

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

February 2, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m.

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

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the LORD, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24:7-10

Said responsively by half verse.

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

“Who is this King of glory?” *
“**The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.**”

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

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Tony Anikeeff, *Lay Server*
George Diliberto, *Assistant Head Usher*
Anita Diliberto, *Usher*
Zach Schutz, *Flower Guild*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.
**If you do not wish to take this bulletin home after the service,
you may leave it at the end of the pew as you depart or place it in a blue recycling bin.**

OFFERING PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

MAKING AN OFFERING

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



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

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Announcements for the Week of February 2

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 10 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m. (Parish House Second Floor)
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting (Sanctuary and livestreamed online)
- 12:30 p.m. Reception (Togo West Parlor)

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; Rhode Island Avenue, NW; and 1st Avenue, Silver Spring.

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF VESTRY

Please join us in person or online after the 10:30 a.m. service today for the annual meeting, at which we will elect Wardens and incoming Vestry members. Bios for the candidates appear at the end of these announcements.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 3–9

- 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. Will Morris, Preacher
 - 8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon
 - 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Baptism and Sermon
 - 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Children's Chapel
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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

- 4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal

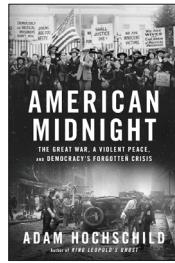
Thursday, February 6

- 4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals
- 7 p.m. Book Group (see next page)
- Parish Choir Rehearsal

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom to discuss *American Midnight: The Great War, a Violent Peace, and Democracy's Forgotten Crisis*. In this book, Adam Hochschild offers a reassessment of the period between World War I and the Roaring Twenties, during which the foundations of American democracy were threatened by war, pandemic, and violence fueled by battles over race, immigration, and the rights of labor. 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.



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.



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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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN’S

As of Wednesday, January 29, we had received 285 pledges totalling \$1,117,800.

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 to complete an online pledge form. Thank you!

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

SPECIAL SERVICE CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF DESMOND TUTU

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 proceeding 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.



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. Thank you!

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.

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, February 9, at 9 a.m.

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

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 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.

February 2 Annual Meeting and Reception

February 9 Team Anikeeff/Morrison

February 16

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

March 2

March 9

March 16 St. John's Book Group

March 23

March 30

April 6 Sisters at St. John's

April 13 *No Lunch: Palm Sunday*

April 20 *No Lunch: Easter Day*

April 27

May 4 New Members Reception

May 11 *No Lunch: Mothers Day*

May 18

May 25 *No Lunch: Memorial Day Weekend*

June 1

June 8 Pentecost Party

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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. Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at 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 to volunteer.

YOUTH BOWLING EVENT

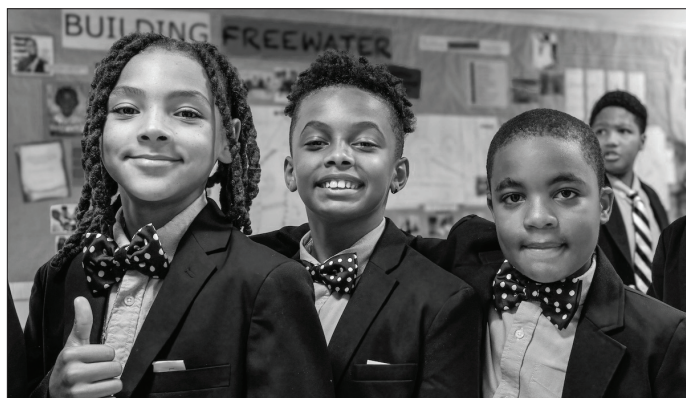
Friday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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

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

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 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.

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 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 Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

Sundays during 11 a.m. worship

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

CHORISTER PROGRAM

The St. John's Chorister Program offers children and youth exceptional choral training, music theory education, and leadership development. We have a preparatory choir for children in grades 3–6, and an advanced (auditioned) program for young singers with unchanged voices. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

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

FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The flowers that enhance the beauty of the Church and Parish House are made possible by gifts from our community and are often dedicated to the memory of a loved one or to mark a birth or birthday, a wedding, an anniversary,

a graduation, or another special event. To make a dedication, pick up a flower card at the entrance to the Church.

MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

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



ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

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



LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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

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

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: Margo Arnold, Yung Chang, Anne Field, 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 Akes-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 BEEN BORN

From our parish: Anderson Alan Haugh, January 24.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Thomas Arrasmith, Justin Bouma, Gloria Burkhardt, George Ehrich, Elijah Greene, Sandy Hackworth, Scarlett Johnston, Graham Keithley, Lisa Kirchenbauer, Troy Lyons, James Mandelson, Jim Mullins, Emma Platts,

Alexander Stuart, Laurel Tierney, Michael Underwood, and Audrey Michele Wood.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Gabrielle and Simon Beaumont, Randy and Sharon Deangelis, Jeffrey and Marisol Lovelace, and Brittany Prime and Will Rabbe.

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).

LIST OF 2025 PLEDGERS

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

(As of January 29, 2025)

Anonymous (12)
David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis
Alison Adkins
Sarah & Jeff Agnew
Sarah & Amanda Akes-Cardwell
John & Renate Alison
Niquelle Allen
Anthony H. Anikeeff & Tung-lin Wu
Douglas & Margo Arnold
Eric Bailey
Harvey E. & Carolyn L. Bale
Paul Barkett
Chandler Battaile
Jordan & Angelle Baugh
Robert Beizer
Laura Belman
Kathleen Benner
Coleman Bird
Martha L. & William S. Birdseye
Diane Bitsberger
Mary Ellen Bittner
Marion Blakey & William Dooley
Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington
Thomas Bleha & Natasha Simes
Katherine Bliss & Mark Dennis
Matt Bode & Laurie Adams
Jeff Bozman
Krista & Larry Bradley
Lacy Broemel
Sydney Brooks
Autumn Brown

Finley Buchanan
Craig & Barbara Burkhardt
Richard T. Busch
Carolyn Buser
Susan Cardwell
Mark Cardwell & Paul Ramos
Andrea Charters
Mary Jane Checchi
Preston Cherouny
Virginia Chew
Carlye Christianson & Pascal Joly
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill
Gwinneth Ann Clarkson
Carly & Collier Connell
Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey
Pamela Covington
Jamison Craft
Joe Creech & Stephanie DeLong
Stephen & Nicole Crochet
Gwendolyn & Jimmy Cunningham
James Czerwonky
Patricia Wardwell Czerwonky
Garry & Patricia Dalby
Betsy Danello
Christine Davies
LaFawn C. Davis
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 Bill Wright
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 Richard Young
 Nicole Zehfuss & Neil Gutterman
 Paul & Sitta Zehfuss

2025 Candidates for Wardens

(uncontested)



NORA RIGBY is a lifelong Episcopalian and has been a member of St. John's since 2006. Originally from Baton Rouge, Nora graduated from Tulane University and Vanderbilt University Law School. She and her husband Hap have lived in D.C. since 2004 when they moved here with the plan to stay for "a couple of years." Nora and Hap attend the 11 a.m. service and live in Northwest D.C. with their children, Powe and Lizzie, who were both baptized at St. John's. In her professional life, Nora is a partner at a law firm specializing in consumer financial regulatory law. She previously worked for almost 10 years at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. In her free time, Nora enjoys playing tennis, reading contemporary fiction, and seeing live music. At St. John's, Nora has served as both Junior and Senior Warden, on the Vestry since 2019, and as a member of the Usher Guild for many years, currently as an Assistant Head Usher. She served on the Regathering Committee in 2020 and taught church school for several years, both Godly Play to preschoolers and the teen Confirmation Class.



ALFRED THESMAR is a lifelong Episcopalian who joined St. John's in 2002 after moving to the area with his wife, Hilary. Their two children, Elizabeth and Cooper, were baptized at St. John's and are active in the youth programs. Alfred has served many years as an usher and has been an Assistant Head Usher for the 8 and 9 a.m. services since 2017. He has also been serving on the Stewardship committee for the past two years and prior to that he took several terms as a self-described "Sergeant-at-Arms" for the Godly Play program. He has served as Junior Warden on the Vestry and welcomes the opportunity to continue the important work of realizing St. John's strategic plans. In the greater community, he was a long-term volunteer with the Falls Church Kiwanis Little League and is currently the Scoutmaster of a Scouts BSA troop in McLean, Virginia. Alfred earned his bachelor's degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology and his master's degree from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University. He is currently a Strategic Account Manager and Government Contracts Manager for Linde, a multinational chemical company.

2025 Candidates for Vestry

(vote for three)



BRIAN CORDOVA-BROOKEY and his husband, Kevin, met in Pasadena, Calif., in 2005. Having each endured painful church experiences after coming out, they found a place of healing in a small local congregation of the United Church of Christ, which welcomed them and their three children. Brian sang in the choir and served several years in leadership, including two as Moderator (the UCC equivalent of Senior Warden). After moving to D.C., they explored a number of church options. They began attending St. John's regularly in 2022, and became members in 2023. Brian serves as an usher and reader; assists Kevin in leading the annual Angel Tree Drive; and is co-chair of St. John's Pride, the thriving LGBTQ+ fellowship. Brian attended Pepperdine University and UCLA School of Law. He is a partner with the firm Tucker Ellis LLP, specializing in intellectual property litigation.



DOUG ESTES is married to Sylvia Martin-Estes and they have two sons, Philip and David. Natives of Atlanta, they have lived in the D.C. area since 2012 and have been members at St. John's since 2013. They find the clerical staff and priests remarkable, the music nothing short of transformative, and they love their church family. Doug has served for 11 years as usher and chalice bearer. Doug works as a Civil/Structural Engineer for General Services Administration. He has 36 years of non-profit experience and serves as a board member with RiverArts, a non-profit in Chestertown, Md., and is involved with the Chesapeake Landing Community Association; his strengths are financial analysis, capital asset planning, logistics, and project management.



DEBBY HAILEY is a lifelong Episcopalian. Her family began coming to St. John's in 1963, when she was eight, and other than four years away at Wellesley College, she has attended church here ever since. Debby was married here in 1982, and her four children and some of her nine grandchildren were baptized here. Debby taught elementary school at three different local private schools; she even drove a school bus! For the past 18 years, she has managed a nonprofit that raises funds for Canterbury Cathedral in England, the mother church of the Anglican Communion. Debby has served St. John's in a variety of roles, including Vestry member, Vestry nominating committee member, Church School teacher, reader, Parish lunch coordinator, and Christmas pageant director. She was the acolyte coordinator for 25 years. Debby currently is a chalice bearer and a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.



LAURA HERZOG Laura Leffler Herzog has been an active member of St. John's since 2003, having served on the Vestry, as a Church School teacher and Sandwich Sunday coordinator, on the Investment, Search, and Welcome Committees, as costume coordinator for the Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant, and as a lay reader. Whether discussing church policy, buying 1,000 slices of bologna, chaperoning a teen lock-in while eight months pregnant, interviewing assistant rector candidates, or dressing angels, shepherds and friendly beasts, Laura seeks to bring heart, humility, and humor to our church family. Laura and her husband, John, were married at St. John's in 2009. They have participated in pilgrimages to South Africa and the Holy Land and are avid cheerleaders for the Bishop Walker School for Boys. A native Tennessean, Laura spent 18 years advising the Volunteer State's U.S. senators and governor on communications. She now attempts to advise (with varying success) her 'tween/teenage children, Jack (13) and Lucy (10). The Herzogs live in northwest Washington. Based on the family calendar, they alternate between the 9 and 11 a.m. services.



JULIA KOSTER works at the federal National Capital Planning Commission, serving in several positions, including Commission Secretary, and Director of the Policy and Research and Public Engagement Divisions. Prior to that she held senior positions with the Maryland Governor's Office of Smart Growth and in Washington State as a land use and environmental planner. She has a master's degree in urban planning from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, and a degree in economics from the University of Puget Sound. She is an active member of several professional organizations, including chairing the National Capital Planning Chapter, and served as an adjunct faculty at the University of Maryland. She enjoys travel, reading, kayaking, and hiking. Julia has been a member of St. John's since 2010. She is a member of the Sisters at St. John's, the Ushers Guild, and the Flower Guild, and recently chaired the Bell Tower Restoration campaign. Julia wants to sustain and build programs that bring us together, as well as activities that extend our mission work into the community.



ELEANOR ODOM has been a member of St. John's for 10 years. She is currently co-chair of the Greeters Committee and has served on the Stewardship Committee, Discernment Committee, Grace's Table, and Sandwich Sunday. Before coming to St. John's, Eleanor was an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, where she chaired the Parish Retreat Committee and served on the Leadership St. Luke's Group. She is the former Senior Warden at St. Michael's and All Angel's Episcopal Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia. While there, she led the EYC, taught Sunday school, and served as the first female acolyte in that parish. Eleanor is an attorney who works as an advisor to the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps in special victim criminal cases. She and her husband, Peter, have three grown children and a 6-year-old granddaughter. She lives in the Bloomingdale neighborhood in Washington, D.C.

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.

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Elizabeth Cavert Morrison,
Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer,
Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members*

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ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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