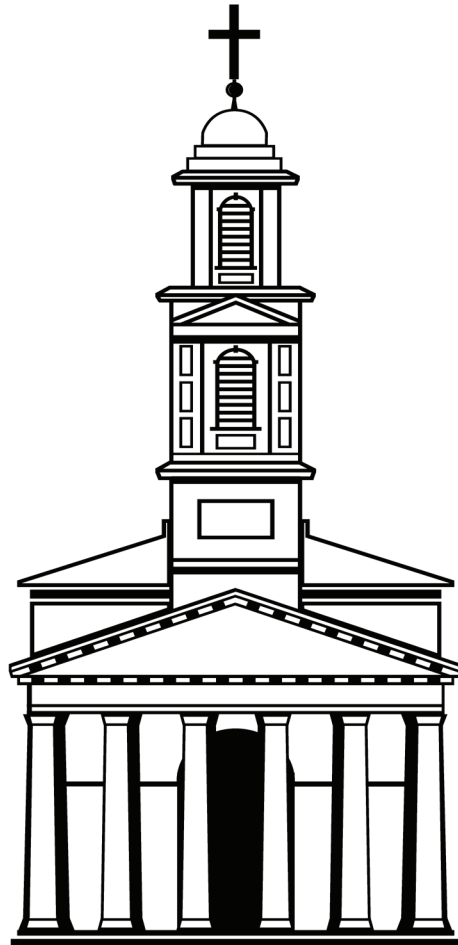


ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1, 2026 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m.



SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

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

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

*All are invited to participate in the service as able. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.*

Nursery care is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.

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

Please refrain from taking photos and videos during services.

Today's special music is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the musicians of St. John's Church.

VOLUNTARY

The heavens declare the glory of God Benedetto Marcello (1686–1739)

arr. Chuck Seipp

HYMN 287

For all the saints, who from their labors rest

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



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:____
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,____
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!____
7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



1 thee____ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
2 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;____
3 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
4 We feeble - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
7 saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
8 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host____



1 Name, O____ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
2 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
3 win, with____ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
4 all are____ one in thee, for all are thine.
7 King of____ glo - ry pass - es on his way.
8 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

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

SONG OF PRAISE

A song to the Lamb (*Dignus es*)

Benjamin Pierce Straley (b. 1986)

The refrain is introduced by the choir, then repeated by all.



For you created every thing that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being; *Refrain*

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
from every family, language, people, and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God. *Refrain*

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,
be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, for ever and for evermore. *Refrain*

—*Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

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

THE FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Please be seated.

Read by Jordan Baugh.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

Chanted by the choir; setting by Thomas Norris (1741–1790)

I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
 for those who fear him lack nothing.
 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
 but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
 and none will be punished who trust in him.

Children's Chapel in the Parish House: All who wish may gather in front of the pulpit at the start of the hymn, departing together and returning at the Peace. Parents are encouraged to accompany children younger than three.

GRADUAL HYMN 293

I sing a song of the saints of God

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are
 pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
 his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
 hund-reds of thou-sands still, the world is bright with the
 lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
 Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
 joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can
 one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,
 herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
 by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just
 God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

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

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.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Marion Blakey.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for All Saints Church, Chevy Chase; All Saints Pre-School, Chevy Chase; All Saints' Parish, Oakley; and All Souls Church, DC. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Eugene, our Assistant Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations; for Donald, our President, and for the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in authority, that they will uphold the virtues of justice and peace in our civic life; and that all may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially . . . Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially . . . Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, . . . , that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence.

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

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

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may make an offering by placing your donation in the plate, or use this QR code to pay electronically.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

And I saw a new heaven

Edgar Bainton (1880–1956)

Sung by the choir.

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

—Revelation 21:1-4

HYMN *Standing as you are able.*

Jerusalem the golden



1. Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest,

2. They stand those halls of Zi - on, all ju - bi - lant with song,

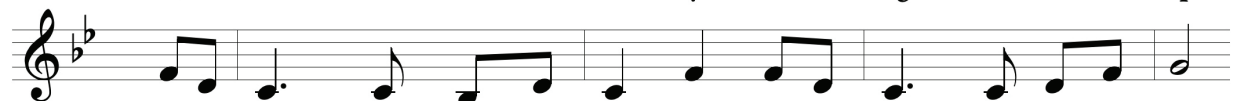
3. Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try the home of God's e - lect!



be - neath thy con - tem - pla - tion sink heart and voice op - pressed:

and bright with man - y an an - gel, and all the mar - tyr throng:

Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!



I - know not, oh, I know not, what joys a - wait us there;

the Prince is ev - er in them, the day is light se - rene;

To God en - throned in glo - ry the Chur - ch's voi - ces blend,



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare!
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are decked in glo - rious sheen.
the Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, the Light that knows no end.

To sing the hymn un - en - ding with all the mar - tyr throng,
To God en - throned in glo - ry the Church's voic - es blend,
Je - sus in mer - cy bring us to that dear land of rest,

a - midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound - ing full with song.
the Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, the light that knows no end.
who art, with God the Fa - ther, and Spi - rit, ev - er blest.

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

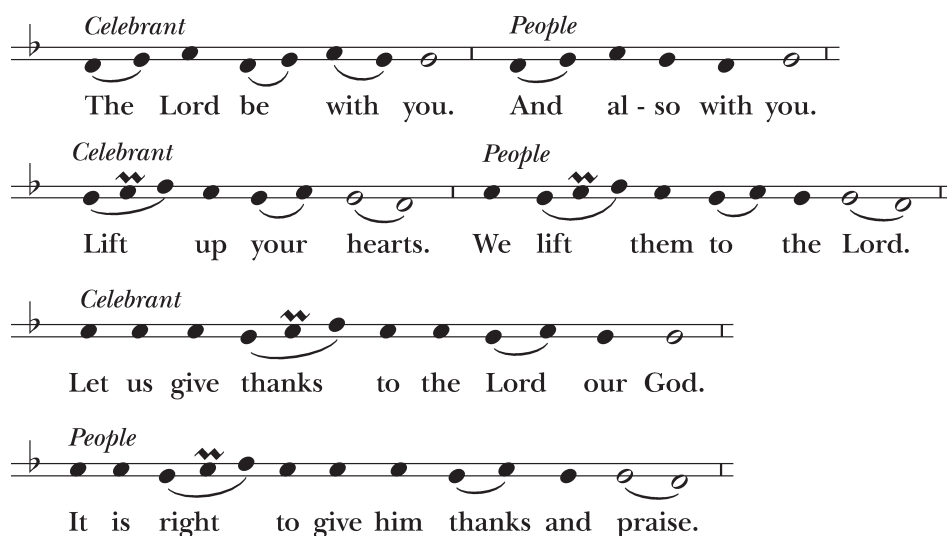
A PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

Said by all.

Gracious and everlasting God, the giver of all good gifts, you have blessed us and our parish abundantly. Grant us the hope to dream and the courage to live into our possibilities. Make us faithful stewards, both for the provision of our necessities and for the relief of those who are in need. Bless the efforts of our annual giving this year to extend the work of spiritual renewal in our church and community of faith. Through Jesus Christ, who gave all of himself, we offer this prayer. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing as you are able.



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS (S-128) *Sung by all.*

William Mathias (1934–1992)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven 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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (S-165) *Sung by all.*

William Mathias

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your 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

Justorum animae

Charles Villiers Stanford

Sung by the choir.

*Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace.*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; but they are in peace.

—Wisdom 3:1-3

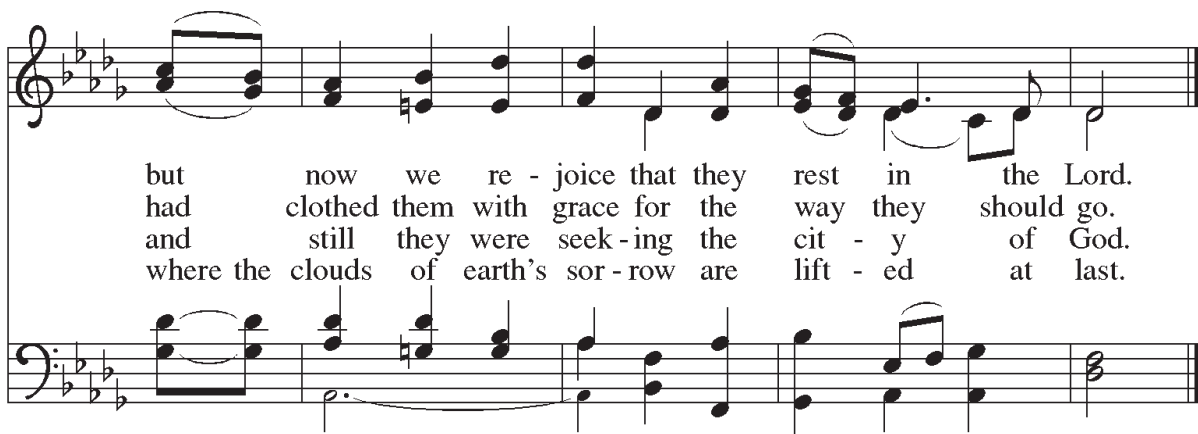
HYMN *Sung by all, seated.*

In our day of thanksgiving

1 In our day of thanks-giv - ing one psalm let us of - fer
2 In the morn - ing of life, and at noon, and at eve - ning,
3 These stones that have ech - oed their prais - es are ho - ly,
4 Sing praise, then, and thanks that God's love here has found them

for the saints who be - fore us re - ceived the re - ward;
they were gath - ered to heav'n from our wor - ship be - low;
and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
whose jour - ney is end - ed, whose per - ils are past;

when the shad - ow of death fell up - on them, we sor - rowed,
but not till God's love, at the font and the al - tar,
yet here they con - fessed they were strang - ers and pil - grims,
they be - lieved in the light; and its glo - ry is round them,



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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

All 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 618

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

Unison

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

Harmony *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

Harmony

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German (b. 1954)

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

Gil Hoffer, *Trumpet*

Paul Barkett, *Crucifer*

Derek Owunwanne and Ugo Owunwanne, *Acolytes*

Doug Estes and Debby Hailey, *Chalice Bearers*

Grant Kraus, *Assistant Head Usher*

Joe Daniels, RJ Lyerly, and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*

Caroline Faris and Michele Mullins, *Greeters*

Paul Barkett and Zach Schutz, *Flower Guild*

Jeremy Skog, *Livestream Technicians*

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 giving it to 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)

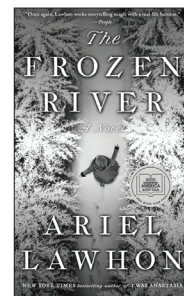


LATROBE FELLOWSHIP WORSHIP SINGALONG Wednesday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m.

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 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.*

I 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

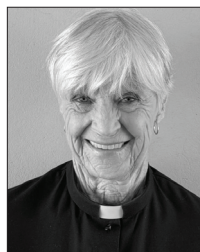
The gift of music enriches our worship and draws us closer to God's presence. You are invited to support our music ministry through a general gift to the Music Fund, or by sponsoring one of this season's special musical offerings. Your generosity helps sustain the beauty and excellence of our musical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

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*

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