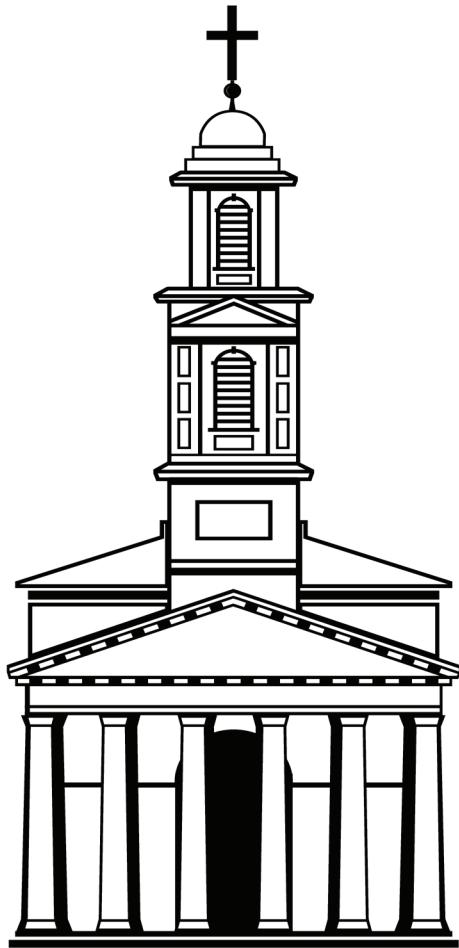


THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 1, 2026 ♦ 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 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.

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

Please refrain from taking photos or videos during services.

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## VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C, bwv 545 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

## HYMN 525

The Church's one foundation

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

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The top staff is for the soprano, the middle for the alto, and the bottom for the bass. The lyrics are arranged in five-line stanzas, with the first line of each stanza numbered 1 through 5. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a variety of dynamics indicated by dots and dashes.

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus 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 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 (1932–2025)

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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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

Micah 6:1-8

*Please be seated.*

*Read by Holly Sukenik.*

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 15

*Chanted by the choir; setting by John Robinson (1682–1762)*

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.

He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

*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 656

Blest are the pure in heart

*Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1 & 2 will be sung before the Gospel, stanzas 3 & 4 after.*

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
for his dwell-ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Following the Gospel, all sing stanzas 3 & 4 of the gradual hymn.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. William Morris

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Led by Caroline Faris.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* We pray for the communities of St. John’s and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa\* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Eugene, our Assistant Bishop; and all bishops, priests, and deacons.

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* We pray for Donald, our President; for the leaders of Congress and the nations, for the Supreme Court, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

*Priest* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CONFSSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

*Silence.*

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

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

## THE PEACE

*Please stand as you are able.*

*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**

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion

Malcolm Boyle (1902–1976)

*Sung by the choir.*

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and receives unto thee. He shall dwell in thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, e'en of thy holy temple. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stay'd on thee. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Let the people praise thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God shall give us his blessing.

—*Psalm 65:1, 2, 4; Isaiah 26:3, 4; Psalm 67:3, 6, 7*

**HYMN LEVAS 120**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
 2. (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ Till you  
 3. (3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ Now you're

1. know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
 2. know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
 3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can

1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
 2. one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_ "I am  
 3. make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_ You'll en -

1. know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. going to walk with Je - sus all the way." \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel. \_\_\_\_\_

Sweet Ho-ly Spir-it, Sweet Heav-en-ly Dove,  
 Stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love.  
 And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in  
 praise; With-out a doubt we'll know that we have  
 been re-vived when we shall leave this place. 2. There are  
 3. If you place.

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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.

*The priest continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People* We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

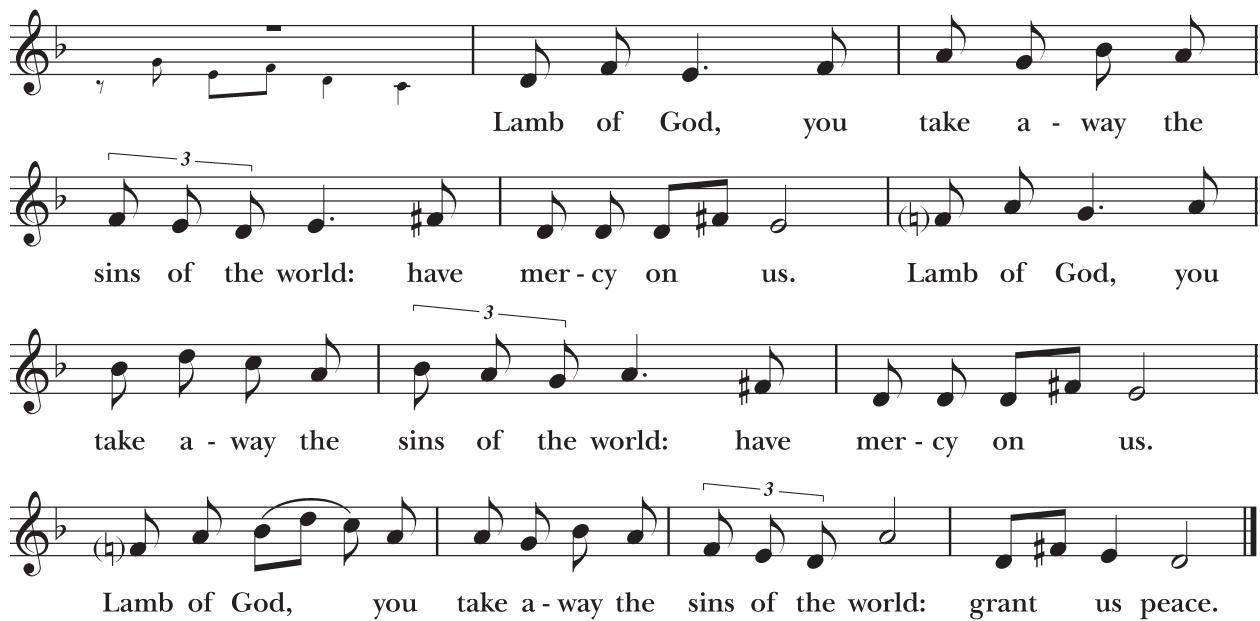
*Priest* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Robert Powell



Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## 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

Beati mundo corde

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

*Sung by the choir.*

*Beati mundo corde, quoniam ipsi Deum videbunt. Beati pacifici, quoniam filii Dei vocabuntur. Beati qui persecutionem patiuntur propter justitiam, quoniam ipsorum est regnum coelorum.*

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. —Matthew 5:8-10

## HYMN 517

How lovely is thy dwelling-place

*Sung by all, seated.*

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to  
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a  
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with  
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -  
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and  
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till  
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my very heart and  
 praise thee with - out rest, and happy they whose  
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in  
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly  
 flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.  
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.  
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.  
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

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

Love divine, all loves excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### VOLUNTARY

Presto from *Concerto in G*

Johann Ernst (1696–1715)  
arr. J. S. Bach

*Please remain in the sanctuary or online for the annual meeting,  
which will begin shortly after the conclusion of this service.*

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

and in memory of Rota Lee.

### ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Anya Kleymenova, *Crucifer* | Powe Rigby and Nicholas Schoeneman, *Acolytes*

Paul Barkett and Debby Hailey, *Chalice Bearers*

Anthony Pegues, *Assistant Head Usher*

Brian Cordova-Brooke, Fruzsina Harsanyi, Jess Unger, and Bill Wright, *Ushers*

Krista Bradley and Larry Bradley, *Greeters*

Ellie Fullerton and Becca Brown Todd, *Flower Guild*

Jeremy Skog, *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 for more about our offerings and how to get in touch.*

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## Announcements for the Week of February 1

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### TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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*Children's Chapel is offered during the sermon at 10:30 a.m.*

*Preaching this morning: The Rev. Will Morris*

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9:30 a.m. Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)

10 a.m. Nursery—available until 1 p.m.  
(Parish House Second Floor)

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting (Sanctuary and  
livestreamed online)

12:30 p.m. Reception (Togo West Parlor)

### 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: Emerson Avenue, McLean; Water Oak Drive, Fairfax; and Westbard Avenue, Bethesda.

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### ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF VESTRY

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**Please join us in person or online after the 10:30 a.m. service today for the annual meeting**, at which we will elect Wardens and incoming Vestry members. Bios for the candidates appear at the end of these announcements.

### SERVICE SCHEDULE | *February 2-8*

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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. Rob Fisher, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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**Monday, February 2**

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

**Tuesday, February 3**

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

6:30 p.m. Being With (Togo West Parlor)

**Wednesday, February 4**

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 5**

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

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

Parish Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, February 7**

2:50 p.m. Latrobe Fellowship (Offsite; see next page)

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

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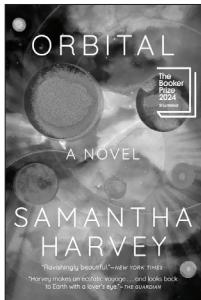
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## COMING UP

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, February 5, at 7 p.m.**

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *Orbital: A Novel* by Samantha Harvey. This slender work of fiction depicts the lives of six men and women traveling through space over the course of one day. These astronauts and cosmonauts—from America, Russia, Italy, Britain, and Japan—have left their lives behind to travel at a speed of over seventeen thousand miles an hour as the earth reels below. The book group typically meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



### LATROBE FELLOWSHIP

**Saturday, February 7, at 2:50 p.m.**

The Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship will visit the Bishop Payne Library at Virginia Theological Seminary on Saturday, February 7. While on campus, we will see the African American Episcopal Historical Collection (AAEHC) and learn about famous Episcopalians such as Pauli Murray and Thurgood Marshall. After the tour, we will gather at the campus chapel for prayer, followed by food and fellowship. The group will carpool to the seminary from the King Street—Old Town metro station and should be at the library no later than 2:50 p.m. for the start of the tour. Questions? Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

*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.*

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, February 7, 5–7:30 p.m.**

Kids ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to play, watch a movie, and eat pizza while parents and caregivers enjoy an evening out. RSVP by Monday, February 2, to [bit.ly/sjc-pno](http://bit.ly/sjc-pno). Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

### Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Ashes  
12 noon Choral Holy Eucharist and Ashes  
7 p.m. Choral Holy Eucharist and Ashes

### Ashes to Go

*(in front of the Church on 16th Street)*

8:30–9:30 a.m. | 4–6:30 p.m.

### GRACE'S TABLE

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

*Upcoming dates: February 21 and March 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. 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.

### LENT 101 FOR ALL AGES

**Sunday, February 22, at 10 a.m.**

This interactive offering will help young children and their caregivers understand what the Lenten season is all about. Why do people give things up and take things on? What does it mean to repent? How can families strive to observe a holy Lent? Come explore these questions and more! This offering is geared toward families with infants, toddlers, and elementary aged children, though all are welcome.

### UPDATE ABOUT PATHWAYS THROUGH LENT

This Lent, we will take a pause from offering the weekday email reflection series "Pathways through Lent." We are grateful to the many contributors and editors who have enriched this practice, with special thanks to Jack Reiffer for his faithful leadership in recent years. This pause creates space for us to discern what Lenten formation might look like in the seasons ahead—whether a reimagined Pathways or something new. We look forward to seeing what emerges.



## FREE CONCERT | USAF SINGING SERGEANTS

**Sunday, February 22, at 2 p.m.**

The United States Air Force Singing Sergeants will present a public concert at St. John's on Sunday, February 22, at 2 p.m. As active-duty musicians, the Singing Sergeants support ceremonial and diplomatic events, educational outreach, and concert performances throughout Washington, DC, and across the United States. The program will feature a wide range of classical, popular, and patriotic choral music. This concert is free and open to the public.

## CHORAL EVENSONG

**Wednesday, February 25, 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 and Choristers on the last Wednesday of most months 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; obtain a validation ticket from an usher before or after the service. The service will also be available via livestream on our website.

*Shortly after evensong, members of St. John's Pride will gather for drinks at Opaline at the Sofitel Hotel, just a three-minute walk from St. John's. Join us if you can, or contact our leaders via [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org) to learn more about this group.*

## WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

**Friday, March 6, through Sunday, March 8**

*Registration closes Monday, February 23*

This year's Sisters at St. John's annual women's retreat, entitled "Listening with the Ears of Our Hearts," will be led by the Dr. Terri Lynn Simpson, Manager of the Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage at Washington National Cathedral, and will be held at the A. Felix DuPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Please complete your online

registration at [bit.ly/sjc-retreat-2026-register](http://bit.ly/sjc-retreat-2026-register) and submit your payment to secure your spot. The cost (\$425) includes housing and meals. For those in need of financial assistance, scholarships are available; contact the Rev. Rob Fisher with your request. Questions? Reach out to leader Emily Lucio via the online Ministry Directory. Full information, including details about the venue and payment, can be found at [bit.ly/sjc-listening-hearts-2026](http://bit.ly/sjc-listening-hearts-2026).

## SPEAKER SERIES

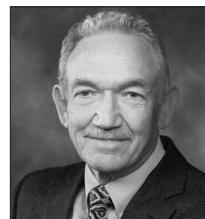
The Speaker Series is held most Sundays from September through May at 10 a.m. in the Togo West Parlor on the first floor of the Parish House. An audio recording will be available on our website the week after each talk.

**February 1: No Speaker Series—Annual Meeting**

## THE PRESIDENCY OF JOHN QUINCY ADAMS



**February 8: Ronald C. White**, best-selling author on Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant, will kick off our annual three-part presidential series, this year focusing on John Quincy Adams, our nation's sixth president.



**February 15: Randall B. Woods**, author, biographer, and Distinguished Professor of History at the University of Arkansas, will share insights gained from the writing of his book *John Quincy Adams: A Man for the Whole People*.



**February 22: Jane Hudiburg**, noted Congressional historian, will talk about the post-presidency of John Quincy Adams, who went on to become a highly influential member of Congress and legal advocate.



**March 1: Michael Guy**, historian, will give an update to the parish on our new history project researching St. John's history in light of race and slavery.



**March 8: Richard Grimmett**, longtime parish historian, will speak about the work of the famed American architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe, including his design of St. John's.



**March 15: Matt Dallek**, noted historian and Professor of Political Management at George Washington University, will trace the history of political violence in America up to the present day.



**April 12: Aalok Mehta**, Director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Wadhani AI Center, will address the promise, perils, and defining questions of artificial intelligence.



**April 19: Aaron Reichlin-Melnick**, a senior fellow at the American Immigration Council, will bring us up to date on the current state of U.S. immigration policies and practices.



**April 26: Martha Gimbel**, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Budget Lab at Yale University, a non-partisan policy research center, will discuss the state of the U.S. economy.

For his Eagle Scout project, Cooper Thesmar is organizing the collection of hearing aid devices that are no longer needed, which will be cleaned, restored or refurbished, and given to those in need. All brands, models, and ages are welcome, and donation receipts can be provided on request.

## PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE AND HOSTS

### Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

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

February 1	Annual Meeting and Reception
February 8	Refugee Committee
February 15	Mardi Gras—Will Yale, Craig & Barbara Burkhardt, Karen Zachary, and Miller Winecoff
February 22	Bishop Walker School
March 1	
March 8	Marion Blakey and Friends
March 15	St. John's Book Group
March 22	
March 29	<i>No Lunch: Palm Sunday</i>

## FOR THOSE SEEKING TO BE BAPTIZED

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, February 15, at 9 a.m.**

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

**Sunday, April 12, at 9 a.m.**

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

**Sunday, May 24, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m.*

## NEWS & NOTICES

### FEDERAL WORKERS | Giving or receiving support

Many of our parishioners have been affected by layoffs in the federal government. If you are seeking help—or if you have help to offer—please complete our survey at [bit.ly/sjc-federal-survey](http://bit.ly/sjc-federal-survey) with the details of what you need or can provide. You can also reach out to Jordan Baugh, our point person for this ministry, via the directory on our website.

### HEARING AID RECYCLING DRIVE

#### Place donations in the box near the reception desk

As you may be aware, hearing aids are extremely expensive. One study conducted by the National Institutes of Health determined that hearing aids were unaffordable for three-fourths of Americans with functional hearing loss. And the evidence is clear that hearing affects mental acuity as we age.

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## STEWARSHIP

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### PLEASE PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

*As of Tuesday, January 27, we had received 260 pledges, totaling commitments of \$1,073,346 for 2026.*

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

*Pledge envelopes are available for pickup at the reception desk.*

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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., from September through May**

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

### YOUTH GROUP

**Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m., from September through May**

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

## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

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

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

## THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY | September through May

Youth in 6th grade and above are welcome to participate during worship services, serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. Contact Vincent Scauzzo via [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory) for details.

## CHORISTER PROGRAM | September through May

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

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## REMINDERS

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### 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.



### ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Most 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. We are currently studying the first chapters of Matthew, and the book of Genesis. For information, notes, and the Zoom link, contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

## 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.



## 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.

## FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

## LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

## SECURITY MEASURES AT ST. JOHN'S

St. John's identity as a congregation is shaped by our urban location in the nation's capital. We seek to welcome all to our services and activities with dignity, while ensuring the safety and well-being of those who worship in our facilities. To this end, we hire security personnel for Sundays and special services to maintain a low-key, proactive presence and to be prepared to respond quickly and respectfully to any needs that may arise.

## PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

Praying for those in need is an important part of our life together. Contact the Pastoral Care team via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at [stjohns-dc.org](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.

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

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

**From our parish:** Cay Buser, Pat Czerwonky, and Mary Wilson.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Conor Barry (Sarah Wood), Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Chad (Wendy Fibison), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Julie Ellis (Preston Cherouny), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), Blair Fiore (Debby Hailey), Peggy Fisher (Debby Hailey), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Chantay Griffin (Charley Griffin and Gee Gee Bryant), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Kathleen McTighe (Sara Josey), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Teri Nelson (Lisa Koehler), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Connor Smith (Patrick and Cameron Smith), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Ashley M. Smith (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Caleb Williams (Alfred Thesmar), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia

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

Bader), Bess Williamson (Wendy Fibison), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

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

**From our parish:** Milton Chamberlain, Janet Helgert, Marcella Odom, and Becky Schergens.

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

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

**Friends and family of our parish:** Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley).

#### **THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BORN**

**From our parish:** Margaret "Marnie" Lewis Smith, January 27 (Cameron and Patrick Smith).

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

Justin Bouma, Gloria Burkhardt, David Dawson, George Ehrich, Elijah Greene, Sandy Hackworth, Gerby Jean-Noël, Scarlett Johnston, Graham Keithley, Lisa Kirchenbauer, Jim Mullins, Emma Platts, Sara Schreiber, Alexander Stuart, Michael Underwood, Audrey Wood, and Harrison Yi.

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

Gabrielle and Simon Beaumont, Randy and Sharon Deangelis, Jeffrey and Marisol Lovelace, and Brittany Prime and Will Rabbe.

#### **THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES**

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

## **LIST OF 2026 PLEDGERS**

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

*(As of January 27, 2026)*

Anonymous (12)	Larry & Krista Bradley	Justin Dean
David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis	Sydney Brooks	Clayton & Margaret Depue
Alison Adkins	Autumn Nicole Brown	John C. Derrick
Kingsley Afemikhe	Craig & Barbara Burkhardt	George & Anita Diliberto
Jeff & Sarah Agnew	Meghan Burns & Douglas Burt	Russell Doggett
Sarah & Amanda Akes-Cardwell	Richard Busch	Deb Dornemann & Jeff White
Tony Anikeeff & Tung-lin Wu	Carolyn Buser	Jim & Joan Doty
Douglas Arnold	Mark Cardwell & Paul Ramos	Laura Doucet
Gale Arnold	Susan Cardwell	Mike & Beth DuMond
Ashley Atwater	Andrea Charters	Diana Duncan
Lily & Justin Bacon	Virginia Chew	James Eastwood
Eric & Jack Bailey	Carly Christianson & Pascal Joly	Janet Edmond
Paul Barkett	Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill	Elissa Edwards & Jeremy Sheeler
Jordan & Angelle Baugh	Gwynneth Ann Clarkson	Kaye Edwards
Bob Beizer	Ross Coe	Lauren Edwards
Laura Belman	Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brooke	Rob & Anna Ehrich
Kate Benner	Jamie Craft	Martha Ellison
William & Martha Birdseye	Joe Creech & Stephanie Delong	Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris
Diane Bitsberger	Stephen & Nicole Crochet	Le & Casey Evans
Marion Blakey & William Dooley	James Czerwonky	Allison Eydt
Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington	Patricia Wardwell Czerwonky	Caroline & Steve Faris
Katherine Bliss & Mark Dennis	Garry & Pat Dalby	Wendy J. Fibison
Matt Bode & Laurie Adams	Betsy Danello	Elizabeth Field
Jeff Bozman	William Davis	Hyman Field

Art & Louise Fisher  
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood  
Alex Frye  
Jay & Deborah Fuller  
Ellie Fullerton & Kayla Powell  
Linda Gaines  
David Gallalee  
Liz Gallalee  
Elizabeth & Christopher Gardner  
John & Ann Gardner  
Jim & Carrie Garland  
Kay Gilley  
Seth Gilmore  
Ronnie & Donald Goodheart  
Ginny Griggs  
Richard & Jeanne Grimmett  
Stephanie & Greg Guyett  
Sandra Hackworth  
JD & Deirdre Hague  
Debby Hailey  
Peter Hailey  
Budd & Susan Jess Hallberg  
Christina Hannah  
Peter & Summer Hardinge  
Robert & Anne Harrington  
Fruszina Harsanyi  
Diane Hauslein  
Timothy & Susan Heil  
Whitley Herndon  
John & Laura Herzog  
Bob & Tammi Hoback  
Heather Hopkins  
Pamela Howard  
Ann Compton Hughes  
Powell & Joanne Hutton  
Marlene Ikeda  
John Peters Irelan  
Nancy James  
Cindy Jiang  
Austin & Lilian Johnson  
Bruce & Georgia Johnson  
Ethan Johnson  
Wande Johnson  
Mac Johnston  
Robyne Johnston  
Greg Jordan-Detamore  
Bill & Sara Josey  
Bill & Ann Kaye  
Carter & Fran Keithley  
Graham & Robin Keithley  
Tracy Lee Kendall  
William Kendall  
Kim Kennedy & Beverly Roberts  
David Kieve & Kate Bedingfield  
Loren & Anne Kieve  
Claire Kim & Jess Unger  
James & Lisa Kirchenbauer  
Anya Kleymenova  
Frank & Nancy Klotz

Elizabeth P. Koehler  
Liz & Jon Kosobucki  
Julia Koster  
Kevin Kozlowski & Lara Kanitra  
Kenny Kraft  
Grant Kraus  
Philip Kuhn & Grace Limoncelli  
Patricia Leslie  
James Longley  
John & Emily Lucio  
Jan H. Lupton  
Chip & RJ Lyerly  
Claire Marshall  
Sandy Martin  
Sherill Mason  
Abbott McCartney & Sigrid Block  
Clayton McCleskey  
Saunders & Joan McElroy  
Sara McGanity  
Judson McIntire  
Sylvia McKinley  
Thomas Andrew McKinnon  
Matthew McMurray & Christine Kennedy  
Lucy & Timothy Meade  
Richard Metzger  
Johnathan Miller & Elizabeth Thompson  
Nathan & Kelly Miller  
Livy More  
John & Catherine Morefield  
Gregory & Elizabeth Morrison  
Rob Mosbacher, Jr.  
Jim & Michele Mullins  
Jack Musso  
Dick & Joy Nathan  
Chris & Denise Northrup  
Peter & Eleanor Odom  
Apiyo Oloya  
Ralph & Lydia Olson  
Uche & Nkem Onwuamaegbu  
Owen & Felicia Owunwanne  
Matthew Paeffgen  
Robert Pahnke  
Sharon Park  
Cami Pease & Matt Martone  
Eric Peters  
Ray & Susan Petniunas  
Larry & Connie Pettinger  
Natalie A. Popovic  
Richard Price & Yung Chang  
Philip Priest  
Will Priest  
Tricia & Kelly Pulsifer  
K. Scott & Katherine Raab  
Will Rabbe & Brittany Prime  
Carl & Mary Raether  
Allie Raether Ganjian & Ali Ganjian  
Luis Ramos-Chacon  
Nate & Katherine Rawlings  
Hwa Cha Redman

Laurance Redway  
Glenn Reichardt & JoAnn Zuercher  
Avo Reid & Sarah Richmond Reid  
Jack Reiffer  
Caleb Hays & James Reilly  
Harker & Geraldine Rhodes  
Hap & Nora Rigby  
Randall & Nancy Roe  
Steve & Susan Roehrich  
Richard Rogers  
Damion Rose  
Chase W. Rynd  
Alex & Jessica Sanchez  
Brian & KayAnn Schoeneman  
Sara Schreiber  
John & Zachary Schutz  
Sandy & Susan Sierck  
Will & Annie Simonds  
Jeremy Skog & Laura Lieberman  
Alex Smith  
Patrick & Cameron Smith  
Peter Spaulding  
John Staples & R. Scott Raspa  
Kenneth & Susan Starling  
Anne Stewart  
Toby Stock & Margy Slattery  
Alex Stolar  
Catherine Stolar  
Desirée Davis Stolar  
Hillary & Tim Stuart  
John & Holly Sukenik  
Matthew Taylor  
Riley Temple  
Hilary & Alfred Thesmar  
Marianne Thomas  
Roderick & Becca Todd  
Cal Trepagnier & Marta Cook  
Kyle Trombley & Ryan Bash  
Anthony Turner  
Frances Stevenson Tyler  
Susan Valaskovic  
Peter & Barbara Van Allen  
Patrick & Pamela Venzke  
Ryan Wagner  
Chris Wall  
Alis Wang & Amy Stulman  
Susan Welch  
Gail West  
Hilary West  
Brainerd H. Whitbeck III ("Tripp")  
Trey & Amy Whitworth  
Margo E. Wiegenstein  
Elena & Marty Williams  
Emma Wilson  
Anita L. Woehler  
Will Yale  
Zhijun Yang  
Richard Young  
Karen Zachary

# 2026 Candidates for Wardens (uncontested)



**ALFRED THESMAR** is a lifelong Episcopalian who joined St. John's in 2002 after moving to the area with his wife, Hilary. Their two children, Elizabeth and Cooper, were baptized at St. John's and active in the youth programs. Alfred has served many years as an usher and has been an assistant head usher for the 8 and 9 a.m. services since 2017. He has also served on the Stewardship committee for the past four years, and prior to that he served for several years as a self-described "Sergeant-at-Arms" for the Godly Play program. For the past two years he has served as Junior Warden and welcomes the opportunity to continue the important work of realizing St. John's strategic plans. In the greater community, he was a long-term volunteer with the Falls Church Kiwanis Little League and recently completed a three-year term as a Scoutmaster of a Scouting America troop in McLean, Virginia. Alfred earned his bachelor's degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology and his master's degree from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University. He is currently a Strategic Account Manager and Government Contracts Manager for Linde, a multinational chemical company.



**JULIA KOSTER** recently retired from the federal National Capital Planning Commission, where she had served in several positions, including Commission Secretary, and Director of the Policy and Research and Public Engagement Divisions. Prior to that she held senior positions with the Maryland Governor's Office of Smart Growth and in Washington State as a land-use and environmental planner. She has a master's in urban planning from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, and a degree in economics from the University of Puget Sound. She is an active member of several professional organizations, including past chair of the National Capital Area Planning Chapter, and served as an adjunct faculty at the University of Maryland. She enjoys travel, reading, kayaking, and hiking. Julia joined St. John's with her late husband Richard Dooge in 2010. She is a member of the Sisters at St. John's, the Ushers Guild, and the Flower Guild, and recently chaired the bell tower restoration campaign. Julia wants to sustain and build programs that bring us together, as well as activities that extend our mission work into the community.

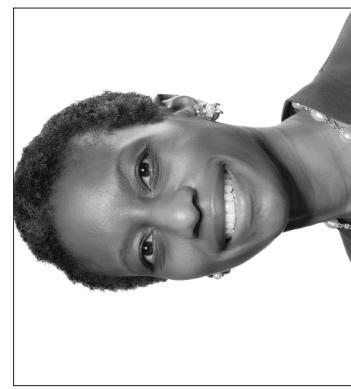
# 2026 Candidates for Vestry (vote for three)



**JORDAN BAUGH** moved to D.C. in 2007 and began attending services at St. John's several years later, becoming a member in 2013. Originally from upstate New York, his family believed strongly in service to the community and church. Over the years, he has sought to deepen his involvement. He serves as a lay reader and has worked closely with St. John's leadership to develop a ministry providing support to federal workers in our congregation who are experiencing job loss and uncertainty. He holds a bachelor's from Goucher College and master's from the American University School of Public Affairs. Jordan spent 17 years serving in senior policy roles in the U.S. Senate and currently works as a vice president at a national trade association. He lives in the Capitol Hill neighborhood with his wife Angelle and very active 9-year-old twins, Emma and Evan.



**ELIZABETH FIELD** attended St. John's as a teenager before moving to North Carolina for studies. Upon returning to Washington in 2000, she began actively exploring her faith and involvement here. She has served as church school teacher, summer choir member, participant and co-facilitator of Being With, member of Outreach, and co-lead of Grace's Table. She works as the chief operating officer of the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization supporting those who care for wounded, ill, or injured veterans and service members. She holds a bachelor's from Davidson College and a master's in public policy from Duke University and is passionate about helping people and organizations reimagine and reach their goals. She lives with her sons Henry, a West Point cadet, and Graham, a high school junior, and their rescue dog, Maisie, in Chevy Chase, D.C.



**APIYO OLOYA** is a lifelong Episcopalian. Originally from Ohio, she now lives in Arlington. Apiyo began attending St. John's in 2023, serves on the Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship planning committee, and participates in the Lafayette Fellowship. She works as a strategy consultant at the Department of Justice (DOJ) advising senior executives on strategic management challenges and leading priority initiatives. She also serves as a mediator for the DOJ. Outside of work, she serves as treasurer of Women in Government Relations and on the board of the Women's Congressional Golf Association. Apiyo is a graduate of The Ohio State University, Georgetown University Law Center, and the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. She is honored to be nominated and hopes to bring her business, legal, and policy experience to support the work of the vestry and church.

**BRIAN SCHOE NEMAN** has been a member of St. John's since 2007. He and his wife KayAnn were confirmed through St. John's and were married here in 2009 by the Rev. Luis León. Their son Nicholas was christened here in 2010, was confirmed in 2024, and currently serves as an acolyte. Brian has served as a lay reader, as well as a member of the vestry from 2014 to 2018, a term that included St. John's bicentennial year and renovations to the Parish House. Born in Baltimore, he moved to D.C. in 1995, earning bachelor's and master's degrees from the George Washington University, and a law degree, magna cum laude, from the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. He also graduated from the University of Virginia's Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership and is a licensed attorney in Virginia. In his spare time, he's an avid video gamer, likes to build and paint models, and cheers openly for his Baltimore Orioles and Washington Commanders.



**JOHN SCHUTZ** has attended St. John's for more than five years, serving as greeter, usher, and co-chair of St. John's Pride. A passionate advocate for the parish, he attends the 11 a.m. service and evensong, organizes parish lunches, and supports the annual angel tree gift drive. John has deep personal connection to St. John's, where he married his husband, Zach, who is active in the Flower Guild, and where some of his dearest friendships in D.C. have been made. He feels called to deeper service at the parish and has found in St. John's a spiritual home. As a federal civil servant for more than 16 years, John has served across multiple administrations, working as an operator and subject-matter expert in national security, a chief of staff, and most recently a leader in strategic planning, communication, resourcing, and governance for a global operation. John brings strategic thinking, proven leadership ability, genuine love for St. John's, and unwavering commitment to a collaborative vestry.



**ANNIE SIMONDS** is a lifelong Episcopalian and was both baptized and confirmed here at St. John's. When she and her husband were married, it was Dr. Harper who blessed their marriage. She has three grown children, and when they are in town, they enjoy three generations attending services together. Annie currently serves as a reader and chalice bearer. Annie is a senior partner in the global leadership advisory firm of Spencer Stuart and leads the firm's work in global development and social impact. She is passionate about the human spirit and what motivates a leader in their context. Annie also serves as Vice Chair of the boards of LAVI (global health) and Project HOPE (humanitarian aid/health), and on the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy at the University of Virginia, bringing firsthand perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing boards and leaders. She is humbled by the nomination to serve St. John's in this capacity.



# 2026 Candidate for Vestry to Fill an Unexpired Term (uncontested)

**KATE BENNER** is a lifelong Episcopalian who has been a member of St. John's since 2016. She was initially attracted to St. John's because of its active 20s and 30s group, and has served as the co-chair for the Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship and on the Latrobe planning committee. She enjoys volunteering as a reader and joining the summer choir. After time in big law and federal service, Kate has been exploring the startup clean energy space. In her free time, she enjoys live theater and dance and experimenting in the kitchen. She is a graduate of Princeton University and Columbia Law School and has previously served as the co-chair of the Princeton Women's Network-DC Chapter and the Columbia Alumni Association of Washington, D.C.



## 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.

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### Vestry Leadership & Members

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

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

Anya Kleymenova, *Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

**Head Usher**—James H. Czerwonky

**Head Greeters**—Eleanor and Peter Odom

### Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

### Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

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

*for Family Ministry and Pastoral Care*

The Rev. Eric Bailey, *Assistant Priest for Parish Life and New Member Ministry*

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

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Linda Morgan Stowe and John Chappell Stowe, *Interim Assistant Organists*

John Stowe, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Parish Administrator*

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*

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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.

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