A Festival of Epiphany

Lessons and Carols

ST. JOHN’S CHURCH LAFAYETTE SQUARE
January 26, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.
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 hymn 247, Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child, children ages three through grade five will be invited to process out to the Children’s Chapel. They will return at The Peace.

NOTES ON EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS

The twelve-day celebration of Christmas is followed by the season of Epiphany. During this time, the Church explores the appearance of God’s glory in the world through the early life and ministry of Jesus Christ. The Greek word epiphany means “sudden appearance” and refers to the manifestation of God in the world. In today’s service, we meet back at the manger and follow the progression of Jesus’ life from the visit of the Magi, to his baptism in the Jordan River, and to his first miracle at the wedding at Cana. This is the moment we see Jesus as more than a wise teacher and a moral example, but as the Word become flesh. It is in this sense that Simeon declares him to be “a light to lighten the Gentiles.” Later Jesus calls himself “the light of the World.” Thus the symbolism of light pervades both this season and this service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols.
ORGAN VOLUNTARY
Please keep silence during the music before the service.

Prélude sur l’introit de l’Épiphanie, op. 13
Maurice Duruflé
(1902–1986)

INTROIT
When Jesus our Lord was born in Bethlehem
Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem,
in the land of Judaea,
Behold, from the East to the city of Jerusalem,
there came wise men and said:
Say, where is he, born the King of Judea?
For we have seen his star and are come to adore him.

HYMN 124
Sung by all, standing.

What star is this with beams so bright

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beauteous
2 True spake the prophet from afar who told the
3 The guiding star above is bright; with in them
4 O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us
5 To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, re-

1 than the noon-day light? It shines to herald
2 rise of Jacob’s star; and eastern sages
3 shines a clearer light, and leads them on with
4 on to seek thy face, let not our slothful
5 vealed in earthly night, to God the Holy

1 forth the King, and Gentiles to his crib to bring.
2 with a maze upon the wondrous token gaze.
3 power be nign to seek the Giver of the sign.
4 hearts re fuse the guidance of thy light to use.
5 Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

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harm. Cowley Carol Book, 1902
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

LESSON 1  The Prophet Isaiah Tells of the Light Among Us  Isaiah 60:1–6, 9

Please be seated.

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.

For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL  Lux aurumque  Eric Whitacre

Lux,
calida gravisque pura velut aurum
et canunt angeli molliter
modo natum.

Light,
warm and heavy as pure gold
and angels sing softly
to the new-born babe.
In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.
Following the candles, the children process forward to hear the Gospel and then to children’s chapel.

**Hymn 247**

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child*

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**Burden**

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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.

Leader:  The Word of the Lord.

People:  Thanks be to God.

CAROL  The Three Kings

Three Kings from Persian lands afar
to Jordan follow the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travellers three,
where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee,
as Mary’s child in her lap they see;
their royal gifts they show to the King;
gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
the Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
offer thy heart to the infant King.
How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
our Jesse tree now bloweth.
Of Jacob’s stem and David’s line,
for thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
my soul with love o’erfloweth.
Thy word, Jesu,
inly feeds us, rightly leads us,
life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o’erflowing.

LESSON 4

The Baptism of Christ
Matthew 3:13–17
Read by Jessica Sanchez

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 121
Christ when for us you were baptized
Sung by all, standing.

Music: Caithness, melody from The Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.
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On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL  

A New Year Carol  

Benjamin Britten  
(1913-1976)

Here we bring new water from the well so clear,  
For to worship God with, this happy New Year.  
Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;  
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,  
Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go.  
Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;  
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,  
Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.  
Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;  
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.
Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Leader:  The Word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.

HYMN 653
Sung by all, standing.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind, for
2 In simple trust like theirs who heard, be
3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O
4 Drop thy still dews of quietness, till
5 Breathe through the heated thy

1 give our foolish ways! Re-clothe us in our
2 side the Syrian sea, the gracious call-ing
3 calm of hills a bove, where Jesus knelt to
4 all our strivings cease; take from our souls the
5 coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

1 rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in
2 of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise
3 share with thee the silence of eternity in
4 strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the
5 flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O
Homily

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

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

The Glory of the Father

Egil Hovland

The St. John’s Choir

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.
He came to his own, and his own received him not.

– adap. John 1:1–14
OFFERTORY HYMN 131 (stanzas 1, 2, and 5)
Sung by all, standing.

When Christ’s appearing was made known

When Christ’s appearing was made known, King
The east ern sa ges saw from far and
All glo ry, Je sus, be to thee for

1 When Christ’s appearing was made known, King
2 The east ern sa ges saw from far and
5 All glo ry, Je sus, be to thee for

1 He rod trem bled for his throne; but he who of fers
2 fol lowed on his guid ing star; by light their way to
5 this thy glad e piph a ny: whom with the Fa ther

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1 heaven ly birth sought not the king doms of this earth.
2 Light they trod, and by their gifts con fessed their God.
5 we a dore and Ho ly Ghost for ev er more.

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A PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

Please remain seated.

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, Father Almighty, 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**

Please stand or kneel.

Priest: 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:

Priest and People:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Priest: 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

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. Refrain.

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. Refrain.

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.
Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift!
We need not wander more but enter with our gift;
Our gift of finest gold,
Gold that was never bought nor sold;
Myrrh to be strewn about His Bed;
Incense in clouds about His Head;
All for the Child that stirs not in His sleep,
But holy slumber holds with ass and sheep.
Bend low about His Bed: for each He has a gift;
See how His eyes awake, lift up your hands, oh lift!
For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword
(Defend with it Thy little Lord!)
For incense, smoke of battle red,
Myrrh for the honoured happy dead;
Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet,
Touched by such tiny hands and oh such tiny feet.
THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand.

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.
O Wondrous type! O vision fair
Sung by all, standing.

1 O wondrous type! O vision fair of glory
2 With Moses and Elijah nigh the incarnate
3 With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to
4 And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great
5 O Father, with eternal Son, and Holy

1 that the Church may share, which Christ upon the
2 Lord holds converse high; and from the cloud, the
3 mani fest today what glory shall be
4 vision’s mystery; for which in joyful
5 Spirit, ever One, vouchsafe to bring us

1 mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!
2 Holy One bears record to the only Son.
3 theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.
4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
5 by thy grace to see thy glory face to face.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY
THE PARISH LUNCH TODAY will be at 12:15 p.m. in the Dining Room.
It will be hosted by the St John's Book Group. All are welcome.
For those attending the Bishop Curry revival, this is a good chance to have a delicious lunch before you leave for the service and to connect with others who are attending the revival and might be interested in carpooling.

ASSISTING AT THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: Oliver Lehmann Weng, Clergy Cross; Alexander Lehmann Weng and Sebastian Lehmann Weng, Acolytes; Eric Peters, Crucifer; Tony Anikeeff, James Doyle, and Doug Estes, Chalice Bearers; Garry Dalby and Kerri Stelcen, Greeters; Paul Barkett and Anne Harrington, Flower Guild; John More, Assistant Head Usher; Reese Crochet, David Gallalee, Dick Nathan, Jonathan Wakely, and Bill Wright Ushers.

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

THE NEXT SPEAKER SERIES WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 9. It will be presented by 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.

THE NEXT BIBLE STUDY WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 9.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage yesterday of Sofia León and Joseph Ryan.

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.

(as of January 22, 2020)

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Jordan Baugh
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Charles Schwartz
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Thomas Traxler & Rachel Bright
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Cal Trepagnier & Marta Cook
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Jennifer C. Urquhart
Sophia Vandergrift
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Susan G. Volgenau
Ann & Robert Von Der Lippe
Jonathan Wakely
Christopher R. Wall
Alis Wang & Amy Stulman
Carl Ward
John Ward
Marc & Susan Warren
Susan Welch
Hilary West
Mrs. Togo D West, Jr.
Tripp Whitbeck
Margo E. Wiegenstein
Anna Wieger
Dan Williams
Christina Wilson
Neil & Emma Wilson
Andrea Winchell
Anita L. Woehler
Willy & Brenda Wolter
William Wright
Renée B. Yancey
The Honorable Sang & Mrs. Sarah Yi
Richard Young
Karen Zachary
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.
EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Monday January 27
6:30 p.m. AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor)
            Latrobe Committee Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room)

Tuesday January 28
12 noon AA (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
5:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. EFM Class (3rd Floor, Conference Room)

Thursday January 30
12 noon Al-Anon (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
        Debtors Anonymous (1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room)
6:30 p.m. Choir Supper (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor, Choir Room)

Saturday February 1
9:00 a.m. Flower Guild Arranging Flowers

Sunday February 2
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
8:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
        Nursery Opens
9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
10:00 a.m. Annual Parish Meeting (Nave)
        Church School (age three-grade five) Godly Play class (2nd Floor, Parish House)
10:10 a.m. St. John’s Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
        Children’s Chapel
12:15 p.m. Parish Reception (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor and Multi-Purpose Room)
12:30 p.m. St. John’s Choir Rehearsal

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated Monday through Friday at 12:10 p.m.
ST. JOHN’S ANNUAL PARISH RECEPTION
Sunday, February 2, after the 11:00 a.m. service

Join St. John’s community at the Annual Parish Reception on Sunday, February 2, after the 11:00 a.m. service. We will gather to celebrate with our new rector, the Rev. Rob Fisher. There will be wine and non-alcoholic beverages in addition to heavy hors d’oeuvres.

Please RSVP at rsvp@stjohns-dc.org or at 202-347-8766 by Thursday, January 30, so that we can accurately confirm the food order for the reception. All are welcome!

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

The St. John’s Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 6. We will meet in the second floor teens classroom of the Parish House at 6:45 p.m. to discuss *Hitch 22* by Christopher Hitchens.

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.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m.

The study of The Gospel of Matthew will resume on Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room. The group will not meet on January 26 and February 2, so that everyone can attend the presentation of vestry candidates and the annual meeting of the congregation. All are welcome. Contact Jack Reiffer for further information at jjreiffer@gmail.com or at 202-230-1481.

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE
The Speaker Series is held at 10:00 a.m. on the following Sundays in the Togo West Parlor:

- **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*.
- **March 8**: Hank Handler, noted craftsman and master builder, co-founded Oak Grove Restoration Company 40 years ago to specialize in the conservation, preservation, restoration, and retrofitting of historic buildings. He will speak about the restoration of the Dolley Madison House.
- **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*.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF VESTRY
Sunday, February 2, 10:00 a.m.

VESTRY CANDIDATES
Paul Barkett, Senior Warden
Jeff Hantson, Junior Warden

Vestry (voting for 3):
Laurie Adams
Michelle Mangrum
John More
Anthony Pegues
Jack Reiffer
Carl Ward

Rotating off:
Virginia Bader
Audrey Wood Corcoran
Wande Johnson
Richard Metzger, Senior Warden

Absentee ballots are available at the Parish House reception desk.
St. John’s is continuing the popular parishioner potluck suppers. The Rev. Rob Fisher, his wife Sarah Wood, and the Rev. Jane Hague hope to attend. They are a wonderful opportunity to meet and connect with fellow parishioners. If you are interested in hosting one, please contact Holly Sukenik at hsukenik@hotmail.com. The next potluck will be on:

**Saturday, February 8, 6:00 p.m.**
Falls Church City, VA.
Hosted by Dick and Joy Nathan.
RSVP: dick.nathan@longandfoster.com

**Friday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.**
Capitol Hill, Washington DC
Hosted by Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy
RSVP: elizplewis@aol.com

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### Please Join Us for the 7th Annual St. John’s Women’s Retreat

**Friday-Sunday, March 6-8**

This year we are excited to welcome our own, the Rev. Jane Hague, who will lead us in a deep reflection of the poems of Mary Oliver. At this retreat we will enjoy fellowship as we explore the spirituality of the poetry and writings of Mary Oliver. Oliver gives us through her words *Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.* Mary Oliver, “Sometimes” Devotions, page 104.

Jane’s goals for this retreat are:
- To be present and open to God.
- To learn to use prayer and poetry as a method of worship and deepening into God.
- To appreciate Mary Oliver as a poet and spiritual writer.

We welcome all women in the St. John’s community and even friends and family who might benefit from this special gathering of women. Becoming part of the St. John’s “Sisters” is not just joining us in retreat, it also about becoming part of a supportive group of women who are there for each other in times of good and challenge. The retreat is limited to 25 women.

The retreat is held at the beautiful and spacious Felix Dupont Memorial House in Rehoboth, Delaware. Visit https://memorialhouse.church/ for more information.

The rooms are cozy with ensuite bathrooms, and are generally shared (really, it’s ok!) with healthy, generous meals, walks on the beach and the opportunity to rest, reflect and connect. The cost covers lodging and meals Friday dinner through Sunday lunch.

The retreat cost is $290 and is due by Monday, February 24 by check. If you need financial assistance, please contact the Rev. Jane Hague at jane.hague@stjohns-dc.org.

For more information, please contact Lisa Kirchenbauer at Lisa@OmegaWealthManagement.com.

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### Submit a Devotional or Sign Up to Receive Pathways Through Lent

**Submissions are due by Friday, February 21**

We invite you to share your thoughts on the season of Lent by writing a brief reflection for our online daily devotional. Entries may be written individually or as a group (e.g. on behalf of a committee or a family) and need be about 250 words long. Your reflection can be inspired by the appointed scripture verse of the day (which we will share when we confirm your assigned date) or some other Lenten or spiritual topic. **Submissions are due by Friday, February 21**, so we can launch the devotional on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

Please email Jack Reiffer at jjreiffer@gmail.com and Sara McGanity at sara.mcganity@gmail.com to choose a date.

Note: if you were subscribed to Pathways in 2019, you should automatically begin receiving devotionals on the morning of February 26.

If you would like to sign up for the daily email, please subscribe at https://stjohns-dc.org/category/pathways.
**BAPTISM SERVICES**
The next dates for Baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy are as follows:
- **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.

**THE 2020 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS’ CLASS**
Saturdays, March 14 and March 21
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John’s, we invite you to join the 2020 Spring Adult Inquirers’ Class. The two-day class will meet on two Saturdays, March 14 and March 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. both days. The Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John’s, will lead the sessions. Anyone – newcomer or longtime parishioner – interested in learning more about our Christian faith and life, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John’s Church, is encouraged to attend. For more information or to register, please contact Kaye Edwards at 202-347-8766, ext. 317 or by e-mail at kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org. Those who participate in this class, or have completed another inquirers’ class, may attend a Service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, May 9.

**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.

**AGAPE DINNERS**
During Lent, we will be employing an early church practice called “Agape dinners” to provide members of St. John’s with an opportunity to gather in a member’s home, share a meal together, and reflect on the significance of Lent in their lives. We will be organizing the dinners by neighborhood so that members who live near each other can get to know each other better. If you are interested in participating, please contact Holly Sukenik at hsukenik@hotmail.com.

**PLEDGE ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP**
Please pick up your pledge envelopes at the reception desk in the Parish House. Envelopes may be picked up from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Envelopes that have not been picked up by February 3rd will be mailed!

**STUDY GROUP**
As part of our faith in the workplace outreach, the Rev. Will Morris would like to gauge interest in joining a study group/book club to discuss work-related issues and dilemmas. Would you like to get together for one hour most months to discuss a chapter in Will’s book, *Where is God at Work?*, and share with others your views on the issues as you find them (or found them; or imagine them) in any workplace with which you are familiar? The subjects that Will covers range from your boss to retirement; from what happens if you have to answer a difficult email to what happens if you are asked to lie; from the relevance of the bible to your work (e.g., the parable of the talents) to the theological implications of open plan and hot desking!

To be very clear this is open to all, wherever you work, if you no longer work, of if you have never worked. All that is required is an interest in where God might be in the workplace.

Here is a link to a survey where you can express your preference on times and days of the week: https://doodle.com/poll/ez9vuntf574st3dn.

You may also contact the Rev. Will Morris at will.morris@stjohns-dc.org.

**JANUARY AT CARDOZO EDUCATION CAMPUS**
Communities in Schools, which is supported by St. John’s Church, is looking for volunteers at Cardozo. The school has made an urgent request for tutors during January. Tutoring will take place after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. 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.
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 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.

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 device.

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.

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.

FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help brighten the day of parishioners who can’t be with us by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel. A greeting card for the parishioner is attached to each vase, which also contains contact information. Thank you for checking to see if a delivery address is convenient for you.

Flowers need to be delivered to N Oak Street, Arlington, VA and Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.
OUR PRAYERS are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

Those who are sick or recovering:


Friends and family of our parish: Bruce Anderson (Cay Buser), Niels Beck (Michelle Mangrum), Rachael Buckley (Chyrstal Martin), Lane Carter, Bill Clark (Clark Ervin), Carl Edwards (Lauren Edwards), Sambar Datta (Ashley Culbertson), Harry Davis (Mary & Carl Raether), Karl Dornemann (Deb Dornemann), Bobby Doyle (Alex Pappas), Ted Fibison (Wendy Fibison), Courtney Jordan Hillman (Erika Northcutt), Lucas Hunt (Matthew Taylor), Edwarda Johnson (Wande Johnson), Elliot Josey and Henry Josey (Sara and Bill Josey), Linda Linton (Cay Buser), Amy Lowenthal (Andrew Tomlinson), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Tammy McCleaf (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. Olowu (Elizabeth Leach), Ginger Parra (Leila Taaffe), Cawley Scott (Robyne 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 are in the hospital:

Friends and family of our parish: Julie Howell (Cynthia Walker), 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:
Coleman Bird, Paul Bledsoe, Russell Brown, David Dawson, Jennifer Egsgaard, Brent Erstad, Annie Froehlich, Vaughan Johnston, Erika Northcutt, Kristina Pasqualone, Elizabeth Sadqi, Michael Waltz, and Harrison Yi.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week:
Sharon and Randy DeAngelis and Marisol and Jeffrey Lovelace.

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 26 – May 17, 2020

Sign Up to Host A Sunday Parish Lunch!
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@stjohnsdc.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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THE IMPENDING BOOM IN PLASTICS

We spent a number of weeks last year discussing the danger of plastics in their production, use, and disposal. We emphasized our personal responsibilities for alleviating the problem. Unfortunately, the problem is likely to grow bigger in the near future. Major oil companies, facing the prospect of reduced demand for their products, are ramping up their plastics output. A host of new petrochemical plants, using ethane feedstock supplied by the fracking boom, are coming on line . . . in operation, under construction, or awaiting regulatory approval. Since 2010, companies have invested more than $200 billion in 333 plastic and other chemical projects. As individuals, we may have little leverage to affect that, but we can ask: what have we in our own households done to minimize our personal plastic waste?

—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.

THE CARE OF CREATION INTEREST GROUP MEETING
Sunday, February 23 at 12:30 p.m.

The Care of Creation interest group will gather on Sunday, February 23 at 12:30 p.m. to make plans for this spring and summer. All are welcome. Please grab lunch and join us on the 3rd floor, Conference Room.

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH FLOWERS

You can recognize your loved ones or a special event with a dedication in our Sunday bulletin when you make a contribution to the Flower Fund. In doing so, you invite the congregation to participate in remembering a loved one, a birth or birthday, or a wedding, anniversary, graduation, or other special event.

St. John’s Flower Guild lovingly arranges flowers each week for our Sunday services. You can choose to dedicate the two main altar arrangements with a contribution of $110, the side chapel for $55, or the narthex for $55. Or, you can dedicate all four arrangements in the church for $220.

Please contact the Parish Office at 202-347-8766 and send a check to St. John’s Church
Attention: Flower Fund, 1525 H Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-1005, Fax 202-347-3446

(Circle one) In Memory of  |  Thanksgiving for  |  Celebration of: ____________________________

_______________________________________________________________________________

Name: __________________________________________  Address: _______________________________________________________________________

Phone number: __________________________  Email: ________________________________

(Circle one) Entire Church-$220  |  Main Altar-$110  |  Side Altar-$55  |  Narthex-$55

Thank you!
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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**Vestry**

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Paul Barkett, Junior Warden
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Nkem Onwuamaegbu, Treasurer
Casey Evans, Assistant Treasurer
Andrew Tomlinson, Secretary
Christopher R. Wall, Parish Counsel

**Head Usher**

James H. Czerwonky

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**Staff**

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Director for Operations

Evangeline Gravina
Operations Assistant

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Sharlyne Griffin
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R. J. Gravina
Program Coordinator

Javier Obregon, Sexton

GeeGee Bryant and David Gamboa,
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