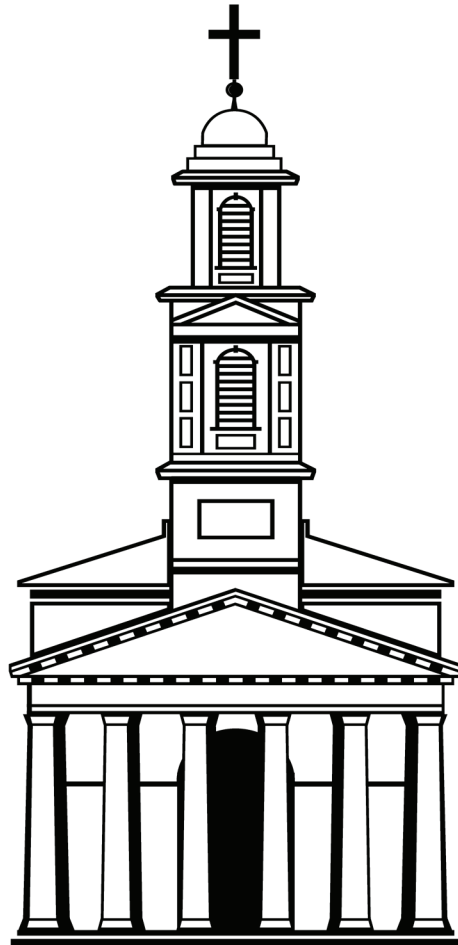


THE FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS
October 4, 2026 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m.



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.

VOLUNTARY

“The peace may be exchanged” from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

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.**

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.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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

Job 39:1-18

Please be seated.

Read by Caroline Faris.

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

“Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

“Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

“The ostrich’s wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

Chanted by the choir; setting by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

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 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. William Morris

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 Holly Sukenik.

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 St. Francis Church, Potomac. 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

Sweet Rivers

Sean Kirchner (b. 1970)

Sung by the choir.

Sweet rivers of redeeming love lie just before mine eyes;
had I the pinions of a dove, I'd to those rivers fly.
I'd rise superior to my pain, with joy outstrip the wind:
I'd cross o'er Jordan's stormy waves and leave the world behind.

A few more days, or years at most, my troubles will be o'er:
I hope to join the heav'nly host on Canaan's happy shore.
My rapt'rous soul shall drink and feast in love's unbounded sea,
the glorious hope of endless rest is ravishing to me.

O! come, my Savior, come away, and bear me through the sky,
nor let thy chariot wheels delay, but quickly draw thou nigh.
Then I shall join the angel throng and circle 'round thy throne;
I'll sing through all the ages long, and joy to be thine own.

—*John Adam Granade (1763–1807)*

HYMN LEVAS 201

I've got peace like a river

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1. riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
2. foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my
3. o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

1. soul; _____ I've got riv - er in my soul. _____
2. soul; _____ I've got foun - tain in my soul. _____
3. soul; _____ I've got o - cean in my soul. _____

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, key of D major. It features three verses of lyrics. The first system covers the first two lines of the first verse. The second system covers the third line of the first verse and the first line of the second verse. The third system covers the second and third lines of the second verse. The score includes repeat signs and first/second endings. The bass line is a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual.

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.

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.

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 the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations. 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 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

I will lift mine eyes

Jake Runestad (b. 1986)

Sung by the choir.

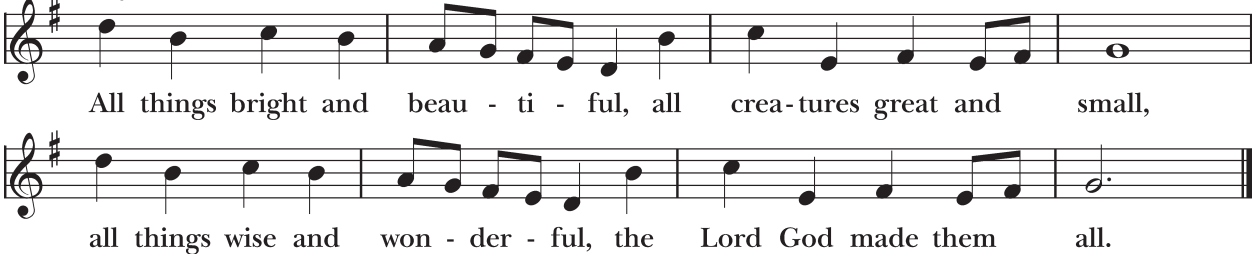
I will lift mine eyes unto the hills. From whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord. He is the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved. He who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper. The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will keep your soul.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this day forth for evermore.

—*Psalm 121*

HYMN 405 *Sung by all, seated.*

All things bright and beautiful

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958), desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc. Descant, Copyright © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

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

The spacious firmament on high

1 The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high,
2 Soon as the eve - ning shades pre - vail,
3 What though in sol - emn si - lence all

with all the blue e - ther - eal sky,
the moon takes up the won - drous tale,
move round the dark ter - res - trial ball?

and span - gled heavens, a shin - ing frame,
and night - ly to the lis - tening earth
What though no re - al voice nor sound

their great O - rig - i - nal pro - claim.
 re - peats the sto - ry of her birth:
 a - mid their ra - diant orbs be found?

The un - wea - ried sun from day to day
 whilst all the stars that round her burn,
 In rea - son's ear they all re - joice,

does his Cre - a - tor's power dis - play;
 and all the plan - ets in their turn,
 and ut - ter forth a glo - rious voice;

and pub - lish - es to ev - ery land
 con - firm the ti - dings, as they roll
 for ev - er sing - ing as they shine,

the work of an al - might - y hand.
 and spread of the truth from pole to pole.
 "The hand that made us is di - vine."

Words: Joseph Addison (1672-1719); para. of Psalm 19:1-6. Music: *Creation*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); adapt. *Dulcimer, or New York Collection of Sacred Music*, 1950, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

John Cook (1918–1984)

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

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Anya Kleymenova, *Crucifer* | Isabel Dennis and Lizzie Ehrich, *Acolytes*

Kevin Cordova-Brookey and Sylvia Martin Estes, *Chalice Bearers*

Grant Kraus, *Assistant Head Usher*

Brian Cordova-Brookey, Joe Daniels, John Schutz, and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*

Becca Brown Todd and Roderick Todd, *Greeters*

Zach Schutz and Ryan Toney, *Flower Guild*

Jeremy Sheeler, *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 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 October 4

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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

Preaching this morning: The Rev. Will Morris

- 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
Blessing of the Animals
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 4)
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)
Acolyte Training (see next column)
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)
“Welcome Back” Parish Potluck
(see next column)
Women's Tea (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, a flower delivery is needed to: C Street, NE.

ACOLYTE TRAINING | Today at 10 a.m.

Youth in sixth grade and above are invited to gather in the sanctuary to learn about the acolytes ministry. Acolytes assist with worship by serving as torch bearers or crucifers and by helping set the altar for communion. This is an opportunity to be more directly involved in worship, learn more about the church's traditions, and serve alongside friends. No experience needed! Contact Vincent Scauzzo via our online Ministry Directory with questions.

“WELCOME BACK” POTLUCK Sunday Parish Lunch returns today at noon

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. All are welcome. Valet parking hours are extended to 2 p.m. any Sunday with a parish lunch. Join us!

WOMEN'S TEA | Today at noon in Togo West Parlor

Women of all ages are warmly invited to join the Sisters of St. John's for tea (hot and cold) served with small sandwiches and desserts. The Sisters gather throughout the year for social and giving activities, in addition to offering an annual retreat and supporting one another in times of need. Come meet our members and learn about this group!

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.

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

SERVICE SCHEDULE | *October 5–11*

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. Eric Bailey, 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, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

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

5:30 p.m. Bishop Walker School (Offsite; see below)

Wednesday, October 7

6:30 p.m. Latrobe Fellowship (see next column)

Friday, October 9

1 p.m. Parish Office closes and will remain closed on Monday, October 12, in observance of the federal holiday

Saturday, October 10

9:30 a.m. Adult Inquirers' Class (registered participants only; see next column)

COMING UP

**BISHOP WALKER SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO . . .
Evening Prayer at Washington National Cathedral
on Tuesday, October 6, at 5:30 p.m.**

All are welcome as the students, staff, and families of the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys gather for an

annual service of prayer and song. This service will also be livestreamed on the cathedral website (cathedral.org).

LATROBE FELLOWSHIP OKTOBERFEST

Wednesday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m.

The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. Join us in October for a festive fall celebration with seasonal activities, food, and beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic). For more details or to connect with the group, contact Will Yale via the Ministry Directory tab on our website.



THE 2026 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Saturdays, October 10 & 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's? Or are you just interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church? Either way, please join the two-day Fall Adult Inquirers' Class, led by the Rev. Rob Fisher, on Saturdays, October 10 and 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website to learn more or register for this class.

RECOGNIZING OUR FLOWER GUILD LEADERS

Sunday, October 11, at 11 a.m. | Reception to follow

Katherine Kyle and Pat Dalby have faithfully led the Flower Guild ministry for many years, bringing beauty and inspiration to our worship space every week. As Susan Heil and Zach Schutz are transitioning into the leadership of the Flower Guild, we will take a moment on Sunday, October 11, to recognize Katherine and Pat. Please share your appreciation with them on that day, and plan to stay after the service for a special reception in their honor.

BEING WITH: A COURSE EXPLORING CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE

Monday evenings, 6:30–8 p.m., starting October 12

This fall we are once again excited to offer a hybrid course called *Being With*, to be led by parishioners Elizabeth Field and Alex Smith. It is an opportunity to explore faith through honest conversations and storytelling—no prior knowledge or experience needed. The course is about showing up and letting the Spirit meet you there. *Being With* is open to everyone, especially those who are curious about faith, with sessions lasting 90 minutes. Enrollment is capped at 10, and participants' schedules should allow attendance at most sessions. Questions? Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Sign up at bit.ly/sjc-being-with-2026.

GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming dates: October 17 and November 21

Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other St. John's parishioners and to spread God's loving kindness in our community. Contact leader Elizabeth Field using the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW TOUR

Sunday, October 18, at noon | Meet at the Lincoln Pew

Parish historian Richard Grimmert will lead a 50-minute tour of the first-floor windows in the church on Sunday, October 18, following the 11 a.m. service. A second tour, focused on the gallery windows, will take place on Sunday, November 8.

SPOOKY FAMILY MEET-UP

Saturday, October 24, 9–10:30 a.m.

Kids and their grown-ups are invited to join in a morning of fall fun. Families with infants through elementary-aged children will gather next to the playground at Montrose Park (3052 R Street, NW) for pumpkin painting, Halloween crafts, spooky snacks, and more! RSVP by Monday, October 19, to Lauren Goodyear via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

Saturday, October 24, at 9:30 a.m. | Anacostia River

Join a crew from St. John's on Saturday, October 24, for a fun morning of shore cleanup along the Anacostia. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Anacostia River Park Boat Ramp (1500 Anacostia Drive, SE) to begin our work. Afterward, enjoy a narrated boat ride provided by the Anacostia Riverkeeper Association. All are welcome, including individuals, families, and youth. Cleanup supplies will be provided. Contact Joanne Hutton, leadership for Care of Creation, via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website for more information or to sign up.

CHORAL EVENSONG | St. Simon and St. Jude

Wednesday, October 28, at 5:30 p.m. | Combined choirs

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 last Wednesday of most months from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. The service will also be available via livestream on our website.

Parking validation for Evensong is available in the garage at 1575 I Street, NW. When asked for payment (upon arrival), indicate that you will return with a validated ticket from St. John's good for free parking.

ALL SOULS' DAY REQUIEM EUCHARIST

Sunday, November 1, at 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we 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 that you will return with a validated ticket from St. John's good for free parking. The service will also be livestreamed on our website.

Remembering those who have died—Names of those who have died since November 1, 2025, will be listed in our All Saints' service bulletins on November 1 and read aloud

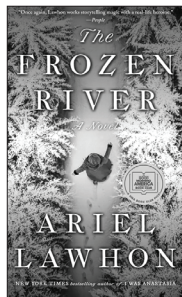
during the All Souls' requiem that evening at 5:30 p.m. If you would like a name to be included in this remembrance, please complete our online form at bit.ly/sjc-necrology. The deadline for submitting names is Monday, October 26.

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 directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



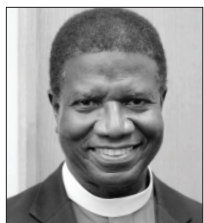
SAMARITAN MINISTRY GALA

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.

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.



October 4: The Rt. Rev. Eugene T. Sutton, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, will talk about how the Diocese of Maryland dealt with racial reconciliation and reparations for slavery.



October 11: Jonathan Rauch, a Brookings Institution Senior Fellow and acclaimed author, will discuss his most recent book, *Cross Purposes: Christianity's Broken Bargain with Democracy*.



October 25: Dan Rauch, Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist, DC Department of Energy and Environment, will discuss local wildlife and how to help area birds.

NEWS & NOTICES

2027 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

Thank you to all who have already made your 2027 pledge to St. John's! What a wonderful blessing for the life of our church! Making your pledge of financial support allows St. John's to plan for the coming year and do the work of fulfilling our mission and ministry to shine as a beacon of God's love through faith, worship, care and community.

Your pledge can be a one-time annual payment or it can be paid weekly, monthly, or on the schedule of your choosing. Join us and pledge today! 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 your financial commitment to St. John's.



—Caroline Faris, Stewardship Committee Chair

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

This past Sunday, we recognized Javier Obregon, Sexton, and GeeGee Bryant, Assistant Sexton, for their more than 25 years of service to St. John's. They were honored during 11 a.m. worship for their kindness, faithfulness, and generosity, and for the many contributions they continue to make to our community. Each received a picture of the church and a lovely bouquet of flowers, in addition to a monetary gift from St. John's, supplemented by parishioner donations. If you wish to contribute to this monetary purse, you can still do so through Realm via the Give tab on our website; select "Staff Appreciation" as the fund. Donations will be split equally between Javier and GeeGee, and presented as anonymous gifts from the parish community.

WE ARE EXPLORING A KWASA VISIT IN 2027

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.

SUPPORT SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERINGS

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:

- Trumpeter for All Saints' Day (November 1)—*Claimed*
- Requiem for All Souls' Day (November 1)—*Claimed*
- Christmas Lessons and Carols (December 20)—*Claimed*
- Christmas Eve Harpist for Pageant (4 p.m. service)—\$600
- Christmas Eve String Ensemble (7 p.m. service)—\$2,000
- Christmas Eve String Ensemble (10 p.m. service)—\$2,000
- Trumpeter for Palm Sunday (March 21)—*Claimed*
- Viol Consort for Holy Week Evensong—\$2,000
- Ensemble for Fife and Drum Sunday (July 4)—*Claimed*

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.

PARISH LUNCH | Most Sundays at noon

This 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.

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 **bold** in box)? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

DO YOU GIVE TO US ONLINE?

If so, you need to know . . .

. . . we have corrected a typo in the URL for our donation and directory platform, Realm. If you have a bookmark saved on your computer, the link will need updating. Please use the donation link on our website or this new QR code to reach our Realm site.



FALL PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE & HOSTS

October 4	"Welcome Back" Potluck
October 11	Flower Guild
October 18	Host still needed
<i>October 25</i>	<i>No Lunch: Marine Corps Marathon</i>
November 1	Host still needed
November 8	New Members Reception: All invited!
November 15	Sisters at St. John's
November 22	Greeters
<i>November 29</i>	<i>No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend</i>
December 6	Stewardship Committee
December 13	Book Group
<i>December 20</i>	<i>No Lunch</i>
<i>December 27</i>	<i>No Lunch</i>



FOR THOSE SEEKING TO BE BAPTIZED

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

Sunday, November 1, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, October 31, at 10 a.m.

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.

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

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

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House 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. Find something you want to do? 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, and Lydia Olson.

Friends and family of our parish: Olivia Beckett (Justin Dean), Earl Billings (Chase Rynd) Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Casey Byers (Eric Peters), Chad (Wendy Fibison), Tim Collins (Wendy J. Fibison), Paul Colloton (Jack Reiffer), Dominic D'Andrea (Krista Bradley), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), William and 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), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Chantay Griffin (Charley Griffin and Gee Gee Bryant), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Pierre Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Petros Kartos (Meg Carter), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), 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), Anne Shepherd (Jim Shepherd), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Ashley M. Smith (Marta Cook and Pierre Cal Trepagnier), Elena Sukenik (Holly Sukenik), Sunil (Susan Cardwell), Brad Todd (Pamela Venzke), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Caleb Williams (Alfred Thesmar), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-Reilly), Bess Williamson (Wendy Fibison), Michele Wilson (Margo Wiegenstein), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITAL

From our parish: Jack Reiffer and Clementine Anne Fullerton Powell.

Friends and family of our parish: Tom Lamont (Eric Bailey), Lewis Coleman Casey "Cole" (Eric Bailey), 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 BEEN BORN

From our parish: Clementine Anne Fullerton Powell, September 26 (Ellie Fullerton & Laurel Powell).

Friends and family of our parish: Daisy Cooper Olson, September 30 (granddaughter of Lydia and Ralph Olson).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Simon Beaumont, Marta Cook, Nicole Crochet, Oliver Evans, Callum Ford, Alex Frye, Susan George, John Herzog, Matilda Jeffries, Wande Johnson, William Johnston, Kenny Kraft, Laura Lieberman, Johnathan Miller, Michael Neufeld, Kosi Onwuamaegbu, Hillary Stuart, Chris Wall, and Donna Welles.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Brian and Kevin Cordova-Brookey, Juliet and Lee Folger, Kate and Nick Hailey, Budd and Sue Hallberg, Stewart and Victoria Jeffries, Jessie Kennedy and Justin Kline, Rob and Carolina Mosbacher, Jim and Michele Mullins, Elizabeth and Mohammed Sadqi, and Edward and Lacey Szczepanik.

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), Faith Drow (Glen Bootay), Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris), and Charles Lewis, Jr. (Charles Lewis, Sr.).

WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

Vestry Leadership & Members

Alfred Thesmar, *Senior Warden*

Julia Koster, *Junior Warden*

Kate Benner, Brian Cordova-Brookey,

Kaye Edwards, Elizabeth Field,

Debby Hailey, Fruzsina Harsanyi,

Apiyo Oloya, Jack Reiffer, Brian Schoeneman,

Matthew Taylor, Trey Whitworth, and Jess Unger,

Members

Anya Kleymenova, *Treasurer*

Jane Reichard, *Assistant Treasurer*

Will Priest, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

Head Usher—James H. Czerwonky

Head Greeters—Eleanor and Peter Odom

Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Eric Bailey, *Assistant Priest for*

Parish Life and New Member Ministry

The Rev. Cn. Maurice Dyer, *Assisting Priest*

The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*

for Engaging Local Communities

Lauren Goodyear, *Lay Minister for Children*

and Families

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Christopher Betts, *Associate Organist*

John Stowe, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Parish Administrator*

Lisa Koehler, *Program Associate and*

Executive Assistant to the Rector

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant, David Gamboa, and

John Queen, *Assistant Sextons*

Anne Stone, *Publications*

ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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