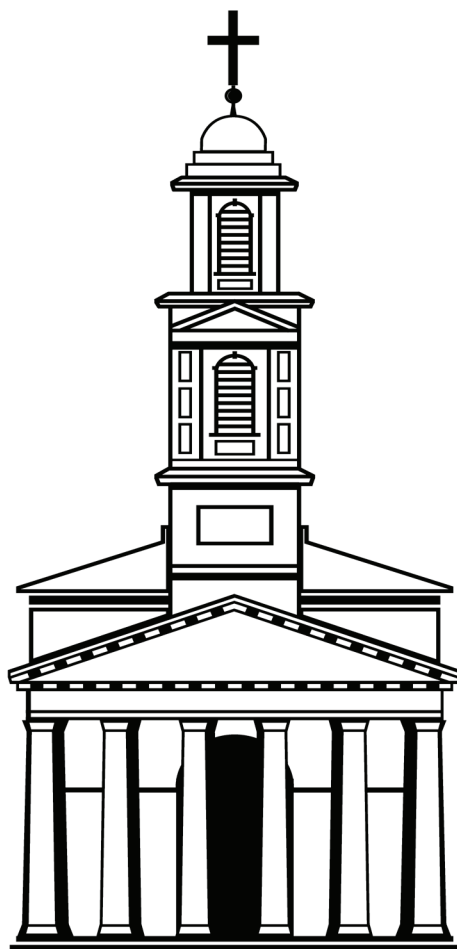


# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 29, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.



## SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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*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 10 a.m. to noon 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.*

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## VOLUNTARY

## Voluntary IV

Maurice Greene (1696–1755)

## HYMN 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

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

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

## 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.**

## GLORIA (S-280) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

*Please be seated.*

*Read by Chris Janson.*

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 16

*Said responsively by half verse, led by Krista Bradley.*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*

**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."**

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
**upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods \*  
**shall have their troubles multiplied.**

Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
**it is you who uphold my lot.**

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
**my heart teaches me, night after night.**

I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
**my body also shall rest in hope.**

For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life; \*  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

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

## GRADUAL HYMN 655

O Jesus, I have promised

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



1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:  
2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,

be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;  
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,  
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.  
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.  
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt. Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).  
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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

*Deacon* 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. Sarah Akes-Cardwell

## 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

*Led by Amy Whitworth.*

*Kneeling or standing as you are able.*

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence.*

*Intercessor* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Intercessor* For Donald, our President, the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in authority; for this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, oppression, and war.**

*Intercessor* 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.**

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*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 the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul; and for the life and ministry of Pauli Murray. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation . . . Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life . . . We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died . . . , that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*Intercessor* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence.*

*All* **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.**

*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

I hunger and thirst

Kevin Siegfried (b. 1969)

*Sung by the choir.*

I hunger and thirst after true righteousness; in what I've obtained, my soul cannot rest.  
An ocean I see without bottom or shore, O feed me, I'm hungry, enrich me, I'm poor.  
I will cry unto God, I never will cease till my soul's filled with love, perfect love, and sweet peace.

—Traditional Shaker song



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - mighty - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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## 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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

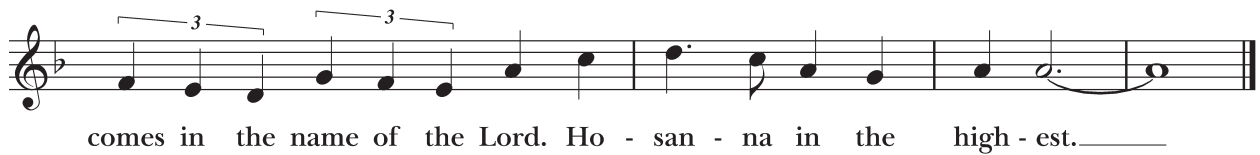
*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS (S-129) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



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

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our ancestors in faith; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

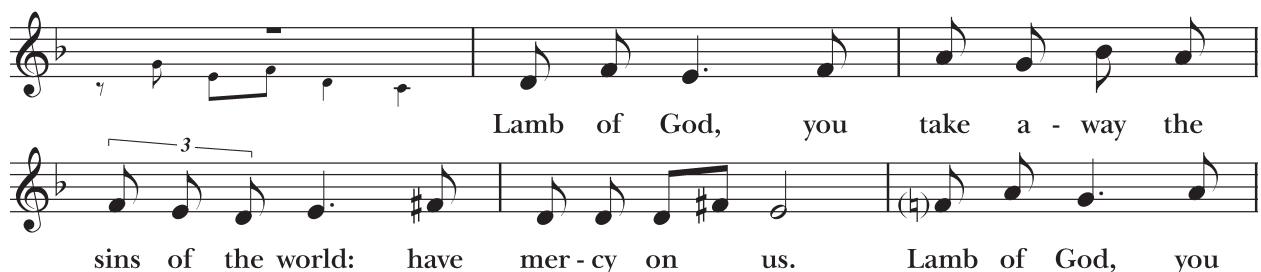
*Priest* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

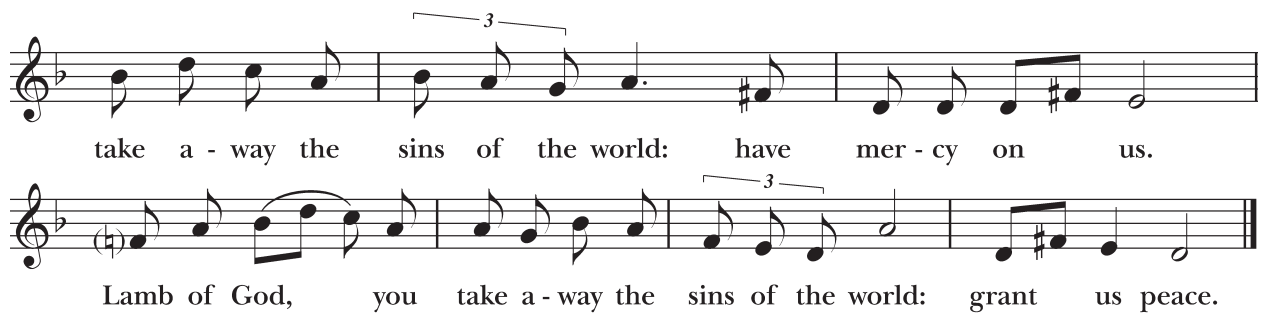
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**FRACTION ANTHEM (S-163)** *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell





## 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

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

C. Hubert Hastings Parry

*Sung by the choir.*

(1848–1918)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

—John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)

# HYMN 300

Glory, love, and praise, and honor

*Sung by all, seated.*

1 Glo - ry, love, and praise, and hon - or for our food  
 2 Thank - ful for our ev - ery bless - ing, let us sing  
 3 He dis - pels our sin and sad - ness, life im - parts,

now be - stowed ren - der we the Do - nor.  
 Christ the Spring, nev - er, nev - er ceas - ing.  
 cheers our hearts, fills with food and glad - ness.

Boun - teous God, we now con - fess thee: God, who thus  
 Source of all our gifts and gra - ces, Christ we own;  
 Who him - self for all hath giv - en, us he feeds,

bless - est us, right it is to bless thee.  
 Christ a - lone calls for all our prais - es.  
 us he leads to a feast in hea - ven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Benifold*, Francis B. Westbrook (1903-1975). By permission of Oxford University Press.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.

## HYMN 525

The Church's one foundation

*Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

1 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Fanfare in G minor

Emma Louise Ashford (1850–1930)

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

and in memory of Francisco Castillo-Roquiél and Isabel Lao-Matarin.

### ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Paul Barkett, *Crucifer* ♦ Paul Barkett and Annie Simonds, *Chalice Bearers*

Jeff Agnew, *Assistant Head Usher*

Tony Anikeeff, Zoe Fisher, Michele Mullins, and Bill Wright, *Ushers*

Christine Davies and Caroline Faris, *Greeters*

Zach Schutz, *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.**

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## ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

*Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a "Welcome" card and leaving it in the offering plate or with an usher or greeter. ♦ Free valet parking is available 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. ♦ Find us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare or visit [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org) for more about our offerings and how to get in touch.*

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# Announcements for the Week of June 29

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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*Refugee School Supply Drive continues (see next column).*

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon (Parish House Second Floor)
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell  
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)  
Summer Potluck (see next column)  
Church Tour (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: 32nd Street, NW; Cameron Station Boulevard, Alexandria; and Red Clover Drive, Rockville.**

### SING WITH THE SUMMER CHOIR

Singers of all stripes are invited to join the Summer Choir. **There is no midweek commitment, and you are welcome to sing for as many or as few Sundays as you are able.** We rehearse each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. to sing at the 10:30 a.m. service. This is a great opportunity to explore the choral program at St. John's and to get to know members of the St. John's Choir and Parish Choir who will be on hand to lend their voices as well. Please contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions or to learn more about the music program at St. John's.

### REFUGEE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

**Now through Sunday, July 6**

The Refugee Committee is hosting its annual backpack and school supply drive for K through 5th-grade refugee youth. Please help welcome refugee students to our area by donating new school supplies!

We are asking for backpacks; three-ring binders (1- to 2-inch), packs of loose-leaf wide-ruled paper, composition books, wide-ruled wirebound notebooks, folders with pockets, #2 pencils, crayons, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, pencil boxes or pouches, hand-held pencil sharpeners, hand-held erasers, glue sticks, child-safe scissors, and rulers with both inches and centimeters.

**On Sundays**, we are collecting the new supplies under the portico of the church facade before and after the 10:30 a.m. service. **On weekdays**, you may place donations in the box inside the H Street church entrance. You can also donate through the **Amazon Wish List** found at [bit.ly/refugee-school-supplies-2025](https://bit.ly/refugee-school-supplies-2025). Questions? Contact Lacy Broemel through our website.

### SUMMER POST-CHURCH POTLUCK

**Today at 11:30 a.m.**

During the summer, we extend our tradition of socializing, with a monthly potluck in the Togo West Parlor after the 10:30 a.m. service. Whether you have brought something to share today or not, please join us for food and fellowship!



### TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

**Today at 11:30 a.m.**

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

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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 10:30 a.m. service. Today's guide is Richard Busch.

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*June 30 through July 6*

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**Monday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Wednesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

*No noonday service on Friday, July 4: Independence Day*

**Sunday**—The Rev. Rob Fisher, preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

10:30 a.m. Fife and Drum Service—Choral Eucharist  
with Children's Chapel (see next column)

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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**Monday, June 30**

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

**Tuesday, July 1**

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

**Thursday, July 3**

1 p.m. Parish Office closes for Independence Day

**Friday, July 4—Independence Day**

All Day Parish Office closed

**Sunday, July 6—Fife and Drum Sunday**

10:30 a.m. Fife and Drum Service and Ice Cream Social  
(see next column)

11:45 a.m. Federal Workers Support Group  
(see next column)

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## NEXT SUNDAY

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### FIFE AND DRUM SERVICE

**Sunday, July 6, at 10:30 a.m.**

Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 6, for our annual Fife and Drum service featuring the Summer Choir and guest musicians offering music in celebration of Independence Day. Highlights include "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Stars and Stripes Forever," and other music representative of the history and culture of America.

### Stay after the service for an ice cream social!

Everyone who attends the 10:30 a.m. service will receive a coupon redeemable for one free ice cream or popsicle. Omar, who operates an ice cream cart on our corner, will be on the Plaza to receive coupons.



### FEDERAL WORKERS SUPPORT GROUP

**Sunday, July 6, at 11:45 a.m.**

Clergy and lay leaders will hold space for federal workers and others affected by recent changes to their work environment to offer support during this time of loss and uncertainty. We will meet in the third-floor conference room to provide an hour of fellowship and support while we engage the depth and strength of our faith. RSVP online at [bit.ly/fwsg-july-6](https://bit.ly/fwsg-july-6) to help us plan, if you are able.

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## NEWS & NOTICES

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### BELL TOWER THANKS

We are grateful to the many donors who supported the St. John's Bell Tower and Roof Repair Campaign. The project came in on time and under budget! And between gifts and pledges, we have raised all the funds to cover all costs. To thank those who donated, we will create a plaque that will be placed permanently within the bell tower. In the meantime, we've made a draft, which is posted on the wall near the H Street entrance. If you see anything that needs correcting, please let us know. Most of all, thank you to everyone who helped make this campaign a success.

### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED . . . ?

*. . . directing your Required Minimum Distribution to St. John's as a Qualified Charitable Distribution?*

As part of fulfilling your annual pledge or any other special gift that you might want to make to St. John's, we welcome your qualified charitable distribution (QCD), directing your annual required minimum distribution (RMD) to a qualified 501(c)(3) charity such as St. John's.

If you are over 70½ years old, you can direct not only up to \$108,000 of your annual RMD, but also \$108,000 of your IRA assets to the charity of your choice, even if your RMD is smaller. In addition, if you are over 70½ years old and have an inherited IRA requiring an annual RMD, you can also direct up to \$108,000 from the inherited IRA to the charity of your choice.

As always, you should consult with your financial and tax advisors to confirm that this is the best strategy for you. And as a reminder, these distributions can be made **only from** IRA accounts, **not from** 401(k)s, 403(b)s, the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), or other non-IRA retirement plans.

Questions? Please contact Lisa Kirchenbauer via the 1816 Society listing under the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website.

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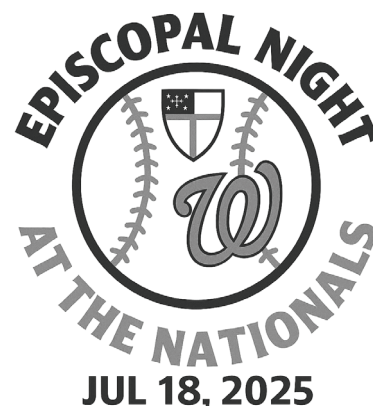
## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### RSCM EVENSONG WITH GUEST CONDUCTOR Thursday, July 10, at 5 p.m.

Join us for a special service of Choral Evensong sung by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) D.C. Residency Choir. The choir will include musicians from around the country who are gathered in D.C. for a week of study, rehearsal, and liturgy. The conductor of the choir is Dr. Jeremy Filsell, recently of St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York City. Please join us in welcoming this wonderful group of church musicians to St. John's.



### LATROBE FELLOWSHIP AT THE BALLPARK! Friday, July 18, at 6:45 p.m.

On Friday, July 18, members of St. John's Latrobe Fellowship will join with congregants from Episcopal parishes around the diocese to catch a Nationals home game. Tickets are \$54 each. In an effort to be seated in the same area, please contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website to RSVP. You can purchase your tickets at [bit.ly/nats-july-2025](https://bit.ly/nats-july-2025).



## ERIC BAILEY'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

**Saturday, July 19, at 10 a.m.**

All are warmly invited to Eric Bailey's ordination to the priesthood at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 19, at Washington National Cathedral. Eric is our new Assistant for Youth, Young Adults, and New Member Engagement. He has been serving at St. John's since the summer of 2024, and received his M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary in May 2025. Join us in celebrating this special occasion in Eric's life and the life of the wider church.



## GRACE'S TABLE

**Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

*Upcoming Dates: July 19 and August 16*

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.

## SUMMER POST-CHURCH POTLUCK

**Sunday, July 27, at 11:30 a.m.**

During the summer, we extend our tradition of socializing, with a monthly potluck in the Togo West Parlor after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please sign up to bring a salad, bread, or dessert as you are able. Contact Holly Sukenik via "Parish Lunch" at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory) with questions.



## LATROBE FELLOWSHIP RIVER CRUISE

**Sunday, July 27, 2–4 p.m.**

Those 21+ are invited to join us for a relaxing tiki cruise on the water. The boat departs at 2:15 p.m. from 3100 K Street, NW, and we should finish around 4 p.m. Tickets are

\$45 each, drinks paid separately. RSVP at [bit.ly/latrobe-cruise-july-27](http://bit.ly/latrobe-cruise-july-27). Questions? Contact the Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

## ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, August 7, at 7 p.m., via Zoom**

St. John's Book Group is taking a brief hiatus this summer. Our next meeting will take place virtually on Thursday, August 7, at 7 p.m. to share individual recommendations for great books. On Thursday, September 11, we will gather to discuss *The Bee Sting* by Paul Murray. Set in Ireland, the novel is a thought-provoking tour de force about family, fortune, and the struggle to be a good person when the world is falling apart. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

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## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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### NURSERY HOURS

**Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon**

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

**Sundays during 10:30 a.m. worship**

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

*The following programs for children and youth are currently on summer hiatus and will resume after Labor Day:*

### 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.

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## 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. Dcn. 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 us via [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

## CHORISTER PROGRAM

**From September through May**

We offer a preparatory choir for children in grades 3–6 and an advanced (auditioned) program for young singers with unchanged voices. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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## REMINDERS

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### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Occasional summer Sundays via Zoom**

During the program year, this group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Now through the end of summer, we will meet occasionally via Zoom, dates to be determined, with weekly study materials provided by email. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For information, contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

### 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.

### LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

The weekly 10:30 a.m. Sunday service (11 a.m. from September through May) is broadcast and available for

replay on our website, 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](http://www.stjohns-dc.org), and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.



## 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, November 2, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, November 1, at 10 a.m.*

**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.*

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## PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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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](http://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.

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**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, Hyman Field, Debby Hailey, Veronica Jones, Barney Malloy, David Springer, Jocelyn Tichenor, and Mary Wilson.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Conor Barry (Sarah Wood), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Sue Edmonds (Sarah and Jeff Agnew), Julie Ellis (Preston Cherouny), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Mark Hallett (Livy More), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon

Montgomery), Teri Nelson (Lisa Koehler), Patrick Christopher O'Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Norm Phillips (Susan Cardwell), Leo S. (Wendy J. Fibison), 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), Reuben Varghese (Krista and Larry Bradley), Jim Wardrop (Jack Reiffer), Wendy Wardwell (Jim and Pat Czerwonky), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

### **THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING**

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

**Friends and family of our parish:** David Brown (Lisa Koehler), Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), Cawley Scott (Robyne Johnston), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

### **THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison).

### **THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY**

Renate Alison, Chandler Battaile, Hewlette Connell, Elise Doucet, Mason Green, Charley Griffin, Nora Haugh, Walker Johnston, Owen Littleton, Benjamin Lovelace, Nayla Mengel, Mario Paslar, Anna Lee Price, Lisa Russo, Nicholas Schoeneman, Charlotte Stewart, Ella Tejera, and Perri Warren.

### **THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY**

Anne and Bill Kaye.

### **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.).

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

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# WELCOME!

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

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

**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](http://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.

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## **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

## **Worship & Program Staff**

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*  
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Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

The Rev. Dcn. Eric Bailey, *Assistant for Youth,*  
*Young Adults, and New Member Engagement*

## **Staff**

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Charley Griffin, *Operations Manager*

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Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant, David Gamboa, and John Queen,  
*Assistant Sextons*

Anne Stone, *Publications*

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## **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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