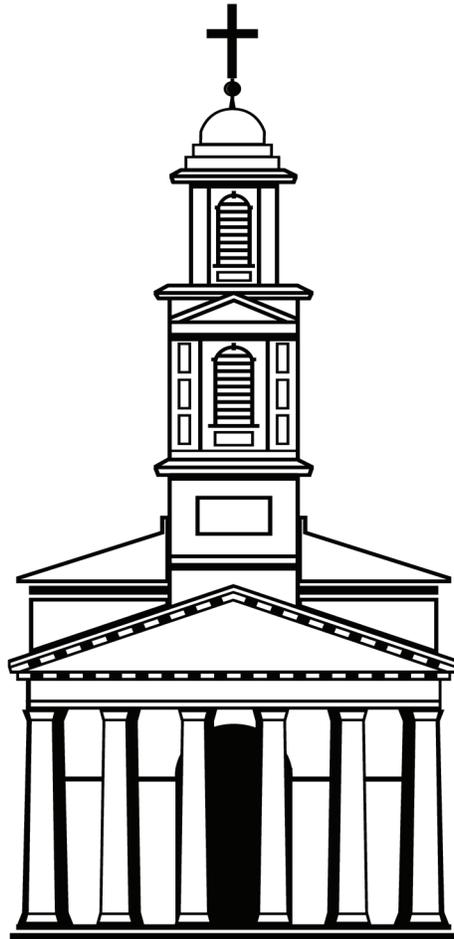


THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 25, 2024 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.



SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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

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

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

Nursery care is available from 10 a.m. to noon on the second floor of the Parish House.

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

VOLUNTARY

Ave Maris Stella: Plein Jeu, Fugue, Duo Nicolas DeGrigny (1672–1703)

HYMN 400

All creatures of our God and King

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



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



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

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

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

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

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Please be seated.

Read by Kevin Cordova-Brookey.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:15-22

Led by Holly Sukenik, said responsively by half verse.

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

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 during the hymn and will return at the Peace. Parents are encouraged to accompany children younger than three.

GRADUAL HYMN 440

Blessèd Jesus, at thy word

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

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 3 of the gradual hymn.

THE SERMON

The Rev. 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 Laura Herzog.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor 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 St. Albans School for Boys; The National Cathedral School for Girls; Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School; Washington Episcopal School; and the Bishop John T. Walker School. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; and Mariann, our 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, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. For Joseph, our President, and for the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and all who are in authority. For our nation during this election year, that we will value and uphold the common bond we share as citizens, and that you will empower us at this time to be graceful, loving, and brave. 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. A donation via this code can go only to offerings and not to pledges or any other specific funds.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Here, O my Lord

Barry Rose (b. 1934)

Sung by the choir.

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face,
here faith would touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven.
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but thine, nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon;
it is enough, enough, my Lord, indeed,
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

—*Horatius Bonar (1808–1889)*

HYMN 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Robert Powell

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

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

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Robert Powell

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Wait for an usher to call your pew to come forward. You will first be handed a wafer by a priest (gluten-free wafers are available by request) and then offered wine by a lay server. You may either sip the wine or dip your wafer into the wine. Receiving the bread alone is a valid way to share in the Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. All may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Esto les digo

Kinley Lange (b. 1950)

Sung by the choir.

Esto les digo: Si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo aquí en la tierra para pedir algo en oración, mi Padre que está en el cielo se lo dará. Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos.

Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

—Matthew 18:19-20

HYMN 301

Bread of the world, in mercy broken

Sung by all, seated.

Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the
soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were
spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the
tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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

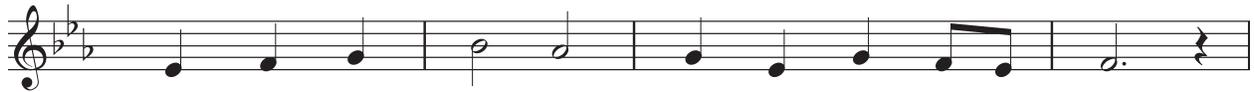
Priest Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN 347 *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace



1 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we _____ be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace _____ and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Ave Maris Stella: Dialogue sur les Grand Jeux

Nicolas DeGrigny

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

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

James Doyle, *Crucifer*
Tony Anikeeff and Sylvia Martin Estes, *Chalice Bearers*
Anthony Pegues, *Assistant Head Usher*
David Gallalee, Michele Mullins, and Bill Wright, *Ushers*
Caroline Faris and Marty Williams, *Greeters*
Adelle Simmons, *Flower Guild*
Ryan Wagner, *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 on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Look for the valet sign at the corner of Black Lives Matter Plaza (16th Street) and H Street, NW. ♦ Follow us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare. See photos from St. John's musical performances, special events, meetings, Sunday services, and more. Relive the moment or experience it for the first time through the touch of a button on your smartphone.

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Announcements for the Week of August 25

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor; see below)
- 10 a.m. Nursery—available until noon (Parish House Second Floor)
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish House First Floor)
Back-to-School Prayer Stations (Togo West Parlor; see next column)
Church Tour (see next column)

FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help us brighten the day of parishioners by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel most Sundays of the year. A card is attached to each vase with contact information.

Today flower deliveries are needed to Cathedral Avenue, NW, and Swann Street, NW.

SING WITH THE SUMMER CHOIR

Singers of all stripes are invited to join the Summer Choir which sings for the 10:30 a.m. service through Labor Day weekend. This is a great opportunity to explore the choral program at St. John's and to get to know members of the choir. Rehearsal begins at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room on the fourth floor of the Parish House, and there is no midweek commitment. Come and sing for one or both of the remaining summer Sundays! Contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions or to learn more about the music program at St. John's.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER STATIONS

Today at 11:30 a.m., Togo West Parlor

Interactive, self-guided prayer stations will be available, focused on helping students, parents, and educators begin the school year well. Come name your hopes and concerns for the year ahead in creative ways. The prayer stations are designed with children in mind and will help adults tap into their own playfulness and imagination. Grab a coffee and explore!

TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Today at 11:30 a.m.

For more than 200 years our church has served as a place of worship for a growing and everchanging city and country. Its structure is a lasting testament to Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who, because of his training in both architecture and engineering, is considered by the American Institute of Architects as our country's first architect. If you are interested in an in-person tour of St. John's Church, meet at the front of the church near the baptismal font after the 10:30 a.m. service. Today's guide is Richard Busch.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 26–September 1

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. Sarah Akers-Cardwell, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon
and Children's Chapel

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, August 26

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

Tuesday, August 27

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

Friday, August 30

1 p.m. Parish Office Closes

Monday, September 2—Labor Day

All Day Parish Office Closed

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

DEDICATIONS FOR SPECIAL MUSIC

Parishioners are invited to sponsor extra musicians for Music Festival Services and other special events in the life of the parish. These generous contributions enhance our worship life and allow us to present occasional larger-scale musical works. Sponsorship is recognized by a dedication on the title page of the bulletin for the given service, and partial sponsorships are encouraged. Upcoming services available for sponsorship include:

Fall Music Festival (September 15)

Sponsor a professional string ensemble to join the combined choirs as we continue our celebration of the new program year. *Sponsorship: \$1,500*

Newly Commissioned Work for St. John's (TBD)

Contribute to a newly commissioned work of choral music by the award-winning South African composer, Franco Prinsloo. The work is being composed in honor of late archbishop Desmond Tutu and will be premiered at St. John's this fall as we celebrate our ongoing partnership with Kwasa College in the Diocese of the Highveld. *Sponsorship: \$2,000*

Special Music for All Saints' Day (November 3)

Sponsor trumpeters for a service on All Saints' Sunday. *Sponsorship: \$600*

Fauré *Requiem* for All Souls' Day (November 3)

Sponsor a chamber orchestra and choir to offer a performance of Gabriel Fauré's beloved *Requiem* on the Sunday evening after All Souls' Day. The service will include the reading of the parish necrology and will be sung in honor of the 100th anniversary of the death of the composer. *Sponsorship: \$3,500*

Christmas Lessons and Carols (December 22)

Sponsor singers for one of St. John's most well-loved holiday traditions, the annual service of Lessons and Carols, sung by the choirs of St. John's. *Sponsorship: \$1,000*

Festival Strings for Christmas Eve (December 24)

Sponsor the string ensemble that enhances the beauty of our Christmas Eve music. *Sponsorship: \$3,000*

SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

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 costs of the lunch. All are welcome. Valet parking hours are extended to 2 p.m. any Sunday with a parish lunch.

This tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve the meal—which is why we encourage individuals, families, groups, and ministries to sign up to host at least once

between October 6 and the end of May. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt.

Not sure what's involved? Want to claim an open date? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

September 22 "Welcome Back" Potluck: Please let Holly Sukenik know what you can bring to share and whether you are able to help set up, serve, or clean up.

October 6

October 13

October 20 Bell Tower Reception

October 27 No Lunch: Marine Corps Marathon

November 3

November 10

November 17 New Members Reception

November 24

December 1 No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend

December 8

December 15

December 22 No Lunch

December 29 No Lunch

BAPTISMS

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism must also attend an Adult Inquirers' Class, offered twice a year, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. Upcoming dates for baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy at St. John's include:

Sunday, November 3, at 9 a.m.

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

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

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

Sunday, February 9, at 9 a.m.

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

KICKOFF SUNDAY IS 2 WEEKS AWAY

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Regular service times will resume with services at 8, 9, and 11 a.m. The first Speaker Series will be held at 10 a.m., as will open houses for children and youth.

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

Parish Choir Rehearsal

8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

10 a.m. Speaker Series (in the Sanctuary)

Coffee Hour

Church School Open House (see below)

Youth Group Open House (see below)

Adult Bible Study

St. John's Choir Rehearsal

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Children's Chapel

Noon Coffee Hour and Reception

SPEAKER SERIES BEGINS

The Speaker Series kicks off on Sunday, September 8, with a talk by the Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Don't miss it! (See next page for details and other upcoming speakers.)

CHURCH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Kids and parents are invited to explore classrooms and meet their teachers between the 9 and 11 a.m. services on Kickoff Sunday. We'll have activities for kids and information about the program year ahead. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

YOUTH GROUP OPEN HOUSE

On Kickoff Sunday, all middle and high school youth and their parents are invited to catch up, meet our new youth minister, and hear more about the upcoming year of programming. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

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.



September 8: **The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas**, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will update us on the work of the department and the state of homeland security today. (*Location: Sanctuary*)



September 22: **Carroll Doherty**, Director of Political Research at the Pew Research Center, will talk with us about the state of the presidential race.

October 6: **Scott Sklar**, Founder and President of The Stella Group, a clean energy technology optimization and strategic policy firm, will talk about his work on clean and sustainable energy.

October 13: **Maureen Corrigan**, Distinguished Professor of Literary Criticism at Georgetown University and one of the nation's foremost F. Scott Fitzgerald experts, will speak about the great American novelist's life and work.

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

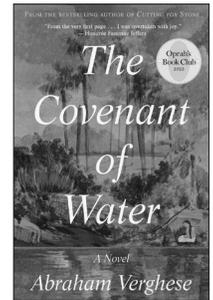
Wednesday, September 4, at 6:30 p.m.

The Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship celebrates the return of the program year with a service of Evening Prayer followed by a wine tasting in Togo West Parlor. Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. For more information, contact Eric Bailey, our lay minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, September 12, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom for our first meeting of the fall to discuss *The Covenant of Water* by writer Abraham Verghese. The book group typically meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us online at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday, September 15, at 11 a.m.

A professional string ensemble will join the combined choirs as we continue our celebration of the new program year. Among the offerings will be a work by composer Jessica French called "Strengthen for Service" in honor of our annual commissioning of the choirs.

MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, September 15, after the 9 and 11 a.m. services

Are you looking for ways to get involved in our church community? Look no further than our annual Ministry Fair, where you'll have the opportunity to explore ministries and find the perfect fit. Whether you're passionate about our church community, participating in worship, reaching out to the wider community, or helping with Christian education and formation, there's a ministry for you! Representatives from each ministry will be available to answer any questions. Come learn about ministry goals and activities, as well as the time commitment and training required. Mark your calendars, or contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website to learn more.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday, September 18, at 5:30 p.m.

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

GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming Dates: September 21 and October 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. Volunteers purchase and prepare food (including casseroles, rolls, salad, and dessert) and/or serve the guests. Typically, as many as 60 or 70 guests come seeking food and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other St. John's parishioners and to spread God's loving kindness in our community. Contact leader Elizabeth Field via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, September 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, September 16, to bit.ly/PNO-0921. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHORISTER PROGRAM

Do you know a child who loves to sing? The St. John's Chorister Program provides children and youth with professional choral training, music theory, and leadership development. Young singers enjoy an intergenerational choir experience where all ages come together to offer sacred music of the highest quality in the praise of God.

The St. Cecilia Choir is a preparatory program for children in grades 3–6. Using the curriculum of the Royal School of Church Music in America, singers learn the basics of vocal production and music theory and rehearse weekly on Thursday evenings. While the purpose of this program is educational, rather than performance-based, participants sing in worship on specific occasions throughout the year. Membership is open to all.

The Advanced Choristers are youth with unchanged voices who have passed their dark blue RSCM examination and demonstrate the vocal skills necessary to succeed in an

advanced ensemble. They receive ongoing training in music theory as well as private vocal lessons. They rehearse twice weekly on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and sing for worship and special occasions regularly throughout the year. Membership is by audition for new members.

To learn more about our choirs, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

NURSERY HOURS

Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon, through Labor Day

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting September 8

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Sundays during 10:30 a.m. worship through September 1

During 11 a.m. worship starting September 8

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

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

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

Open House: September 8. Classes begin September 15

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

YOUTH GROUP

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

Open House: September 8. Classes begin September 15

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

THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

Sundays during 11 a.m. worship, September through May

Youth in 6th grade and above are welcome to participate during the 11 a.m. service, serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. To learn more, contact us via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

FOR ADULTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10 a.m., beginning September 8

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For class notes and Zoom login information, please connect with leader Jack Reiffer at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

BEING WITH: A COURSE EXPLORING CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE

Sign up now—Classes begin the week of September 22

This fall, we are again excited to offer a 10-week class called Being With (being-with.org), developed by the Rev. Sam Wells and his colleagues at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London. Participants may choose between online and in-person learning groups and will spend time exploring the core ideas and practices of a Christian life. Each session lasts 90 minutes, and participants should be present for most sessions for the most meaningful small-group experience. The course begins the week of September 22 and runs through December 6 (no class Thanksgiving week). Please contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions, or visit bit.ly/3WhQjiB to express interest in taking this course.

THE 2024 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Saturdays, October 19 & 26

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's? If so, please join the two-day Fall Adult Inquirers' Class, led by the Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, on Saturdays, October 19 and 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All are welcome, whether you are a newcomer or a longtime parishioner. This is an opportunity to learn more

about the Christian faith, our Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church. To register, please contact Lisa Koehler via our website. Those who participate or who have completed another inquirers' class are invited to celebrate with a Service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, November 16.

REMINDERS

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.



MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

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



ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

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



FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

Praying for the sick and those in need is an important part of our life together. We invite you to add yourself, family, or friends to the parish prayer list. **Contact Pastoral Care through the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at stjohndc.org.** Birthdays, anniversaries, births, and deaths are listed for a week. Other names added to the prayer list will appear for four consecutive weeks. If you would like the name to be on the prayer list for a shorter or longer period of time, please let us know. For family and friends who are not members of the congregation, we list in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers.

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

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: Yung Chang.

Friends and family of our parish: Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Francis Collins (Fruzsina Harsanyi), Bruce D'Innocenzo (Jim and Michele Mullins), Mary Leche Delong (Margo Wiegenstein), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Erika Emery (Cliftine Jones), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Ryan Hyde (Pete and Katherine Kyle), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Melinda Leslie (Patricia Leslie), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Luke Morrison (Elizabeth and Greg Morrison), Bruce Mortimer (Nancy Mathis), Lisa Nestor (Sarah Wood), Ian Paton (Frances Tyler), Janet Rich (Christie Rich), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Louise Shaughnessy (Sarah Wood), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Mackenzie Toland

(Wendy J. Fibison), John Walsten (Emily and John Lucio), Richard Waycott (Louisa Waycott), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITAL

Friends and family of our parish: Marquis Hailstork (GeeGee Bryant).

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

Friends and family of our parish: Carol Bradley (Larry and Krista Bradley), Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), Pam Murray (James and Pat Czerwonky), and Pereda Paty (John & Alma Paty).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING

A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Hugh Agnew, Jamie Agnew, Leslie Arriaga, Reed Barnes, Katherine Bliss, Lacy Broemel, Casey Evans, Debra Fine, Richard Greene, Lucy Herzog, Stevan Johnson, Bayne Johnston, Quinn Lyerly, Gregory Mays, Clayton McCleskey, Ford Neville, Thomas Nuzum, Eric Peters, Gigi Rasmussen, Hap Rigby, Jason Rossbach, Zachary Schutz, Patrick Smith, Ann Tierney, Philip Tierney, and Marty Williams.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING

AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Art and Louise Fisher, Holly and John Sukenik, Sandy and Susan Sierck, and Lara Kanitra and Kevin Kozlowski.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

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

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

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

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

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

Casey Evans, *Treasurer*

Nora Haugh, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

Head Usher

James H. Czerwonky

Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

Head Greeters

Eleanor and Peter Odom

Worship and Program Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

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

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

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

Eric Bailey, *Minister for Youth and Young Adults*

Staff

Preston Cherouny, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Operations Manager*

Lisa Koehler, *Program Associate and*
Executive Assistant to the Rector

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

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

Anne Stone, *Publications*

ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. John's shines as a beacon of God's love through faith, worship, care, and community,
and offers a place of grace at our historic corner in the nation's capital.

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