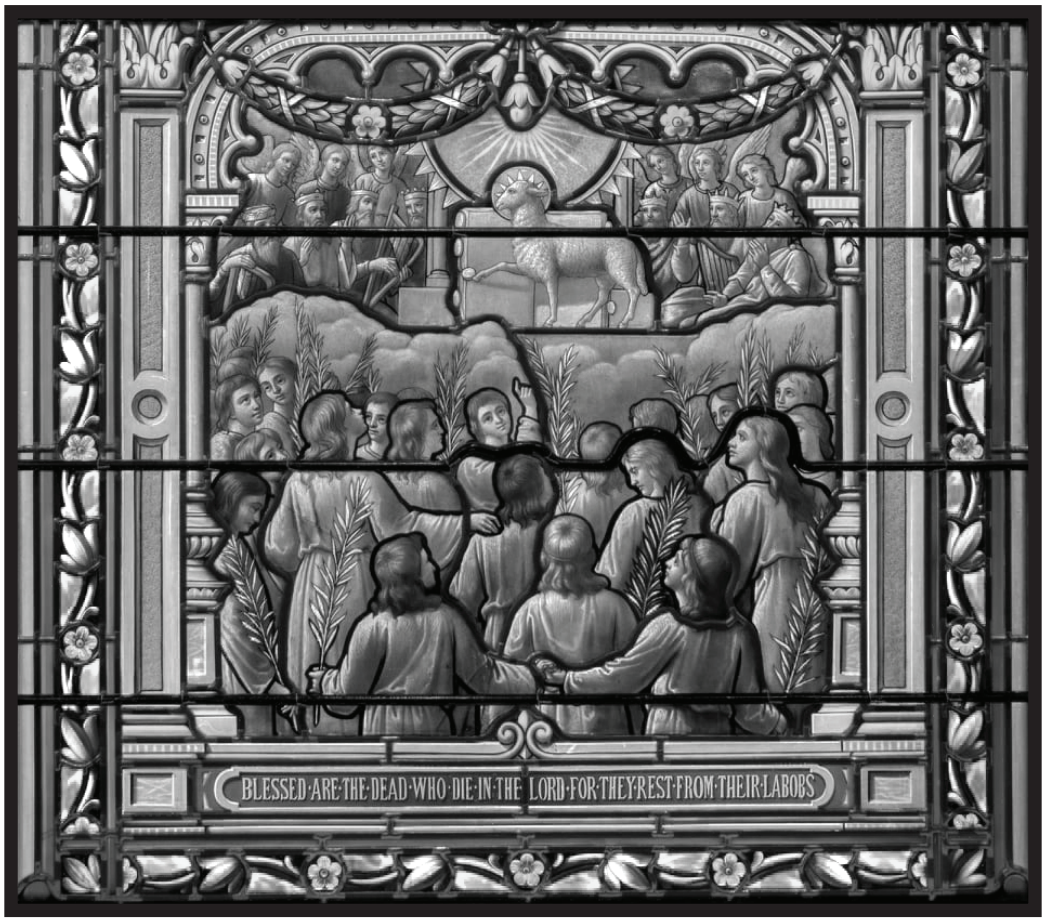
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November 1, 2026 ✦ Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.



SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

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

Welcome to St. John's Church, Lafayette Square.
All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.

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 and videos during services.

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

Please note that incense will be used at two points during this service. Any who are sensitive are invited to step out of the sanctuary as needed during the singing of the Kyrie (page 3) and the Domine Jesu Christe (page 8).

MUSIC NOTES



This evening we hear one of the most popular musical settings of the Requiem, or Mass for the Dead, composed by Gabriel Fauré and sung by the St. John's Choir and accompanied by chamber orchestra and organ.

Of his much-beloved work, Fauré said that he had no particular reason for writing the mass beyond mere "pleasure, if I may call it that," although the death of his own mother shortly before its first performance gave the work deepener personal meaning.

Having first completed the *Libera me* in 1877, Fauré continued to work on sections of the mass over the span of 23 years. He reworked the orchestration several times at the request of publishers to maximize the Requiem's appeal to churches and performing groups.

In its sequence of movements, this Requiem departs considerably from the standard liturgical text, focusing on a comforting vision of death—one of eternal rest after the rigors of an earth life. Fauré diminished themes of judgment and pain by omitting movements that focused too heavily on the fearful side of death and altering other texts to similar effect. In the composer's own words:

> *It has been said that my Requiem does not express the fear of death, and someone has called it a lullaby of death. But it is thus that I see death: as a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards happiness above, rather than as a painful experience . . . As to my Requiem, perhaps I have instinctively sought to escape from what is thought right and proper, after all the years of accompanying burial services on the organ! I know it all by heart. I wanted to write something different.*

Gabriel Fauré died on November 4, 1924. His Requiem, considered among the crowning works of his life, was offered at his own state funeral at Église de la Madeleine, Paris.

—Brent Erstad, Director of Music & Organist

SETTING FOR THIS EVENING

Messe de Requiem, Op. 48—Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

VOLUNTARY Andante sostenuto, from *Symphony No. 9* Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

Please remain seated as the choir enters, standing as you are able at the procession of the ministers.

INTROIT AND KYRIE

Please remain standing as you are able. Sung in Latin by the choir.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them.
Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT FOR ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**.
Priest Let us pray.

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Read by Riley Temple. Wisdom 3:1-9

Please be seated.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

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

PSALM 130 *Chanted by the choir.*

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O LORD, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE SECOND READING *Read by Martha Ellison.* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 662 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide

Sung by all, standing as you are able.





Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 5:24-27

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Eric Bailey

THE NECROLOGY

Read by Christopher Alora and Sandra Hackworth.

Please remain seated. As the tower bell tolls, the names of members and friends of this parish who have died in the past year are read. For the listing of names, please see the announcements.

PIE JESU

Sung in Latin by soloist Victoria Wood.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant to them everlasting rest.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Said by all, standing as you are able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray to our Savior Jesus Christ, who said: "I am Resurrection and Life."

Silence.

Intercessor Loving God, you have called your people together in the mystical body of Jesus Christ our Savior. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die daily to sin and rise to newness of life, and that we, with our Redeemer, may pass through the grave and gate of death to our joyful resurrection. God, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Grant to us who are still on our earthly pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. God, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sin and serve you with a quiet mind. God, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Grant that all the dead, increasing in the knowledge and love of you, may go from strength to strength in a new life of perfect service. God, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Grant to all who mourn, a sure confidence in your tender mercy, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love. God, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give courage to all who are bereaved, that they may hold fast to the comfort of a holy hope, and joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. God, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Help us entrust the dead to your never-failing care and love. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, and remember them according to the favor you bear for your people. God, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

Priest Gracious God, to whom no prayer is offered without hope of mercy: Give us your consolation. Strengthen our faith in your unfailing compassion, deliver us from despair, and help us to know your peace, which passes all understanding. **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.

DOMINE JESU CHRISTE

Sung in Latin by the choir, with soloist Thomas Rust.

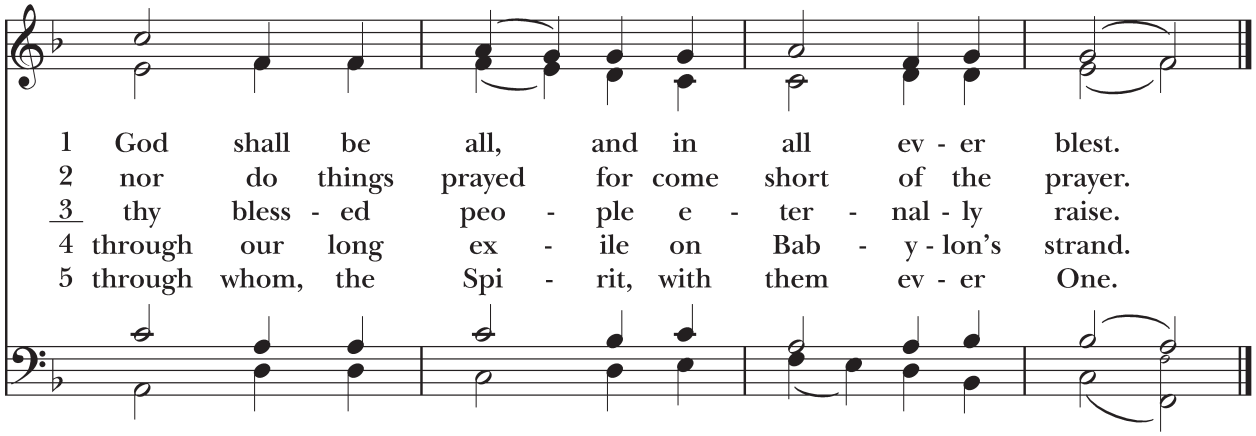
Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hells and the bottomless pit. Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver them from the lion's mouth, nor let them fall into darkness, neither the black abyss swallow them up. We offer unto thee this sacrifice of prayer and praise. Receive it for those souls whom today we commemorate. Allow them, O Lord, to cross from death into the life which once thou didst promise to Abraham and his seed.

HYMN 623

O what their joy and their glory must be

Standing as you are able.

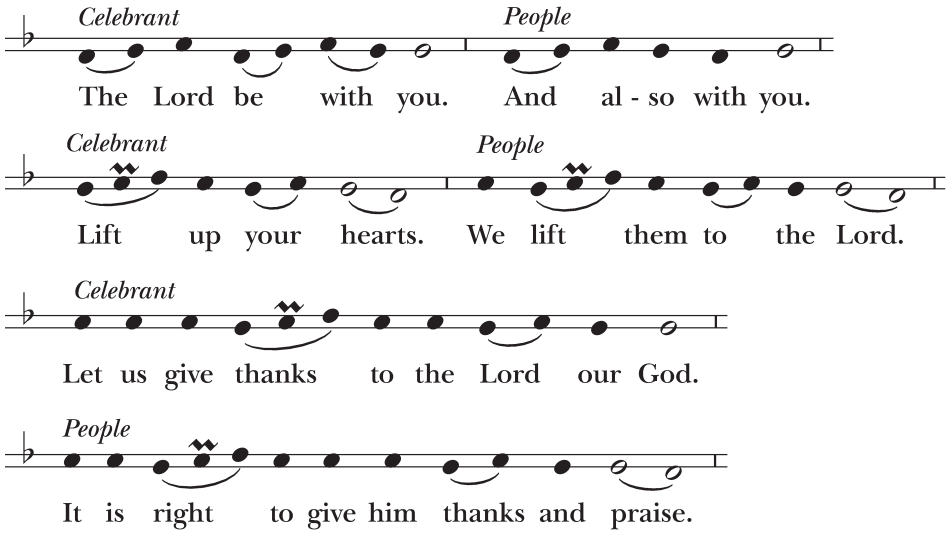




Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Q quanta qualia*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing as you are able.



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; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. 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

Sung in Latin by the choir.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

AGNUS DEI

Sung in Latin by the choir.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant them rest everlasting.
May eternal light shine on them, O Lord, with thy saints forever, because thou are merciful.
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them.

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.

LIBERA ME

Sung in Latin by the choir, with soloist Thomas Rust.

Deliver me, O Lord, from everlasting death on that dreadful day when the heavens and the earth shall be moved, when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. I quake with fear and I tremble awaiting the day of account and the wrath to come. That day, the day of anger, of calamity, of misery, that day, the great day, and most bitter. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Priest The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Standing as you are able.

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

IN PARADISUM

Sung in Latin by the choir.

May the angels receive them in Paradise. At thy coming may the martyrs receive thee and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem. There may the chorus of angels receive thee, and with Lazarus, once a beggar, may thou have eternal rest.

Please remain standing during the procession. All depart in silence.

You are cordially invited to a reception in the Togo West Parlor immediately following the service.

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

and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Oscar Erich Bash, Ethan Michael Ford, Lucas Karl Johannesen, Felix Cardwell Kingsley, and James Walton Kroese.

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Ethan Hoppe, *Violin*
Kathryn Epperson and Jacob Shack, *Viola*
Alex Wu and Kristen Wojcik, *Cello*
Victor Holmes, *Bass*
Gréta Ásgeirsson, *Harp*

Kevin Cordova-Brookey, *Crucifer*
Martha Ellison, *Usher*
Paul Barkett and Zach Schutz, *Flower Guild*
Seth Gilmore, *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.

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 November 1

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

A brief Children's Time is offered during the sermon at 9 a.m.
Children's Chapel is offered during the sermon at 11 a.m.
Preaching this morning: The Rev. Rob Fisher
Preaching this afternoon: The Rev. Eric Bailey

8 a.m.	Eucharist with Sermon 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 with Sermon and Baptism
10 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor) Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 6) Sunday School (Parish House Second Floor) Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor) Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor) St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
11 a.m.	Choral Eucharist with Sermon
Noon	Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor) Parish Lunch (see next column) Church Tour (see next column)
5:30 p.m.	All Souls' Day Requiem Eucharist

STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER

Many thanks to Caroline Faris for giving a stewardship testimonial at the 9 and 11 a.m. services today.

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, a flower delivery is needed to: Belvoir Woods Parkway, Fort Belvoir.

PLEASE JOIN OUR ONLINE DIRECTORY
Today after the 9 and 11 a.m. services

Help St. John's connect with you—and you with St. John's—by signing up to join our online parish directory. Come to the reception desk after the 9 and 11 a.m. services to learn more or opt in to this helpful community tool. Questions to Brian Cordova-Brookey via the online Ministry Directory.

PARISH LUNCH | Today at noon, hosted by Kwasa

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

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

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

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

Join us to remember and commend to God all the faithful departed at our annual Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day. The St. John's Choir, joined by chamber orchestra and organ, will offer Gabriel Fauré's moving Requiem in the context of the liturgy. During the service, we will read the names of parish members and friends who have died in the past year. A reception will follow in the Togo West Parlor.

Parking validation is available in the garage at 1575 I Street, NW. When asked for payment (upon arrival), indicate you will return with a validated ticket from St. John's good for free parking. The service will also be livestreamed on our website.



Today's services are offered in thanksgiving for all the saints from St. John's and those near to us who have departed this life since All Saints' Day 2025.

As of October 25, 2026

Margaretta Conderman Arnold
Janet Beizer
Brian David Bernel
Joan Best
Martin Duncan Burris
James Busby
James Dee Cole
Mitchell Delaney
William Dennis
Dwight Ellis Denson
Meta Ann Doak Dillard
Ellis Carroll Edwards
Helen Mannion Estabrooks
Valerie Graham
Hui Han
Dolph Hatfield
Janet Lundsgaard Helgert
James R. Hendricks
Margaret Hopkins
Art Kent
Addam Knowlson
Donn Knowlson
Constance Miller Mayfield
Thomas Andrew McKinnon
Frances "Polly" Frazer Moore
Robert Mueller
Teresa Nelson
John Olson
Patrick Henry Quinn
Jeff Robbins
Richard F. Rusch
William J. Shepherd
Bessie Smith
Theodore (Ted) B. Smith, III
Pam Snyder
Jason Stanton
Janey Symington
Kay VanHorn
Charles T. Vest
John Russell Younger

SERVICE SCHEDULE | *November 2–8*

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.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, November 2
6:15 p.m. Lawyers' AA (Togo West Parlor)
6:30 p.m. Being With

Tuesday, November 3
1 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 4
6:30 p.m. Latrobe Fellowship (see next column)

Thursday, November 5
7 p.m. Book Group (see next column)

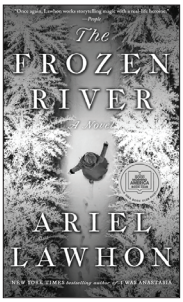
Saturday, November 7
3 p.m. Samaritan Ministry Gala (see next column)



LATROBE FELLOWSHIP WORSHIP SINGALONG
Wednesday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m.

The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. Join us this week for a night of music, fellowship, and fun. In addition to our typical Eucharist, dinner, and drinks (both alcoholic and non), we will have a worship music singalong! Please submit music requests at bit.ly/latrobe-songs-nov-2026. Music submissions can be hymns, anthems, or other pieces of worship music. If you are able to lead the piece, please let us know. For details or to connect with the group, contact Will Yale via the Ministry Directory tab on our website.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP
Thursday, November 5, at 7 p.m.



Join us to discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Set in Maine in 1789, midwife Martha Ballard sets out for justice as she steadfastly pursues the truth in a murder mystery. The book group typically meets the first Thursday of the month via Zoom. For information and the link, contact us via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



SAMARITAN MINISTRY GALA
Saturday, November 7, 3–6 p.m., at St. Paul's, Rock Creek

Celebrate four decades of collaboration among Episcopal churches putting faith into action serving others. The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington, will bless the event, which will include awards, hors d'oeuvres, live jazz, and silent and live auctions. Free on-site parking will be available. Please join us! This event is both a celebration and a critical fundraiser for Samaritan Ministry. Sponsorships, tickets, and donations at samaritanministry.org.

COMING UP

FALL NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
Sunday, November 8, at 11 a.m. | Reception at noon

Next Sunday, we will recognize new members of our community during the 11 a.m. worship service and at a welcome reception in Togo West Parlor at noon, to which all are invited. If you began attending St. John's recently or have returned after some time away, please join us! You'll receive a flower as our way of saying welcome. Longtime members are encouraged to greet those holding a flower and help folks feel at home. Come show your support for our growing community and get to know someone new!

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION SERVICE
Saturday, November 14, at 10 a.m. (Offsite)

Confirmation is a sacramental rite in which candidates express a mature commitment to Christ before God, the bishop, and the gathered community. All are welcome to support our several candidates from St. John's, as well as others from around the diocese, on Saturday, November 14, at 10 a.m. at Washington National Cathedral.



DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY OF SERVICE
Saturday, November 14, 2–5 p.m.

Middle and high school youth (grades 6–12) are invited to the third annual "Be a Blessing: Youth Day of Service" sponsored by the diocese and held at at St. Alban's Episcopal Church (3001 Wisconsin Avenue, NW). The day opens with a brief prayer service, followed by a fair where youth can explore ministries from around the diocese, take part in hands-on service, and earn service learning hours for school. Register at bit.ly/youth-day-2026.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW TOUR: PART 2
Sunday, November 15, at noon | Meet at the Lincoln Pew

Following up on his tour of the first-floor windows in the church, parish historian Richard Grimmett will lead a 50-minute tour of the gallery windows on Sunday, November 15, shortly after the 11 a.m. service.

GRACE'S TABLE
Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.
Upcoming dates: November 21 and December 19

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.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
Saturday, November 21, 5–7:30 p.m.

Kids ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to play, watch a movie, and eat pizza while parents and caregivers enjoy an evening out. RSVP by Monday, November 16, to bit.ly/sjc-pno-rsvp. Questions? Please contact Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

WOMEN OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED FOR A WALK AROUND ROCK CREEK CEMETERY
Sunday, November 22, at 2 p.m.

Join the Sisters at St. John's for a visit to this local gem. First established in 1719 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Northwest D.C., Rock Creek Cemetery features a natural rolling landscape and winding pathways beneath groves of trees. The grave of the District official who lined the city's streets with trees, Alexander Robey Shepherd, rises beneath specimens planted during his lifetime. Artful tombstones and breathtaking sculptures are abundant, most notable the evocative memorial to Henry and Marian Adams designed by Augustus Saint-Gaudens; it alone is worth the visit. Contact Emily Lucio via the online Ministry Directory for information and registration ($30 per person).

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THANKSGIVING
Wednesday, November 25, at 5:30 p.m.

Join us on the eve of Thanksgiving for a special service of Choral Evensong as we usher in the season of gratitude. Begin your holiday by lifting your heart in prayer and song with favorite hymns of Thanksgiving, including "Come, ye thankful people, come" and "Now thank we all our God." A reception will follow in the Togo West Parlor.

Complimentary parking is available in the garage at 1575 I Street, NW. When asked for payment, indicate you will return with a validated ticket from St. John's good for free parking.

NEWS & NOTICES

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 PETER 4:10

2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The 2027 Stewardship Campaign is underway! Join the growing community of parishioners and friends who have already made their pledge to St. John's. As Christian stewards, we believe God's blessings merit our grateful response. Our pledge is an act of spiritual responsibility that acknowledges God's work in our lives and the life of our church.

Your pledge can be a one-time annual payment or it can be paid weekly, monthly, or on the schedule of your choosing. You may pledge online under the Give tab of our website, use the QR code above, or return your pledge envelope by mail or in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you for making your financial commitment to St. John's.

—The Stewardship Committee



WE ARE EXPLORING A 2027 VISIT TO KWASA

St. John's is considering a trip to visit Kwasa College, a pre-primary and primary school in South Africa and our long-term international outreach partner, with travel dates likely in winter or spring of 2027. Prior St. John's trips have toured Johannesburg, a game park, and Capetown, in addition to spending time with Kwasa students. Interested? Contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE AND HOSTS

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 an open date in 2027? Contact coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

November 1	Kwasa
November 8	New Members Reception: All invited!
November 15	Sisters at St. John's
November 22	Greeters
November 29	*No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend*
December 6	Stewardship Committee
December 13	Book Group
December 20	*No Lunch*
December 27	*No Lunch*







WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT
Friday, March 5, through Sunday, March 7

Women of all ages are warmly invited to join the Sisters of St. John's for "Exploring the Gift of Conflict," to be held at the A. Felix DuPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Led by the Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, we will focus on the dynamics of conflict and explore God's desire for us to engage in the holy work of reconciliation and restoration. Space is limited; please complete the online registration at bit.ly/sjc-retreat-2027-register and submit your payment to secure your spot. The cost ($425) includes housing and meals. Scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance; contact the Rev. Rob Fisher with your request. Questions? Reach out to leader Emily Lucio via the online Ministry Directory—and remember that your payment (not your email) secures your place at the retreat. More information can be found at bit.ly/sjc-gift-of-conflict.

We are also planning a local one-day retreat this February. Contact Emily Lucio to learn more or express interest.



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. The next dates for baptism and the required pre-baptismal class with the clergy at St. John's are:

Sunday, January 10, at 11 a.m.
Class: Saturday, January 9, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, February 7, at 9 a.m.
Class: Saturday, February 6, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 4, at 9 a.m.
Class: Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m.

SUPPORT SPECIAL MUSIC AT CHRISTMAS

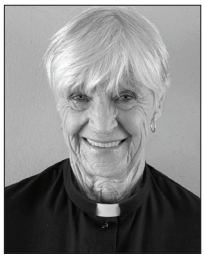
The gift of music enriches our worship and draws us closer to God's presence. You are invited to support our music ministry through a general gift to the Music Fund, or by sponsoring one of this season's special musical offerings. Your generosity helps sustain the beauty and excellence of our musical tradition. Sponsorship opportunities include:

- Christmas Eve String Ensemble (7 p.m. service)—$2,000
- Christmas Eve String Ensemble (10 p.m. service)—$2,000

To make a gift or learn more about sponsoring or helping to sponsor a special offering, please contact the Director of Music, Brent Erstad. Every contribution—whether large or small—makes a meaningful difference.

SPEAKER SERIES

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



November 1: The Rev. Sharron Dinnie, founder and rector of Kwasa College, Springs, South Africa, will provide an update on the school's growth. Kwasa is a pre-primary and primary school serving children through grade 7 from the nearby informal settlement who are facing severe hardship, violence, and hunger. It has been a St. John's outreach partner for more than 20 years. Sharron will join us via video feed from South Africa.



November 8: Erika Gault, Ph.D., Director of the Center for the Study of African American Religious Life, and the Lilly Endowment Curator of African American Religious History at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, will present on the worship experience of African Americans in early U.S. history, especially in the National Capital Region.

November 23: No Forum *(Pre-Thanksgiving Weekend)*

November 30: No Forum *(Advent Wreath Making)*



December 6: Lois Romano, former Washington Post journalist and columnist, Lois Romano, will discuss her New York Times bestselling book, *An Inconvenient Widow: The Torment, Trial, and Triumph of Mary Todd Lincoln*, about the long misunderstood, underappreciated wife of President Abraham Lincoln.

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





The Care of Creation Committee is pleased to report that five volunteers from St. John's and two from St. Mark's, Capitol Hill, participated in a trash cleanup on Saturday, October 24, shepherded by the **Anacostia Riverkeepers**. We picked up 115 pounds of trash from the river's edge, including bottles, cans, food containers, polystyrene, and many other assorted items. After the cleanup, we enjoyed a boat ride up the Anacostia narrated by Riverkeeper Trey Sherard, who shared stories about the ecology of the Anacostia Watershed, and efforts to monitor and improve water quality and manage plastic waste. The enthusiasm was high, the sky clear, and the autumn weather perfect.

This is the third year that St. John's Care of Creation Committee has organized an environmental cleanup activity to help beautify the District of Columbia and improve watershed ecology. The Anacostia Riverkeeper organization's mission is "to protect and restore the Anacostia River." It seeks to create opportunities for people to enjoy, learn about, connect with and care for the river. We have asked that parish outreach monies be granted once again this year in support of this worthy group.

Hearty thanks to Abbott McCartney for coordinating the activity and assuring its success. Other participants included Livy More, Ginny Griggs, Powell and Joanne Hutton, and Leslie and Doug Allen. If you are interested in this kind of service event and tour, or in caring for creation, please let us know! You can reach us via the Ministry Directory on St. John's website.

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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.*

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY CARE | Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL
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 the 9 and 11 a.m. services. Children gather by the pulpit at the start of 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 Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m., from September through May

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Sunday School on the second floor of the Parish House from 10 to 10:50 a.m. most Sundays of the school year. Contact Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions.

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

Middle and high school youth are invited to the Parish House second floor for an exploration of life and faith with their peers, most Sundays at 10 a.m., during the school year. Questions? Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

From September through May, youth in 6th grade and above are encouraged to participate during worship by serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. Contact Vincent Scauzzo via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory for details.

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Most Sundays at 10 a.m.

During the program year, this group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person, with weekly study materials provided by email. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. To join our email list or find out more, contact us via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

We'd love to help you find your way into life at St. John's. Explore our many ministry groups at www.stjohns-dc.org. If something appeals to you, simply complete the form at **bit.ly/sjc-ministry-interests**, and a ministry leader will be in touch to welcome you and answer any questions.

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 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. We hire security personnel for Sundays and special services as a low-key, proactive presence 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 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: Glen Bootay, Stevan Johnson, Carter Keithley, Lydia Olson, and Jack Reiffer.

Friends and family of our parish: Olivia Beckett (Justin Dean), Earl Billings (Chase Rynd) Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Judi C. (Adelle Simmons), Casey Byers (Eric Peters), Lewis Coleman Casey "Cole" (Eric Bailey), Chad (Wendy Fibison), Tim Collins (Wendy J. Fibison), Paul Colloton (Jack Reiffer), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Dominic D'Andrea (Krista Bradley), Jane Dennis (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Ann Dilworth (Sydney Brooks), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Leonard Edwards (Lauren Edwards), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), David Ferriero (Fruzsina Harsanyi), Benoit Gibert (Margaret Wiegenstein), 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 Pierre Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Petros Kartos (Meg Carter), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Svetlana Kleymenova (Anya Kleymenova), (Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Tom Lamont (Eric Bailey), Jane Lee (Claire Kim and Jess Unger), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Allie Matthews (Carl and Mary Raether), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Mike (Susan Cardwell), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Mark Mousouris (Chris Northrop), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Susan Price (Richard Price), Scott (Marta Cook and Pierre Cal Trepagnier), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Ashley M. Smith (Marta Cook and Pierre Cal Trepagnier), Elena Sukenik (Holly Sukenik), Sunil (Susan Cardwell), Betty Tisevich (Debby Hailey), Brad Todd (Pamela Venzke), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Caleb Williams (Alfred Thesmar), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-Reilly), Bess Williamson (Wendy J. Fibison), Michele Wilson (Margo Wiegenstein), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITAL

Friends and family of our parish: Dean McGrath (Laurie Adams).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

From our parish: Milton Chamberlain, Marcella Odom, Larry Redway, Becky Schergens, Suzanne Whitmore, and Mary Wilson.

Friends and family of our parish: David Brown (Lisa Koehler), Bob Chrystal, Sr. (Chris Jones), Denise T. Griggs (Ginny Griggs), 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 DIED

Friends and family of our parish: Robert Davis, October 12 (Laurie Adams).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Alison Adkins, Eric Bailey, Larry Bradley, Julia Brandus, Lizzie Eversole, Ella Fuller, Lauren Goodyear, Susie Jess Hallberg, Clara Hallett, DeQuan Kuntu, Judd Littleton, Claire Montgomery, Susan Morefield, Elizabeth Morrison, Matilda Rossbach, Lily Venzke, Alexian Wines, and Jessica Zavala.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Collier & Carly Connell, David and Liz Gallalee, John and Kristy Highsmith, and Katie and Paul Holder.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Audrey Anikeeff (Tony Anikeeff and Tung-lin Wu), Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris), and Charles Lewis, Jr. (Charles Lewis, Sr.).



LIST OF 2027 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 2027.

As of October 27, 2026

Anonymous (3)
Kingsley Afemikhe
Eric & Jack Bailey
Frederick Baldwin
Jordan & Angelle Baugh
James Benjamin
Kathleen Benner
Diane Hendricks Bitsberger
Marion Blakey & Bill Dooley
Richard Busch
Virginia Chew
Ross Coe
Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey
Betsy Danello
Mark Dennis & Katherine Bliss
Mike & Beth Dumond
Diana Duncan
Kaye Edwards
Martha Ellison
Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris
Doug Estes & Sylvia Martin Estes
Caroline & Steve Faris
Elizabeth Field
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Ford
Liz Gallalee
Sandra Hackworth
Debby Hailey
Powell & Joanne Hutton
Marlene Ikeda
Bruce & Georgia Johnson
Robyne Johnston
David Kieve & Kate Bedingfield
James & Lisa Kirchenbauer
Anya Kleymenova
Frank & Nancy Klotz
Lisa Koehler
Julia Koster
Chien-Min Lee
Pam Covington Lottmann
John & Emily Lucio
Saunders & Joan McElroy
Richard Metzger
Kim Nguyen
Peter & Eleanor Odom
Ralph & Lydia Olson
Sharon Park
Ray & Susan Petniunas
Jane Reichard
Carlos Reyes
Charles & Geraldine Rhodes
Claire Rhodes
Susan & Steve Roehrich
Brian Schoeneman
Toby Stock & Margy Slattery
Riley Temple
Hilary & Alfred Thesmar
Pierre Cal Trepagnier & Marta Cook
Patrick & Pamela Venzke
Ryan Wagner
Trey & Amy Whitworth
Margaret Wiegenstein
Will Yale
Karen Zachary

WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

Vestry Leadership & Members

Alfred Thesmar, *Senior Warden*
Julia Koster, *Junior Warden*

Kate Benner, Brian Cordova-Brookey, Kaye Edwards, Elizabeth Field, Debby Hailey, Fruzsina Harsanyi, Apiyo Oloya, Jack Reiffer, Brian Schoeneman, Matthew Taylor, Trey Whitworth, and Jess Unger, *Members*

Anya Kleymenova, *Treasurer*
Jane Reichard, *Assistant Treasurer*
Will Priest, *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. Eric Bailey, *Assistant Priest for Parish Life and New Member Ministry*
The Rev. Cn. Maurice Dyer, *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest for Engaging Local Communities*
Lauren Goodyear, *Lay Minister for Children and Families*
Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*
Christopher Betts, *Associate Organist*

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*

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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