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.

There will be no Church School today.

**Voluntary:** Psalm Prelude Set 2, No. 2  
Herbert Howells  
(1892–1983)

“Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee,  
but the night is as clear as the day:  
the darkness and light to Thee are both alike.”

– Psalm 139:11

**Hymn 616** (stanzas 1, 2, and 3)  
*Hail to the Lord’s Anointed*

Sung by all. Please stand as the procession enters.

1 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!  
2 He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth.

1 Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
2 to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong:  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth:

1 He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
2 to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
3 before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
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: Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Read by Barbara Burkhardt. Malachi 3:1-4

Please be seated.

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

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

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

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

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

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

**HYMN 257**  
(Stanza 5)  
*Sung by all.*

**O Zion, open wide thy gates**

**The Sermon**  
*The Rev. Robert W. Fisher*

*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 Prayers of the People, Form VI**  
*Led by Alex Stolar.*

*Please stand.*

**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 Australia, the Middle East, 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.

*In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.*
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 St. Timothy's Church, Washington. We also pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops, Mariann and Chilton, and for all bishops and other ministers. We pray especially for those who have run for Vestry this year and for all who serve in Lay Ministry at St. John’s.

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 Alexander Anikeeff, Thomas Arrasmith, Susanna Blair, Justin Bouma, Gloria Burkhardt, Audrey Corcoran, George Ehrich, Elijah Greene, Lucy Kehoe, Graham Keithley, Lisa Kirchenbauer, Jimmy Lowe, Jim Mullins, Pam Perkins, Laurel Tierney, and Brenda Wolter; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially Gabrielle and Simon Beaumont, Sharon and Randy Deangelis, Marisol and Jeffrey Lovelace, Brittany and Will Rabbe, and Emma and Neil Wilson.

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 Jane Beury who died January 30, 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.

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

Nunc dimittis (Lumen ad revelationem)

The Parish Choir

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gerald Near (b. 1942)
HYMN 517  (stanzas 1 and 4)  How lovely is thy dwelling place
Sung by all, standing.

1 How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to
4 One day within thy courts excels a thousand spent a-

me!  My thirsty soul desires and longs with -

in thy courts to be; my very heart and
from thy precepts stray, for thou shalt surely

flesh cry out, O living God, for thee.
bless all those who live the words they pray.

Words:  Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, alt.;
        st. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
Music:  Brother James’ Air, J. L. Mcbeth Bain (1840-1925)
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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.

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_.

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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 When to the temple Mary went Johann Eccard (1553–1611)
The Parish Choir

When to the temple Mary went, And brought the Holy Child, Him did the aged Simeon see, As it had been revealed. He took up Jesus in his arms And blessing God he said: In peace I now depart, my Savior having seen, The Hope of Israel, the Light of men. Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, That we may ever be As once the faithful Simeon was, Rejoicing but in Thee; And when we must from earth departure take, May gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.

Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence Sung by all.

1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand; earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on way, as the Light of Light de -
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with
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 Priest distributes a communion kit to each Lay Eucharistic Minister saying:*

**Priest:** We send you forth bearing these gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

**People:** We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

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.
HYMN 436
Sung by all.

(stanzas 1, 2, and 3)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the
2 O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a

1 King of glory waits! The King of kings is
2 ruler is confessed! O happy hearts and
3 temple, set apart from earthly use for

draw ing near; the Savior of the world is here.
2 happy homes to whom this King of triumph comes!
3 heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
Music: Truro, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.
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THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY: Toccata in B minor

Eugene Gigout
(1844–1925)
ST. JOHN’S ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD TODAY IN THE CHURCH, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service. The first order of business will be casting votes for members of the Vestry and the Wardens.

ST. JOHN’S INVITES YOU TO A RECEPTION TO HELP CELEBRATE A VERY SUCCESSFUL 2019 AND TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY.

The catered luncheon will begin immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Parish House.

ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: Kenny Kraft, Crucifer; Jack Reiffer and Thom Sinclair, Chalice Bearers; Richard Price, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Kat Kehoe and Sara McGanity, Greeters; Pat Dalby, Jamie Finch, Susan Heil, Tara Hupman, Katherine Kyle, and Elizabeth Lewis, Flower Guild; Bud Harrell, Assistant Head Usher; Matt Hallett, Patricia Leslie, and Desirée Stolar, Ushers.

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.

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 29, 2020)

Anonymous (4)
David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis
Dana & Sophie Ackery
Katie Adams Holder & Paul Holder
John & Renate Alison
Tony Anikeeff & Tung-Lin Wu
Gale Arnold
Keith & Jeanne Arnold
Margo & Doug Arnold
Thomas & Christine Arrasmith
John Aschieris
Shea & Virginia Bader
Geoffrey & Kathryn Baker
Sarah Banks
Paul Barkett
Joanne Bauer
Jordan Baugh
Meg Beasley
Krista Becker
Bob Beizer
Laura Belman
Kate Benner
Judy Campbell Bird
William & Martha Birdseye
Diane Bitsberger
Marion Blakey & William Dooley
Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington
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Matt Bode & Laurie Adams
Leo & Raluca Bouma
Larry & Krista Bradley
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William Brownlee
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Kathryn Bubolz
Lee Buddendeck
Craig & Barbara Burkhardt
Richard Busch
Carolyn Buser
Peter & Susan Carlson
Robert Carroll
Andrea Charters
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Preston & Merrell Cherouny
John & Victoria Cherry
Virginia Chew
Savanna Clark
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill
Gwinneth Ann Clarkson
Whitt Clement
Audrey Corcoran
Pam Covington
Claudette Cox
Robert & Jamie Craft
Stephen & Nicole Crochet
Nelson & Carolyn Crouch
Gwendolyn Cunningham
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Patricia Czerwonky
Garry & Patricia Dalby
Betsy Danello
Chris Danello
Christine Davies
Susan Dawson
Justin Dean & Matthew Sipala
Clayton & Margaret Depue
John Derrick
George & Anita Diliberto
William "Rhys" Dodd & Bailey Thomas
Richard Doeg & Julia Koster
Jim & Joan Doty
Laura & Rene Doucet
James Doyle
Diana Duncan
Will & Grace Duthe
James Eastwood
Janet Edmond
Janice Berry Edwards
Kaye Edwards
Lauren Edwards
Karen & Christopher Eifert
Lyle Elder & Chiara Helm
Martha Ellison
Erika Emery
Mary English Saunders & Thomas Bell
Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris
Le & Casey Evans
Amanda & Eric Eversole
Allison Eydt
Denis Faherty
Stephen & Caroline Faris
Wendy Fibison
Hyman & Anne Field
Jamie Finch & David Dawson
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood
Carol Cole Flanagan
Lee & Juliet Folger
Linda Gaines
David Gallalee
Hillary Garber & Tim Stuart
Elizabeth & Christopher Gardner
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Eduardo Gonzalez
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Hunter Hardinge & Matthew Thomas
Barbie Harper
Robert & Anne Harrington
Fruzsina Haranyi
Diane Hauslein
Timothy & Susan Heil
Susan Herrington
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Kristin & John Highsmith
Robert & Tammi Hoback
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Heather Hopkins
Cecil & Lydia Hornbaker
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Sandy & Nancy Martin
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Nancy Matthews
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John & Livy More
John & Catherine Morefield
Will & Michelle Morris
Rob Mosbacher
Richard & Joy Nathan
Julie Neff Lippman
Peter & Amber Neville
Peter & Eleanor Odom
Ralph & Lydia Olson
Uche & Nkem Onwuamaegbu
Emily & Jason Ornstein
Matthew & Rachel Oster
Owen & Felicia Owunwanne
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Bob & Sharon Park
Bob & Gay Pasley
Laura & Sam Patten
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Eric Peters
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Richard J. Price
Scott & Katherine Raab
Will & Brittany Rabbe
Allie Raether
Carl & Mary Raether
Garret & Gigi Rasmussen
Nate & Katherine Rawlings
Hwa Cha Redman
Laurnance M. Redway
Jack Reiffer
Harker & Gini Rhodes
Hap & Nora Rigby
Chris Rogers
Caitlin Rooney & Austin Schrimsher
Jacquelyn Ryberg & Ethan Papish
Chase W. Rynd
Jessica & Alex Sanchez
Brian & KayAnn Schoeneman
Charles Schwartz
WonYong Shim
Sandy & Susan Sierck
Adelle Simmons
Thom Sinclair & James Kreger
Diane & Peter Spaulding
Stephanie Spencer
John Staples & Scott Raspa
Ken & Susan Starling
Anne Stewart
Toby Stock & Margy Slattery
Alex Stolar
Catherine Stolar
Desirée Stolar
John & Holly Sukenik
Meredith Sullenger
Leila Taaffe & Arthur Kellermann
Matthew Taylor
Dax & Veronica Tejera

Riley Temple
Alfred Thesmar
Jocelyn Tichenor
Andrew & Alyssa Tomlinson
Thomas Traxler & Rachel Bright
José Trejo
Cal Trepagnier & Marta Cook
Anthony Turner
Jennifer C. Urquhart
Sophia Vandergrift
Patrick & Pamela Venzke
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
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Dan Williams
Christina Wilson
Neil & Emma Wilson
Andrea Winchell
Anita L. Woehler
Willy & Brenda Wolter
William Wright
Renee B. Yancey
The Hon. Sang and 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 most Sundays. In order to allow teachers to attend the Annual Meeting, we will not meet today, February 2, but childcare will be provided in the nursery on the lower level. Every Sunday beginning February 9, 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.

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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:

- **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.
- **March 15:** Dick Grimmett, American historian. He is a member of St. John's Church, and chairman of its Properties Committee, he is also the author of St. John’s Church, Lafayette Square: The History and Heritage of the Church of the Presidents, Washington, DC. He will speak on Benjamin Henry Latrobe: American Architect.
- **March 29:** Victoria Arbiter, CNN Royal Commentator. She will speak on The Windsors: A Chat about the British Royal Family.
- **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
Today, 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 ANNUAL PARISH RECEPTION
Today, February 2, after the 11:00 a.m. service

Join the St. John's community at the Annual Parish Reception today, after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Parish House. There will be wine and non-alcoholic beverages in addition to heavy hors-d’oeuvres.

All are welcome!

FIRST WEDNESDAY CONCERTS PRESENTS
MARK G. MEADOWS AND THE MOVEMENT
Wednesday, February 5 at 12:10 p.m.

First Wednesday Concerts is pleased to welcome Mark G. Meadows to Lafayette Square in an intimate trio version of his band, The Movement, as they reimagine well-loved jazz standards and a handful of captivating originals. Debonair on the stage, Mark’s voice channels everyone from Nat King Cole to Stevie Wonder to Marvin Gaye. With CV Dashiell on drums and Romeir Mendez on bass, the chemistry amongst this trio will leave you breathless.
POTLUCK SUPPERS–BUILDING COMMUNITY

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

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.

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 is 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.
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 today, February 2, so that everyone can attend the annual meeting of the congregation. All are welcome. Contact Jack Reiffer for further information at jjreiffer@gmail.com or at 202-230-1481.

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 this 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 joannehutton@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.

STUDY GROUP
WHERE IS GOD AT WORK?

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, or 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.
ST. JOHN’S SOUTH AFRICA TRIP TO THE KWASA CENTRE
St. John’s will travel again to the Kwasa Centre in South Africa this summer. The Rector will lead the trip, which will include spending time at Kwasa with its founder and Rector, the Rev. Sharron Dinnie. Kwasa, now known as the Kwasa College, is a growing Anglican pre-primary and primary school serving children from a nearby informal settlement. St. John’s has supported and been in partnership with Kwasa since 2004 and has made several mission trips there, as well as hosting students and teachers from Kwasa on a regular basis. If you have questions or are interested in being part of the pilgrimage, please contact Sigi Block at sigiblock@verizon.net or Abbott McCartney at abbottmccartney@verizon.net.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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 11th Street, NW, Washington, DC and Cathedral Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

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

Those who are sick or recovering:

From our parish: Jennifer Agiesta, Teresa Huettner, Nelda Johnson, Bob Patchell, 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), 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), Courtney Jordan Hillman (Erika Northcutt), Lucas Hunt (Matthew Taylor), Vera Hyencik (Holly Sukanik), 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), and Kristen Wyckoff (Pat Dalby).

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 who are in hospice care:

Friends and family of our parish: Mac Hansbrough (Emily Lucio).

Those who died:

Friends and family of our parish: Jane Beury who died January 30.

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week:

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week:

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 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.

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Those who are shut-in:

From our parish: Max Hudgins.
HOST A ST. JOHN’S SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH
February 2 – 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@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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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!

SINGLE USE PAPER TOWELS HAVE A BIG IMPACT

Clean, white, absorbent paper towels are a mainstay in most kitchens, but they come at an environmental, if not financial, cost. In the US, much of the fiber likely comes from boreal forests in Canada… mature trees cut down for the purpose. While some fiber may have been recycled or come from logging byproducts, by one estimate some 44% comes from mature trees. Tropical forests are in the news and crucial in absorbing carbon, but boreal forests in the sub-Arctic are far more extensive and absorb almost twice as much carbon (703 vs 375 gigatons) as tropical ones. So instead of reaching for a paper towel and promoting more logging, reach for a reusable and washable cloth, or when we have to use paper towels, buy ones high in recycled content. Ask that unbleached toweling be carried at our grocery stores to reduce environmental effects of unnecessary chlorine.

–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.
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**

Richard Metzger, *Senior Warden*

Paul Barkett, *Junior Warden*

Virginia Bader, Andrew Clarke, Audrey Wood Corcoran, Carolyn Crouch, Lauren Edwards, Martha Ellison, Jeff Hantson, Wande Johnson, Peter Odom, Nora Rigby, Jessica Sanchez, and Desirée Stolar.

Casey Evans, *Treasurer*

Andrew Tomlinson, *Secretary*

Christopher R. Wall, *Parish Counsel*

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