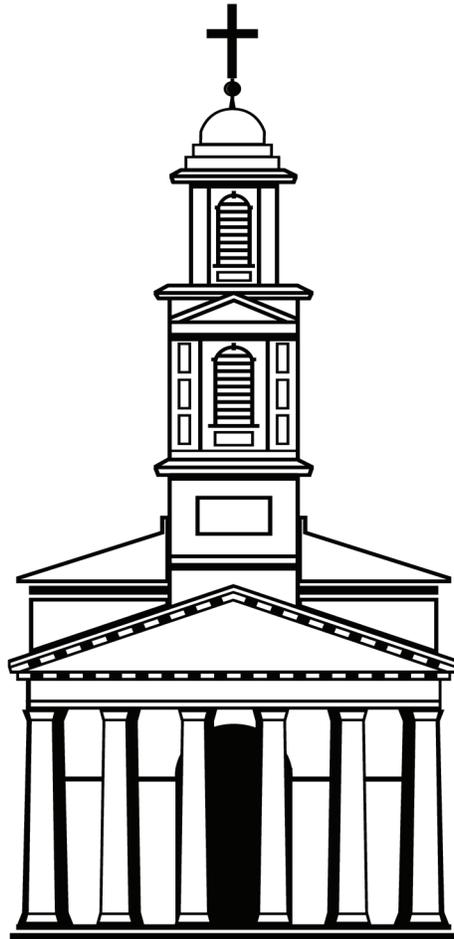


# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 22, 2026 ♦ 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.*

*Please refrain from taking photos or videos during services.*

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**VOLUNTARY**

Meditation on *Old 124th*  
Fauxbourdon and Aria on *Old 124th*

Joseph Clokey (1890–1960)  
David P. Dahl (b. 1937)

**HYMN 149**

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

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

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,  
 far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
 so we are dead and live with you in God.  
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* Blessed be the God of our salvation:  
*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**  
*Priest* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Please remain standing, or kneel as you are able.*

*All* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

## KYRIE (S-91) *Sung by all.*

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

*Please be seated.*

*9 a.m. Read by Peter Odom.*

*11 a.m. Read by Holly Sukenik.*

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 32

9 a.m. Led by Richard Greene, said responsively by half verse.

11 a.m. Chanted by the choir.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

*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.*

## GRADUAL HYMN 150

Forty days and forty nights

*Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1 & 2 will be sung before the Gospel, stanzas 4 & 5 after.*

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt. Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

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

After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Following the Gospel, all sing stanzas 4 & 5 of the gradual hymn.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

## 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

*9 a.m. Led by Summer Hardinge.*

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*11 a.m. Led by Anthony Pegues.*

*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* For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa\* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann, our Bishop; and for all clergy and other ministers, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For Donald, our President, for the leaders of Congress and the nations, for the Supreme Court, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially . . . , let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* 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* 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.

*People* **To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Priest* Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Sung by the choir.*

*At 9 a.m.*

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord    Richard Farrant (c. 1525–1580)

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake, deliver us from all our sins.

—*Psalm 27:12*

*At 11 a.m.*

Ne irascaris Domine

William Byrd (1543–1623)

*Ne irascaris Domine satis,  
et ne ultra memineris iniquitatis nostrae.  
Ecce respice populus tuus omnes nos.*

Be not angry, O Lord,  
and remember our iniquity no more.  
Behold, we are all your people.

—*Isaiah 64:9-10*

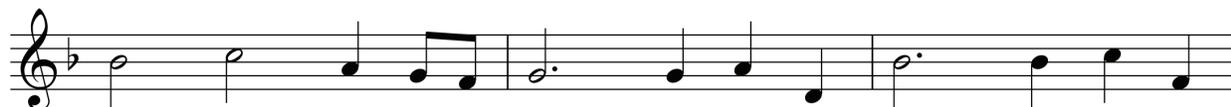
## HYMN 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

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



1. O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
2. O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
3. We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
4. We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
high, our life to live, our death to die.  
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808–1889). Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (1894–1985).

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS (S-124) *Sung by all.*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**FRACTION ANTHEM (S-161)** *Sung by all.*

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ave verum corpus

William Byrd

*Sung by the choir.*

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine  
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis prægustatum in mortis examine.  
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae. Miserere mei. Amen.*

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side flowed water and blood:  
Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death!  
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

—14th-century hymn

## HYMN 439 *Sung by all, seated.*

What wondrous love is this

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and  
won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll  
caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing  
soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, (b. 1926).

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

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

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

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

## THE BLESSING

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

## HYMN 147

Now let us all with one accord

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



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in  
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to  
3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has  
4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in  
5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our  
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -  
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,  
4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -  
5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.  
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.  
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt. James Quinn, SJ. Printed by permission of Geoffrey Chapman, a division of Cassell Ltd. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938).

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Fuga

Heinrich Scheidemann (1595–1663)

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## 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](http://stjohns-dc.org) for more about our offerings and how to get in touch.*

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**THE GREENS IN THE CHURCH ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

**ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE**

Mike DuMond, *Crucifer*  
Jack Reiffer and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers*  
Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher*  
Fruzsina Harsanyi and Patricia Leslie, *Ushers*  
Becca Brown Todd and Susan Welch, *Greeters*  
Susan Heil and Elizabeth Lewis, *Flower Guild*

**ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE**

Rachel Pepper, *Crucifer*  
Gloria Burkhardt and Walt Ehrich, *Acolytes*  
Kevin Cordova-Brookey and Joanne Hutton, *Chalice Bearers*  
Matt Bode, *Assistant Head Usher*  
Tony Anikeeff, Susan Cardwell, John Schutz, and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*  
Greg Morrison and Roderick Todd, *Greeters*  
Susan Heil and Elizabeth Lewis, *Flower Guild*  
Jeremy Skog, *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.**

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# Announcements for the Week of February 22

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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*Refugee Committee Toy Drive (see page 4)*

*N Street Village Supply Drive (see page 4)*

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

**Preaching this morning: The Rev. Rob Fisher**

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon  
Parish Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)

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

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)  
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 2)  
Lent 101 for All Ages (Parish House Second  
Floor; see next column)  
Youth Confirmation Class (Parish House  
Second Floor; see page 3)  
Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)  
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)  
Parish Lunch (see next column)

2 p.m. USAF Singing Sergeants | Free Concert  
(see next column)

3 p.m. St. John's Pride (Offsite; see next page)

### FLOWER DELIVERIES

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

**Today, a flower delivery is needed to: Cameron Station Boulevard, Alexandria.**

### LENT 101 FOR ALL AGES | Today at 10 a.m.

This interactive offering will help young children and their caregivers understand what the Lenten season is all about. Why do people give things up and take things on? What does it mean to repent? How can families strive to observe a holy Lent? Come explore these questions and more! This offering is geared toward families with infants, toddlers, and elementary aged children, though all are welcome.

### PARISH LUNCH

**Today at noon | Hosted by Bishop Walker School**

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.



### FREE CONCERT | USAF SINGING SERGEANTS Today at 2 p.m.

The United States Air Force Singing Sergeants will present a public concert at St. John's today, at 2 p.m. As active-duty musicians, the Singing Sergeants support ceremonial

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and diplomatic events, educational outreach, and concert performances throughout Washington, DC, and across the United States. The program will feature a wide range of classical, popular, and patriotic choral music. This concert is free and open to the public.

### **ST. JOHN'S PRIDE CELEBRATES MARDI GRAS Today at 3 p.m. (Offsite)**

St. John's Pride and friends will gather for Mardi Gras at The Wharf ([www.wharfdc.com/mardigras](http://www.wharfdc.com/mardigras)). Come enjoy a spirited parade and live music, followed by a fireworks display at sunset. Join us if you can, or contact our leaders via the online Ministry Directory to learn more.

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## **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

*February 23 to March 1*

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**Monday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Wednesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

5:30 p.m.—Choral Evensong

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Friday**—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

**Sunday**—The Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell, 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.*

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## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

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**Monday, February 23**

*Final day to register for the women's retreat (see next page)*

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

**Tuesday, February 24**

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

**Wednesday, February 25**

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong (see next column)

**Thursday, February 26**

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

## **CHORAL EVENSONG**

**Wednesday, February 25, at 5:30 p.m.**

Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the even point between the active day and the restful night. Evensong is sung by the St. John's Choir and Choristers on the last Wednesday of most months from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. Parking validation is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW; obtain a validation ticket from an usher before or after the service. The service will also be available via livestream on our website.

*Shortly after evensong, members of St. John's Pride will gather for drinks at Opaline at the Sofitel Hotel, just a three-minute walk from St. John's. Join us if you can, or contact our leaders via [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org) to learn more about this group.*

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## **SPEAKER SERIES**

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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.



**February 22: Jane Hudiburg**, noted Congressional historian, will talk about the post-presidency of John Quincy Adams, who went on to become a highly influential member of Congress and legal advocate.



**March 1: Michael Guy**, historian, will give an update to the parish on our new history project researching St. John's history in light of race and slavery.



**March 8: Richard Grimmatt**, longtime parish historian, will speak about the work of the famed American architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe, including his design of St. John's.



**March 15: Matt Dallek**, noted historian and Professor of Political Management at George Washington University, will trace the history of political violence in America up to the present day.

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## COMING UP

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### LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

**Wednesdays in Lent, 5:15–6 p.m.**

We are offering a time of simple, silent prayer on Wednesdays in Lent convened by the Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley, who led a series of instruction on prayer last year at St. John's. The group will gather in person at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, but if you do not live near the seminary you can join the group virtually. To participate, please sign up at [bit.ly/sjc-lent-2026](http://bit.ly/sjc-lent-2026).



### LATROBE FELLOWSHIP

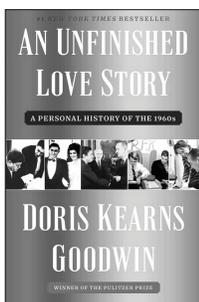
**Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. For more information, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m.**

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s* by Doris Kearns Goodwin, whose work for President Johnson in the 1960s inspired her love of historical research and her career as a presidential historian. This book weaves together autobiography, history, and memoir about a turbulent time in the United States. 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](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).



### WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

**Friday, March 6, through Sunday, March 8**

*Registration closes Monday, February 23*

This year's Sisters at St. John's annual women's retreat, entitled "Listening with the Ears of Our Hearts," will be led by the Dr. Terri Lynn Simpson, Manager of the Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage at Washington National Cathedral, and will be held at the A. Felix DuPont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Please complete your online

registration at [bit.ly/sjc-retreat-2026-register](http://bit.ly/sjc-retreat-2026-register) and submit your payment to secure your spot. The cost (\$425) includes housing and meals. For those in need of financial assistance, scholarships are available; contact the Rev. Rob Fisher with your request. Questions? Reach out to leader Emily Lucio via the online Ministry Directory. Full information, including details about the venue and payment, can be found at [bit.ly/sjc-listening-hearts-2026](http://bit.ly/sjc-listening-hearts-2026).

### YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

**Second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m. through April**

Confirmation is a sacramental rite in which candidates express a mature commitment to Christ before God, the bishop, and the gathered community. If your child has not been confirmed and wants to be, please let us know via the form at [bit.ly/sjc-youth-confirmation-2026](http://bit.ly/sjc-youth-confirmation-2026). (Youth who have already been confirmed are also encouraged to attend, to review faith topics and get to know our new candidates.) Confirmation will take place at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. Questions? Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via our website.

### DIOCESAN LENTEN SILENT RETREAT

**Friday, March 13, through Sunday, March 15**

*Led by the Rt. Rev. Eugene T. Sutton*

In such troubled times as these, how do we find the spiritual space to "give rest to the weary, soothe the suffering, and shield the joyous" in our own lives, as well as for others? During this weekend retreat we will explore these themes through guided meditations, silent walks, worship, and reflection on the serenity prayer. Gain fresh insights into how to incorporate prayer into your busy daily life and how you might achieve a healthier balance between your own inner spirituality and encountering Christ amidst the world's stresses. For information, including location and registration, visit [edow.org/diocesan-retreat](http://edow.org/diocesan-retreat).

### THE 2026 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

**Saturdays, March 14 & 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's? Or are you just interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church? Either way, please join the two-day Spring Adult Inquirers' Class, led by the Rev. Rob Fisher, on Saturdays, March 14 and 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website to learn more or register for this class.

## GRACE'S TABLE

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

*Upcoming dates: March 21 and April 18*

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.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON OUTREACH

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### REFUGEE COMMITTEE TOY DRIVE

**Sundays through March 8, after 9 and 11 a.m. services**

Most of the refugees resettled to the DMV in recent years by St. John's Refugee Committee are Muslims. Just as Christians exchange gifts at Christmas, Muslims give gifts to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, the festival that signals the end of Ramadan, a month-long religious observance marked by fasting, prayer, charity, and reflection. On Sundays through March 8, the Refugee Committee is accepting donations of toys to help families celebrate Eid. Gifts will then be distributed by the Resource Center of the Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA), the designated refugee resettlement organization for our region. Although toys for all ages are welcome, there is a particular need for gifts for children of middle school age and older. Suggestions for this age group include chess sets, science activity kits, makeup sets, jewelry-making kits, nail polish sets, and sports balls (especially soccer balls). No stuffed animals, please, as LSSNCA already has an adequate supply. Monetary donations can be made at [onrealm.org/StJohnsLafayette/give/toys](http://onrealm.org/StJohnsLafayette/give/toys).

### N STREET VILLAGE SUPPLY DRIVE

**Now through April 5**

The Sisters at St. John's 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. We are collecting a variety of necessities, including toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary pads, women's underwear all sizes, and casual pants sizes medium to XL. To donate,

bring any of the above items to church and leave them in the basket by the reception area in the Parish House.

### BECOME A PARENT NAVIGATOR (MENTOR)

As part of a pilot program, Communities in Schools (CIS) is looking for volunteers to serve as navigators, or peer mentors, for parents striving to support their children's education and their own personal and professional goals. As a navigator, you can use your knowledge in areas such as finance, medicine, nutrition, and child advocacy to provide one-to-one guidance, support, and practical strategies that help parents build strong home-school connections and advocate for themselves and their families. Volunteers matched with a family can expect a commitment of a few hours a month. Other ways to mentor include doing a webinar or virtual workshop in your area of specialty. Orientation, training, and ongoing support will be provided. For more information, contact CIS leaders Ann Gardner and Livy More via the online Ministry Directory.

### REGISTER FOR SAMARITAN MINISTRY'S 40TH ANNUAL NEXT STEP BREAKFAST

**Free event | Saturday, March 14, at 8:30 a.m.**

Come be uplifted and inspired! Hear from STRIVE program alum Diego Cunningham, entrepreneur and social justice advocate Andy Shallal, and others about how Samaritan Ministry changes lives, and learn about ways that you can support Samaritan's mission to help DMV residents get back on their feet, as a volunteer or through your financial gift. Details, registration, and donations at [samaritanministry.org](http://samaritanministry.org). Questions? Contact Sarah Wood via the online Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

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## NEWS & NOTICES

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### NEW ASSOCIATE ORGANIST ANNOUNCED



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Chris Betts as Associate Organist, effective August 1. Chris brings a lifetime of experience in church music, having served in leading roles at churches and cathedrals in the United Kingdom and the United States. A former boy chorister at Lichfield Cathedral, he has performed as an organist in numerous British and American cathedrals and previously served as Organist and Associate Director of Music at

Washington National Cathedral. Most recently, he was Director of Music at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Houston. Chris currently serves as Managing Director of Solid State Organ Systems, an Alexandria-based firm that designs and supplies organ control systems for some of the world's finest church and cathedral organs, including our organ here at St. John's. We look forward to welcoming him to the music ministry team at St. John's.

### FEDERAL WORKERS | Giving or receiving support

Many of our parishioners have been affected by layoffs in the federal government. If you are seeking help—or if you have help to offer—please complete our survey at [bit.ly/sjc-federal-survey](https://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 directory on our website.

### FOR THOSE SEEKING TO BE BAPTIZED

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

**Sunday, April 12, at 9 a.m.**

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

**Sunday, May 24, at 9 a.m.**

*Class: Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m.*

### 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](https://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

February 22 Bishop Walker School

**March 1 Host needed**

March 8 Marion Blakey and Friends

March 15 St. John's Book Group

**March 22 Host needed**

March 29 *No Lunch: Palm Sunday*

April 5 *No Lunch: Easter Day*

**April 12 Host needed**

**April 19 Host needed**

April 26 Sisters at St. John's

### UPCOMING MUSIC SPONSORSHIPS

Parishioners are invited to sponsor additional musicians for Music Festival services and other special events in the life of the parish. These gifts enrich our worship and make it possible to present larger-scale musical works throughout the program year. Sponsorships may be made in thanksgiving, in memory of a loved one, or simply in support of the music ministry at St. John's. All donors will be acknowledged in the bulletin. The following upcoming services are currently available for sponsorship:

#### Viol Consort for Holy Week Evensong | April 1

Following the success of last year's Holy Week Evensong, this service will feature Tudor choral music accompanied by a consort of violas da gamba in a striking musical offering on the Wednesday of Holy Week. (\$2,000)

#### Brass Ensemble for Trinity Sunday | May 31

Support our festive celebration of Trinity Sunday and the final Sunday of the program year with a brass ensemble accompanying choral and congregational singing. (\$1,350)

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## STEWARDSHIP

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### PLEASE PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

*As of Tuesday, February 17, we had received 265 pledges, totaling commitments of \$1,078,250 for 2026.*

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](https://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!

*Pledge envelopes are available for pickup at the reception desk.*

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## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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### NURSERY HOURS

**Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

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

### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

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

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

### YOUTH GROUP

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

Most Sundays from September through May, middle and high school youth are invited to the second floor of the Parish House for an exploration of life and faith with their peers. Questions? Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

**Sundays during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m. worship**

Most Sundays, kids from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at 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 Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### 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.

### THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY | September through May

Youth in 6th grade and above are welcome to participate during worship services, serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. Contact Vincent Scauzzo via [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory) for details.

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## REMINDERS

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### 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.



### ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Most 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. We are currently studying the Gospel of Matthew and the book of Genesis. For information, notes, and the Zoom link, contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

### MAKE A PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

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



### 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](http://www.stjohns-dc.org), and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.

### 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.

### **LIVESTREAMED SERVICES**

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

### **SECURITY MEASURES AT ST. JOHN’S**

St. John’s identity as a congregation is shaped by our urban location in the nation’s capital. We seek to welcome all to our services and activities with dignity, while ensuring the safety and well-being of those who worship in our facilities. We hire security personnel for Sundays and special services as a low-key, proactive presence prepared to respond quickly and respectfully to any needs that may arise.

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## **PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE**

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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:** Cay Buser, Pat Czerwonky, Lauren Edwards, Bill Josey, Jocelyn Tichenor, and Suzanne Whitmore.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Conor Barry (Sarah Wood), Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Chad (Wendy Fibison), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Julie Ellis (Preston Cherouny), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), Blair Fiore (Debby Hailey), Peggy Fisher (Debby Hailey), 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), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), Jane Lee (Claire Kim and Jess Unger), William Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Teri Nelson (Lisa Koehler), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Sunil Ramchand (Susan Cardwell), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Connor Smith (Patrick and Cameron Smith), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), Ashley M. Smith (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), Bess Williamson (Wendy Fibison), Andrew Woods (Johnathan Miller), Linda Woolley (Blount and Charlotte Stewart), and Judith York (Caroline Fisher).

#### **THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING**

**From our parish:** Milton Chamberlain, Janet Helgert, Marcella Odom, Becky Schergens, and Mary Wilson.

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

#### **THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley).

#### **THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY**

Krista Bradley, Meghan Burns, Robby Cowan, Pat Czerwonky, Christine Davies, Mike DuMond, Callie Ervin, Kenneth Faunteroy, Ben Garland, Elizabeth Hoover, Austin Johnson, Elizabeth Oblinger, Alma Paty, Molly Raab, Charlotte Rhodes, Wiley Simonds, Blount Stewart, Everett Ward, Tripp Whitbeck, and Kris Zeller.

#### **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.).

# 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](http://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.

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## Vestry Leadership & Members

Alfred Thesmar, *Senior Warden*

Julia Koster, *Junior Warden*

Kate Benner, Brian Cordova-Brookey,

Kaye Edwards, Elizabeth Field,

Debby Hailey, Fruzsina Harsanyi,

Apiyo Oloya, Jack Reiffer, Brian Schoeneman,

Matthew Taylor, Trey Whitworth, and Jess Unger,

*Members*

Anya Kleymenova, *Treasurer*

Will Priest, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

**Head Usher**—James H. Czerwonky

**Head Greeters**—Eleanor and Peter Odom

## Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

## Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

The Rev. 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*

John Stowe, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Parish Administrator*

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

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

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

Anne Stone, *Publications*

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## ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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