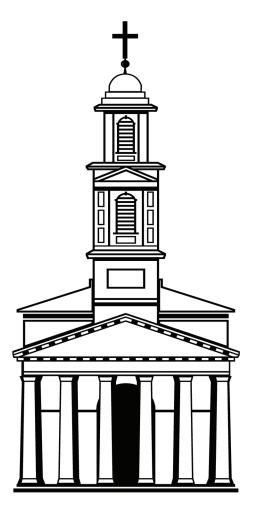
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY January 21, 2024 Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



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

Jesu, grant me this I pray

June Nixon (b. 1942)

HYMN 381

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

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



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THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

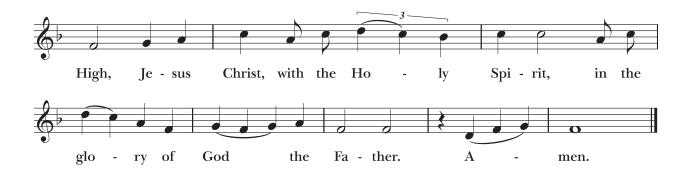
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA (S-280)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Sung by all.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

9 a.m. Read by Hilary West.

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 11 a.m. Read by Caroline Faris.

Please be seated.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

PSALM 62:6-14

9 a.m. Led by Annie Simonds, said responsively by half verse. 11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; setting by William Boyce (1711–1779).

For God alone my soul in silence waits; * truly, my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, * my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honor; * God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, O people, * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge. Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, * even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; * though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, * that power belongs to God.

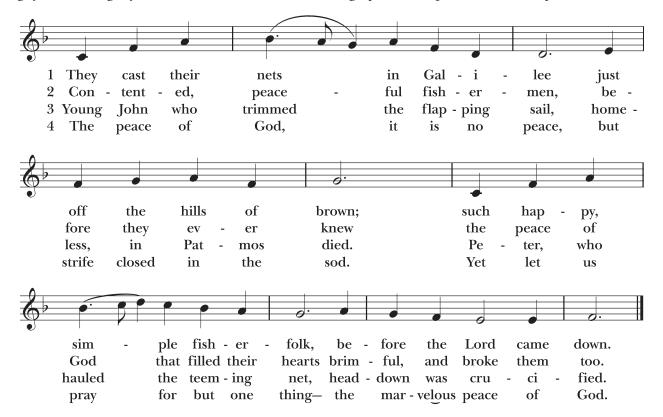
Steadfast love is yours, O LORD, * for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

(11 a.m. only) Children's Chapel in the Parish House: All who wish may gather in front of the pulpit during the hymn and will return at the Peace. Parents are encouraged to accompany children younger than three.

HYMN 661

They cast their nets in Galilee

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



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Please remain standing as you are able.

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

9 a.m. Led by Frank Klotz.

11 a.m. Led by Elizabeth Morrison.

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

Please remain standing as you are able.

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." *Silence.*

Intercessor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor People	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. Paul's Church, Baden, and St. Mary's Chapel, Aquasco; St. Paul's Church, Rock Creek; St. Paul's Church, K Street; and St. Paul's Church, Waldorf. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all clergy and other ministers, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
-	For Joseph, our President, for the leaders of Congress and the nations, for the Supreme Court,
People	and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
-	For this city of Washington, for every city and community, and for those who live in them. For those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week ; and for those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week , let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
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People	pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
-	For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. For those who are in assisted living , let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
-	For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for refugees and migrants throughout the world, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor People	For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially , let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor People	For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
	That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Intercessor People	In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. To thee, O Lord our God.
Priest	Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence.

- All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.
- *Priest* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the choir.

At 9 a.m.

Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Alice Parker (1925–2023)

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger a trav'lin' thro' this world of woe, and there's no sickness, toil, or danger in that bright world to which I go. I'm goin' there to see my Father, I'm goin' there no more to roam; I'm just a goin' over Jordan, I'm just a-goin' over home. I know dark clouds will gather o'er me, I know my way is rough and steep; yet beauteous fields lie just before me where souls redeemed their vigils keep. I'm goin' there to see my Mother, she said she'd meet me when I come; I'm only goin' over Jordan, I'm only goin' over home. I want to wear a crown of glory, when I get home to that bright land; I want to shout salvation's story in concert with that heav'nly band. I'm goin' there to see my Savior, to sing his praise for evermore; I'm only goin' over Jordan, I'm only goin' over home.

—Traditional American



They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters: These men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep. Their soul melteth away, because of the trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble he delivereth them out of their distress. For he maketh the storm to cease, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they are at rest; and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

-Psalm 107:23-30

HYMN 653

Standing as you are able.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind



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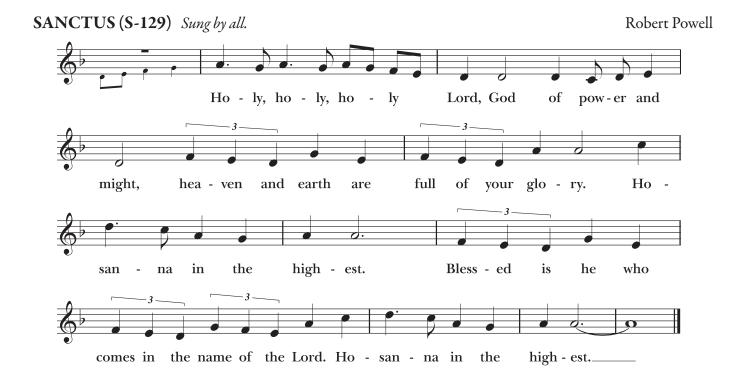
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The priest continues

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:



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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

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People We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.
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And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**.

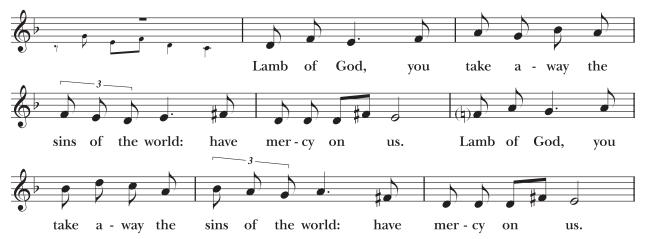
THE LORD'S PRAYER

- *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



Robert Powell





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 O God, who by the leading of a star Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

Sung by the choir.

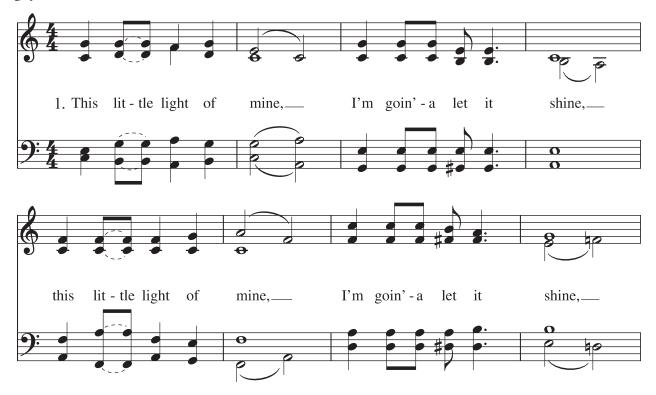
O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

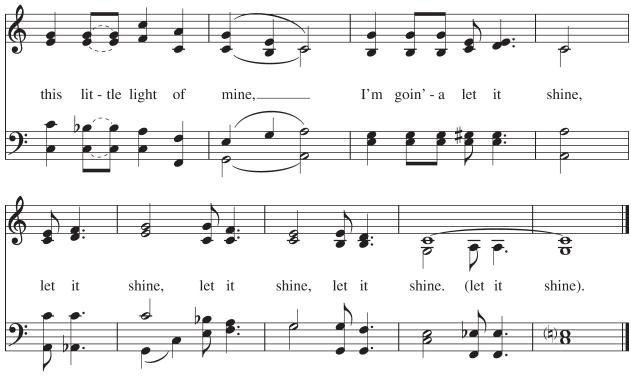
—Collect for Epiphany

HYMN LEVAS 160

This little light of mine

Sung by all, seated.





2. Everywhere I go... 3. All through the night...

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Priest Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

THE BLESSING

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

HYMN 542

Sung by all, standing as you are able.



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THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*People* Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude for Organ Fanny Hensel-Mendelssohn (1805–1847)

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

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE TODAY

Jack Reiffer, *Crucifer* + Jack Reiffer and Carl Ward, *Chalice Bearers* Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher* + Martha Ellison and Kenny Kraft, *Ushers* Eleanor Odom and Peter Odom, *Greeters* Joanne Hutton, *Flower Guild*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE TODAY

Kevin Cordova-Brookey, *Crucifer* + Walker Crochet and Walt Ehrlich, *Acolytes* Paul Barkett and James Doyle, *Chalice Bearers* Matt Bode, *Assistant Head Usher* Tony Anikeeff, Doug Estes, Michele Mullins, and Bill Wright, *Ushers* Laura Ballman and Sarah Wood, *Greeters* Joanne Hutton, *Flower Guild* Matthew Taylor, *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.

Announcements for the Week of Sunday, January 21

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, January 21

- 7:45 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
 - 8 a.m. Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m. (Parish House Second Floor)
 - 9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
 - 10 a.m. Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 2)
 Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor)
 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 with Sermon by the Rev. Rob FisherChildren's Chapel (Children begin in church)
 - Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting, or Parish House First Floor) Church Tour (see next column)

FLOWER DELIVERIES

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

Today, flowers need to be delivered to Dartmouth Road, Alexandria.



TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Today at noon

For more than 200 years our church has served as a place of worship for a growing and everchanging city and country. Its structure is a lasting testament to Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who, because of his training in both architecture and engineering, is considered by the American Institute of Architects as our country's first architect. If you are interested in an in-person tour of St. John's Church, meet at the front of the church near the baptismal font after the 11 a.m. service. Today's guide is Kevin Cordova-Brookey.

STEWARDSHIP 2024

Thank you to those who have already pledged for 2024! As of Wednesday, January 17, we had received 267 pledges, for a total of \$1,042,209. By making a pledge, you are helping ensure that the vestry and rector will be able to plan for another great year of ministry, music, outreach, and fellowship. We welcome all pledges, large and small—and, of course, if you are able to increase your pledge this year, it will make a big difference as we grow our programs to better serve our diverse parish community. If you haven't already, you can register your pledge by returning the completed card that you received by mail last month or by filling in an online pledge form at stjohns-dc.org/give. Thank you!

—Toby Stock, Chair of Stewardship

PLEDGING HELPS US PLAN! Setting up automatic pledge payments on Realm is easy and convenient—but we still ask that you turn in a pledge card or visit the "Make a pledge" link on the website so that we can record your pledge promptly and accurately. This enables us to plan for the coming year of mission and ministry. Thank you for your support of St. John's!

SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 22–28

Monday and Friday

12:10 p.m. Noonday Prayer

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

12:10 p.m. Eucharist

Sunday-The Rev. Will Morris, Preacher

7:45 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, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

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

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Parish House Fourth Floor)

Saturday, January 27

10 a.m. Food Not Bombs (Parish House Kitchen)

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.



January 21: All in for DC Kids. Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital (CISNCAP) is the Washington, DC affiliate of Communities in Schools (CIS). The mission of the nationwide CIS program is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Three speakers will describe the challenges facing many DC students, as well as the numerous supports offered to them by CIS. Rustin Lewis, the executive director of CISNCAP, has more than 20 years of experience building organizations that empower at-risk students. Monique Baker has been with CISNCAP for nine years, as a site coordinator at Cardozo School and now as the program director for all the DC CIS schools. Yohanna M'Bedgue started at Cardozo School as a sixth grader, having just arrived from Cameroon and speaking no English. This fall, she is a freshman at American University studying public health.

January 28: Vestry Candidates Presentation. Hear from those seeking election to the Vestry, in preparation to cast your vote at Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 4. (For more information, see next page.)

THREE-WEEK PRESIDENTIAL SERIES: THE PRESIDENCY OF CALVIN COOLIDGE

February 11: Matthew Denhart, President, Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation.

February 18: Garland S. Tucker III, Trustee, Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation.

February 25: Amity Shlaes, Chair, Officers and Trustees of the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

THE 2024 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS Saturdays, March 16 and 23

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's? If so, please join the Spring Adult Inquirers' Class. This two-day class will meet on Saturdays, March 16 and 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, will lead the sessions.

All are welcome, whether you are a newcomer or a longtime parishioner. This is an opportunity to learn more about our Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church. To register, please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website. Those who participate or who have completed another inquirers' class are invited to celebrate with a Service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows during the bishop's visit to St. John's on Sunday, April 14.

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 each fall and spring, and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish. Upcoming dates for baptism and required prebaptismal classes with the clergy at St. John's include:

Sunday, February 11, at 9 a.m.

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

Sunday, April 7, at 11 a.m. Class: Saturday, April 6, at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 19, at 9 a.m. Class: Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m.



PILGRIMAGE: INFORMATIONAL MEETING Wednesday, January 31, at 7 p.m., via Zoom

Want to learn more about St. John's planned pilgrimage to Kwasa College and South Africa this summer? Come to a Zoom info session Wednesday, January 31, at 7 p.m. We will discuss the itinerary, planned activities, air arrangements, travel tips, costs, and more. Please contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website at least 24 hours in advance to obtain the Zoom link.

PARISH LUNCH SEEKING HOSTS

The parish lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve a meal. We encourage individuals, families, groups, and ministries to sign up to host just once between now 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 via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

January 28 February 4 Annual Meeting and Reception February 11 Mardi Gras Lunch February 18 February 25

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF VESTRY

Sunday, February 4, at 11:30 a.m.

Worship at 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. that day Reception following Annual Meeting

You will have the opportunity to hear from the candidates during the 10 a.m. education hour on Sunday, January 28, one week prior to Annual Meeting.

Candidates for Wardens

Nora Rigby, Senior Warden Alfred Thesmar, Junior Warden



Candidates for Vestry (3 to be elected)

Marion Blakey (*top left*), Kaye Edwards (*center*), Caroline Faris (*right*), Nora Haugh (*bottom left*), Jack Reiffer (*center*), and Jess Unger (*right*).



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP Thursday, February 1, at 7 p.m.

Join us in person at the church or via Zoom to discuss *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. Set in Ireland, this novel tells the story of Bill Furlong, a coal merchant and family man who faces a surprising discovery while delivering an order to the local convent. Bill is forced to



confront his past and the complicit silences of the church. The book group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. For information, contact us via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

ANNUAL MEETING 2024 Sunday, February 4: Special worship schedule

Please plan to join us in person or online for this year's Annual Meeting. We will elect Wardens (uncontested) and three Vestry members from six candidates. Bios for the candidates are posted around the building and linked in *The Word*, and absentee ballots are available at the front desk. To facilitate a whole-parish meeting, we will have an altered schedule, with services at 7:45 and 10:30 a.m., followed by the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and a reception thereafter.

MIDWEEK MUSIC Wednesday, February 7, at 12:15 p.m.

Our monthly Midweek Music concerts continue with "The Plague of Love," a performance by the DC Singers Collective of music by Claudio Monteverdi and Barbara Strozzi, two composers who focused much of their artistic energy on themes of love in times of hardship. Midweek Music performances take place during the lunch hour on the first Wednesday of each month from October through May and are open to the public free of charge.

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP Wednesday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Join the Latrobe Fellowship in celebrating Black History Month! On Wednesday, February 7, we will gather at 6:30 p.m. for a service of compline followed by dinner in Togo West Parlor. Non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages will be available. We will have a special event to kick off Black History Month and learn more about Black history in the D.C. area, as well as a weekend outing within the District (details to be announced). The Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. For more information, please contact the Rev. Shawn Evelyn via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

CHORAL EVENSONG Wednesday, February 21, 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 will be sung by the St. John's Choir on the third Wednesday of each month through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. 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.

MIDWEEK MEN'S GROUP Thursday, February 22, at noon

This lectionary-based Bible study for men of all ages is convened by parishioner Carter Keithley, who holds a master's degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month for a brown-bag lunch with fellowship and a wide-ranging, scripture-based conversation. Questions? Contact us via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

The Sisters at St. John's

The Sisters at St. John's is a group of women who support each other throughout the year in friendship, fellowship, and ministry. Below are three ways you can get involved and if you are (or know of) a woman at St. John's in need of support for reasons such as a birth, death, or illness, please reach out via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

WOMEN IN THE ARTS Sunday, February 25, at 2 p.m.

Join us for a docent-led tour of the National Museum of Women in the Arts. All St. John's women are welcome. Tickets (\$16) are available at the door, and we hope to gather beforehand for lunch. Please let us know if you plan to attend the lunch and/or the tour.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT Friday, March 8, through Sunday, March 10

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details about this weekend retreat, held in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

N STREET VILLAGE SUPPLY DRIVE Now through March 31

We are partnering with N Street Village, a local group that supports D.C. women experiencing homelessness by offering a broad spectrum of services, housing, and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Now through the end of March, we are collecting a variety of necessaries, including travel sizes of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, lotion, and deodorant, as well as cleaning supplies, dishwashing soap, paper towels, toilet paper, women's underwear (sizes 7, 8, 11, and 12), and adult incontinence items (M–XXL). To donate, please bring any of the above items to church with you and leave them in the basket by the reception area in the Parish House. Or you can skip the hassle and order supplies via the online wish list found at bit.ly/sisters-supplies-2024. Thank you!

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. For information, contact the Rev. Shawn Evelyn 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. For more information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

JOIN THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

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

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. The group is studying the structure, audience, and themes of the Gospels of Mark and John. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For class notes and Zoom login information, connect with us via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

The weekly 11 a.m. Sunday service and monthly Evensong, are broadcast and available for replay on our website, as are occasional other special services and events.

JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP, MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Want to get more involved at St. John's? Check out our ministries at www.stjohns-dc.org and contact leaders online via our Ministry Directory for more details or to sign up.

LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

To listen to past sermons or speaker series, visit our website or scan the QR code on the right. You can also find past sermons by searching for "St. John's Church, Lafayette Square" in the Podcast app on your device.

ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

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



FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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

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 stjohnsdc.org.** Birthdays, anniversaries, births, and deaths are listed for a week. Other names added to the prayer list will appear for four consecutive weeks. If you would like the name to be on the prayer list for a shorter or longer period of time, please let us know. For family and friends who are not members of the congregation, we list in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers.

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

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: Judy Campbell Bird, Garry Dalby, and Alma Paty.

Friends and family of our parish: Bob Brow (Lauren Moriarity), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Bruce D'Innocenzo (Jim and Michele Mullins), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Oliver Evans (Casey Evans), Reagan Eudy (Alfred Thesmar), Patricia George (Kelle George), 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), Lynne Kessler (Mary and Carl Raether), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Barbara and John McGraw (Mary and Carl Raether), Bruce Mortimer

(Nancy Mathis), Kathy Mullins (Jim and Michele Mullins), Deanne Scanlon (Wendy Fibison), Alan Schutz (John & Zachary Schutz), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Lou Thesmar (Alfred and Hilary Thesmar), Sallie and William Wilkie Thompson (Cecelia Thompson), Edward Leland Williams II (Virginia Bader), and Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart).

THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

Friends and family of our parish: Carol Bradley (Larry and Krista Bradley), Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), and Lisa Peña (Autumn Brown).

THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BORN

From our parish: Theodore Ray Underwood, January 11.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Coleman Bird, Matson Coxe, David Gamboa, Hermann Helgert, Jack Kinsey, Erika Northcutt, Leila Nuzum, Ike Owunwanne, Robert Pahnke, R. Scott Raspa, Gini Rhodes, Elizabeth Sadqi, Kaki Tipler, Patrick Venzke, and Catherine Zeller.

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES

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

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

LIST OF 2024 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 2024:

(As of January 17, 2024)

Anonymous (6) David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis Dana & Sophie Ackerly Alison Adkins Jeff & Sarah Agnew Sarah & Amanda Akes-Cardwell John & Renate Alison Tony Anikeeff & Tung-lin Wu Douglas & Margo Arnold Ashley Atwater Lily & Justin Bacon Harvey E. Bale, Jr. & Carolyn Bale Paul Barkett Chandler Battaile, Jr. Jordan & Angelle Baugh Simon & Gabrielle Beaumont Bob Beizer Laura Belman Kathleen Benner Judy Campbell Bird & Coleman Bird William & Martha Birdseye Diane Bitsberger Herbert & Mary Ellen Bittner Lori Blaisdell & Gene Black Marion Blakey & William Dooley Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington Thomas Bleha & Natasha Simes Matt Bode & Laurie Adams Jeff Bozman Larry & Krista Bradley Peter & Carole Brevorka Lacy Broemel Autumn Nicole Brown Ronald Brown Russell & Barbara Brown Craig & Barbara Burkhardt Richard Busch Carolyn Buser Mark Cardwell & Paul Ramos Susan Cardwell Robert Carroll Andrea Charters Mary Jane Checchi Preston Cherouny Virginia Chew

Carlye Christianson & Pascal Joly Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill Gwinneth Ann Clarkson Collier & Carly Connell Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey Robert H. & Jamie Craft Clayton & Lauren Crawford Joe Creech & Stephanie Delong Stephen & Nicole Crochet Gwendolyn & Jimmy Cunningham James Czerwonky Patricia Czerwonky Garry & Pat Dalby Betsy Danello Christine Davies Lafawn Davis Justin Dean Elsa Deland Clayton & Margaret Depue John C. Derrick Charles & Bonnie Dewitt George & Anita Diliberto Laura Doucet **James** Dovle Brenna Duncan Diana Duncan James Eastwood Janet Edmond Kaye Edwards Lauren Edwards Martha Ellison Cliff & Anne Elmore Erika Emery Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris Le & Casev Evans Shawn Evelyn & Anna Broadbent-Evelyn Amanda & Eric Eversole Allison Eydt Stephen & Caroline Faris Wendy J. Fibison Elizabeth Field Hyman & Anne Field Jamie Finch & David Dawson Art & Louise Fisher Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood

James & Dianne Forsythe Iav & Deborah Fuller Linda Gaines David Gallalee Liz Gallalee Elizabeth & Christopher Gardner John & Ann Gardner Kay Gilley Ronnie & Donald Goodheart Richard & Jeanne Grimmett Sandra Hackworth JD & Deirdre Hague Debby Hailey Nick & Kate Hailey Budd & Susan Jess Hallberg Peter & Summer Hardinge Barbie Harper Robert & Anne Harrington Fruzsina Harsanyi Nora & Everett Haugh Diane Hauslein Caleb Hays & James Reilly Timothy & Susan Heil Hermann & Janet Helgert Bob & Tammi Hoback Cecil & Lydia Hornbaker Stephen Huettner William & Ann Hughes Powell & Joanne Hutton John Peters Irelan Stewart & Victoria Jeffries Austin & Lilian Johnson Wande Johnson Mac Johnston Robyne Johnston Bill & Sara Josey Bill & Ann Kaye Carter & Fran Keithley Graham & Robin Keithley Kim Kennedy & Beverly Roberts David Kieve & Kate Bedingfield Loren & Anne Kieve Claire Kim & Jess Unger James & Lisa Kirchenbauer Anya Kleymenova

Frank & Nancy Klotz Elizabeth P. Koehler Brad & Lily Kosegarten Liz & Jon Kosobucki Julia Koster Kenny Kraft Grant Kraus Iris Lan Mendel Lay Patricia Leslie Pamela C. Lottmann Jeffrey & Marisol Lovelace John & Emily Lucio Jan H. Lupton Chip & RJ Lyerly Michelle Mangrum Sandy & Nancy Martin Sherill Mason Paolo Mastrangelo & Perri Warren Abbott McCartney & Sigrid Block Clayton McCleskey Saunders McElroy Sara McGanity Matthew McMurray & Christine Kennedy Ellen McPeake **Richard Metzger** Johnathan Miller Joseph Mitchell Livy More John & Catherine Morefield Will & Michelle Morris Greg & Elizabeth Morrison Rob Mosbacher, Jr. Jim & Michele Mullins Dick & Joy Nathan Julie Neff Lippman Joel and Chanel Nunez Peter & Eleanor Odom Ralph & Lydia Olson Uche & Nkem Onwuamaegbu Emily & Jason Ornstein Owen & Felicia Owunwanne Matthew Paeffgen

Robert Pahnke Robert & Sharon Park John Paty LaFleur Paysour Cami Pease **Robin Pennington** Eric Peters Ray & Susan Petniunas Larry & Connie Pettinger Natalie A. Popovic Richard J. Price William Priest Tricia & Kelly Pulsifer K. Scott & Katherine Raab Will Rabbe & Brittany Prime Allie Raether Carl & Mary Raether Garret & Gigi Rasmussen Nate & Katherine Rawlings Glenn Reichardt & JoAnn Zuercher Jack Reiffer Harker & Geraldine Rhodes Hap & Nora Rigby Randall & Nancy Roe **Richard Rogers** Damion Rose Chase W. Rynd Jessica & Alex Sanchez Jean Schepers Brian & KayAnn Schoeneman Katherine Seifert Pete Seiplitz Sandy & Susan Sierck Adelle Simmons Thom Sinclair & James Kreger Jeremy Skog Patrick & Cameron Smith Diane & Peter Spaulding John Staples & R. Scott Raspa Kenneth & Susan Starling Anne Stewart Charlotte Stewart & Blount Stewart III Toby Stock & Margy Slattery

Alex Stolar Catherine Stolar Desiree Stolar Hillary & Tim Stuart John & Holly Sukenik Patrick Summers Matthew Taylor & Caitlin McHale Dorothea Teipel Veronica Tejera **Riley** Temple Hilary & Alfred Thesmar Jocelyn Tichenor Roderick Todd & Becca Brown-Todd Thomas Traxler & Rachel Bright David Trebing Cal Trepagnier & Marta Cook Anthony Turner Frances Stevenson Tyler Mike & Ellen Underwood Paul & Susan Van Nice Patrick & Pamela Venzke Ellen Vollrath Marie Von Hafften Ryan Wagner Chris Wall Alis Wang & Amy Stulman Carl Ward Louisa Waycott Susan Welch Gail West Hilary West Brainerd Whitbeck, III Suzanne Whitmore Trey & Amy Whitworth Margo E. Wiegenstein Emma Wilson Andrea Winchell Anita L. Woehler Renee B. Yancey Sarah & Hugh Yeomans **Richard Young**

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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

Clark Ervin, *Senior Warden* Nora Rigby, *Junior Warden*

Laurie Adams, Tony Anikeeff, Krista Rimple Bradley, Casey Evans, Wendy J. Fibison, David Gallalee, Fruzsina Harsanyi, Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Anthony Pegues, Matthew Taylor, Alfred Thesmar, and Carl Ward, *Members*

Sara McGanity, *Treasurer* Jeremy Skog, *Assistant Treasurer* Allie Raether, *Secretary* Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

Head Usher James H. Czerwonky

Heads of Flower Guild Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

Head Greeters Eleanor and Peter Odom

Worship and Program Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, *Associate* for Children and Family Ministries
The Rev. Shawn Evelyn, Associate for Parish Life
The Rev. William Morris, Assisting Priest for Engaging Local Communities
Brent Erstad, Director of Music and Organist
Lyn Loewi, Associate Organist

Staff

Charley Griffin, Interim Parish Administrator Lisa Koehler, Program Associate and Executive Assistant to the Rector David Evans, Hospitality, Administration, and Program Assistant Obi Onwuamaegbu, Front Desk Support Javier Obregon, Sexton GeeGee Bryant and David Gamboa, 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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