

# SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 20, 2024 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m.

*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.*

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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 on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Look for the valet sign at the corner of Black Lives Matter Plaza (16th Street) and H Street, NW. ♦ Follow us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare. See photos from St. John's musical performances, special events, meetings, Sunday services, and more. Relive the moment or experience it for the first time through the touch of a button on your smartphone.*

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 91:9-16

*Said responsively by half verse.*

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \*  
**and the Most High your habitation,**

There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
**neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
**to keep you in all your ways.**

They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
**lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
**you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.**

Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
**I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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.

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**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

**ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE**

Sandra Hackworth, *Lay Server* ♦ George Diliberto, *Assistant Head Usher* ♦ Anita Diliberto, *Usher*  
Pat Dalby, Joanne Hutton, Katherine Kyle, Anna McIntosh,  
Nicole Kleman Neufeld, and Adelle Simmons, *Flower Guild*

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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**OFFERING PRAYER INTENTIONS**

*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.*

**MAKING AN OFFERING**

*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*



**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

*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.*

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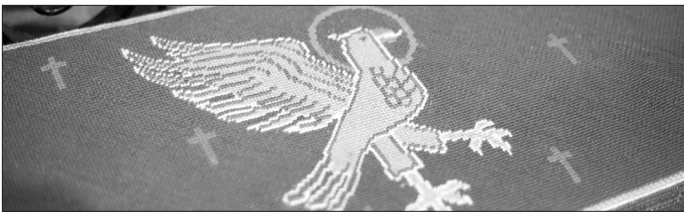
# Announcements for the Week of October 20

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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- 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. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Rob Fisher
- 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)  
Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)  
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Rob Fisher  
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)
- 12:30 p.m. Bell Tower Rededication (Sanctuary; 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: 33rd Street, NW; Montello Avenue, NE; and Georgetown Pike, McLean.**



### BELL TOWER REDEDICATION

**Today at 12:30 p.m.**

Join us at a ceremony to rededicate our newly restored historic bell tower. The festivities will include glorious music, guest neighbors and dignitaries, and a talk by historian Sean Wilentz of Princeton University, and will be followed by a catered reception on the Plaza.

On display will be a rarely seen painting of St. John's by Childe Hassam (who painted *The Avenue in the Rain*, which hangs in the Oval Office) and parishioner Matthew Taylor's famous recreation of St. John's in LEGO® bricks ([bit.ly/sjc-lego-model](http://bit.ly/sjc-lego-model)).

The AFL-CIO has graciously offered to provide access for guests to use their elevators during the reception to experience the remarkable view of our church and bell tower, as well as the White House and Potomac River.

If you attend you will be able to take home an actual hand-cut 1822 nail from the bell tower. (First come, first served, and one per person.) Each nail tells a story and bears witness to the past. The bell tower was built by hand in an era before electric power tools or even store-bought nails. These nails have been part of the church structure standing above the White House for more than 200 years.



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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*October 21–27*

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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

**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  
and Children's Chapel

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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### **Monday, October 21**

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

### **Tuesday, October 22**

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

### **Wednesday, October 23**

4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal  
(Parish House Fourth Floor)

### **Thursday, October 24**

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals (Parish House Fourth  
Floor)

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal (Parish House Fourth  
Floor)

### **Saturday, October 26**

9:30 a.m. Adult Inquirers' Class (Togo West Parlor;  
see below)

### **THE 2024 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS** **Saturdays, October 26 and November 2**

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's? If so, please join the two-day Fall Adult Inquirers' Class, led by

the Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, on Saturdays, October 26 and November 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All are welcome, whether you are a newcomer or a longtime parishioner. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, our Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church. To register, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Those who participate or who have completed another inquirers' class are invited to celebrate with a Service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, November 16.

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## SPEAKER SERIES

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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.



**October 27: The Rev. Christine Dunn**, Director of Community Engagement for Lutheran Social Services of the Northern Capital Area, will speak about who our refugee neighbors are and will highlight volunteer opportunities and ways to advocate for refugees.



**November 3: Vice Admiral Frank "Trey" Whitworth**, Director of the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, will talk about the work of the agency and the role it plays in keeping the nation safe.



**November 10: Marla Karlin**, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, will deliver a talk entitled "The Middle East: Old Challenges, New Dilemmas" reflecting on a critical and timely topic.

### **December 1: No Forum** (*Advent Wreath Making*)



**December 8: G. Derek Musgrove**, a University of Maryland professor of history whose teaching and scholarship focus on African-American politics, will give a talk entitled "Black Protest Politics in the 1980s and 1990s."

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## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

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### 2025 PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

*As of Wednesday, October 16, we had received 113 pledges totalling \$517,735.*

A big thank you to all who have already pledged for 2025! Your pledge ensures that the Vestry and Rector will be able to plan for another great year of ministry, music, outreach, and fellowship. All pledges are welcome. If you are able to increase your pledge this year, it will impact the growth of our programs to better serve our diverse parish community. You can pledge either with a physical pledge card, available at the front desk or in the narthex of the church, or by completing an online form at [stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge](http://stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge). Thank you!

—Caroline Faris, Chair of the Stewardship Committee

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### **Required Minimum Distributions can be directed from an IRA to St. John's—something to keep in mind!**

We are grateful for all of the ways St. John's members give to the church. If you are in a position to give from your retirement account, now may be a good time to consider directing some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to a charity, including St. John's as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) as part of your annual giving or as a one-time gift. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please contact Lisa Kirchenbauer, Chair of the 1816 Society, via the Ministry Directory on our website.

Earlier this summer, the Treasury Department and IRS issued updated rules on when/how Required Minimum Distributions will be handled in the future. A few reminders:

- Those born between 1951 and 1959 must begin their RMDs at age 73.
- Those born in 1960 and later, do not need to take their distributions until age 75.
- For IRAs inherited, with exceptions possibly for spouses and minor/disabled children, you must complete distribution of all assets within 10 years of the death of the original owner (the distributions do not have to be equal), unless the original owner of the IRA died before January 1, 2020.

- If the original owner of the inherited IRA had started distributions before death and died on or after January 1, 2020, the inheritor must take distributions along with meeting the 10-year rule.
- Opportunity: Once you are over 70½ years, whether you hold a regular IRA or inherited IRA, you are able to make Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) directly to the 501(c)3 charity of your choice of up to \$105K/year tax-free. (You **cannot** do this from Donor Advised Funds, 401ks and other retirement plans besides IRAs, and the money must go directly to the charity from the IRA.)

This opportunity may support your annual charitable gifting as well as one-time charitable gifts. As you plan end-of-year 2024 giving and future 2025 charitable giving, you may want to talk with your tax advisor and financial advisor regarding your obligations and options.

### 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 and life insurance. Check out the Episcopal Church Foundation ([episcopalgifts.org](http://episcopalgifts.org)) to learn more about your options for planned giving. Contact Lisa Kirchenbauer via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org) with questions or to join the 1816 Society.

### 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 3, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, November 2, at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, January 11, at 10 a.m.*

**Sunday, February 9, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, February 8, at 10 a.m.*

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUTREACH: SOUTH AFRICA

The Outreach Committee has been supporting a seminarian in South Africa in her studies to become a priest. She even worships with us on many a Sunday through our internet connections. For questions and to get involved with our South African outreach efforts, contact Abbott McCartney via the Kwasa listing in our online Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

## SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

### 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, and ministries to sign up to host at least once between October 6 and the end of May. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt. Not sure what's involved? Want to claim an open date? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

October 20 *No Lunch: Bell Tower Rededication*

October 27 *No Lunch: Marine Corps Marathon*

November 3 The Sisters at St. John's

November 10

November 17 New Members Reception

November 24

December 1 *No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend*

December 8 Stewardship

December 15 Greeters

December 22 *No Lunch*

December 29 *No Lunch*

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## ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

*Sunday, November 3*

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## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Names of those who have died since November 1, 2023, will be listed in our All Saints' service bulletins on November 3 and read aloud during the All Souls' requiem that evening at 5:30 p.m. If you would like a name to be included in this remembrance, please complete our online form at [bit.ly/sjc-necrology-2024](http://bit.ly/sjc-necrology-2024). The deadline for submitting names is Monday, October 28.

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Sunday, November 3, 5:15–7:30 p.m.

Timed to coincide with the All Souls Fauré Requiem Mass being offered in the sanctuary, kids ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to play, watch a movie, and eat pizza at the church. Parents may attend the All Souls service or make their own plans. RSVP by Monday, October 28, using the online form found at [bit.ly/PNO-1003](http://bit.ly/PNO-1003). Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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THE COMMEMORATION *of* ALL  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED

# REQUIEM

GABRIEL FAURÉ

THE ST. JOHN'S CHOIR & CHORISTERS  
*with* CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

*The service will include the annual reading of the parish necrology.*

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, at 5:30 PM

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## ANNUAL REQUIEM EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

Sunday, November 3, at 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we commemorate all faithful departed at a Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day. The St. John's Choir and Choristers will be joined by chamber orchestra and organ in offering Gabriel Fauré's beloved *Requiem* in the context of a liturgy. The service will include the reading of the names of those members and friends of our parish who have died in the past year. A reception will follow in the Togo West Parlor. Complimentary parking is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW; please obtain a validation ticket from an usher before or after the service. The service will also be available via livestream on our website.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP TRIVIA NIGHT

**Monday, October 28, 7–9 p.m.**

The Lafayette Fellowship is a group of adults looking for community. Join us on Monday, October 28, 7–9 p.m., at Red Bear Brewing Company (209 M Street, NE) for a free trivia night where ample food and drinks will be available for purchase. The trivia ranges from current events to music and movie history to sports—so knowledge of all types is both needed and welcomed. Come help our team! RSVP to [bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events](https://bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events). Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](https://stjohns-dc.org).



### SAMARITAN MINISTRY GALA 2024

**Saturday, November 2, 3–6 p.m.**

Join other St. John's Lafayette Square parishioners in helping to make the DMV a kinder, more equitable place by attending Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington's Gala 2024. Enjoy abundant and delicious passed hors d'oeuvres, charcuterie and dessert stations, wine, beer, seasonal mocktails, live music, and plenty of onsite parking at the beautiful St. Paul's Center on the campus of St. Paul's Episcopal Rock Creek Parish (201 Allison Street, NW).

Proceeds will provide caring and individualized coaching, counseling, education, and material assistance to struggling area residents working to overcome poverty, homelessness, and other critical challenges. Tickets and more information available at [bit.ly/smgw-gala-2024](https://bit.ly/smgw-gala-2024). Questions? Contact Sarah Wood via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](https://stjohns-dc.org).

### LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP LUNCH AND ART EXHIBITION

**Sunday, November 3, noon to 3:30 p.m.**

The Lafayette Fellowship is a group of adults looking for community. On Sunday, November 3, come enjoy Sunday parish lunch at St. John's followed by a tour of the National Gallery of Art's "Paris 1974: The Impressionist Moment." We look forward to sitting together and catching up over lunch, departing by 1:15 p.m. for the museum. Prior to viewing the exhibit, we will gather in the Cascade Cafe in the NGA's East Building for a brief discussion that will provide context and spur our thinking. Please let us know that you're coming so we can keep a lookout for you. RSVP to [bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events](https://bit.ly/lafayette-fellowship-events). Questions? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](https://stjohns-dc.org).

### LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m.**

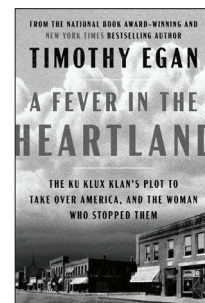
The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. At our November gathering, we will be joined by St. John's music director, Brent Erstad, for a lesson on worship and liturgy. For more, contact Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, November 7, at 7 p.m.**

Join us via Zoom to discuss *A Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Egan. This historical thriller recounts the rise of the Klan's power in Indiana and the U.S. in the 1920s, and the true story of how one American woman shut them down.

The book group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us online at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](https://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



### GRACE'S TABLE

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

*Upcoming Dates: November 16 and December 21*

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. Volunteers purchase and prepare food (including casseroles, rolls, salad, and dessert) and/or serve the guests. Typically, as many as 60 or 70 guests come seeking food and fellowship. 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.

### **REFUGEE COMMITTEE**

**Saturday, November 16, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 17, 2:30–6 p.m.**

Help the Refugee Committee with a clothing and supply donation giveaway event for refugee women at the Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resource Center in Alexandria. On Saturday, November 16, we will sort donations and set up for the event. On Sunday, November 17, we will host the giveaway event, with volunteers serving as personal shopper support to refugee women and hosting a play/craft area for children while the mothers shop. This will be a great way to meet and support refugee women in-person. The resource center is located at 5710A General Washington Drive, Alexandria, and we will organize a carpool for anyone who needs it. Sign up online at [bit.ly/refugee-donation-event](https://bit.ly/refugee-donation-event). Questions? Contact Lacy Broemel via the online Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](https://stjohns-dc.org).

### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

**Wednesday, November 20, at 5:30 p.m.**

Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the even point between the active day and the restful night. Evensong is sung by the St. John's Choir on the third Wednesday of each month from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. Parking validation is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW. A validation ticket can be obtained from an usher before or after the service. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special offering. The service will also be available via livestream on our website.

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## **FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

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### **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.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES**

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House. The Godly Play class is for children in pre-K through first grade, while kids in second through fifth grade gather in the Spark class. For information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.**

All 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 Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

**Sundays during 11 a.m. worship**

Children from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at the 11 a.m. service. 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.

*Opportunities for children and youth continue on the next page.*



## THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

### Sundays during 11 a.m. worship

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

The St. John's Chorister Program offers children and youth exceptional choral training, music theory education, and leadership development. We have 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

### 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. Through November, the class is studying the end of the Galilean Ministry of Jesus, the Way of the Cross, and the episodes before Christ's Passion. For class notes and Zoom login information, please connect with leader Jack Reiffer at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

## FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The flowers that enhance the beauty of the Church and Parish House are made possible by gifts from our community and are often dedicated to the memory of a loved one or to mark a birth or birthday, a wedding, an anniversary, a graduation, or another special event. To make a dedication, pick up a flower card at the entrance to the Church.

## MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

A pledge is a commitment of financial support over the course of a year, to be paid weekly, monthly, or on another schedule. By making a pledge to St. John's, you enable us to plan for the work we undertake in mission and ministry. It's easy to make a pledge commitment online using this QR code or by visiting the Give tab on our website.



## ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

If you want to make a monetary offering toward your pledge or a specific fund, you may do so on our website or by scanning the QR code on the right. In the "Fund" drop-down menu, select the fund to which you wish to donate.



## 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.

## 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.



## LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

The weekly 11 a.m. Sunday service (10:30 a.m. in summer) is broadcast and available for replay on our website, as are the monthly evensong and occasional other special services and events.



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## PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

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Praying for the sick and those in need is an important part of our life together. We invite you to add yourself, family, or friends to the parish prayer list. **Contact Pastoral Care through the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).** Birthdays, anniversaries, births, and deaths are listed for a week. Other names added to the prayer list will be reviewed twice a year to help keep prayer requests current. If you would like a name to be on the prayer list for a specific period of time, please let us know. For family and friends who are not members of the congregation, we list in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers.

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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:** Yung Chang, Anne Field, Andy McKinnon, and David Springer.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Cathy Ballman (Laura Ballman), Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Kiesha Carroll and George Wilkins, Jr. (GeeGee Bryant), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Mary Leche DeLong (Margo Wiegenstein), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Pat Dunachie (Jeff Bozman), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Ryan Hyde (Pete and Katherine Kyle), 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), Melinda Leslie (Patricia Leslie), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Luke Morrison (Elizabeth and Greg Morrison), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Nicholas and Sophie Panagi (Brian and KayAnn Schoeneman), Ian Paton (Frances Tyler), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey),

Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), John Walsten (Emily and John Lucio), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

### THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

**From our parish:** Eve Atkeson, Milton Chamberlain, Jack Kinsey, Barney Malloy, Marcella Odom, Becky Schergens, and Paul and Susan Van Nice.

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

### THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

**Friends and family of our parish:** Carol Bradley (Larry and Krista Bradley), Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), and Ian Paton (Frances Tyler).

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Carly Connell, Patricia Dalby, Sharon Deangelis, Lauren Edwards, Rob Fisher, Tammi Hoback, Hunter Johnston, Gabe Leonelli, Eleanor Odom, Natachi Onwuamaegbu, and Chase Woodley.

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Doug and Margo Arnold, Tony Anikeeff and Tung-lin Wu, Case and McGowin Anderson, Ray and Susan Petniunas, Jason and Laurie Rossbach, Kim Kennedy and Beverly Roberts, and Nicole and Stephen Crochet.

### THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

**Friends and family of our parish:** Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Anna Broadbent-Evelyn (Shawn Evelyn), and Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris).

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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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## THE 1816 SOCIETY

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 and life insurance.

Learn more about giving options at the Episcopal Church Foundation's website ([episcopalgifts.org](http://episcopalgifts.org)).

Questions about giving or the 1816 Society? Please contact Lisa Kirchenbauer via the Ministry Directory.

*(Members as of October 16, 2024)*

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Christine & Thomas Arrasmith  
Douglas & Margo Arnold  
Paul Barkett  
Matt Bode & Laurie Adams  
Autumn Brown  
Richard T. Busch  
Andrea Charters  
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill  
Jamie Craft  
Nicole & Stephen Crochet  
James Czerwonky  
Kaye Edwards

Lauren Edwards  
Martha Ellison  
Clark K. Ervin & Carolyn Harris  
Christopher & Elizabeth Gardner  
Carrie & Jim Garland  
Kay Gilley  
Budd & Susan Hallberg  
Everett & Nora Haugh  
Laura & John Herzog  
John Peters Irelan  
Bill & Sara Josey  
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Livy More  
Eric Peters  
Susan & Raymond Petniunas  
Chase Rynd  
Anne Stewart  
Riley Temple  
Pamela & Patrick Venzke  
Renee B. Yancey

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## LIST OF 2025 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 2025:**

*(As of October 16, 2024)*

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Anonymous (4)  
David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis  
John & Renate Alison  
Douglas & Margo Arnold  
Paul Barkett  
Chandler Battaile  
Robert Beizer  
Martha L. & William S. Birdseye  
Diane Bitsberger  
Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington  
Thomas Bleha & Natasha Simes  
Katherine Bliss & Mark Dennis  
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Craig & Barbara Burkhardt  
Richard T. Busch  
Susan Cardwell  
Andrea Charters  
Mary Jane Checchi  
Preston Cherouny  
Virginia Chew  
Carlye Christianson & Pascal Joly  
Joe Creech & Stephanie Delong  
Betsy Danello  
Christine Davies  
LaFawn C. Davis  
John Derrick  
James Doyle  
Mike & Beth DuMond  
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Janet Edmond  
Kaye Edwards  
Martha Ellison  
Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris  
Sylvia Martin-Estes & Doug Estes  
Caroline Faris  
Hyman & Anne Field  
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood

Kay Gilley  
Donnie & Ronald Goodheart  
Sandra Hackworth  
Deborah Hailey  
Budd & Susan Hallberg  
Barbara Harper  
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Joanne & Powell Hutton  
John Peters Irelan  
Wande Johnson  
Ethan Johnson  
Robert & Whitney Johnston  
Carter & Fran Keithley  
Loren & Anne Kieve  
James & Lisa Kirchenbauer  
Julia Koster  
Grant Kraus  
Julie Neff Lippman  
Emily & John Lucio  
Chip & RJ Lyerly  
Sandy & Nancy Martin  
Jacob McNeil  
Ellen McPeake  
Johnathan S. Miller  
Joseph D. Mitchell  
Livy More  
Greg & Elizabeth Cavert Morrison  
Rob Mosbacher, Jr.  
John C. Northrup  
Peter & Eleanor Odom  
Ralph & Lydia Olson  
Robert Pahnke  
Robert & Sharon Park

Cami Pease  
Robin Pennington  
Raymond & Susan Petniunas  
Richard Price & Yung Chang  
Carl & Mary Raether  
Glenn Reichardt & JoAnn Zuercher  
Jack Reiffer  
Geraldine & Harker Rhodes  
Damion Rose  
Chase Rynd  
KayAnn & Brian Schoeneman  
John & Zachary Schutz  
Sandy & Susan Sierck  
Adelle Simmons  
Diane & Peter Spaulding  
John Staples & Scott Raspa  
Kenneth & Susan Starling  
Anne Stewart  
Toby Stock & Margy Slattery  
Desirée Stolar  
Patrick J. Summers  
Hilary & Alfred Thesmar  
Jocelyn Tichenor  
Susan Valaskovic  
Paul & Susan Van Nice  
Pamela & Patrick Venzke  
Christopher Wall  
Alis Wang & Amy Stulman  
Louisa Waycott  
Susan Welch  
Gail West  
Elena & Marty Williams  
Emma Wilson  
Bill Wright  
Renee Yancey  
Paul & Sitta Zehfuss



# 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**

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

Tony Anikeeff, Krista Rimple Bradley, Kaye Edwards,  
Wendy J. Fibison, David Gallalee, Fruzsina Harsanyi,  
Elizabeth Cavert Morrison, Ucheora Onwuamaegbu,  
Jack Reiffer, Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger,  
*Members*

Casey Evans, *Treasurer*

Nora Haugh, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

## **Head Usher**

James H. Czerwonky

## **Heads of Flower Guild**

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

## **Head Greeters**

Eleanor and Peter Odom

## **Worship and Program Staff**

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

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

The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*  
*for Engaging Local Communities*

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

Eric Bailey, *Minister for Youth and Young Adults*

## **Staff**

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.

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