Becca Brown Todd, Greeters

Pat Dalby and Joanne Hutton, Flower Guild

Jeremy Skog, Livestream Technician

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

If you do not wish to take this bulletin home after the service,
you may leave it at the end of the pew as you depart or place it in a blue recycling bin.

# ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

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

# Announcements for the Week of May 5

# TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

8 a.m. 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 (Parish House First Floor)
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 3)
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)
Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.Rob FisherChildren's Chapel (children begin in church)

Noon Coffee Hour (Parish House Lower Level)
Parish Lunch (Parish House Lower Level)
Church Tour (see next column)

#### FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help us brighten the day of parishioners by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel most Sundays of the year. A card is attached to each vase with contact information.

Today, flower deliveries are needed to N Street, NW; and Windom Place, NW.

# DAY OF RECOGNITION AND THANKSGIVING Today at the 11 a.m. service

St. John's has many traditions of honoring its members for their accomplishments or various acts of service. During our 11 a.m. service today, we will recognize and offer thanksgiving for our high school seniors, acolytes, and Christian education teachers.

# SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH Today at noon | Hosted by Bishop Walker School

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 Richard Busch.

# 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Leonardo Arriaga will graduate from High Point High School. Leonardo was baptized and confirmed at St. John's, and he participated in our Christmas pageants when he was younger. He will continue his education in Prince George's Community College.



Callie Ervin will graduate from the Holton-Arms School in June. During her senior year, Callie served as the co-captain of the varsity soccer team, president of the tutoring club, and a volunteer at Children's National Hospital. Callie has attended services at St. John's since infancy.

She looks forward to enrolling in the honors program in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts at the University of Michigan in the fall.



Aurelia Lucio will graduate from Woodgrove High School in Purcellville, Va., in June. At St. John's, Aurelia attended Sunday School and participated in multiple pageants. She was actively involved in high school choir programs, participating at the school, district, state, and

national levels. Specifically, as a member of a small vocal ensemble, she was invited to participate in regional national competitions. An avid horseback rider, Aurelia worked at local stables where she mentored younger riders. She plans to continue both her vocal and horseback riding pursuits through her life. She will be attending the University of Iowa starting in the fall.



Katherine Simmonds will graduate from St. Andrew's School in Middletown, Del., in May. She was a varsity athlete all four years of high school, and captain of both her squash and soccer teams in her senior year. In addition to serving as a resident leader of the freshman

girls' dorm, she was involved in numerous activities spanning her range of interests: student government, an a cappella group, leading the student vestry and Sunday School, head ambassador of the student guide service, and serving as a student mentor. Katherine is excited to matriculate to college, but has not made a final decision.



Alexander and Sebastian Weng will graduate from Gonzaga College High School in June. They were both proud members of the varsity soccer team. They were baptized and confirmed at St. John's and enjoyed serving as acolytes and participating in many Christmas Eve pageants—13 to be exact. They look forward to coming back to St. John's during their college years and for years to come. They will both attend College of Charleston in the fall where they plan to study International Business.

# **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

May 6-12

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, Preacher

7:45 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, May 6

Deadline to register for Parents' Night Out (see next column)

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

#### Tuesday, May 7

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

#### Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

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

Floor)

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

#### Saturday, May 11

9:30 a.m. Adult Inquirers' Class (see next page)

10 a.m. Food Not Bombs (Parish House Kitchen)

5 p.m. Parents' Night Out (see next column)

#### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, May 11, 5-7:30 p.m.

Kids ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to play, watch a movie, and eat pizza while parents and caregivers enjoy an evening out. RSVP by Monday, May 6, using the online form found at bit.ly/PNO-0511. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab 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.



May 5: Mark Hudson, Executive Director of Tudor Place Historic House and Garden in Washington, DC, will give a talk entitled "America's Story Lives Here." Tudor Place is a cultural anchor in Georgetown that traces stories of slavery and freedom through six generations of descendants of Martha Washington and the enslaved and free people who worked at Tudor Place.

May 12: Lauren Onkey, Director and Professor of Music, will talk about the Corcoran School of the Arts & Design.

May 19: Columba Stewart, Executive Director and CEO of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, will present "Voices of the Ancestors: Saving the World's Manuscripts from Destruction."

May 26: Maureen Corrigan, Distinguished Professor of the Practice in Literary Criticism at Georgetown University, offers "The Great American Novelist, F. Scott Fitzgerald."

Please note that the May 26 Speaker Series will take place at 9:30 a.m., on our first day of the summer schedule.

## **NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**

# SAVE THE DATE FOR A FOND FAREWELL Sunday, May 19



After two years at St. John's, the Rev. Shawn Evelyn and his family will be moving later this spring. His final Sunday with us will be May 19. Please mark your calendar and help us give them a festive send-off. Details to follow.

#### SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE

Upcoming hosts are listed below. Questions? Contact Holly Sukenik via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

May 5 Bishop Walker School

May 12 No Lunch: Mother's Day

May 19 Reception for the Rev. Shawn Evelyn

## **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, May 19, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m.

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.

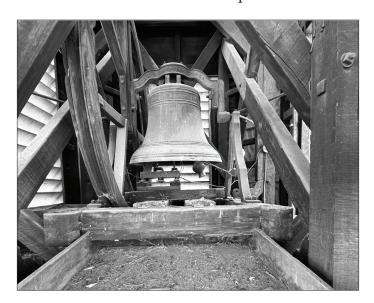
#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Setting up automatic pledge payments on Realm is easy and convenient—but in order for us to know that you have made a pledge, we still need you to visit the "Make a pledge" link on the website or turn in a pledge card. This will help us record your pledge promptly and accurately. Thank you for your support of the ministry of St. John's!



# **ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS**

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's—or just to learn a bit more about the church? If so, consider taking our two-day Adult Inquirers' Class. This class will meet on Saturdays, May 11 and 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., led by the Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's. All are welcome, whether you are a newcomer or a longtime parishioner. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church. To express interest or learn more, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website.



#### **BELL TOWER RESTORATION**

We are making steady progress on the restoration of our beautiful and historic bell tower. Visit stjohns-dc.org/history/bell-tower to learn more and find out how you can support the work. While you're online, check out our recent Speaker Series presentation about the project, which you can watch at bit.ly/sjc-bell-tower-preservation.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

# SPECIAL CHURCH SCHOOL OFFERING "There's something about Mary" Sunday, May 12, at 10 a.m., for all ages

Spend Mother's Day learning about Jesus' mom in this offering for kids and their caregivers. We will hear stories of Mary in scripture, make a craft, and celebrate moms and mother figures in our own lives.

# LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP TRIVIA NIGHT Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m., in Togo West Parlor

Adults looking for community—old souls or the young at heart; parents, couples, singles, or married—are welcome to join the Lafayette Fellowship at St. John's for trivia night. For information, please contact Hilary West via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

# FINAL CHORAL EVENSONG OF THE SEASON Wednesday, May 15, 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 will be sung by the St. John's Choir on the third Wednesday of each month through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. 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.

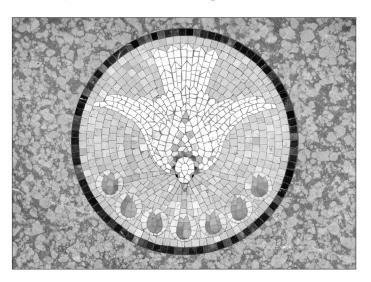
# MIDWEEK MEN'S GROUP Thursday, May 16, at noon

This lectionary-based Bible study for men of all ages is convened by parishioner Carter Keithley, who holds a master's degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month for a brown-bag lunch with fellowship and a wide-ranging, scripture-based conversation. Questions? Contact us via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

#### **GRACE'S TABLE**

## Saturday, May 18, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

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 via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.



#### PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, MAY 19

On the Day of Pentecost, we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and the birth of the early church. At St. John's, we will commemorate the day with baptisms at the 9 a.m. service and special music at 11 a.m. We will also offer thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Shawn Evelyn on this, his final Sunday at St. John's. Cake will be offered after the 9 and 11 a.m. services. During the education hour, all ages are invited to participate in an intergenerational activity: Come make your own windsock from recycled materials to take home as a reminder of the Holy Spirit's movement in your life. This activity will be offered between the 9 and 11 a.m. services in the dining room and will take the place of Church School.

#### **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 26**

On Sunday, May 26, we usher in our summer schedule—moving to two Sunday services (spoken at 8 a.m., with music at 10:30 a.m.) until after Labor Day. Nursery care will be available each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The Speaker Series, when scheduled, will start at 9:30 a.m. We will continue to offer Children's Chapel at the later service throughout the summer.

# ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom to discuss Sara Ackerman's novel *The Codebreaker's Secret: A WWII Novel.* Set iduring World War II and the 1960s, two smart, adventurous women attempt to solve a captivating historical mystery in



Hawaii—a secret only a codebreaker can crack. The book group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



# JOIN US IN CELEBRATING PRIDE! Saturday, June 8

St. John's Pride will join others from around the diocese to march in the Capital Pride Parade on Saturday, June 8. Mark your calendar and come celebrate Pride with us! All are welcome; full details forthcoming. Questions? Want to know more about our fellowship for LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies? Contact leaders Brian Cordova-Brookey and John Schutz via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



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# LATROBE AND LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIPS: BIG SWING AT THE BALLPARK Saturday, June 15, at 4 p.m.

Join us at the ballpark this summer! On Saturday, June 15, members of St. John's Lafayette and Latrobe fellowships will join congregants from Episcopal parishes around the diocese for a Nationals home game. Tickets are \$45 each. In an effort to be seated in the same area, please contact the leaders of Latrobe via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab on our website by Sunday, May 26, to RSVP and receive info about ticket purchase and payment.

#### STEWARDSHIP 2024

Thank you to those who have already pledged for 2024! As of Wednesday, May 1, we had received 300 pledges, for a total of \$1,115,328. By making a pledge, you are helping ensure that the vestry and rector will be able to plan for another great year of ministry, music, outreach, and fellowship. We welcome all pledges, large and small—and, of course, if you are able to increase your pledge this year, it will make a big difference as we grow our programs to better serve our diverse parish community. If you haven't already, you can register your pledge by returning a completed card (blank cards are found in the narthex) or by filling in an online pledge form at stjohns-dc.org/give. Thank you!

—Toby Stock, Chair of Stewardship

## 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. For information, contact the Rev. Shawn Evelyn 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. For more information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

#### JOIN THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

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

## **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. The group is studying the structure, audience, and themes of the Gospels of Mark and John. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For class notes and Zoom login information, connect with us via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

#### LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

The weekly 11 a.m. Sunday service and monthly Evensong are broadcast and available for replay on our website, as are occasional other special services and events.

# JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP, MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Want to get more involved at St. John's? Check out our ministries at www.stjohns-dc.org and contact leaders online via our Ministry Directory for more details or to sign up.

### LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



#### ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

If you want to make an 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.



#### 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.

# PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

Praying for the sick and those in need is an important part of our life together. We invite you to add yourself, family, or friends to the parish prayer list. Contact Pastoral Care through the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at stjohnsdc.org. Birthdays, anniversaries, births, and deaths are listed for a week. Other names added to the prayer list will appear for four consecutive weeks. If you would like the name to be on the prayer list for a shorter or longer 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

Friends and family of our parish: Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Brett Bowman (Jack Reiffer), Diane Chrisman (Jack Reiffer), Francis Collins (Fruzsina Harsanyi), Bruce D'Innocenzo (Jim and Michele Mullins), Mary Leche Delong (Margo Wiegenstein), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Patricia George (Kelle George), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Lynne Kessler (Mary and Carl Raether), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), JaVonté Odom (GeeGee Bryant), Janet Rich (Christie Rich), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John & Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Lou Thesmar (Alfred and Hilary Thesmar), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Jerome Wiggins (GeeGee Bryant), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

#### THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

Friends and family of our parish: Carol Bradley (Larry and Krista Bradley), Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), and Mark Ledger (Laurie Adams).

#### THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

#### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Friends and family of our parish: Gene Benner, April 21 (Kate Benner), and Jennifer Marie Stelloh, April 12 (Pat Czerwonky).

#### THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BORN

From our parish: Hugo Kingsley, April 30.

# THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Joe Daniels, James Doty, Laura Doucet, Church Elmore, Allison Eydt, Philip Faris, Robyne Johnston, Carter Keithley, Marcus Lemon, George Miller, Gus Rawlings, Laurie Rossbach, Robert Schwartz, Alex Stolar, Hilary West, and Sarah Yi.

# THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Christine and Thomas Arrasmith, Carrie and Jim Garland, Christine Kennedy and Matthew McMurray, Caroline and Judd Littleton, Emily and Jason Ornstein.

# THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy) 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.

#### **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, Casey Evans, Wendy J. Fibison, David Gallalee, Fruzsina Harsanyi, Elizabeth Cavert Morrison, Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer, Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members* 

Sara McGanity, *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
for Children and Family Ministries
The Rev. Shawn Evelyn, Associate for Parish Life
The Rev. William Morris, Assisting Priest
for Engaging Local Communities
Brent Erstad, Director of Music and Organist
Lyn Loewi, Associate Organist

#### Staff

Preston Cherouny, Chief Operating Officer
Charley Griffin, Operations Manager
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Executive Assistant to the Rector
David Evans, Hospitality, Administration,
and Program Assistant
Javier Obregon, Sexton
GeeGee Bryant and David Gamboa, 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.

# Parish House

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