THE FEAST OF THE EPHANY
January 5, 2020 · 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome to St. John’s Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square.
All who seek God are welcome at God’s table.

Nursery Care is available from 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Parish House basement.

Hearing assistance devices are available from the Ushers.

During the hymn before the Gospel at 11:00 a.m., children ages three through grade five will be invited to process out to the Children’s Chapel. They will return at The Peace.

VOLUNTARY: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223
(How brightly shines the morning star)  Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

HYMN 119  As with gladness men of old
Sung by all. Please stand as the procession enters.

Words:  William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898)
Music:  Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786–1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823–1889);
harm.  The English Hymnal, 1906
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THE WORD OF GOD

Please continue to stand.

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

People: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: 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.

People: Amen.

GLORIA S-278  Glory to God

William Mathias (1934-1992)
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Priest:** Let us pray.

**Priest:** O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People:** Amen.

THE FIRST READING

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

*Please be seated.*

**9:00 a.m.**

*Read by Jack Reiffer.*

**11:00 a.m.**

*Read by Brian Schoeneman.*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses’ arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*(The 9:00 a.m. service continues with the hymn on page 5.)*
PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

Sung by the choir.

1 Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
2 That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.
4 He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
8 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
9 All kings shall bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.
10 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.
11 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
12 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

11:00 a.m.

Read by Susan Carlson.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
The children process forward to hear the Gospel and out to children’s chapel following the candles at the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Hymn 118 (stanza 1)**

*Sung by all, standing.*

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

Sung by all, standing.

The children process forward to hear the Gospel and out to children’s chapel following the candles at the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Unison (Harmony on following pages)**

1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
2 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
3 Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
4 Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
5 Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
6 Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
7 Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

**Refrain**

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,

Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;

Star of the east, the horizon adorning,

Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN 118** (stanza 2)  
_Brightest and best of the stars of the morning_  
_Sung by all._

**THE SERMON**  
_Please be seated._

**Preacher and People:**  
God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.
THE NICENE CREED
Please stand.

Priest and People:
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, FORM VI
Please remain standing.

9:00 a.m.  Led by Martha Ellison.
11:00 a.m.  Led by Tony Anikeeff.

Leader:  In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
People:  (silence)
Leader:  For all people in their daily life and work;
People:  For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
Leader:  For Donald, our President, the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in authority; for the people of Haiti, Hong Kong, and Latin America; for this community, the nation, and the world.
People:  For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
Leader:  For the just and proper use of your creation;
People:  For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
Leader:  For refugees and migrants throughout the world, and 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.
Leader:  For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People:  For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
Leader: For our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for the Church of the Epiphany, Washington. We also pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops, Mariann and Chilton, and for all bishops and other ministers.

People: For all who serve God in the Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and those who are sick and who are shut-ins.

People: (The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for those celebrating a birthday this week: especially Celia Boddington, Linda Douglass, Hyman Field, William Hankey, Bud Harrell, Will Morris, Becky Quinn, Renée Yancey, and Jude Zeller; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially Anna and Rob Ehrich, Fruzsina Harsanyi and Raymond Garcia, and Robin and Chuck Schwartz.

People: (The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, especially Samuel Watson who died December 23, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

People: (The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People: (silence)

Leader and People: 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.

* In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.

ABSOLUTION

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.

People: Amen.
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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.
The Parish Choir  The St. John’s Choir

There shall a star from Jacob come forth  Felix Mendelssohn

(1809–1947)

9:00 a.m.

Sung by all, standing.

11:00 a.m.

The choir will sing the verses. Please join in singing the refrain.

HYMN 128

We three kings of Orient are

9:00 a.m.

Sung by all, standing.

11:00 a.m.

The choir will sing the verses. Please join in singing the refrain.

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star. Refrain.

Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever,
ceasing never
over us all to reign. Refrain.
Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising,
gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High. Refrain.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing,
bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Refrain.

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies. Refrain.

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt.
Music: Three Kings of Orient, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891)
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A PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

Priest and People:

Gracious and everlasting God, the giver of all good gifts, you have blessed us and our parish abundantly. Grant us the hope to dream and the courage to live into our possibilities. Make us faithful stewards, both for the provision of our necessities and for the relief of those who are in need. Bless the efforts of our Annual Giving this year to extend the work of spiritual renewal in our church and community of faith. Through Jesus Christ, who gave all of himself, we offer this prayer. Amen.
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing.

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.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD: S-129

Robert Powell

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant: 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:

Celebrant and People:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

Priest and People:
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 (WLP 875) Gary James (b. 1957)
The people sing the refrain.

Refrain

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. Re fra in.

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. Re fra in.
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. Our tradition is to receive both the bread and the wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may also intinct by dipping the wafer into the chalice. Receiving the bread only is a valid and acceptable way to share in Holy Communion. After consuming the wafer, cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on request from the communion minister. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Anthem 9:00 a.m.
The Parish Choir

The wisemen and the star

Sovereign scholars, weary of waiting,
Startled by starlight that kindles the sky.
Eager for answers, destiny drives them,
Watching with wonder, they follow the star.

Passing by palaces, greedy and golden,
Threading the byways of winter and cold.
Come to a doorway, low-built and lamp-lit,
Eagerly enter under the star.

Source of all starlight, simply they see him,
Laid in a manger and haloed with hay.
Bright in his beauty, shrouded with shadows.
Steady the star shines. Follow the star.

–Lucia Quinault

11:00 a.m.
The St. John’s Choir

The three kings

The first king was very young,
With doleful ballads on his tongue
He came bearing a branch of myrrh
Than which no gall is bitterer,

O balow, balow la lay,
Gifts for a baby King, O.

The second king was a man in prime,
The solemn priest of a solemn time,
With eyes downcast and rev’rent feet
He brought his incense sad and sweet,
The third king was very old,
Both his hands were full of gold,
Many a gaud and a glittering toy,
Gifts for a baby King.

–Dorothy L. Sayers

Hymn 127

Earth has many a noble city

Sung by all.

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410); tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt.
Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge, 1715; adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. K. D. Smith (b. 1928)
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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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.

People: Amen.
THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY: March of the Three Kings

Daniel Gawthrop
(b. 1949)
THE PARISH LUNCH TODAY will be at 12:15 p.m. in the Togo West Parlor. It will be hosted by the Care of Creation Committee.

ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: Leo Lex, Crucifer; Leo Lex and Jack Reiffer, Chalice Bearer; Desirée Stolar and Leila Taaffe, Greeters; Julia Koster, Flower Guild; Bud Harrell, Assistant Head Usher; Matt Hallett, Bob Pasley, Gay Pasley, and Anne Stewart, Ushers.

ASSISTING AT THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: Charlie Bader and Thea Crouch, Acolytes; Thom Sinclair, Crucifer; Tony Anikeeff, Susan Carlson, and Debby Hailey, Chalice Bearers; Andrea Charters and Patricia Leslie, Greeters; Julia Koster, Flower Guild; Matt Bode, Assistant Head Usher; Jack Garland, Hermann Helgert, Grant Kraus, Patricia Leslie, Ken Starling, and Karen Zachary Ushers.

COFFEE AND COLD DRINKS will be served in the Togo West Parlor following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

THE SPEAKER SERIES TODAY will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Togo West Parlor. It will be presented by Richard Bell, scholar, writer, and associate professor at the University of Maryland. His research focuses on the history and culture of the United States between 1750 and 1877. He will speak on his new book, Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and Their Astonishing Odyssey Home.

THE NEXT SPEAKER SERIES NEXT WEEK will be presented by Christopher Costa, former intelligence officer of 34 years, former Special Assistant to the President and current Executive Director of the International Spy Museum. He will speak on The International Spy Museum.

THE BIBLE STUDY TODAY will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room. Jack Reiffer will lead a study on the Gospel of Matthew, the lead gospel for our current Year A church year.

A TOUR OF ST. JOHN’S CHURCH will be offered after the 11:00 a.m. service. If you are interested, please join Jake Parcell at the pulpit following the service.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God.

RECYCLING of Order of Service Bulletins paper is good stewardship. If you wish, please leave them at the end of the pew after the service.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO GAVE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO MAKE THE EPIPHANY PROCESSION MORE MEANINGFUL AND ENJOYABLE FOR ALL OF US:

Lizzie Rigby, Star Carrier; Charlie Bader, William Bader, and Charlotte Galm, Pages; and Noah Calderon, Christopher Jones, and Johnathon O’Neal, Three Kings.
**IF YOU ARE VISITING**

a warm welcome to St. John’s.

We are delighted to have you worship with us. 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. Join us for the coffee hour following the service.

We welcome families with young children at our worship services. Liturgy bags with children's activities are available from the ushers as you enter the nave. For parishioners and visitors alike, nursery care for children under age three is provided on Sunday from 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on the lower level of the Parish House. **We offer Church School at 10:00 a.m. for children age three through grade five every Sunday. Every Third Sunday, we offer a Youth Gathering for grades six through twelve. Both children and youth formation take place on the second floor of the Parish House.**

All persons, including children, are invited to take part in the Holy Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest at the altar by crossing their arms across their chest.

**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. Help St. John’s capture each moment by submitting your photos from events, worship services, trips, and volunteer efforts.

**FREE VALET PARKING FROM THE FRONT OF ST. JOHN’S FOR THE SPEAKER SERIES AND 11:00 A.M. SERVICE.**

**EXCEPT ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, HOURS WILL BE 9:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**LOOK FOR THE VALET SIGN AT THE CORNER OF 16TH AND H STREETS.**

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**JOIN US FOR A SUSTAINABLE MEAL**

This Sunday the Care of Creation Committee will be hosting a meal made from ingredients as many as possible locally grown and the production of which is low in carbon generation. Being locally grown means fewer emissions in transportation and likely in production itself. It can certainly mean greater freshness. Because our menu is plant-based, it still provides needed protein but none of the carbon emissions a meat-based menu would generate. And it’s tasty! Join us after the 11:00 service, meet some of our advocates, and let us show you the national Church’s new carbon tracking tool, as well as other ways to prepare and eat food more sustainably and wholesomely.

–St. John’s Care of Creation Group.

_In coordination with the Care of Creation Group’s efforts to stop the use of items, such as plastic shopping bags, that are harmful to the environment, St. John’s has produced reusable tote bags with the St. John’s logo. Please contact the office or see a greeter on Sunday mornings to pick up a bag for your use._
**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6-12, 2020**

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The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 12:10 p.m.
SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE
The Speaker Series is held at 10:00 a.m.
on the following Sundays in the Togo West Parlor:

- **January 5:** Richard Bell, scholar, writer, and associate professor at the University of Maryland. His research focuses on the history and culture of the United States between 1750 and 1877. He will speak on his new book, *Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and Their Astonishing Odyssey Home.*

- **January 12:** Christopher Costa, former intelligence officer of 34 years, former Special Assistant to the President and current Executive Director of the International Spy Museum. He will speak on *The International Spy Museum.*

- **January 19:** David Garrow, Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He will speak on *The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

- **January 26:** Vestry Candidates’ Presentation.

- **February 9:** Dr. Meredith Evans, Director of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. She will speak about the library and the museum and the Carter presidency.

- **February 16:** Robert Strong, William Lyne Wilson Professor in Political Economy at Washington and Lee University. He will speak on *The Jimmy Carter Presidency.*

- **February 23:** Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat, chief White House domestic policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter. He will speak on his book, *President Carter: The White House Years.*

- **April 19:** The Rev. Robert S. Heaney, Director of the Center for Anglican Communion Studies and Associate Professor of Christian Mission at Virginia Theological Seminary. He will speak on *International Episcopal-Anglican Identity: The State of the Communion.*

- **May 10:** Elaine Pagels, American religious historian and the Harrington Spear Paine Professor of Religion at Princeton University. She will speak on her book, *Why Religion, A Personal Story.*

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Today, January 5 at 10:00 a.m.

Beginning today, January 5, and for most of the Sundays until Lent, a new adult Bible Study will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room. Jack Reiffer will lead a study on the Gospel of Matthew, the lead gospel for our current Year A church year. We will examine the major themes that are part of this year’s gospel readings and how the Matthew lessons are assigned to the various Sundays in the church year.

FIRST WEDNESDAY CONCERTS PRESENTS
ORGANIST DAVID HEINZE
Wednesday, January 8 at 12:10 p.m.

First Wednesday Concerts is pleased to welcome organist David Heinze to Lafayette Square in a program of Bach, Widor, Schumann, and Litaize. Mr. Heinze is Associate Organist of Grace Episcopal Church in Providence, Rhode Island. He recently completed graduate studies at the University of Cambridge where he was Graduate Organ Scholar at Selwyn College as well as organist for St. John’s Voices at St. John’s College. A native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, he is an alumnus of Interlochen Arts Academy and Hope College. Following his studies in Cambridge, David was appointed Gerre Hancock Fellow in Church Music by the Association of Anglican Musicians. He has performed throughout the US, UK, and Europe and is an Associate of the Royal College of Organists.

THE LATROBE FELLOWSHIP
Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Join the young adult Latrobe Fellowship for our monthly First Wednesday celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8. Following the service, we will gather in the Togo West Parlor for snacks and champagne tasting. For more information, please contact Matthew Taylor at matthew.taylor.sjc@gmail.com. All are welcome!

ST. JOHN’S BOOK CLUB
Thursday, January 9 at 6:45 p.m.

The St. John’s Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 9. We will meet in the second floor teens classroom of the Parish House at 6:45 p.m. to discuss *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. If you love to read, please join us for an evening of discussion and socializing. For more information, contact Leila Taaffe at taaffel@gmail.com.
BAPTISM SERVICES

The next dates for Baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy are as follows:

- **Baptism:** Sunday, January 12, 9:00 a.m.
  Class: Saturday, January 11, 10:00 a.m.
- **Baptism:** Sunday, February 23, 9:00 a.m.
  Class: Saturday, February 22, 10:00 a.m.
- **Baptism:** Sunday, April 19, 11:00 a.m.
  Class: Saturday, April 18, 10:00 a.m.

If you are interested in having a child baptized, or in baptism for yourself, please contact Kaye Edwards by e-mail at kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John’s. Adults interested in baptism for themselves must attend the Rector’s Adult Inquirers’ Class and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish.

MORE JESUS, MORE LOVE REVIVAL SERVICE

Sunday, January 26, 2020, 2:00 p.m.
Entertainment and Sports Arena
1100 Oak Street SE, Washington, DC 20032

With the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

General admission tickets for the More Jesus, More Love Revival service with Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry are now available. This event is free, but requires a ticket for entry. Tickets are limited to 6 per person and available on a first come, first served basis.

How to reserve tickets:
- Go to https://www.edow.org/news-events/more-jesus-more-love-revival.
- Click on Reserve Your Tickets.
- Select the number of tickets to reserve.
- Click the View Options box, then click Add Tickets to Cart.
- At check-out, use your Washington National Cathedral login if you’ve purchased Cathedral event tickets previously, or create a login.

Tickets will be mailed in January 2020.

JOIN THE ST. JOHN’S TOUR GUIDE MINISTRY

St. John’s Tour Guide Ministry is looking for new members.

For the Tour Guides of St John’s, spring and summer mean that the number of visitors and guests who are interested in tours of the church will be increasing at our services. Leading tours is rewarding. You meet wonderful people from all over the United States and around the world. Training from current Tour Guides is done at your convenience. Guides are called upon once every eight weeks or so to give tours on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. service (during the regular program year) and after the 10:30 a.m. service during the summer. If the opportunity presents itself, please take a tour from one of our Guides or contact the head of the Tour Guides, Karen Zachary, at karen.zachary@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you as a part of this important ministry at St. John’s.
CONSIDER JOINING THE FLOWER GUILD

Whether acquiring a new skill or expanding on an existing talent, being a member of the Flower Guild is a rewarding way to volunteer at St. John’s. Newcomers are paired with experienced members who mentor them until they are fully fledged, confident flower arrangers. It is a wonderful ministry with the benefit of newfound friendships. For a typical Sunday, two team members meet on Saturday morning. Please contact Flower Guild Chair Katherine Kyle if you would like additional information at carsonkyle@gmail.com.

JOIN ST. JOHN’S GREETERS TEAM

Would you enjoy welcoming visitors to Sunday services? Helping new parishioners feel comfortable in the congregation? Exchanging morning greetings with old and new friends in the parish? Then please join the Welcome Team Ministry and become a Greeter for the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service (10:30 a.m. service during the summer). Greeting requires only a short time before and after the service and is important to the continued growth and health of St. John’s Church. For more information about becoming a greeter, please contact Head Greeter Kat Kehoe at katkehoe@gmail.com.

LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

If you missed a Sunday at St. John’s Church or would like to listen again to past sermons or speaker series, you can visit the St. John’s website and click on the “Media” tab at the top of the page to listen. You can also find past sermons by searching for “St. John’s Church, Lafayette Square” in the Podcast app on your iPhone or iPad.

SING WITH THE PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir, a dedicated corps of volunteer musicians who provide musical leadership for Sunday morning services, welcomes new members. Midweek rehearsals are most Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with a light supper of sandwiches provided at 6:30 p.m. There is a straightforward voice trial for admission, but the main qualification is your interest in serving St. John’s in its music program. Please be in touch with Brent Erstad, Acting Director of Music, at Brent.Erstad@stjohns-dc.org to learn more.

ENGAGING FAITH AND THE WORKPLACE

What does it mean to engage faith and the workplace? And what is a workplace ministry?

Is it about helping our neighbors at work? Is it about trying to shape the organization in which we work to better serve the community? Is it about creating vibrant businesses that both model good practices, and earn profits that can pay staff, support their families, and enhance the dignity of work? Is it about using and sharing our God-given gifts in the secular world? Is it about gently living lives modeled on Christ?

The short answer is that it can be all of the above! And the good news is that we can all engage in this ministry – and not just those currently in the workplace. As we think about how to build up this ministry, and become still more light and salt for our neighbors and co-workers, we would love to get input from as many of you as possible. We look forward to working on this new ministry of St John’s.

For questions or ideas or simply a request to talk, please contact the Rev. Will Morris at will.morris@stjohns-dc.org.

WELCOMING OUR NEW ASSISTANT ORGANIST

We're pleased to welcome Samantha Scheff to St. John’s for her first Sunday as Assistant Organist. Sam comes to St. John’s from her most recent appointment as Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury Park, NJ. She is currently completing graduate studies in organ performance at Rutgers University where she is a student of Renée Anne Louprette. Sam will split her time between DC and New Jersey until early summer when she will relocate to Washington full time. She is an active recitalist, having performed recently at Marble Collegiate Church in NYC and National City Christian in Washington D.C. She was the second place winner in both the 2019 Brooklyn AGO Competition and the 2019 West Chester University Organ Competition and first place in the 2019 DC AGO/Quimby Chapter Competition.
THINKING ABOUT SCIENCE AND FAITH
Would you be interested in exploring the intersections of modern science and theology during Lent next year? A few parishioners are exploring ideas for a study group, possibly to take place later in March. If you’d like to be part of this, whether as a participant or planner, please be in touch with Joanne Hutton at joannerhutton@gmail.com. Thank you.

JANUARY AT CARDOZO EDUCATION CAMPUS
Opportunities for volunteers at Cardozo this January:
• The school has made an urgent request for tutors during January. Tutoring will take place after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting January 7. No special training is needed. Tutors will be working with vulnerable students who are in danger of failing the term. Volunteers are welcome at one, some, or all sessions as they are able.
• The monthly food market will be on Tuesday, January 14, starting at 1:30.
Please contact Livy More at 202-291-8783 or at livezy@aol.com for more information.

AN EASY WAY TO HELP OTHERS

When you travel, bring back unopened toiletry items for homeless shelters. Place them in the basket in the connector between the Church and the Parish House.

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. JOHN’S CHURCH

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. Other than birthdays, anniversaries, and deaths, 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. We are listing in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers for family and friends who are not members of the congregation. To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the Rev. Jane Hague at jane.hague@stjohns-dc.org.

OUR PRAYERS are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

Those who are sick or recovering:
From our parish: Teresa Huettnet, Nelda Johnson, Bob Patchell, KayAnn Schoeneman, Dace Vidins, Jeff White, and Susan Wild.
Friends and family of our parish: Bruce Anderson (Cay Buser), Niels Beck (Michelle Mangrum), Rachael Buckley (Chrysal Martin), John Frew Carter (Margo Arnold), Lane Carter, Bill Clark (Clark Ervin), Carl Edwards (Lauren Edwards), William Frew Conderman (Margo Arnold), Sambar Datta (Ashley Culbertson), Harry Davis (Mary & Carl Raether), Gideon Donoho (Thom Sinclair), Karl Dornemann (Deb Dornemann), Bobby Doyle (Alex Pappas), Ted Fibison (Wendy Fibison), Lois Herrmann (Kaye Edwards), Lucas Hunt (Matthew Taylor), Elliot Josey and Henry Josey (Sara and Bill Josey), Linda Linton (Cay Buser), Amy Lowenthal (Andrew Tomlinson), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Tammy McCleef (Matthew Taylor), Geoff Megaree (Cay Buser), Kevin Milstead (Andrew Tomlinson), Timothy Mullins (Jim Mullins), Zach Newton (Andrew Tomlinson), Judy Nicola (Cynthia Walker), Jerry O’Hagan (Lance Jensen), Jonathan A.I. Olouw (Elizabeth Leach), Ginger Parra (Leila Taaffe), Cawley Scott (Robynne Johnston), Diane Sinclair (Pat Dalby), Zoe Taaffe (Leila Taaffe), Gabriel Van Oyen (Carolyn Crouch), Henry and Sandy Welles (Donna Welles), Jim Wolter (Willy Wolter), and Kristen Wyckoff (Pat Dalby).

Those who are shut-in:
From our parish: Max Hudgins.

Those who died
From our parish: Samuel Watson who died December 23.
 Those who are in the hospital:
Friends and family of our parish: Courtney Jordan Hillman (Erika Northcutt), Julie Howell (Cynthia Walker), Edwarda Johnson (Wande Johnson), Anthony Lewis Jr. (GeeGee Bryant), Aiden Mylnikov (Lindsey Bowen), Gina Robinson (Matthew Taylor), Travis Rogers (Robert Carroll), and Matthew Wild (Susan Wild).

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: Celia Boddington, Linda Douglass, Hyman Field, William Hankey, Bud Harrell, Will Morris, Becky Quinn, Renée Yancey, and Jude Zeller.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Anna and Rob Ehrich, Fruzsina Harsanyi and Raymond Garcia, and Robin and Chuck Schwartz.

Those serving in the Armed Forces including those who are deployed, and for the Armed Forces Ministry of the Episcopal Church:
Friends and family of our parish who are deployed: Steve Helmer (Sara McGanity) and Peter T. Watson (Wendy Fibison).

Please help us keep these lists updated by contacting the clergy at St. John’s via email as soon as you can with corrections, additions, and updates on status.
HOST A ST. JOHN’S SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH
January 5 – May 17, 2020

Sign Up to Host A Sunday Parish Lunch!
The Calendar is open. Your help is needed to make it happen.

Participate in one of the best fellowship opportunities at St. John’s.
Make new friends – both members and visitors – and catch up with old friends.
We encourage individual members, families, and groups and ministries of our church to host lunches.
   Working with family and friends is FUN!
   It takes at least two people to pull it off.
   So…

Talk to a friend – or two or three – about joining you to host a Sunday Lunch. The more the merrier!
Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt as you choose.
Detailed guidelines are sent to anyone who inquires.

To sign up to host a lunch and select a date, contact Holly Sukenik, the lunch coordinator, at 202-332-2952 (home) or hsukenik@hotmail.com or the Parish Office at 202-347-8766 or by email to kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org.

There will be no Parish Lunch on the following dates: April 5 (Palm Sunday), April 12 (Easter Day), and May 10 (Mother’s Day).

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Welcome!

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

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

Brochures describing parish life, the history of St. John’s, and the Episcopal denomination can be found in the church entrance. 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 weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, the music calendar and newsworthy events.

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