

COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November 2, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.



SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

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

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

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

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

*The special music this evening is offered by Bill and Sara Josey,
to the glory of God and in memory of all who have gone before us to the Land of Glory.*

*Please note that incense will be used at two points during this service.
Any who are sensitive are invited to step out of the sanctuary as needed during
the singing of the Kyrie (page 3) and the Domine Jesu Christe (page 8).*

SETTING FOR THIS EVENING

Messe de Requiem, Op. 48—Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

VOLUNTARY

Meditation

Daniel Fleuret (1869–1915)

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

INTROIT AND KYRIE

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

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer; to you shall all flesh come. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Sung in Greek by the choir.

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

COLLECT FOR ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

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

THE FIRST READING

Read by Krista Bradley.

Wisdom 3:1-9

Please be seated.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130 *Chanted by the choir.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE SECOND READING

Read by Martha Ellison.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 662

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide

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

1 A - bid with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Please remain standing as you are able.*

John 5:24-27

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

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

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

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell

THE NECROLOGY

Read by the Rev. Eric Bailey and Debby Hailey.

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

PIE JESU

Sung in Latin by soloist Anastasia Sidorova, mezzo-soprano.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant to them rest everlasting.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Said by all, standing as you are able.

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

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Andrew Clarke.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

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

Silence.

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

People Hear our prayer.

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

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

People **Hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

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

THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*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.*



DOMINE JESU CHRISTE

Sung in Latin by the choir and Nathan Lofton, baritone soloist.

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell and from the bottomless pit. Deliver them from the lion's mouth, that hell swallow them not up and that they fall not into darkness. But may the holy standard-bearer Michael lead them to that holy light that you once promised to Abraham and to his seed. We offer you, O Lord, sacrifices and prayers. Receive them on behalf of those souls we commemorate today.

HYMN 623 *Standing as you are able.*

O what their joy and their glory must be

1 O what their joy and their glo - ry must be,
2 Tru - ly "Je - ru - sa - lem" name we that shore,
3 There, where no trou - bles dis - trac - tion can bring,
4 Now, in the mean - while, with hearts raised on high,
5 Low be - fore him with our prais - es we fall,

1 those end - less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see;
2 ci - ty of peace that brings joy ev - er - more;
3 we the sweet an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;
4 we for that coun - try must yearn and must sigh,
5 of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;

1 crown for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest:
2 wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,
3 while for thy grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise
4 seek - ing Je - ru - sa - lem, dear na - tive land,
5 of whom, the Fa - ther; and in whom, the Son;

1 God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.
 2 nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.
 3 thy bless - ed peo - ple e - ter - nal - ly raise.
 4 through our long ex - ile on Bab - y - lon's strand.
 5 through whom, the Spi - rit, with them ev - er One.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please remain standing as you are able.*

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung in Latin by the choir.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

AGNUS DEI

Sung in Latin by the choir.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant them rest.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant them rest.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant them rest eternal.

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.

LUX AETERNA

Sung in Latin by the choir.

May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord, with your saints for evermore, for you are merciful.
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

LIBERA ME

Sung in Latin by the choir.

Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death on that dreadful day, when the heavens and the earth shall quake, when you shall come to judge the world by fire. I am seized by trembling, and I fear, until the judgment and the coming wrath be upon us. On that day, day of wrath, day of calamity and misery, day of great and exceeding bitterness, rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

Priest Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING

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

THE DISMISSAL *Standing as you are able.*

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

IN PARADISUM

Sung in Latin by the choir.

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you and bring you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May a choir of angels welcome you, and, with Lazarus, once a poor beggar, may you have eternal rest.

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

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

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

and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Elizabeth Grayson Hoover,
Grace Sadie Kozlowski, and Colin Kennedy McMurray.

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Michael Romans and Luke Wedge, *Violin 1*

Ben Scott and Sergei Prokofiev, *Violin 2*

Nina Kiken, *Viola*

Arianna Nelson, *Cello*

Victor Holmes, *Bass*

Gréta Ásgeirsson, *Harp*

Jack Reiffer, *Crucifer*

Doug Estes and Sylvia Martin Estes, *Chalice Bearers*

Lara Kinitra and Olivia Kozlowski, *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 November 2

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered during the sermon at 11 a.m. today.

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery—available until 12:30 p.m.
(Parish House Second Floor)
- 9 a.m. Baptism and Choral Eucharist—Sermon by
the Rev. Rob Fisher—*No Children's Chapel*
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
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 with Children's Chapel—
Sermon by the Rev. Rob Fisher
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Parish Lunch (see next column)
Church Tour (see next column)
- 5:30 p.m. Choral Requiem Eucharist—Sermon by the
Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell (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: 2nd Street, NW; Massachusetts Avenue, NW; 8th Street, NE; and 62nd Street, Bethesda.

STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER

Many thanks to Will Priest for offering a stewardship talk this morning at the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

PARISH LUNCH

Today at noon | Hosted by the Sisters at St. John's

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 Susan Cardwell.

REQUIEM EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

Today at 5:30 p.m. | With incense

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. A reception will follow in the Togo West Parlor. The service will also be livestreamed on our website.

Please note: No validated parking for this evening service.

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



NECROLOGY

**TODAY'S SERVICES ARE OFFERED IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL THE SAINTS FROM ST. JOHN'S
AND THOSE NEAR TO US WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE SINCE ALL SAINTS' 2024.**

(As of October 29, 2025)

Julia Alexander
Tim Allmond
Arline Atlas
Susan Baxter
Louise Ritchie Beale
Frederick Beaudry
Nicholas Bender
Charles Thomas Bleha
Stanley Joseph Brady
Lee Buddendeck
Joanne Cicchelli
Mark Crane
Warren Dahlstrom
Sheila Ann Chitwood Doyle
James Doyle
Pierce Eastman
Anne Gage Field
Janet Fisher
Kate Simoni Fralin
Hamid Ganjian
Patricia Burton George
Pauline "Polly" Emory Hall
Ellen Hamner

Hui Han
Barbara Quarles Harper
Haywood Harrell
Gina Hart
Stephen Hein
Jeannie Gray Williams Hixon
Todd Howe
Jacqueline Ann Jackman
Terry L. Jarrett
Jack Kinsey
Mary Kloss
Merrill T. Koster
Andrew Kraus
Keith Labnow
Barnard Mathis Malloy
Anne "Nancy" Newhard Martin
Ann McClellan
Mark K. Metzger
Mary Jo (Gumbert) Moloney
Pat Morris
Lisa Nestor
Peter Baird Neville, Sr.
Aquila Aguilar Obregon

Rosa Luz Aguiar Otero
Paula E. Bennett Paddick
Robert E. Park
Ian Paton
Sally Ann Cox Raye
Larry Reiffer
Jane Saari
Margaret Schell
Cawley Leopold Scott
Calvin Seerveld
Alan Simpson
Diane Louise Melvin Allison Spaulding
David Springer
Stuart Symington, Jr.
Jennifer C. Urquhart
Paul Swift Van Nice
Susan Scott Van Nice
Dale Allen Vesser
Jim Wardrop
Patricia Whalen
Eloise White
The Rev. George F. Woodward, III

SERVICE SCHEDULE | November 3–9

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Will Morris, preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon*

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon*

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, November 3

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

Tuesday, November 4

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

6:30 p.m. Being With (registered participants only)

Wednesday, November 5

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Latrobe Fellowship (see below)

Thursday, November 6

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

7 p.m. Book Group (see next column)

Parish Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 8

5 p.m. Parents' Night Out (see next column)

LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us on the evening of November 5 for silent prayer followed by a brief discussion on the role of contemplative worship in the life of the Church. We will then gather for food and fellowship. The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service

followed by an activity. For more information, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

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.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, November 8, 5–7:30 p.m.

Kids ages 6 months through 5th grade are invited to play, watch a movie, and eat pizza while parents and caregivers enjoy an evening out. RSVP by Monday, November 3, to bit.ly/sjc-pno. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via our website.

SPEAKER SERIES

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



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.



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.

STEWARDSHIP

PLEASE MAKE A 2026 PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

As of Tuesday, October 28, we had received 122 pledges for the year 2026, totaling commitments of \$566,513.

Your 2026 pledge is a commitment of financial support to St. John's for the upcoming year. It can be a one-time annual payment, or it can be paid weekly, monthly, or on the schedule of your choosing. Pledges enable us to plan for the work we will undertake in the mission and ministry of St. John's in 2026. You can make your pledge online on our website (stjohns-dc.org/give/pledge) or by returning a pledge card either by mail to the church office or by placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you for your financial commitment to our parish!

HERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE

As part of fulfilling an annual pledge or any other special gift, we welcome a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directing your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to a qualified 501(c)(3) charity such as St. John's.

Anyone over the age of 70½ can direct **not only** up to \$108,000 of your annual RMDs, **but also** up to \$108,000 of your IRA assets, to the charity of your choice, even if your RMD is smaller. Those who have an inherited IRA requiring annual required minimum distributions and are over 70½ years of age, can **also** direct up to \$108,000 from the inherited IRA to your charity of choice.

Always consult with your financial and tax advisors to confirm the best strategy for you, and remember that these distributions can be made **only** from IRA accounts, **not** from a 401(k), 403(b), Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), or other non-IRA retirement plans. Contact Lisa Kirchenbauer via the Give tab of our website with any questions.

THE 1816 SOCIETY

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

COMING UP

2025 ANGEL TREE GIFT DRIVE

Beginning Sunday, November 9

We're excited to announce that the 2025 Angel Tree Gift Drive at St. John's will start on Sunday, November 9. Watch for our festive Angel Tree in the Parish House, which will be adorned with angels holding wish lists from children and adults in the DC area who are in need. Please return all gifts—unwrapped—to the church by Sunday, December 7. On Saturday, December 13, at 10 a.m. we will host a Wrap Party in the Parish House to wrap and prepare the gifts. Save the date and join us for a festive morning of fellowship and service. Questions? Contact Kevin Cordova-Brookey via the online Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org.

GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming dates: November 15 and December 20

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.

FALL NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, November 16, at 9 and 11 a.m.

St. John's will recognize new members of our community on Sunday, November 16, during worship at 9 and 11 a.m. and at a welcome reception at noon. Please come show your support for our growing community and get to know someone new.

COMMUNION CLASS FOR FAMILIES

Sunday, November 16, at 10 a.m.

This interactive offering aims to help adults and children have a more meaningful experience of Holy Communion. Whether or not your child already consumes the bread or wine during services, all are encouraged to attend to deepen their understanding of what happens when we participate in the Eucharist. This one-session class takes the place of Church School for the day.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Sunday, November 30, at 10 a.m.

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

NEWS & NOTICES

THE CHURCH IS HIRING!

As we have previously shared, our Chief Operating Officer, Preston Cherouny, will soon be moving on to begin his next chapter, so we are now searching for a successor. The job posting can be found on the About: Employment tab of our website. If you know someone who might be a good fit (and who is **not** a current parishioner), please mention this opportunity and forward the link. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, November 17.

FEDERAL WORKERS | Giving or receiving support

Many of our parishioners have been affected by recent layoffs in the federal government. We are seeking to care for one another. If you are seeking help—or if you have help to offer—please complete our survey at bit.ly/sjc-federal-survey with the details of what you need or can provide. You can also reach out to Jordan Baugh, our point person for this ministry, via the Ministry Directory on our website.

STONework ON THE PLAZA

The plaza in front of the church has experienced wear and tear over the years and in some places is badly in need of repair. Stone replacement and curbing work began this week, and we expect the project to take about four weeks to complete. We have marked off the work area for the duration of this project.

SUPPORT SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Are you feeling helpless in assisting local residents who are most in need during these difficult times? Here are some quick ways to support Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington's crucial fall fundraising campaign, and with that, help our neighbors who are most in need:

Become a sponsor—bit.ly/SMGWGala25Sponsor

Donate a basket, vacation stay, or other item to our event auction—bit.ly/SamGala25Auction

Purchase a ticket to attend the online gala on Saturday, November 8, at 3 p.m.—bit.ly/SamaritanGala2025

Make a contribution in any amount to the campaign—bit.ly/SamaritanGala25Donations

For more information, contact Sarah Wood via the Ministry Directory at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE AND HOSTS

Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

The Sunday lunch tradition relies on volunteers to prepare and serve the meal—which is why we encourage individuals, families, groups, 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 a future date? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

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	Lafayette Fellowship
December 21	No Lunch
December 28	No Lunch
January 4	Three Kings' Day
January 11	
January 18	
January 25	
February 1	Annual Meeting and Reception
February 8	
February 15	Margo Wiegenstein & Team
February 22	Bishop Walker School

BAPTISMS

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

Sunday, January 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.

Sunday, April 12, at 9 a.m.

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

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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Most Sundays during the sermon at 9 and 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 9 and 11 a.m. services. 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 Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

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

Children in pre-K through fifth grade may participate in Church School on the second floor of the Parish House. For information, contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-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.

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 Vincent Scauzzo 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

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 and return it either to the offering plate or to Sharlyne "Charley" Griffin in the Parish Office.

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.

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.

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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: Margo Arnold, Sydney Brooks, Craig Burkhardt, Hyman Field, Chase Rynd, Christina Wilson, and Mary Wilson.

Friends and family of our parish: Alvin Atlas (Richard Metzger), 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), Chantay Griffin (Charley Griffin and Gee Gee Bryant), Linda Young Gsell (Rick Young), Morgan Hickenlooper (Livy More), Doug Holy (Joanne Hutton), Jack (Marta Cook and 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), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Norm Phillips (Susan Cardwell), 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), 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), Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), and Mark Hallett (Livy More).

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Friends and family of our parish: Nicholas Bender, October 23 (Peter and Eleanor Odom).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Larry Bradley, Lizzie Eversole, Ella Fuller, Susie Jess

Hallberg, Clara Hallett, Grant Kraus, Susan Morefield, Elizabeth Morrison, Quincy Rhodes, Alexian Wines, and Jessica Zavala.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Krista and Larry Bradley, Collier and Carly Connell, David and Liz Gallalee, John and Kristy Highsmith, Katie and

Paul Holder, and Alex and Desirée Stolar.

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.).

LIST OF 2026 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 2026:**

(As of October 28, 2025)

Anonymous (6)
Kingsley Afemikhe
Douglas & Margo Arnold
Gale Arnold
Eric Bailey
Jordan & Angelle Baugh
Robert Beizer
Murray J. Belman
William & Martha Birdseye
Diane Bitsberger
Marion Blakey & Bill Dooley
Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington
Matthew Bode & Laurie Adams
Jeff Bozman
Sydney Brooks
Gee Gee Bryant
Craig & Barbara Burkhardt
Meghan & Douglas Burt
Rick Busch
Mark Cardwell & Paul Ramos
Virginia Chew
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill
Gwinneth Ann Clarkson
Ann Compton Hughes
Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey
Nicole & Stephen Crochet
Garry & Patricia Dalby
Betsy Danello
Clayton & Margaret Depue
John Derrick
Mike & Beth DuMond
Diana Duke Duncan
James Eastwood
Janet Edmond
Kaye Edwards
Rob & Anna Ehrich
Martha Ellison
Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris
Le & Casey Evans

Caroline & Steve Faris
Hyman Field
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood
Elizabeth Gallalee
David Gallalee
Carrie & Jim Garland
Kay Gilley
Donald & Ronnie Goodheart
Richard & Jeanne Grimmett
Stephanie & Greg Guyett
Sandra Hackworth
Deborah Hailey
Budd & Susan Jess Hallberg
Robert & Anne Harrington
Diane Hauslein
Caleb Hays & James Reilly
Tim & Susan Heil
Powell & Joanne Hutton
John Peters Irelan
Bruce & Georgia Johnson
Ethan Johnson
Bill & Ann Kaye
Carter & Fran Keithley
William T. Kendall
Kim Kennedy & Beverly Roberts
Lisa & James Kirchenbauer
Anya Kleymenova
Elizabeth Koehler
Lix & Jon Kosobucki
Julia Koster
Kevin Kozlowski & Lara Kanitra
Kenny Kraft
John & Emily Lucio
Jan Lupton
Chip & RJ Lyerly
Middleton Martin
Sherill Mason
Saunders & Joan McElroy
Richard Metzger

Nathan & Kelly Miller
Livy More
Gregory & Elizabeth Morrison
Rob Mosbacher, Jr.
Jack Musso
Lydia & Ralph Olson
Ucheora & Nkem Onwuamaegbu
Matthew L. Paeffgen
Robert D. Pahnke
Sharon Park
Cami Pease & Matt Martone
Raymond & Susan Petniunas
Will Rabbe & Brittany Prime
Carl & Mary Raether
Luis J. Ramos-Chacon
Hwa Cha Redman
Jack Reiffer
Harker & Geraldine Rhodes
Chase Rynd
Jessica & Alex Sanchez
KayAnn & Brian Schoeneman
Susan & Sandy Sierck
Will & Annie Simonds
Alex Smith
Ken & Susan Starling
Toby Stock & Margy Slattery
Holly & John Sukenik
Riley Temple
Alfred & Hilary Thesmar
Marianne Thomas
Ryan Wagner
Christopher Wall
Alis Wang & Amy Stulman
Gail Berry West
Emma Wilson
Anita Woehler
William Yale
Zhijun Yang
Karen Zachary

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*

Nora Haugh, *Treasurer*

Anya Kleymenova, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

Head Usher—James H. Czerwonky

Head Greeters—Eleanor and Peter Odom

Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell, *Associate Rector*
for Family Ministry and Pastoral Care

The Rev. Eric Bailey, *Assistant Priest for Parish Life*
and New Member Ministry

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

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Linda Morgan Stowe and John Chappell Stowe,
Interim Assistant Organists

Preston Cherouny, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Operations Manager*

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

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

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

Anne Stone, *Publications*

ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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