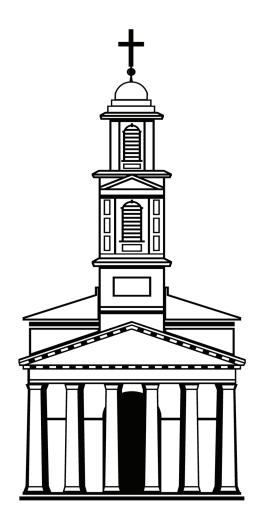
#### **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

November 2, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m.



## SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE . WASHINGTON, DC

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

#### Welcome to St. John's Church, Lafayette Square.

All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold**. Nursery care is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.

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

The special music this morning is offered by Bill and Sara Josey, to the glory of God and in memory of all who have gone before us to the Land of Glory.

#### **VOLUNTARY**

Old Psalm from Dalarna

Oskar Lindberg (1887–1955)

#### **HYMN 287**

For all the saints, who from their labors rest

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



Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

### THE WORD OF GOD

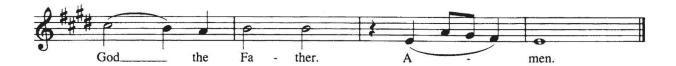
Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

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





#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

#### THE FIRST READING

Ephesians 1:11-23

Please be seated.

Read by Marion Blakey.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

#### **PSALM 149**

Chanted by the choir; setting by John Bernard (b. 1948)

Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; \* sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \* let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; \* let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \* and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \* let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat \* and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations \* and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains \* and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \* this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

Children's Chapel in the Parish House: All who wish may gather in front of the pulpit during the following hymn and will return at the Peace. Parents are encouraged to accompany children younger than three.

#### **GRADUAL HYMN 293**

I sing a song of the saints of God

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



Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: Grand Isle, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 3 of the gradual hymn.

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

### THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

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

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

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kneeling or standing as you are able.

Intercessor Let us give thanks to the living God for all the gifts that we enjoy, saying, "We thank you, living God."

Silence.

Intercessor For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa\* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of

Prayer, for All Saints' Church, Chevy Chase; All Saints' Pre-School, Chevy Chase; All Saints' Parish, Oakley; and All Souls Church, DC. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Eugene, our Assistant Bishop; and all people whose lives reveal the image of Christ:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor For challenges which call forth new strength, for failures which teach greater humility,

and for encouragement to persevere when life is hard:

People We thank you, living God.

*Intercessor* For those in special need today, especially . . . ; and for your care for all those in need:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor For those celebrating a birthday this week . . . ; for those celebrating an anniversary this

week  $\dots$ ; and for all blessings of this life:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor We pray for Donald, our President, the leaders of Congress, and the Supreme Court, that they

will work for justice, freedom, and peace.

And for those who serve on behalf of our civic life:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor For those who have died, especially . . . For all who have gone before us, for all who walk

beside us, and for all children who are precious to us and to you:

People We thank you, living God.

Intercessor And for the great wisdom and hope that you reveal to us through Jesus, our leader, example,

teacher, liberator, and friend:

People We thank you, living God.

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

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

#### THE PEACE

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

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



#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

And I saw a new heaven

Edgar L. Bainton (1880–1956)

Sung by the choir.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and first earth had passed away, and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying: "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

-Revelation 21:1-4



Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th cent., abr.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt. Music: Thaxted, Gustav Holst (1874–1934).

#### A PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

Said by all.

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 as you are able.

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

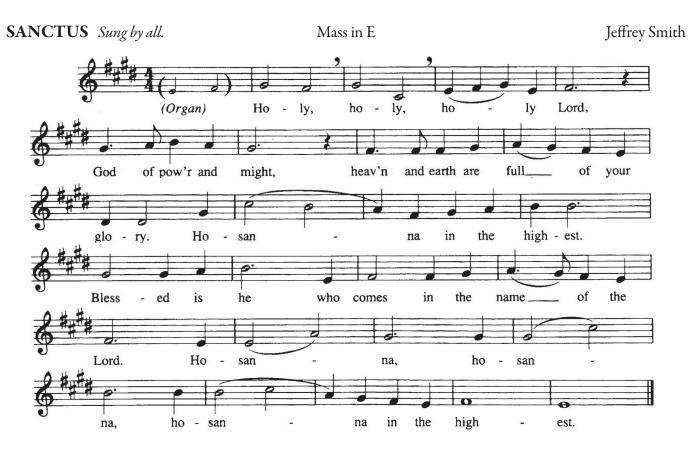
*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

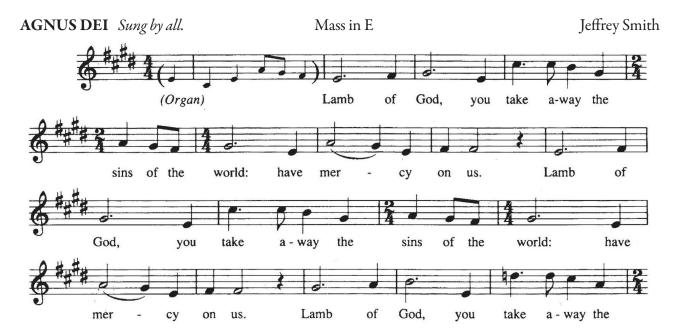
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD





#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

#### **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

Every soul who has willingly served

Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

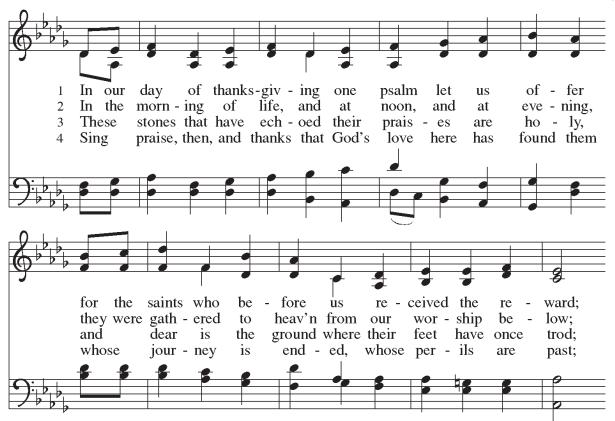
Sung by the choir.

Every soul who has willingly served God in any degree on earth shall possess three degrees of happiness in heaven. Our Lord will honor and thank them. All the creatures in heaven will see this honor and thanks, and this will last forever.

—Julian of Norwich (1342–c. 1423)

### HYMN Sung by all, seated.

In our day of thanksgiving





Text: William Draper (1855-1933). Music: St. Catherine's Court, Richard Strutt (1848-1927).

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

*Priest* Let us pray.

All 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.

When scheduled, the Priest offers a communion kit to any Lay Eucharistic Minister doing a home visit, saying

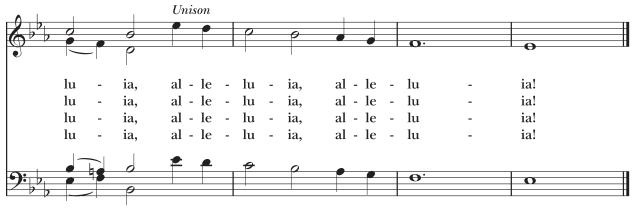
On behalf of God and St. John's Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you will visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. **Amen.** 

#### THE BLESSING

Priest Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Sung by all, standing as you are able.





Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945). By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

#### THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY** 

Allegro from Sonata in C

Tommaso Albinoni (1671–1750)

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

and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Elizabeth Grayson Hoover, Grace Sadie Kozlowski, and Colin Kennedy McMurray.

#### ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Amy McCabe, Trumpeter

Matt Bode, Crucifer \* Powe Rigby and Nicholas Schoeneman, Acolytes

Tony Anikeeff and Wendy J. Fibison, Chalice Bearers

Jeff Agnew, Assistant Head Usher \* John Herzog, Patricia Leslie, James Longley, and RJ Lyerly, Ushers

Kim Kennedy and John Schutz, Greeters \* Lara Kinitra and Olivia Kozlowski, Flower Guild

Jeremy Sheeler, Livestream Technician

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

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

**NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?** Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a "Welcome" card and leaving it in the offering plate or with an usher or greeter.  $\star$  Free valet parking is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays; look for the valet sign at the corner of 16th and H streets, NW.  $\star$  Find us on Instagram at @ stjohnschurchlafayettesquare or visit stjohns-dc.org for more about our offerings and how to get in touch.

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# Announcements for the Week of November 2

### TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered during the sermon at 11 a.m. today.

8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)

8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m. (Parish House Second Floor)

9 a.m. Baptism and Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher—*No Children's Chapel* 

10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)
 Church School (Parish House Second Floor)
 Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)
 Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)
 St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Children's Chapel— Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher

Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)

Parish Lunch (see next column)

Church Tour (see next column)

5:30 p.m. Choral Requiem Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell (see next column)

#### **FLOWER DELIVERIES**

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

Today flower deliveries are needed to: 2nd Street, NW; Massachusetts Avenue, NW; 8th Street, NE; and 62nd Street, Bethesda.

#### STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER

Many thanks to Will Priest for offering a stewardship talk this morning at the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

#### **PARISH LUNCH**

#### Today at noon | Hosted by the Sisters at St. John's

Sunday lunch at St. John's is a longtime tradition in which every member and every visitor can participate. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones—a time for fellowship and for hearing another's story. The lunch is held most Sundays in the Parish House. Contributions of \$5 for adults and young people 13 and over and \$2 for children under 13 are requested to help defray the costs of the lunch. All are welcome. Valet parking hours are extended to 2 p.m. any Sunday with a parish lunch.

#### TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH | Today at noon

For more than 200 years our church has served as a place of worship for a growing and everchanging city and country. Its structure is a lasting testament to Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who, because of his training in both architecture and engineering, is considered by the American Institute of Architects as our country's first architect. If you are interested in an in-person tour of St. John's Church, meet at the front of the church near the baptismal font after the 11 a.m. service. Today's guide is Susan Cardwell.

## REQUIEM EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS' DAY Today at 5:30 p.m. | With incense

Join us as we remember and commend to God all the faithful departed at our annual Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day. The St. John's Choir and Choristers, joined by chamber orchestra and organ, will offer Maurice Durufle's moving Requiem in the context of the liturgy. A reception will follow in the Togo West Parlor. The service will also be livestreamed on our website.

Please note: No validated parking for this evening service.

Visit stjohns-dc.org/connect/newsletters to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter (The Word) and other parish email lists.



#### **NECROLOGY**

## TODAY'S SERVICES ARE OFFERED IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL THE SAINTS FROM ST. JOHN'S AND THOSE NEAR TO US WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE SINCE ALL SAINTS' 2024.

(As of October 29, 2025)

Julia Alexander
Tim Allmond
Arline Atlas
Susan Baxter
Louise Ritchie Beale
Frederick Beaudry
Nicholas Bender
Charles Thomas Bleha
Stanley Joseph Brady
Lee Buddendeck
Joanne Cicchelli
Mark Crane

Sheila Ann Chitwood Doyle

Warren Dahlstrom

James Doyle
Pierce Eastman
Anne Gage Field
Janet Fisher
Kate Simoni Fralin
Hamid Ganjian
Patricia Burton George
Pauline "Polly" Emory Hall

Ellen Hamner

Hui Han

Barbara Quarles Harper Haywood Harrell Gina Hart Stephen Hein

Jeannie Gray Williams Hixon

Todd Howe

Jacqueline Ann Jackman

Terry L. Jarrett Jack Kinsey Mary Kloss Merrill T. Koster Andrew Kraus Keith Labnow

Barnard Mathis Malloy

Anne "Nancy" Newhard Martin

Ann McClellan Mark K. Metzger

Mary Jo (Gumbert) Moloney

Pat Morris Lisa Nestor

Peter Baird Neville, Sr. Aquila Agular Obregon Rosa Luz Aguiar Otero Paula E. Bennett Paddick

Robert E. Park Ian Paton

Sally Ann Cox Raye Larry Reiffer Jane Saari Margaret Schell Cawley Leopold Scott Calvin Seerveld

Alan Simpson

Diane Louise Melvin Allison Spaulding

David Springer Stuart Symington, Jr. Jennifer C. Urquhart Paul Swift Van Nice Susan Scott Van Nice Dale Allen Vesser Jim Wardrop Patricia Whalen

Eloise White

The Rev. George F. Woodward, III

### **SERVICE SCHEDULE** | November 3–9

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Will Morris, preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon\*

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon\*

\* Children's Chapel offered during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

#### Monday, November 3

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

#### Tuesday, November 4

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

6:30 p.m. Being With (registered participants only)

#### Wednesday, November 5

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Latrobe Fellowship (see below)

#### Thursday, November 6

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

7 p.m. Book Group (see next column)

Parish Choir Rehearsal

#### Saturday, November 8

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

## LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP Wednesday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us on the evening of November 5 for silent prayer followed by a brief discussion on the role of contemplative worship in the life of the Church. We will then gather for food and fellowship. The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service

followed by an activity. For more information, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

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

Join us via Zoom to discuss *Klara* and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro. This imaginative science fiction story, set in the U.S. in an unspecified future, tells the story of Josie, a sickly child, and her companion Klara, a solar-powered



Artificial Friend. The novel reminds us of how beautiful humanity can be. The book group typically meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT Saturday, November 8, 5–7:30 p.m.

Kids ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to play, watch a movie, and eat pizza while parents and caregivers enjoy an evening out. RSVP by Monday, November 3, to bit.ly/sjc-pno. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via our website.

#### SPEAKER SERIES

The Speaker Series is held most Sundays from September through May at 10 a.m. in the Togo West Parlor on the first floor of the Parish House. An audio recording will be available on our website the week after each talk.



November 9: Stephen I. Vladeck, constitutional law expert and a professor at Georgetown Law School, will speak about the past and current Supreme Court terms.



December 7: The Rev. Richard A. Burnett, General Secretary of the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC), will share about the work of this institution.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### PLEASE MAKE A 2026 PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

As of Tuesday, October 28, we had received 122 pledges for the year 2026, totaling commitments of \$566,513.

Your 2026 pledge is a commitment of financial support to St. John's for the upcoming year. It can be a one-time annual payment, or it can be paid weekly, monthly, or on the schedule of your choosing. Pledges enable us to plan for the work we will undertake in the mission and ministry of St. John's in 2026. You can make your pledge online on our website (stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge) or by returning a pledge card either by mail to the church office or by placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you for your financial commitment to our parish!

#### HERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE

As part of fulfilling an annual pledge or any other special gift, we welcome a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directing your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to a qualified 501(c)(3) charity such as St. John's.

Anyone over the age of 70½ can direct **not only** up to \$108,000 of your annual RMDs, **but also** up to \$108,000 of your IRA assets, to the charity of your choice, even if your RMD is smaller. Those who have an inherited IRA requiring annual required minimum distributions and are over 70½ years of age, can **also** direct up to \$108,000 from the inherited IRA to your charity of choice.

Always consult with your financial and tax advisors to confirm the best strategy for you, and remember that these distributions can be made **only** from IRA accounts, **not** from a 401(k), 403(b), Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), or other non-IRA retirement plans. Contact Lisa Kirchenbauer via the Give tab of our website with any questions.

#### THE 1816 SOCIETY

Planned giving is another way to sustain the mission and ministry of St. John's. The 1816 Society honors those who remember St. John's through a planned gift, such as a bequest in their will, a life-income gift, or a gift of real estate or life insurance. Check out the Episcopal Church Foundation (episcopalgifts.org) to learn more about your options for planned giving, and contact Lisa Kirchenbauer via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org with questions or to join the 1816 Society.

#### **COMING UP**

## 2025 ANGEL TREE GIFT DRIVE Beginning Sunday, November 9

We're excited to announce that the 2025 Angel Tree Gift Drive at St. John's will start on Sunday, November 9. Watch for our festive Angel Tree in the Parish House, which will be adorned with angels holding wish lists from children and adults in the DC area who are in need. Please return all gifts—unwrapped—to the church by Sunday, December 7. On Saturday, December 13, at 10 a.m. we will host a Wrap Party in the Parish House to wrap and prepare the gifts. Save the date and join us for a festive morning of fellowship and service. Questions? Contact Kevin Cordova-Brookey via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

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

Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m. *Upcoming dates: November 15 and December 20* 

Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other St. John's parishioners and to spread God's loving kindness in our community. Contact leader Elizabeth Field using the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.

## FALL NEW MEMBER SUNDAY Sunday, November 16, at 9 and 11 a.m.

St. John's will recognize new members of our community on Sunday, November 16, during worship at 9 and 11 a.m. and at a welcome reception at noon. Please come show your support for our growing community and get to know someone new.

## COMMUNION CLASS FOR FAMILIES Sunday, November 16, at 10 a.m.

This interactive offering aims to help adults and children have a more meaningful experience of Holy Communion. Whether or not your child already consumes the bread or wine during services, all are encouraged to attend to deepen their understanding of what happens when we participate in the Eucharist. This one-session class takes the place of Church School for the day.

### ADVENT WREATH MAKING Sunday, November 30, at 10 a.m.

Join in this fun annual tradition at St. John's that is suitable for all ages. Using seasonal greens, we will make decorative wreaths that double as devotional aids during the Advent season. Materials will be provided for each household to make one wreath. You're encouraged to bring your own clippers if you have them. A few "take and make" bags will be available for those who cannot stay to make a wreath. Contact Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website with questions. This activity will take the place of Church School and Youth Group.

#### **NEWS & NOTICES**

#### THE CHURCH IS HIRING!

As we have previously shared, our Chief Operating Officer, Preston Cherouny, will soon be moving on to begin his next chapter, so we are now searching for a successor. The job posting can be found on the About: Employment tab of our website. If you know someone who might be a good fit (and who is **not** a current parishioner), please mention this opportunity and forward the link. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, November 17.

#### FEDERAL WORKERS | Giving or receiving support

Many of our parishioners have been affected by recent layoffs in the federal government. We are seeking to care for one another. If you are seeking help—or if you have help to offer—please complete our survey at bit.ly/sjc-federal-survey with the details of what you need or can provide. You can also reach out to Jordan Baugh, our point person for this ministry, via the Ministry Directory on our website.

#### STONEWORK ON THE PLAZA

The plaza in front of the church has experienced wear and tear over the years and in some places is badly in need of repair. Stone replacement and curbing work began this week, and we expect the project to take about four weeks to complete. We have marked off the work area for the duration of this project.

#### SUPPORT SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Are you feeling helpless in assisting local residents who are most in need during these difficult times? Here are some quick ways to support Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington's crucial fall fundraising campaign, and with that, help our neighbors who are most in need:

Become a sponsor—bit.ly/SMGWGala25Sponsor

Donate a basket, vacation stay, or other item to our event auction—bit.ly/SamGala25Auction

Purchase a ticket to attend the online gala on Saturday, November 8, at 3 p.m.—bit.ly/SamaritanGala2025

Make a contribution in any amount to the campaign—bit.ly/SamaritanGala25Donations

For more information, contact Sarah Wood via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

## PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE AND HOSTS Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

The Sunday lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve the meal—which is why we encourage individuals, families, groups, or ministries to host at least once per program year. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt. Not sure what's involved? Want to claim a future date? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

November 2	The Sisters at St. John's
November 9	Elizabeth & Greg Morrison and
	Tony & TL Anikeeff
November 16	New Members Reception: All invited!
November 23	Pre-Thanksgiving Lunch
November 30	No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend
December 7	Stewardship Committee
December 14	Lafayette Fellowship
December 21	No Lunch
December 28	No Lunch
January 4	Three Kings' Day
January 11	
January 18	
January 25	
February 1	Annual Meeting and Reception
February 8	
February 15	Margo Wiegenstein & Team
February 22	Bishop Walker School

#### **BAPTISMS**

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism must also attend an Adult Inquirers' Class, offered twice a year, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. Upcoming dates for baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy at St. John's include:

Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 11 a.m.

Class: Saturday, January 10, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, February 15, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, February 14, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 12, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, April 11, at 10 a.m.

#### FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

#### **NURSERY HOURS**

Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Infants and children are welcome at all worship services. Nursery care is also available most Sundays for infants and children up to age three. The nursery meets in the Godly Play Classroom #2 on the second floor of the Parish House.

#### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

#### Most Sundays during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m. worship

Kids from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m. services. Children gather by the pulpit during the gradual hymn and process to the Parish House for a song, homily, and prayer time, returning to the sanctuary at the Peace. Parents may accompany their children and are encouraged to do so for those younger than three. Children are also welcome to stay and worship in the main sanctuary. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

#### **CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES**

#### Sundays, 10-10:50 a.m., from September through May

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House. For information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

#### Sundays, 10-10:50 a.m., from September through May

Most Sundays from September through May, middle and high school youth are invited to the second floor of the Parish House for an exploration of life and faith with their peers. Questions? Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

#### THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

#### Sundays during 11 a.m. worship, September through May

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

#### CHORISTER PROGRAM, September through May

We offer a choir for children and youth with unchanged (treble) voices. Through a custom-made curriculum, singers receive training in sight reading, vocal production, music theory, liturgy, and leadership, and become part of a vibrant community of music makers. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

#### **REMINDERS**

#### FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Flowers in the church and Parish House are made possible by gifts and are often dedicated to the memory of a loved one or to mark a birth or birthday, wedding, anniversary, graduation, or other special event. To make a dedication, pick up a flower card at the entrance to the church and return it either to the offering plate or to Sharlyne "Charley" Griffin in the Parish Office.

#### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10 a.m.

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For information, notes, and the Zoom link, contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

#### LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

#### MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

A pledge is a commitment of financial support payable over the course of a year that enables us to plan the work that we undertake in mission and ministry. You can indicate a pledge commitment using this QR code or by visiting the Give tab on our website.

#### ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

To make a monetary offering toward your pledge or a specific fund, scan the QR code at right, or visit our website, then select the desired destination using the "Fund" drop-down menu.



#### LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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



#### JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

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

#### PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

Praying for those in need is an important part of our life together. Contact the Pastoral Care team via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at stjohns-dc.org to add yourself, family, or friends to our prayer list. Names of friends and family who are not members of the congregation are followed by the name of the parishioner making the request.

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

#### THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: Margo Arnold, Sydney Brooks, Craig Burkhardt, Hyman Field, Chase Rynd, Christina Wilson, and Mary Wilson.

Friends and family of our parish: Alvin Atlas (Richard Metzger), Conor Barry (Sarah Wood), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Sue Edmonds (Sarah and Jeff Agnew), Julie Ellis (Preston Cherouny), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Chantay Griffin (Charley Griffin and Gee Gee Bryant), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Sean Josey (Bill and Sara Josey), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Norm Phillips (Susan Cardwell), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Ashley Smith Thomson (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Caleb Williams (Alfred Thesmar), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

#### THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

From our parish: Eve Atkeson, Milton Chamberlain, Marcella Odom, and Becky Schergens.

Friends and family of our parish: David Brown (Lisa Koehler), Bob Chrystal, Sr. (Chris Jones), Veronica Jones (Chris Jones), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

#### THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

Friends and family of our parish: Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley), Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), and Mark Hallett (Livy More).

#### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Friends and family of our parish: Nicholas Bender, October 23 (Peter and Eleanor Odom).

#### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Larry Bradley, Lizzie Eversole, Ella Fuller, Susie Jess

Hallberg, Clara Hallett, Grant Kraus, Susan Morefield, Elizabeth Morrison, Quincy Rhodes, Alexian Wines, and Jessica Zavala.

#### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Krista and Larry Bradley, Collier and Carly Connell, David and Liz Gallalee, John and Kristy Highsmith, Katie and Paul Holder, and Alex and Desirée Stolar.

#### THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris), and Charles Lewis, Jr. (Charles Lewis, Sr.).

#### **LIST OF 2026 PLEDGERS**

On behalf of the rector, wardens, vestry, and all who share in the grace of God through the worship, ministries, programs, and outreach of St. John's Church, we thank the following for their pledges for the year 2026:

(As of October 28, 2025)

Anonymous (6) Kingsley Afemikhe

Douglas & Margo Arnold

Gale Arnold Eric Bailey

Jordan & Angelle Baugh

Robert Beizer Murray J. Belman

William & Martha Birdseye

Diane Bitsberger

Marion Blakey & Bill Dooley Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington Matthew Bode & Laurie Adams

Jeff Bozman Sydney Brooks Gee Gee Bryant

Craig & Barbara Burkhardt Meghan & Douglas Burt

Rick Busch

Mark Cardwell & Paul Ramos

Virginia Chew

Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill Gwinneth Ann Clarkson Ann Compton Hughes

Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey Nicole & Stephen Crochet Garry & Patricia Dalby

Betsy Danello

Clayton & Margaret Depue

John Derrick

Mike & Beth DuMond Diana Duke Duncan James Eastwood Janet Edmond Kaye Edwards Rob & Anna Ehrich Martha Ellison

Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris

Le & Casey Evans

Caroline & Steve Faris

Hyman Field

Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood

Elizabeth Gallalee David Gallalee Carrie & Jim Garland

Kay Gilley

Donald & Ronnie Goodheart Richard & Jeanne Grimmett Stephanie & Greg Guyett Sandra Hackworth Deborah Hailey

Budd & Susan Jess Hallberg Robert & Anne Harrington

Diane Hauslein

Caleb Hays & James Reilly Tim & Susan Heil Powell & Joanne Hutton

John Peters Irelan

Bruce & Georgia Johnson

Ethan Johnson Bill & Ann Kaye Carter & Fran Keithley William T. Kendall

Kim Kennedy & Beverly Roberts Lisa & James Kirchenbauer

Anya Kleymenova Elizabeth Koehler Lix & Jon Kosobucki

Julia Koster

Kevin Kozlowski & Lara Kanitra

Kenny Kraft John & Emily Lucio Jan Lupton Chip & RJ Lyerly Middleton Martin Sherill Mason

Saunders & Joan McElroy Richard Metzger

Nathan & Kelly Miller

Livy More

Gregory & Elizabeth Morrison

Rob Mosbacher, Jr. Jack Musso

Lydia & Ralph Olson

Ucheora & Nkem Onwuamaegbu

Matthew L. Paeffgen Robert D. Pahnke Sharon Park

Cami Pease & Matt Martone Raymond & Susan Petniunas Will Rabbe & Brittany Prime Carl & Mary Raether Luis J. Ramos-Chacon Hwa Cha Redman Jack Reiffer

Harker & Geraldine Rhodes

Chase Rynd

Jessica & Alex Sanchez KayAnn & Brian Schoeneman Susan & Sandy Sierck

Alex Smith

Ken & Susan Starling Toby Stock & Margy Slattery Holly & John Sukenik

Will & Annie Simonds

Riley Temple

Alfred & Hilary Thesmar Marianne Thomas Ryan Wagner Christopher Wall

Alis Wang & Amy Stulman

Gail Berry West Emma Wilson Anita Woehler William Yale Zhijun Yang Karen Zachary

#### **WELCOME!**

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

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

**If you are visiting**, please fill out the visitor information card found at the end of each pew to enable us to welcome you personally into the life of our parish.

**St. John's website (www.stjohns-dc.org)** has up-to-date information about the church including the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

#### **Vestry Leadership & Members**

Nora Rigby, Senior Warden Alfred Thesmar, Junior Warden

Tony Anikeeff, Brian Cordova-Brookey, Kaye Edwards, Casey Evans, Debby Hailey, Fruzsina Harsanyi, Julia Koster, Elizabeth Cavert Morrison, Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer, Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members* 

> Nora Haugh, *Treasurer* Anya Kleymenova, *Assistant Treasurer* Allie Raether, *Secretary* Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

**Head Usher**—James H. Czerwonky **Head Greeters**—Eleanor and Peter Odom

**Heads of Flower Guild**Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

#### Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, Rector
The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, Associate Rector
for Family Ministry and Pastoral Care
The Rev. Eric Bailey, Assistant Priest for Parish Life
and New Member Ministry
The Rev. William Morris, Assisting Priest
for Engaging Local Communities
Brent Erstad, Director of Music and Organist
Linda Morgan Stowe and John Chappell Stowe,
Interim Assistant Organists

Preston Cherouny, Chief Operating Officer
Charley Griffin, Operations Manager
Lisa Koehler, Program Associate and
Executive Assistant to the Rector
Javier Obregon, Sexton
GeeGee Bryant, David Gamboa, and John Queen,
Assistant Sextons
Anne Stone, Publications

#### ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. John's shines as a beacon of God's love through faith, worship, care, and community, and offers a place of grace at our historic corner in the nation's capital.

#### **Parish House**

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