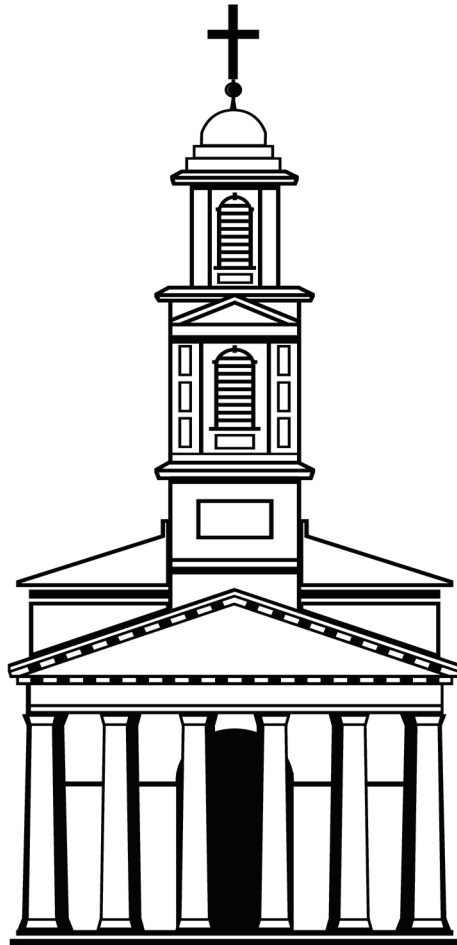


THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 11, 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

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

### HYMN 497

How bright appears the Morning Star

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

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices:  
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608). Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

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

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

*Please be seated.*

*9 a.m. Read by Ucheora Onwuamaegbu.*

*11 a.m. Read by Chris Janson.*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 29

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

*11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; setting by Gerald Knight (1908–1979)*

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \* **ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \* **worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \* **the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \* **the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* **and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \* **and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the LORD \* **all are crying, "Glory!"**

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \* **the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

The LORD shall give strength to his people; \* **the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

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

## HYMN 120

The sinless one to Jordan came

*Sung by all, standing as you are able. Stanzas 1–3 will be sung before the Gospel, stanzas 4 & 5 after.*



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,  
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,  
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,  
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun  
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;  
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare  
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,  
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!  
 5 go forth with you a world to win:



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,  
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed  
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes  
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.  
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.  
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.  
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

*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.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had

been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

*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. Eric Bailey

## 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 Jessica Sanchez.*

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*11 a.m. Led by Clark Ervin.*

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* We pray for the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa\* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for St. Peter's Church, Poolesville. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Eugene, our Assistant Bishop; and all bishops, priests, and deacons.

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* We pray for Donald, our President; for the leaders of Congress and the nations, for the Supreme Court, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

*Priest* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

*Silence.*

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

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

## THE PEACE

*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**

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

arr. Nicholas White (b. 1967)

*Sung by the choir.*

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance  
to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance:

*Sing O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance;  
thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance: *Refrain*

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance,  
betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance: *Refrain*

—Traditional English carol

**HYMN 124** *Standing as you are able.*

What star is this, with beams so bright

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the  
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them  
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us  
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with  
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful  
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.  
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.  
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt. Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902.

## 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS (S-129) *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell

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*

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People* **We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**FRACTION ANTHEM (S-163)** *Sung by all.*

Robert Powell

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.



splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban - quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.  
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Priest* Let us pray.

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

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

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

## THE BLESSING

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

## HYMN 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

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



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

In dir ist Freude (In thee is gladness)

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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

and in gratitude for the Rev. Rob Fisher and the St. John's community,  
by the Rev. Canon Clayton M. McCleskey.

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

Rachel Pepper, *Crucifer* | Jack Reiffer and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers*  
Richard Young, *Assistant Head Usher* | Kenny Kraft and Patricia Leslie, *Ushers*  
Peter Odom and Becca Brown Todd, *Greeters*  
Sarah Agnew and Zach Schutz, *Flower Guild*

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

Greg Morrison, *Crucifer* | Grant Lucio and Powe Rigby, *Acolytes*  
Paul Barkett and Sylvia Martin Estes, *Chalice Bearers*  
Claire Kim, *Assistant Head Usher*  
Linda Chen, Brian Cordova-Brookey, John Schutz, and Zhijun Yang, *Ushers*  
Caroline Faris and Michele Mullins, *Greeters*  
Sarah Agnew and Zach Schutz, *Flower Guild*  
Jeremy Sheeler, *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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## 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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# Announcements for the Week of January 11

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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

*Preaching this morning: The Rev. Eric Bailey*

- 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)  
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 Sermon
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)  
Parish Lunch (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: Pennsylvania Avenue, NW; and Oak Street, NW.

## PARISH LUNCH

**Today at noon | Hosted by the Latrobe Fellowship**

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 is extended to 2 p.m. any Sunday with a parish lunch.

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE | January 12–18

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**Monday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Tuesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Wednesday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Friday**—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

**Sunday**—The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell, Preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

5:30 p.m. Epiphanytide Lessons and Carols  
(see next page)

*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, January 12

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

### Tuesday, January 13

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

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

### Wednesday, January 14

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 15

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, January 16

1 p.m. Parish Office closes

### Saturday, January 17

10:30 a.m. Grace's Table (see below)

### Monday, January 19—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

All Day Parish Office closed



### GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming dates: January 17 and February 21

Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. 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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### EPIPHANYTIDE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, January 18, at 5:30 p.m.

The combined professional choirs of St. John's, Lafayette Square, and Christ Church, Georgetown, will offer a joint service of Epiphanytide Lessons and Carols at St. John's on Sunday, January 18. The service includes readings interspersed with seasonal hymns and choral anthems. A reception follows. We hope you'll join us for this annual collaboration with a neighboring parish as we observe the joyous season of Epiphany.

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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.



**January 11: Jeff Selingo**, New York Times best-selling author and college admissions expert, talks about his books *Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions* and *Dream School: Finding the College That's Right for You*.



**January 18: Dr. Yun Sun**, Senior Fellow at the Stimson Center and Director of its China program, will discuss the state of U.S.-China relations, including the prospect of a confrontation over Taiwan and intensifying competition between the world's two largest economies.

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**January 25: Vestry Candidates Presentation.** Hear from those seeking election to the Vestry, in preparation to cast your vote at Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 1.

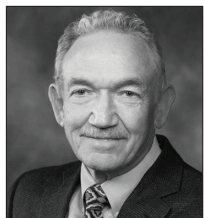
*February 1: No Speaker Series—Annual Meeting*

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## THE PRESIDENCY OF JOHN QUINCY ADAMS



**February 8: Ronald C. White**, best-selling author on Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant, will kick off our annual three-part presidential series, this year focusing on John Quincy Adams, our nation's sixth president.



**February 15: Randall B. Woods**, author, biographer, and Distinguished Professor of History at the University of Arkansas, will share insights gained from the writing of his book *John Quincy Adams: A Man for the Whole People*.



**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 Grimmett**, 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.

## ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF VESTRY

**Sunday, February 1, at 11:30 a.m.**

**Worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m. that day**  
**Reception following Annual Meeting**

Please plan to join us in person or online for this year's Annual Meeting. We will elect Wardens (uncontested) and three Vestry members from six candidates. Absentee ballots will be available starting Tuesday, January 20. Bios for the candidates will be posted in the building and linked in *The Word*.

### Candidates for Wardens

Alfred Thesmar, Senior Warden  
Julia Koster, Junior Warden



### Candidates for Vestry (3 to be elected)

Jordan Baugh  
Elizabeth Field  
Apiyo Oloya  
Brian Schoeneman  
John Schutz  
Annie Simmons

*You will have the opportunity to hear from the candidates during the 10 a.m. education hour on Sunday, January 25, one week prior to Annual Meeting.*



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### CHORAL EVENSONG

**Wednesday, January 28, at 5:30 p.m.**

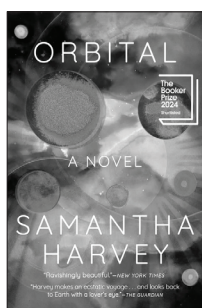
Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the even point between the active day and the restful night. Evensong is sung by the St. John's Choir and Choristers on the last Wednesday of most months from September through May, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by a reception 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.*

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

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

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *Orbital: A Novel* by Samantha Harvey. This slender work of fiction depicts the lives of six men and women traveling through space over the course of one day. These astronauts and cosmonauts—from America, Russia, Italy, Britain, and Japan—have left their lives behind to travel at a speed of over seventeen thousand miles an hour as the earth reels below. 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).



### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, February 7, 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, February 2, to [bit.ly/sjc-pno](http://bit.ly/sjc-pno). Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell via our website.

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## NEWS & NOTICES

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### CLAYTON MCCLESKEY

#### ORDAINED AS A DEACON



Clayton McCleskey came to St. John's in the summer of 2020 to support our ministry of presence during the time following the killing of George Floyd. He shared his gifts for project management, volunteer organizing, and public relations, which he honed in a career in government in the Department of State and as spokesperson for USAID, and before that as a journalist. In time, Clayton became a member of St. John's, and soon after formally joining our congregation, he was granted postulancy for ordination and went off to seminary in Boston, where he now lives with husband Jonathan. Although many in our congregation have not had the chance to get to know Clayton, he has been an engaged member from afar, and he has helped in behind-the-scenes ministries during his seminary years.

This weekend we celebrate Clayton's ordination to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Mariann; it is expected that he will be ordained a priest this summer. Deacons play an important role in keeping the gathered community connected to the needs of the world outside our church walls, and the transitional diaconate gives all those seeking ordination to the priesthood a unique period of practical experience rooted in servanthood.

As we are Clayton's "sending parish," he will always be part of the broader St. John's community, no matter where his ministry takes him. He has recently been appointed Canon for Communications, Witness, and Engagement by Bishop of Massachusetts Julia Whitworth, and he will also continue as assisting clergy at Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester, Massachusetts.

Please join us in congratulating the Rev. Canon Clayton McCleskey and pray for him in this new phase of ministry.

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

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## 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.

## HEARING AID RECYCLING DRIVE

### Place donations in the box near the reception desk

As you may be aware, hearing aids are extremely expensive. One study conducted by the National Institutes of Health determined that hearing aids were unaffordable for three-fourths of Americans with functional hearing loss. And the evidence is clear that hearing affects mental acuity as we age. For his Eagle Scout project, Cooper Thesmar is organizing the collection of hearing aid devices that are no longer needed, which will be cleaned, restored or refurbished, and given to those in need. All brands, models, and ages are welcome, and donation receipts can be provided on request.

## 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. In coordination with the Vestry and our Usher Guild, we have hired security personnel for Sundays and special services to maintain a low-key, proactive presence and to be prepared to respond quickly and respectfully to any needs that may arise. We are also enhancing training for staff and ushers to support how we welcome all while remaining a safe and secure. We are choosing to take these steps prayerfully and proactively, and we will continue to assess what best serves our church's needs as we go forward.

## 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).

January 11 Latrobe Fellowship  
January 18  
January 25 St. John's Book Group

February 1 Annual Meeting and Reception  
February 8 Refugee Committee  
February 15 Will Yale, Craig & Barbara Burkhardt,  
Karen Zachary, and Miller Winecoff  
February 22 Bishop Walker School

### March 1

March 8 Marion Blakey and Friends

### March 15

### March 22

March 29 *No Lunch: Palm Sunday*

## 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, 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.*

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

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

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## STEWARDSHIP

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### PLEASE PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

*As of Tuesday, January 6, we had received 253 pledges, totaling commitments of \$1,061,586 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. 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.

### 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 Akers-Cardwell 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.

### 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.

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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 first chapters 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.

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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](http://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.

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**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, Dolph Hatfield, Robert Pahnke, and Mary Wilson.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Conor Barry (Sarah Wood), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Chad (Wendy Fibison), 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), 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), Sean Josey (Bill and Sara Josey), Charlotte Crowley Junilla (Margo Arnold), Olivia Kehoe (Kat Kehoe), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford),

William hymn to them Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Teri Nelson (Lisa Koehler), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Scott (Marta Cook and Cal Trepagnier), Connor Smith (Patrick and Cameron Smith), Pam Snyder (Sarah Agnew), Nancy Stephenson (Ann and John Gardner), 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), 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, 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), 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 WHO HAVE DIED

**Friends and family of our parish:** Evonne Pegues, January 2 (Anthony Pegues).

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Douglas Burt, Zac Copeland, Bonnie Dewitt, Beth DuMond, Lizzie Ehrich, Susan Feaster, Kenner Gutterman, Brad Harbaugh, Jack Herzog, Gabriela Koch, Jack Kozlowski, Kevin Kozlowski, Zack Lindsey, Julie Lippman, Matthew Paeffgen, Cami Pease, Ray Petniunas, Natalie Popovic, Kenneth Starling, Teddy Underwood, and Renee Yancey.

### THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Kate Bedingfield and David Kieve; Emily and John Lucio.

### 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.).

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## 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 January 6, 2026)*

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Anonymous (12)  
David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis  
Alison Adkins  
Kingsley Afemikhe  
Jeff & Sarah Agnew  
Sarah & Amanda Akes-Cardwell  
Tony Anikeeff & Tung-lin Wu  
Gale Arnold  
Douglas & Margo Arnold  
Elizabeth Bacon  
Eric Bailey  
Jordan & Angelle Baugh  
Robert Beizer  
Murray J. Belman  
Kathleen Benner  
William & Martha Birdseye  
Diane Bitsberger  
Marion Blakey & Bill Dooley  
Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington  
Matthew Bode & Laurie Adams  
Jeff Bozman  
Krista & Larry Bradley  
Sydney Brooks  
Autumn Brown  
Craig & Barbara Burkhardt  
Meghan & Douglas Burt  
Rick Busch  
Carolyn Buser  
Susan Cardwell  
Mark Cardwell & Paul Ramos  
Andrea Charters  
Virginia Chew  
Carlye Christianson & Pascal Joly  
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill  
Gwineth Ann Clarkson  
Ann Compton Hughes  
Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey  
Margaret J. Craft  
Joseph Creech  
Nicole & Stephen Crochet  
Patricia Czerwonky  
James Czerwonky  
Garry & Patricia Dalby  
Betsy Danello  
William E. Davis  
Justin Dean

Mark Dennis & Katherine Bliss  
Clayton & Margaret Depue  
John Derrick  
Anita & George Diliberto  
Russell Doggett  
Deb Dornemann  
Joan & Jim Doty  
Laura Doucet  
Mike & Beth DuMond  
Diana Duke Duncan  
James Eastwood  
Janet Edmond  
Kaye Edwards  
Lauren Edwards  
Elissa Edwards & Jeremy Sheeler  
Rob & Anna Ehrich  
Martha Ellison  
Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris  
Le & Casey Evans  
Allison Herron Eydt  
Caroline & Steve Faris  
Wendy J. Fibison  
Hyman Field  
Elizabeth Field  
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood  
Art & Louise Fisher  
Alex Frye  
Deborah & Jay Fuller  
Ellie Fullerton  
Dr. Linda Gaines  
Elizabeth Gallalee  
David Gallalee  
John & Ann Gardner  
Chris & Elizabeth Gardner  
Carrie & Jim Garland  
Kay Gilley  
Seth Gilmore  
Donald & Ronnie Goodheart  
Ginny Griggs  
Richard & Jeanne Grimmett  
Stephanie & Greg Guyett  
Sandra Hackworth  
Deborah Hailey  
Peter Hailey  
Budd & Susan Jess Hallberg  
Christina Hannah

Peter & Summer Hardinge  
Robert & Anne Harrington  
Fruzsina Harsanyi  
Diane Hauslein  
Caleb Hays & James Reilly  
Tim & Susan Heil  
E. Whitley Herndon  
Laura & John Herzog  
Robert & Tammi Hoback  
Heather Hopkins  
Pamela Howard  
Powell & Joanne Hutton  
Marlene Ikeda  
John Peters Ireland  
Nancy James  
Cindy Jiang  
Bruce & Georgia Johnson  
Ethan Johnson  
Wande Johnson  
Austin Johnson  
Katie Johnson & Nate Rawlings  
Robyne Johnston  
Felton Johnston  
Gregory Jordan-Detamore  
Bill & Sara Josey  
Bill & Ann Kaye  
Carter & Fran Keithley  
Graham & Robin Keithley  
William T. Kendall  
Tracy Lee Kendall  
Kim Kennedy & Beverly Roberts  
Anne & Loren Kieve  
David Kieve & Kate Bedingfield  
Claire Kim & Jess Unger  
Lisa & James Kirchenbauer  
Anyia Kleymenova  
Frank & Nancy Klotz  
Elizabeth Koehler  
Liz & Jon Kosobucki  
Julia Koster  
Kevin Kozlowski & Lara Kanitra  
Kenny Kraft  
Grant Kraus  
Patricia Leslie  
Grace Limoncelli & Philip Kuhn  
James Longley



John & Emily Lucio  
Jan Lupton  
Chip & RJ Lyerly  
Claire Marshall  
Middleton Martin  
Sherill Mason  
Abbott McCartney & Sigi Block  
Clayton McCleskey  
Saunders & Joan McElroy  
Judson McIntire  
Sylvia McKinley  
Andy McKinnon  
Matthew McMurray & Christine Kennedy  
Timothy & Lucy Meade  
Richard Metzger  
Nathan & Kelly Miller  
Johnathan S. Miller  
Livy More  
John & Catherine Morefield  
Gregory & Elizabeth Morrison  
Rob Mosbacher, Jr.  
Michele & Jim Mullins  
Jack Musso  
Dick & Joy Nathan  
Chris Northrup  
Peter & Eleanor Odom  
Lydia & Ralph Olson  
Ucheora & Nkem Onwuamaegbu  
Owen & Felicia Owunwanne  
Matthew L. Paeffgen  
Robert D. Pahnke  
Sharon Park  
Cami Pease & Matt Martone  
Eric Peters  
Raymond & Susan Petniunas

Larry Pettinger  
Natalie Popovic  
Richard Price & Yung Chang  
William Priest  
Philip Priest  
Kelly & Tricia Pulsifer  
K. Scott & Katherine Raab  
Will Rabbe & Brittany Prime  
Carl & Mary Raether  
Allie Raether Ganjian & Ali Ganjian  
Luis J. Ramos-Chacon  
Hwa Cha Redman  
Larry Redway  
Sarah & Avo Reid  
Jack Reiffer  
Harker & Geraldine Rhodes  
Hap & Nora Rigby  
Randall & Nancy Roe  
Steve & Susan Roehrich  
Richard Rogers  
Damion Rose  
Chase Rynd  
Jessica & Alex Sanchez  
KayAnn & Brian Schoeneman  
Sara Schreiber  
John & Zachary Schutz  
Susan & Sandy Sierck  
Will & Annie Simonds  
Jeremy Skog  
Alex Smith  
Patrick & Cameron Smith  
Peter Spaulding  
John Staples & Scott Raspa  
Ken & Susan Starling  
Anne D. Stewart

Toby Stock & Margy Slattery  
Alex Stolar  
Catherine Stolar  
Desirée Davis Stolar  
Hillary & Tim Stuart  
Holly & John Sukenik  
Matthew Taylor  
Riley Temple  
Alfred & Hilary Thesmar  
Marianne Thomas  
Roderick & Becca Todd  
Cal Trepagnier & Marta Cook  
Kyle Trombley & Ryan Bash  
Anthony Turner  
Frances Stevenson Tyler  
Susan Valaskovic  
Barbara & Peter Van Allen  
Pamela & Patrick Venzke  
Ryan Wagner  
Christopher Wall  
Alis Wang & Amy Stulman  
Susan Welch  
Gail Berry West  
Hilary West  
Brainerd H. Whitbeck  
Trey & Amy Whitworth  
Margaret Wiegenstein  
Emma Wilson  
Anita Woehler  
William Yale  
Zhijun Yang  
Richard Young  
Karen Zachary  
JoAnn Zuercher & Glenn Reichardt





# 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**

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

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

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**Head Greeters**—Eleanor and Peter Odom

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The Rev. Eric Bailey, *Assistant Priest for Parish Life*  
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The Rev. William Morris, *Assisting Priest*  
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*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 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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