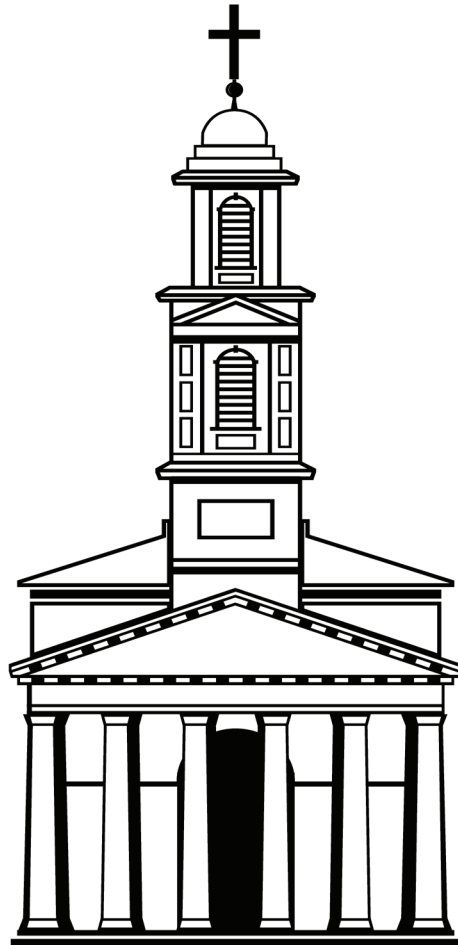


THE FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS
October 5, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m.



SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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

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

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

Nursery care is available from 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.

VOLUNTARY

Aria on a Chaconne

Joel Martinson (b. 1960)

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:



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.**

(Organ) Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
re - ceive our prayer. (Organ) For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. Amen.

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

Acts 4:32-35; 5:1-11

Please be seated.

Read by Chris Janson.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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 during the following hymn and will return 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. Stanza 1 will be sung before the Gospel, stanza 4 after.

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.

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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.**

Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 4 of the gradual hymn.

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 William Priest.

Kneeling or standing as you are able.

Intercessor Let us give thanks to the living God for all the gifts that we enjoy, saying, “We thank you, living God.”

Silence.

Intercessor For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:

People **We thank you, living God.**

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 people whose lives reveal the image of Christ:

People **We thank you, living God.**

Intercessor For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends:

People **We thank you, living God.**

Intercessor For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve:

People **We thank you, living God.**

Intercessor For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play:

People **We thank you, living God.**

Intercessor For challenges which call forth new strength, for failures which teach greater humility, and for encouragement to persevere when life is hard:

People **We thank you, living God.**

Intercessor For those in special need today, especially . . . ; and for your care for all those in need:

People **We thank you, living God.**

Intercessor For those celebrating a birthday this week . . . ; for those celebrating an anniversary this week . . . ; and for all blessings of this life:

People **We thank you, living God.**

Intercessor We pray for Donald, our President, the leaders of Congress, and the Supreme Court, that they will work for justice, freedom, and peace.

And for those who serve on behalf of our civic life:

People **We thank you, living God.**

Intercessor For those who have died, especially . . . For all who have gone before us, for all who walk beside us, and for all children who are precious to us and to you:

People **We thank you, living God.**

Intercessor And for the great wisdom and hope that you reveal to us through Jesus, our leader, example, teacher, liberator, and friend:

People **We thank you, living God.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence.

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

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

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may make an offering by placing your donation in the plate, or use this QR code to pay electronically. A donation via this code can go only to offerings and not to pledges or any other specific funds.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

and the swallow

Caroline Shaw (b. 1982)

Sung by the choir.

How beloved is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts,
my soul yearns, faints,
my heart and my flesh cry.

The sparrow found a house,
and the swallow her nest,
where she may raise her young.

They pass through the valley of Bakka,
they make it a place of springs,
the autumn rains cover it with pools.

—From Psalm 84

HYMN 416

For the beauty of the earth

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

Refrain
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

6. For each perfect gift of thine to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine, peace on earth and joy in heaven. *Refrain*

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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 *Sung by all.*

Mass in E

Jeffrey Smith

(Organ) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might, heav'n 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, ho - san - na, 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.**

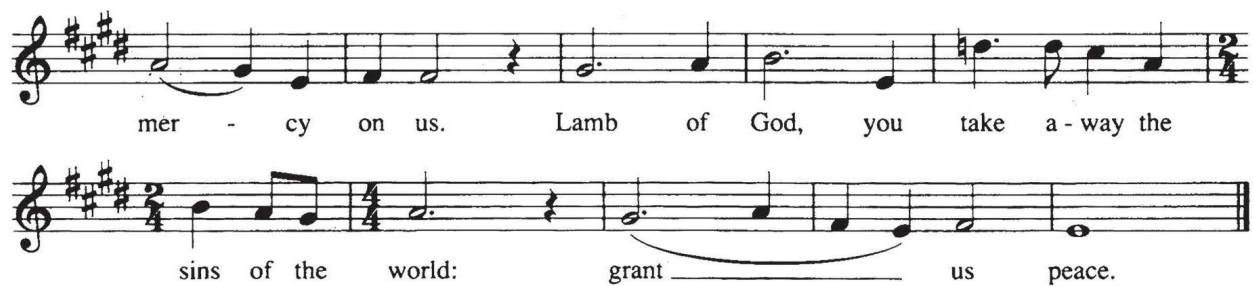
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI *Sung by all.*

Mass in E

Jeffrey Smith

The musical score for the Agnus Dei is presented in three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the lyrics "(Organ) Lamb of God, you take a-way the". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics "sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of". The third staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics "God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have". The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.



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.

—*Psalms 121*

HYMN LEVAS 201

I've got peace like a river

Sung by all, seated.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of the hymn. The second system contains the second line, with a first ending bracket over the final measure. The third system contains the third line, with a second ending bracket over the final measure. The lyrics are provided below each staff line.

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. _____

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

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

When scheduled, the Priest offers a communion kit to any Lay Eucharistic Minister doing a home visit, saying

On behalf of God and St. John's Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you will visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING


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

HYMN 405


All things bright and beautiful

Sung by all, standing as you are able.


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



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.

Repeat Refrain



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THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Rondeau Medievale

Joel Martinson

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

and in thanksgiving for the wedding of John Kerr, Jr., and Elena Wornom.

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Linda Morgan Stowe, *Guest Organist*

Kevin Cordova-Brookey, *Crucifer*

Walt Ehrich and Nicholas Schoeneman, *Acolytes*

Doug Estes and Sylvia Martin Estes, *Chalice Bearers*

Claire Kim, *Assistant Head Usher*

Susan Cardwell, Brian Cordova-Brookey, and Jess Unger, *Ushers*

Cameron Smith and Patrick Smith, *Greeters*

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*

Seth Gilmore, *Livestream Technician*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

**If you do not wish to take this bulletin home after the service,
you may leave it at the end of the pew as you depart or place it in a blue recycling bin.**

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a "Welcome" card and leaving it in the offering plate or with an usher or greeter. ♦ Free valet parking is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays; look for the valet sign at the corner of 16th and H streets, NW. ♦ Find us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare or visit stjohns-dc.org for more about our offerings and how to get in touch.

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Announcements for the Week of October 5

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Will Morris
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 Blessing of the
Animals—Sermon by the Rev. Will Morris
- 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)
Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.
Will Morris
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Parish Lunch (Parish House; see next column)
Church Tour (see next column)

FLOWER DELIVERIES

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

Today flower deliveries are needed to: Cambridge Place, NW; Virginia Avenue, NW; and Ocala Street, Silver Spring.

PARISH LUNCH | Today at noon

Hosted by Autumn Brown and Vincent Scauzzo

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.



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 Richard Busch.

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

SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 6–12

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

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Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Rob Fisher, preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 7

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

6:30 p.m. Being With (Parish House; see below)

Wednesday, October 8

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

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

Thursday, October 9

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 10

1 p.m. Parish Office closes for holiday weekend

Saturday, October 11

9:30 a.m. Adult Inquirers' Class (Togo West Parlor;
registration required; see next column)

BEING WITH: A COURSE EXPLORING CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE

Tuesday evenings, 6:30–8 p.m., starting October 7

This fall and early winter, we are excited to offer a 10-week course called *Being With*, to be led by parishioners Kevin Cordova-Brookey and Alex Smith. *Being With* is

a welcoming small-group experience where we explore faith, life, and God's presence through conversation and community—no prior knowledge or experience required, just a willingness to journey together. The course centers on the idea that Christianity is fundamentally about being with God, with one another, and with the world.

Each session lasts 90 minutes, and will take place in person in the Parish House. Participants should be present for most sessions, aiming for no more than one or two absences to keep the group cohesive. The group will be limited to 10 participants. Sessions will take place October 7, 14, and 28; November 4; December 2 and 9; January 6, 13, and 27; and February 3.

Visit bit.ly/being-with-fall-2025 to express interest in this course, or contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions.

LATROBE FELLOWSHIP OKTOBERFEST & REFORMATION TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesday, October 8, 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 for an Oktoberfest trivia night that will include questions on the history of the Reformation, Oktoberfest, and beer in religion. Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. For more information, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.



THE 2025 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Saturdays, October 11 & 18, 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 11 and 18, 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.

COMING UP

GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming Dates: October 18 and November 15

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.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday, October 29, at 5:30 p.m.

Sung by the St. John's Choir, Parish Choir, and Choristers

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 and Choristers 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. Parking validation is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW; obtain a validation ticket 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.



BAPTISMS

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Please note that the parents or grandparents

of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism must also attend an Adult Inquirers' Class, offered twice a year, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. Upcoming dates for baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy at St. John's include:

Sunday, November 2, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, November 1, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 11 a.m.

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

Sunday, February 15, at 9 a.m.

Class: Saturday, February 14, at 10 a.m.

THE COMMEMORATION of ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

REQUIEM

MAURICE DURUFLÉ

THE ST. JOHN'S CHOIR & CHORISTERS
with CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

The service will include the annual reading of the parish necrology.

ANNUAL REQUIEM EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

Sunday, November 2, 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 and Choristers, joined by chamber orchestra and organ, will offer Maurice Duruflé'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. Complimentary parking is available in the Colonial Garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW; validation tickets may be obtained from an usher before or after the service. The service will also be livestreamed on our website.

If you would like a name to be included in this remembrance, please complete our online form at bit.ly/sjc-necrology-2025. The deadline for submitting names is Monday, October 27.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP
Thursday, November 6, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom to discuss *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. This imaginative science fiction story, set in the U.S. in an unspecified future, tells the story of Josie, a sickly child, and her companion Klara, a solar-powered Artificial Friend. The novel reminds us of how beautiful humanity can be. The book group typically meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information and the link, contact us via the directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



December 7: The Rev. Richard A. Burnett, General Secretary of the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC), will share about the work of this institution.

NEWS & NOTICES

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED on All Saints' Day and at the All Souls' Day service

Names of those who have died since November 1, 2024, will be listed in our All Saints' service bulletins on November 2 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-2025. The deadline for submitting names is Monday, October 27.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST 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? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.



October 5: Debra Bruno, journalist and novelist, will share the fascinating account of her family's connection to slavery, documented in her book *A Hudson Valley Reckoning*.



October 12: Karim Sadjadpour, a noted Iran expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, will update us on the latest from and about Iran, following the U.S. strike on its nuclear facilities some months ago.



October 26: William Taylor, former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine (2006–2009) and chargé d'affaires *ad interim* at the U.S. embassy in Kyiv (2019–2020), will discuss the state of the war between Ukraine and Russia.



November 9: Stephen I. Vladeck, constitutional law expert and a professor at Georgetown Law School, will speak about the past and current Supreme Court terms.

October 5	Autumn Brown & Vincent Scauzzo
October 12	St. John's Pride
October 19	Susan Cardwell & Debby Hailey
October 26	No Lunch: Marine Corps Marathon
November 2	The Sisters at St. John's
November 9	Elizabeth & Greg Morrison and Tony & TL Anikeeff
November 16	New Members Reception: All invited!
November 23	Pre-Thanksgiving Lunch
November 30	No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend
December 7	Stewardship Committee
December 14	
December 21	No Lunch
December 28	No Lunch

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 2)—*Claimed*
- Requiem for All Souls' Day (November 2)—*Claimed*
- Christmas Lessons and Carols (December 21)—*Claimed*
- Special Music for Christmas Eve (December 24)—\$4,000
- Trumpeter for Palm Sunday (March 29)—*Claimed*
- Ensemble for Fife and Drum Sunday (July 5)—*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.

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., from September through May

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House. For information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

YOUTH GROUP

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

Most Sundays from September through May, 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 the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Sundays during 11 a.m. worship

Kids 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, September through May

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

CHORISTER PROGRAM, September through May

We offer a choir for children and youth with unchanged (treble) voices. Through a custom-made curriculum, singers receive training in sight reading, vocal production, music theory, liturgy, and leadership, and become part of a vibrant community of music makers. 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. For information, notes, and the Zoom link, contact Jack Reiffer 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.

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.

MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

A pledge is a commitment of financial support payable over the course of a year that enables us to plan the work that we undertake in mission and ministry. You can indicate a pledge commitment using this QR code or by visiting the **Give** tab on our website.



ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

To make a monetary offering toward your pledge or a specific fund, scan the QR code at right, or visit our website, then select the desired destination using the “Fund” drop-down menu.



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.



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.

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: Sydney Brooks, Glen Bootay, Craig Burkhardt, Steve Faris, Hyman Field, Christina Wilson, and Mary Wilson.

Friends and family of our parish: Conor Barry (Sarah Wood), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Sue Edmonds (Sarah and Jeff Agnew), Julie Ellis (Preston Cherouny), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), Bob and Heather Gilbert (Andrea Winchell), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Mark Hallett (Livy More), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Latithia and Charles Jones (GeeGee Bryant), Sean Josey (Bill and Sara Josey), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Patrick Christopher O'Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Norm Phillips (Susan Cardwell), Leo S. (Wendy J. Fibison), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew), Patsy Swain (Margo Arnold), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Ashley Smith Thomson (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Mackenzie Toland (Wendy J. Fibison), Jim Wardrop (Jack Reiffer), Caleb Williams (Alfred Thesmar), Darrel Williams (Caleb and James Hays-Reilly), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

From our parish: Eve Atkeson, Milton Chamberlain, Marcella Odom, and Becky Schergens.

Friends and family of our parish: David Brown (Lisa Koehler), Bob Chrystal, Sr. (Chris Jones), Veronica Jones (Chris Jones), Lori LaPoint (Brent Erstad), and Carl Wright (Frank and Nancy Klotz).

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

Friends and family of our parish: Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley) and Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison).

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Friends and family of our parish: Terry L. Jarrett, September 24 (Christina Wilson).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Simon Beaumont, Marta Cook, Oliver Evans, Susan George, John Herzog, Matilda Jeffries, Wande Johnson, Kenny Kraft, Johnathan Miller, Zachary Northcutt, Kosi Onwuamaegbu, Hillary Stuart, and Chris Wall.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Jim and Michele Mullins, Kate and Nick Hailey, Amanda and Sarah Akes-Cardwell, Carolina and Rob Mosbacher, Juliet and Lee Folger, and Stewart and Victoria Jeffries.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy), Philip L. Faris (Caroline and Steve Faris), and Charles Lewis, Jr. (Charles Lewis, Sr.).

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

WELCOME!

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

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

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

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

Vestry Leadership & Members

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

Tony Anikeeff, Brian Cordova-Brookey,
Kaye Edwards, Casey Evans, Debby Hailey,
Fruzsina Harsanyi, Julia Koster,
Elizabeth Cavert Morrison,
Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer,
Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members*

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Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

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The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

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Lyn Loewi, *Associate Organist*

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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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