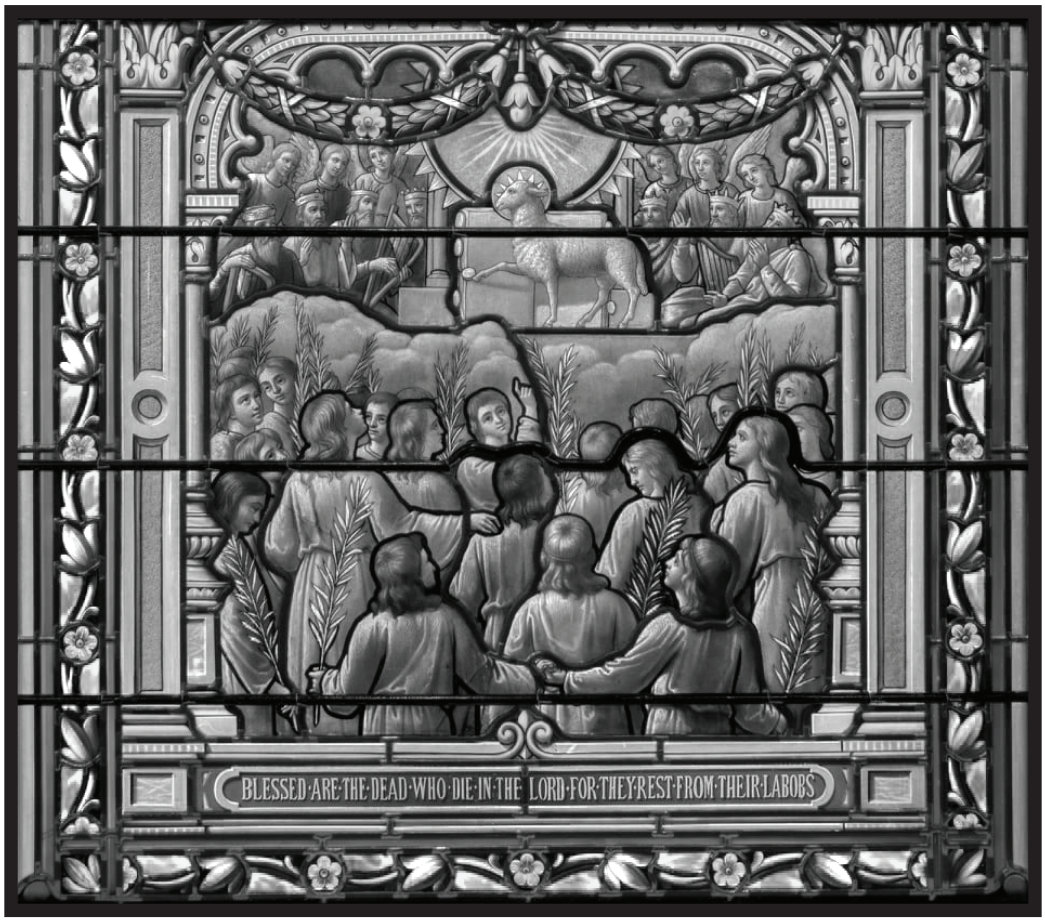
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November 3, 2024 ✦ Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.



SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

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

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

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

MUSIC NOTES



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

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

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

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

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

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

—Brent Erstad, Director of Music & Organist

VOLUNTARY In Paradisum Ghislaine Reece-Trapp (b. 1992)

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

INTROIT AND KYRIE Messe de Requiem, Op. 48 Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

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

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

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

COLLECT FOR ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

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

THE FIRST READING *Read by Martha Ellison.* Wisdom 3:1-9

Please be seated.

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

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

PSALM 130 *Chanted by the choir.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

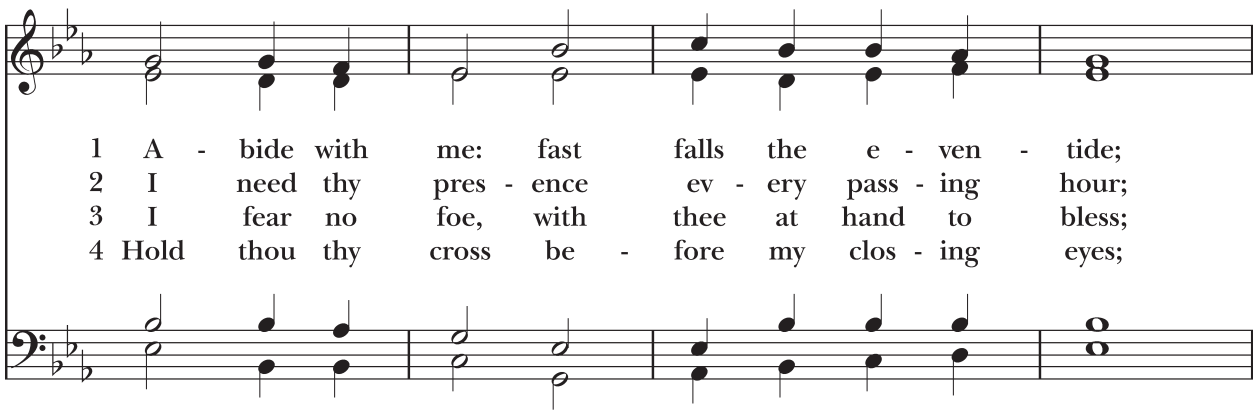
THE SECOND READING *Read by Jeff Agnew.* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
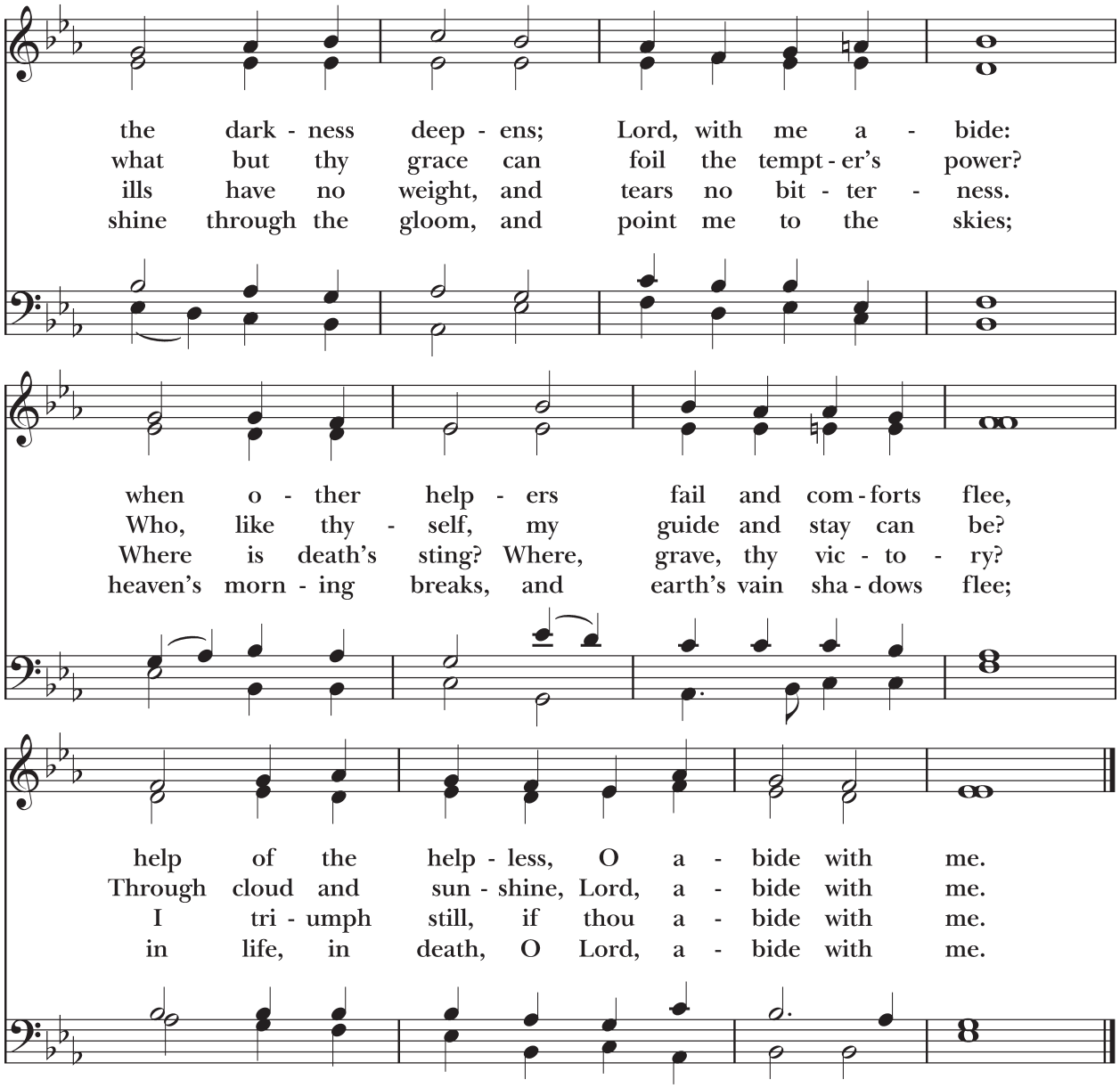
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 662 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide

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





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

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Please remain standing as you are able.* John 5:24-27

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

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

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

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jack Reiffer

THE NECROLOGY

Read by Sandra Hackworth and Riley Temple.

Please remain seated. As the tower bell tolls, the names of members and friends of this parish who have died in the past year are read. For the listing of names, see page 2 of the announcements.

PIE JESU

Messe de Requiem, Op. 48 — Gabriel Fauré

Sung in Latin by soloist Beatrix Neal.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant to them rest everlasting.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Said by all, standing as you are able.

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

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Caroline Mazzocchi.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

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

Silence.

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

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

THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION
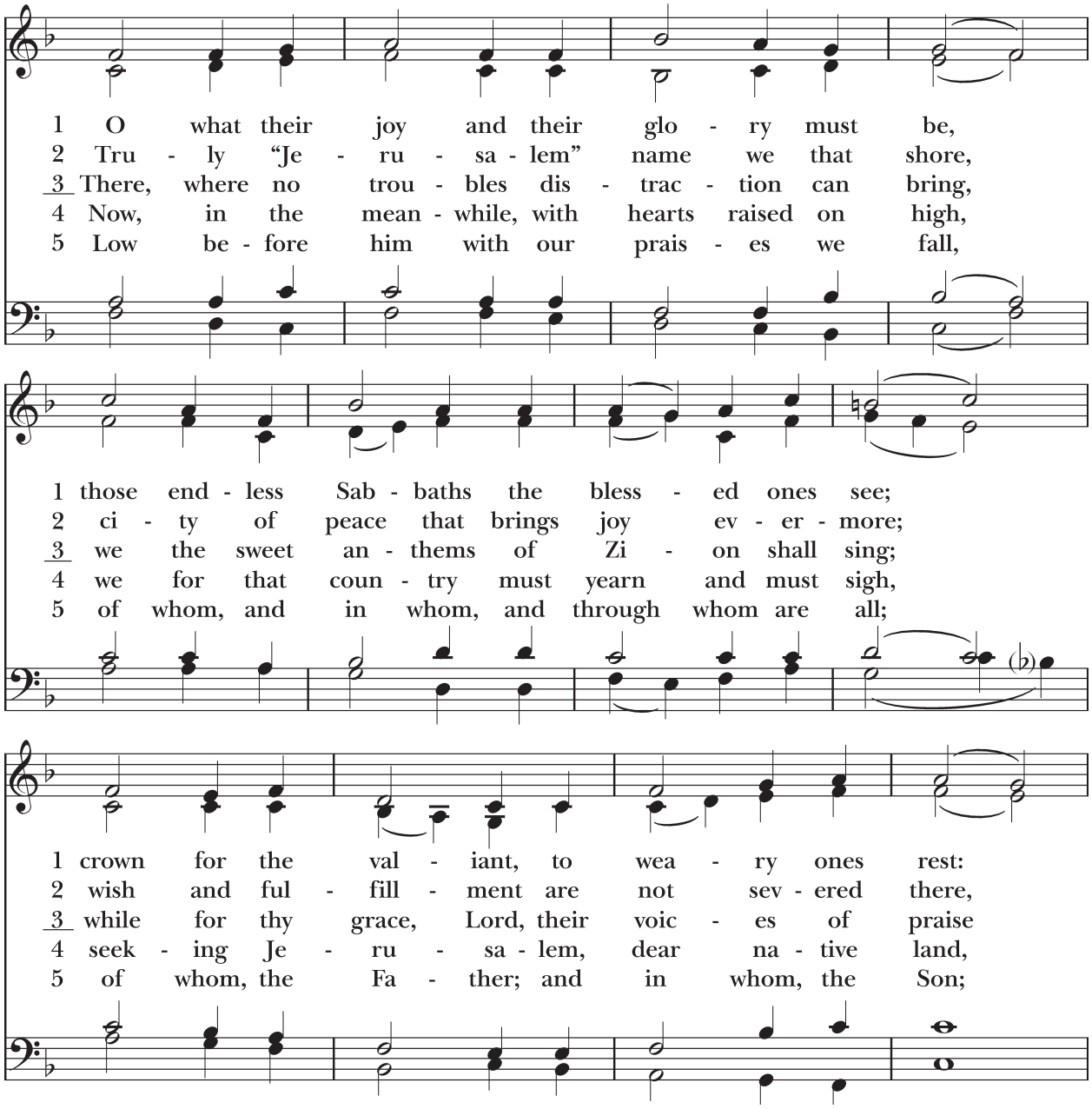
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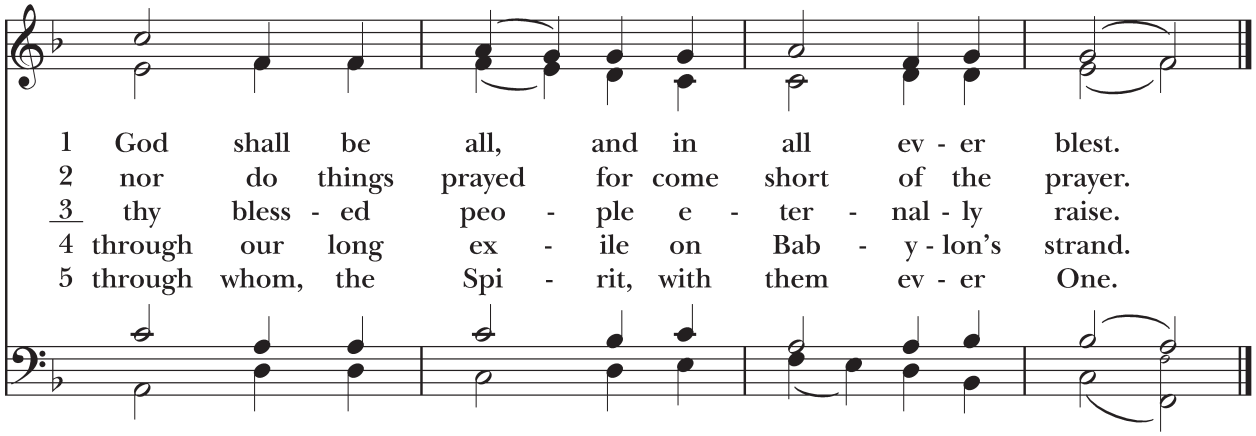
OFFERTORIUM Messe de Requiem, Op. 48 Gabriel Fauré

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

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

HYMN 623 *Standing as you are able.* O what their joy and their glory must be





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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing as you are able.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Messe de Requiem, Op. 48 — Gabriel Fauré

Sung in Latin by the choir.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI Messe de Requiem, Op. 48 Gabriel Fauré

Sung in Latin by the choir.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

LIBERA ME

Messe de Requiem, Op. 48 — Gabriel Fauré

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

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING

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

THE DISMISSAL

Standing as you are able.

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

IN PARADISUM

Messe de Requiem, Op. 48 — Gabriel Fauré

Sung in Latin by the choir.

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

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

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

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

and in thanksgiving for the baptism today of Jaya Virginia Bergen,
Hugo Knowlson Kingsley, and Jo Alta Ornstein.

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Lauren Scott and Luke Wedge, *Viola*
Kathryn Hufnagle and Susanna Mendlow, *Cello*
Jessica Eig, *Bass*
Gréta Ásgeirsson, *Harp*
Ethan Hoppe, *Violin*

Finley Buchanan, *Crucifer*
Laurie Adams and Jack Reiffer, *Chalice Bearers*
Jamie Finch and Becca Brown Todd, *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 November 3

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)

8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m. (Parish House Second Floor)

9 a.m. Baptism and Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher

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)
Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)

Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)
Parish Lunch (see next column)
Church Tour (see next column)
Lafayette Fellowship Lunch and Art Exhibition (see next column)

5:15 p.m. Parents' Night Out (Parish House Second Floor; see next page)

5:30 p.m. Choral Requiem Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Jack Reiffer (see next page)

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: Woodpark Lane, Columbia; Dartmouth Avenue, Silver Spring; and Wetherburn Court, Centreville, Va.

STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER

Many thanks to Caroline Faris, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, for offering a stewardship talk this morning at the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY
Today at 11 a.m.

The combined St. John's Choir and Parish Choir are joined this morning by trumpeters in leading beloved hymns and anthems including Basil Harwood's monumental "O how glorious is the Kingdom."

PARISH LUNCH
Today at noon on the Parish House Lower Level

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. Lunch is hosted today by the Sisters at St. John's.

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 Susan Cardwell.

LAFAYETTE FELLOWSHIP LUNCH AND ART EXHIBITION
Today from noon to 3:30 p.m.

The Lafayette Fellowship is a group of adults looking to be part of and build social community at St. John's. Come enjoy Sunday parish lunch with us on the Lower Level of the Parish Hall, followed by a tour of the National Gallery of Art's "Paris 1974: The Impressionist Moment." We look

forward to sitting together and catching up over a meal, from which we will depart for the museum by 1:15 p.m. We will gather again in the Cascade Cafe in the NGA's East Building for a brief discussion to provide context and spur our thinking, then view the exhibition itself. Questions about the Lafayette Fellowship? Contact Hilary West via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
Today from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m.

Timed to coincide with the All Souls Fauré Requiem Mass being offered in the sanctuary, kids ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to play, watch a movie, and eat pizza at the church. Parents may attend the All Souls service or make their own plans.

ANNUAL REQUIEM EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS' DAY
Today at 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we commemorate all faithful departed at a Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day. The St. John's Choir and Choristers will be joined by chamber orchestra and organ in offering Gabriel Fauré's beloved *Requiem* in the context of a liturgy. The service will include the reading of the names of those members and friends of our parish who have died in the past year. A reception will follow in the Togo West Parlor. Complimentary parking is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW; please obtain a validation ticket from an usher before or after the service. The service will also be available via livestream on our website.



PARISH NECROLOGY

Today's services are offered in thanksgiving for all the saints from St. John's and those near to us who have departed this life since All Saints' 2023.

(As of October 30, 2024)

Laura Ault
Peter Balfe
Mark Begeny
Jim Bell
Nathalie Hubbard Bramson
Delora Burns
Lucy Burr
Deola Butler
Judy Campbell Bird
Diane Chrisman
The Rev. W. Alan Delamater
Tom Delaney
Ayanna Dunn
Sandra "Sandy" Farley Graves
Don Griffioen
Vern Guerkink
Ursula Gunzel
S. Louis Hackworth
Marjorie Ann Kessler Hinsch
William Hughes
Bea Jackson
Tom Korologos
Rota Lee
Christopher Lewis
Betsy Libretta
Marion Genest Lowenfeld
Virginia Cretella Mars
Harry Latane Martin
Patricia Marx
Dan McDermott
Nicholas Pagani
Pereda Paty
Shirley Paul
John Perkins
Claudia Perry
Florence Ann McClain Priebe
Tony Schweitzer
Arnie Snoeyink
Carol Borden Taylor
Nancy White

SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 4–10

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 Akes-Cardwell, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, November 4

5:30 p.m. Election Eve Prayer Vigil (Plaza; see next column)

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

Tuesday, November 5

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

Wednesday, November 6

4:30 p.m. Advanced Choristers Rehearsal (Parish House Fourth Floor)

7 p.m. Latrobe Fellowship (see next column)

Thursday, November 7

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsals (Parish House Fourth Floor)

7 p.m. St. John's Book Group (via Zoom; see next column)

Parish Choir Rehearsal (Parish House Fourth Floor)

Friday, November 8

1 p.m. Parish Office closes

Monday, November 11—Veterans Day

All Day Parish Office closed

ELECTION EVE PRAYER VIGIL

Monday, November 4, 5:30–6:30 p.m. on the Plaza

The evening before the national election, St. John's will take part in a candlelight vigil along 16th Street's "corridor of faith." That's a 6.5-mile stretch from the White House to Silver Spring with nearly 50 houses of worship—more than half of which will participate by lining the street with candles and prayer outside our respective houses of worship.

Join us in shining a light for democracy, peace, and hope in these divided times. All are welcome to bring candles (real or battery operated) and signs on cardboard expressing your prayers and hopes for our country. **This is a positive, non-partisan vigil, so please bring only respectful signs that do not promote or oppose any candidate or party**.

Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

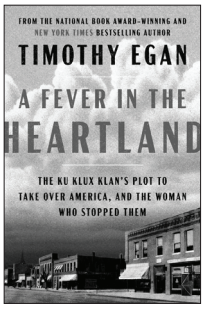
LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, November 6, 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. At our November gathering, we will be joined by St. John's music director, Brent Erstad, for a lesson on worship and liturgy. For more, contact Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, November 7, at 7 p.m.



Join us via Zoom to discuss *A Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Egan. This historical thriller recounts the rise of the Klan's power in Indiana and the U.S. in the 1920s, and the true story of how one American woman shut them down. 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.

SPEAKER SERIES

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



November 3: Vice Admiral Frank "Trey" Whitworth, Director of the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, will talk about the work of the agency and the role it plays in keeping the nation safe.



November 10: Marla Karlin, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, will deliver a talk entitled "The Middle East: Old Challenges, New Dilemmas" reflecting on a critical and timely topic.

November 17: Laura Lavelle, author and historian, will talk about her book *Oak Hill Cemetery*. The iconic 175-year-old cemetery in the heart of Georgetown serves as the final resting place for many who played key roles in the life of our nation and the city of Washington.

December 1: No Forum *(Advent Wreath Making)*



December 8: G. Derek Musgrove, a University of Maryland professor of history whose teaching and scholarship focus on African-American politics, will give a talk entitled "Black Protest Politics in the 1980s and 1990s."

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

VESTRY NOMINATIONS
Deadline: Monday, December 2

The Vestry Nominating Committee will meet in early December to select the slate for Vestry elections to be held at the Parish's Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2, 2025. The role of the Vestry Nominating Committee is to select, from all those nominated, the six candidates who will stand for election; three candidates will be elected. Nominees should be pledging members of the congregation, attend worship regularly, and be active in the life of the parish. Submit your nominations using the form found at **bit.ly/sjc-vestry-nominations-2025**. The deadline for nominations is Monday, December 2.

2024 ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

We're excited to announce that the 2024 Angel Tree Drive at St. John's will start on Sunday, November 10. Watch for our festive Angel Tree in the Parish House, which will be adorned with angels holding wishlists from children and adults in need. Help us spread the joys of Christmas to our neighbors and make some dreams come true. Contact Kevin Cordova-Brookey via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org with questions or for more details.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUTREACH: THE BISHOP WALKER SCHOOL

This is a tuition-free school for boys in kindergarten through fifth grade who come from historically underserved communities. The school boasts almost 90 students and a maximum of 16 learners per class—and with two teachers in each classroom, it offers an enviable student-to-teacher ratio. Five St. John's parishioners are on its two boards. Contact Andrew Clarke via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org with questions or to get involved.

DEDICATIONS FOR SPECIAL MUSIC

Parishioners are invited to sponsor extra musicians for 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. Contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab of our website for more details. Availabilities include:

Newly Commissioned Work for St. John's: 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*

Festival Strings for Christmas Eve (December 24): Sponsor the string ensemble that enhances the beauty of our Christmas Eve music. *Sponsorship: $3,000*

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, 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.

Sunday, April 27, at 9 a.m.
Class: Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH

Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

The Sunday lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve the meal—which is why we encourage individuals, families, groups, 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.

November 3	The Sisters at St. John's
November 10	
November 17	New Members Reception
November 24	
December 1	*No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend*
December 8	Stewardship
December 15	Greeters
December 22	*No Lunch*
December 29	*No Lunch*
January 5	
January 12	Refugee Committee
January 19	
January 26	

STEWARDSHIP

2025 PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

Thank you to all who have already pledged for 2025. **As of Wednesday, October 30, we had received 145 pledges for a total of $684,320.** This is slightly up from last year at this time. We will be finalizing the 2025 budget very soon. Pledging today if you have not yet done so will help determine what that budget will be.

All pledges are welcome, no matter how big or small. If you are able to increase your pledge this year, it will greatly impact the growth of our programs to better serve our entire parish community. You can pledge either with a physical pledge card, available at the front desk or in the narthex of the church, or by completing a pledge form online at **stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge**. Thank you!

—Caroline Faris, Chair of the Stewardship Committee

DID YOU KNOW?

Required Minimum Distributions can be directed from an IRA to St. John's—something to keep in mind!

We are grateful for all the ways that members support the church. If you are in a position to give from your retirement account, now may be a good time to consider directing some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to a charity, including St. John's as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) as part of your annual giving or as a one-time gift. If you are interested, please talk to your tax advisor and financial advisor regarding your obligations and options. Questions? Contact Lisa Kirchenbauer, Chair of the 1816 Society, via the Ministry Directory on our website.

THE 1816 SOCIETY

Planned giving is another way to sustain the mission and ministry of St. John's. The 1816 Society honors those who remember St. John's through a planned gift, such as a bequest in their will, a life-income gift, or a gift of real estate and life insurance. Check out the Episcopal Church Foundation (episcopalgifts.org) to learn more about your options for planned giving, and contact Lisa Kirchenbauer via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org with questions or to join the 1816 Society.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GRACE'S TABLE
Third Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.
Upcoming Dates: November 16 and December 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. 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 using the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE
Saturday, November 16, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 17, 2:30–6 p.m.

Help the Refugee Committee with a clothing and supply donation giveaway event for refugee women at the Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resource Center in Alexandria. On Saturday, November 16, we will sort donations and set up for the event. On Sunday, November 17, we will host the giveaway event, with volunteers serving as personal shopper support to refugee women and hosting a play/craft area for children while the mothers shop. This will be a great way to meet and support refugee women in-person. The resource center is located at 5710A General Washington Drive, Alexandria, and we will organize a carpool for anyone who needs it. Sign up online at **bit.ly/refugee-donation-event**. Questions? Contact Lacy Broemel via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

FALL NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
Sunday, November 17, at 9 and 11 a.m.

St. John's will recognize new members of our community during worship on Sunday, November 17, at 9 and 11 a.m., and at a welcome reception at noon. Please come show your support for our growing community and get to know someone new.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION INTEREST MEETING
Sunday, November 17, at noon

Parents and teens are invited to lunch to learn about plans for confirmation this spring. We will offer classes for youth beginning in January to prepare for confirmation on Saturday, May 10, at Washington National Cathedral. Confirmation is a sacramental rite in which candidates express a mature commitment to Christ before God, the bishop, and gathered community. RSVP to the lunch and express your interest in youth confirmation by contacting Eric Bailey, Lay Minister for Youth and Young Adults, on the About: Leadership page of our website.

CHORAL EVENSONG
Wednesday, November 20, 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 most months from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. Parking validation is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW. 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.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE
Thursday, November 28, at 10 a.m.

"Come, ye thankful people, come!" Spend part of your Thanksgiving morning in worship at St. John's. This service of Holy Eucharist, featuring hymns of praise and thanksgiving, is a meaningful way to mark the holiday.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING
Sunday, December 1, at 10 a.m.

Join in this fun annual tradition at St. John's that is suitable for all ages. Using seasonal greens, we will make decorative wreaths that also double as devotional aids in the Advent season. Materials will be provided for each household to make one wreath. You're encouraged to bring your own clippers if you have them. A few "take and make" bags will be available for those who cannot stay to make a wreath. Contact Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website with questions. This activity will take the place of Church School.

ADVENT PARTY
Sunday, December 8, at 5 p.m.

You are cordially invited to join us in the Togo West Parlor for an evening of holiday revelry, including decorations, food, music, and a carol sing-along. Special activities and food will be provided for children. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details about how to RSVP.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

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

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES
Sundays, 10–10:50 a.m.

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL
Sundays during 11 a.m. worship

Children from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at the 11 a.m. 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.



THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY
Sundays during 11 a.m. worship

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.

CHORISTER PROGRAM

The St. John's Chorister Program offers children and youth exceptional choral training, music theory education, and leadership development. We have a preparatory choir for children in grades 3–6, and an advanced (auditioned) program for young singers with unchanged voices. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Sundays at 10 a.m.

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. Through November, the class is studying the end of the Galilean Ministry of Jesus, the Way of the Cross, and the episodes before Christ's Passion. For class notes and Zoom login information, please connect with leader Jack Reiffer via our online Ministry Directory found at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

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.

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 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 a monetary 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.

JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

Explore our many ministry groups at www.stjohns-dc.org, and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.

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 (10:30 a.m. in summer) is broadcast and available for replay on our website, as are the monthly evensong and 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 stjohns-dc.org.** Birthdays, anniversaries, births, and deaths are listed for a week. Other names added to the prayer list will be reviewed twice a year to help keep prayer requests current. If you would like a name to be on the prayer list for a specific 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, Anne Field, Andy McKinnon, and David Springer.

Friends and family of our parish: Cathy Ballman (Laura Ballman), Susan Baxter (Rob Fisher), Kiesha Carroll and George Wilkins, Jr. (GeeGee Bryant), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Mary Leche Delong (Margo Wiegenstein), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Pat Dunachie (Jeff Bozman), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), 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), Sophie Panagi (Brian and KayAnn Schoeneman), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy J. Fibison), Alan Schutz (John and Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and

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

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 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 WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

Friends and family of our parish: Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison) and Ian Paton (Frances Tyler).

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Friends and family of our parish: Nicholas Panagi, October 28 (The Schoeneman Family).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Christian Berlin, Larry Bradley, Julia Brandus, Anita Diliberto, Lizzie Eversole, Ella Fuller. Susie Jess Hallberg, Clara Hallett, Grant Kraus, DeQuan Kuntu, Claire Montgomery, Susan Morefield, Elizabeth Morrison, Charles Rhodes, Quincy Rhodes, Alexian Wines, and Hunter Yeomans.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Krista and Larry Bradley, Collier and Carly Connell, David and Liz Gallalee, John and Kristy Highsmith, and Alex and Desirée Stolar.

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).

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Paul Barkett
Matt Bode & Laurie Adams
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Richard T. Busch
Andrea Charters
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill
Jamie Craft
Nicole & Stephen Crochet
James Czerwonky
Kaye Edwards
Lauren Edwards
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Clark K. Ervin & Carolyn Harris
Christopher & Elizabeth Gardner
Carrie & Jim Garland
Kay Gilley
Budd & Susan Hallberg
Everett & Nora Haugh
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Renee B. Yancey

LIST OF 2025 PLEDGERS

On behalf of the rector, wardens, vestry, and all who share in the grace of God through the worship, ministries, programs, and outreach of St. John's Church, we thank the following for their pledges for the year 2025:

(As of October 30, 2024)

Anonymous (6)
David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis
John & Renate Alison
Douglas & Margo Arnold
Paul Barkett
Chandler Battaile
Robert Beizer
Martha L. & William S. Birdseye
Diane Bitsberger
Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington
Thomas Bleha & Natasha Simes
Katherine Bliss & Mark Dennis
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Mary Jane Checchi
Preston Cherouny
Virginia Chew
Carlye Christianson & Pascal Joly
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill
Gwinneth Ann Clarkson
Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey
Joe Creech & Stephanie Delong
Garry & Patricia Dalby
Betsy Danello
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LaFawn C. Davis
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Mike & Beth DuMond
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Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris
Sylvia Martin-Estes & Doug Estes
Caroline Faris
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Hyman & Anne Field
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood
John & Ann Gardner
Kay Gilley
Donnie & Ronald Goodheart
Sandra Hackworth
Deborah Hailey
Budd & Susan Hallberg
Barbara Harper
Robert & Anne Harrington
Fruzsina Harsanyi
Diane Hauslein
Tim & Susan Heil
Ann Compton Hughes
Joanne & Powell Hutton
John Peters Irelan
Wande Johnson
Ethan Johnson
Robert & Whitney Johnston
Carter & Fran Keithley
Kim Kennedy & Beverly Roberts
Loren & Anne Kieve
James & Lisa Kirchenbauer
Frank & Nancy Klotz
Julia Koster
Kenny Kraft
Grant Kraus
Patricia Leslie
Julie Neff Lippman
Emily & John Lucio
Jan Lupton
Chip & RJ Lyerly
Sandy & Nancy Martin
Abbott McCartney & Sigrid Block
Saunders McElroy
Jacob McNeil
Ellen McPeake
Richard Metzger
Johnathan S. Miller
Joseph D. Mitchell
Livy More
Greg & Elizabeth Cavert Morrison
Rob Mosbacher, Jr.
Jim & Michele Mullins
John C. Northrup
Peter & Eleanor Odom
Ralph & Lydia Olson
Matthew L. Paeffgen
Robert Pahnke
Robert & Sharon Park
Cami Pease
Anthony Pegues
Robin Pennington
Raymond & Susan Petniunas
Larry & Connie Pettinger
Richard Price & Yung Chang
Will Rabbe & Brittany Prime
Carl & Mary Raether
Garret & Gigi Rasmussen
Glenn Reichardt & JoAnn Zuercher
Jack Reiffer
Geraldine & Harker Rhodes
Damion Rose
Chase Rynd
Alex & Jessica Sanchez
KayAnn & Brian Schoeneman
John & Zachary Schutz
Sandy & Susan Sierck
Adelle Simmons
Diane & Peter Spaulding
John Staples & Scott Raspa
Kenneth & Susan Starling
Anne Stewart
Toby Stock & Margy Slattery
Desirée Stolar
John & Holly Sukenik
Patrick J. Summers
Hilary & Alfred Thesmar
Jocelyn Tichenor
Laurel & Andrew Tierney
Susan Valaskovic
Paul & Susan Van Nice
Pamela & Patrick Venzke
Christopher Wall
Alis Wang & Amy Stulman
Louisa Waycott
Susan Welch
Gail West
Hilary West
Suzanne Whitmore
Elena & Marty Williams
Emma Wilson
Anita Woehler
Bill Wright
Renee Yancey
Paul & Sitta Zehfuss

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

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The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest for Engaging Local Communities*
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Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*
Eric Bailey, *Minister for Youth and Young Adults*

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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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