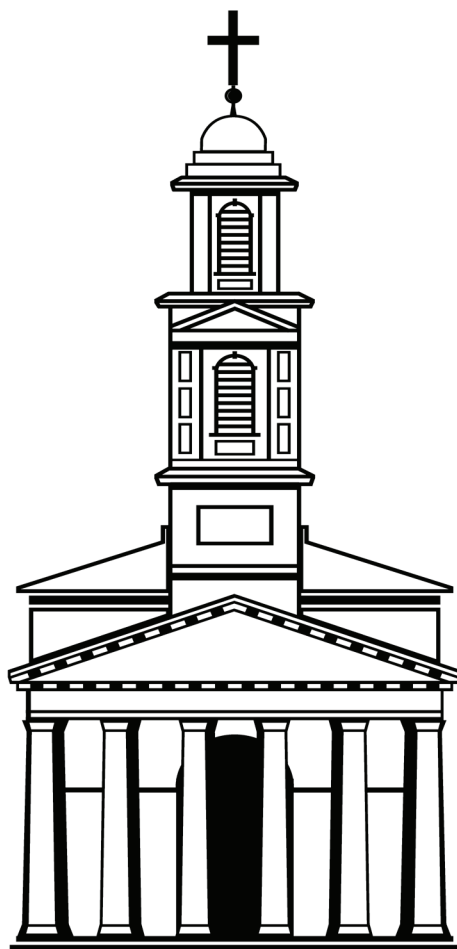


# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 26, 2025 ♦ 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.*

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## VOLUNTARY

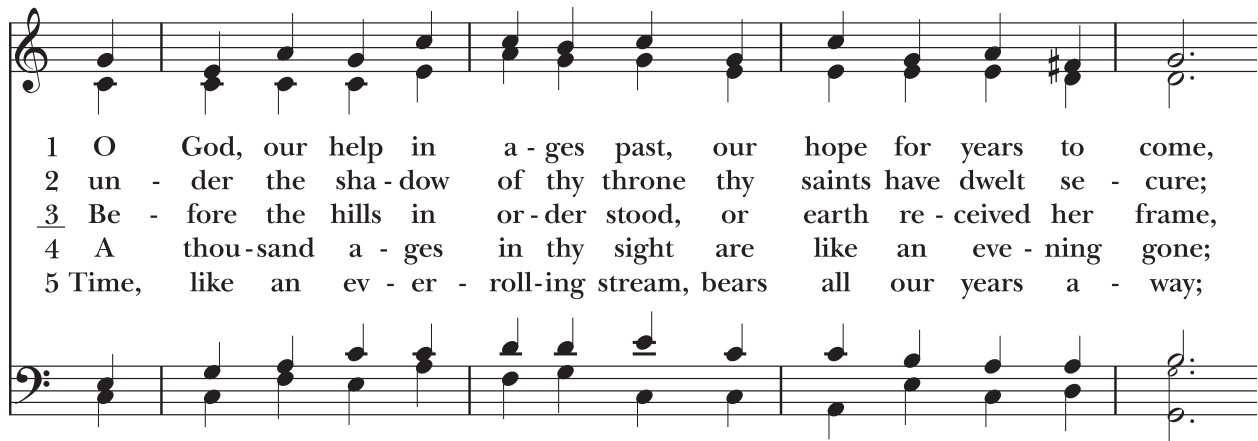
Canzon in G

Heinrich Scheidemann (c. 1595–1663)

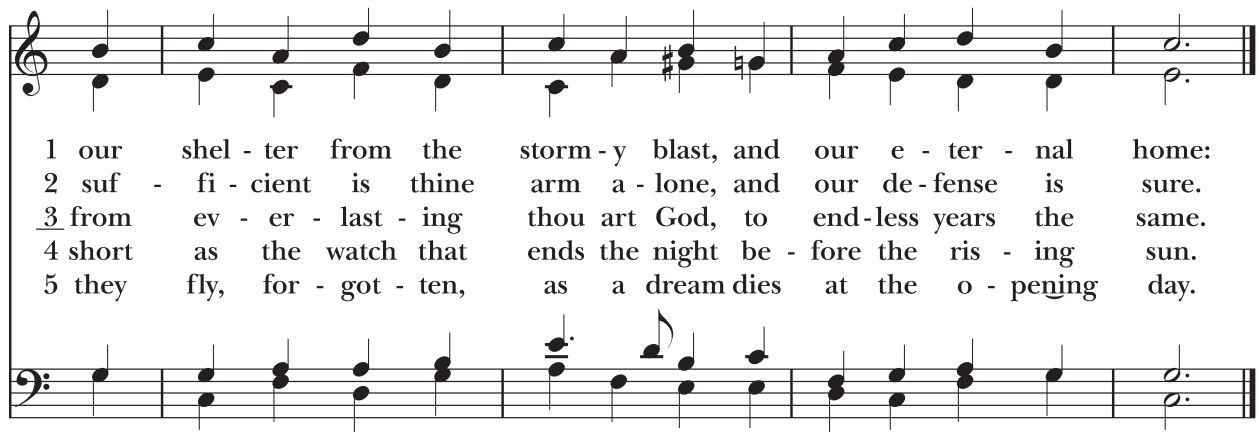
## HYMN 680

O God, our help in ages past

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



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

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

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

GLORIA *Sung by all.*

Mass in E

Jeffrey Smith (b. 1960)

(Organ) Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer. (Organ) For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

*Please be seated.*

*9 a.m. Read by Richard Greene.*

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

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 84:1-6

*9 a.m. Said responsively by half verse, led by Holly Sukenik.*

*11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; setting by Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*

**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*

**they will always be praising you.**

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*

**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*

**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height, \*

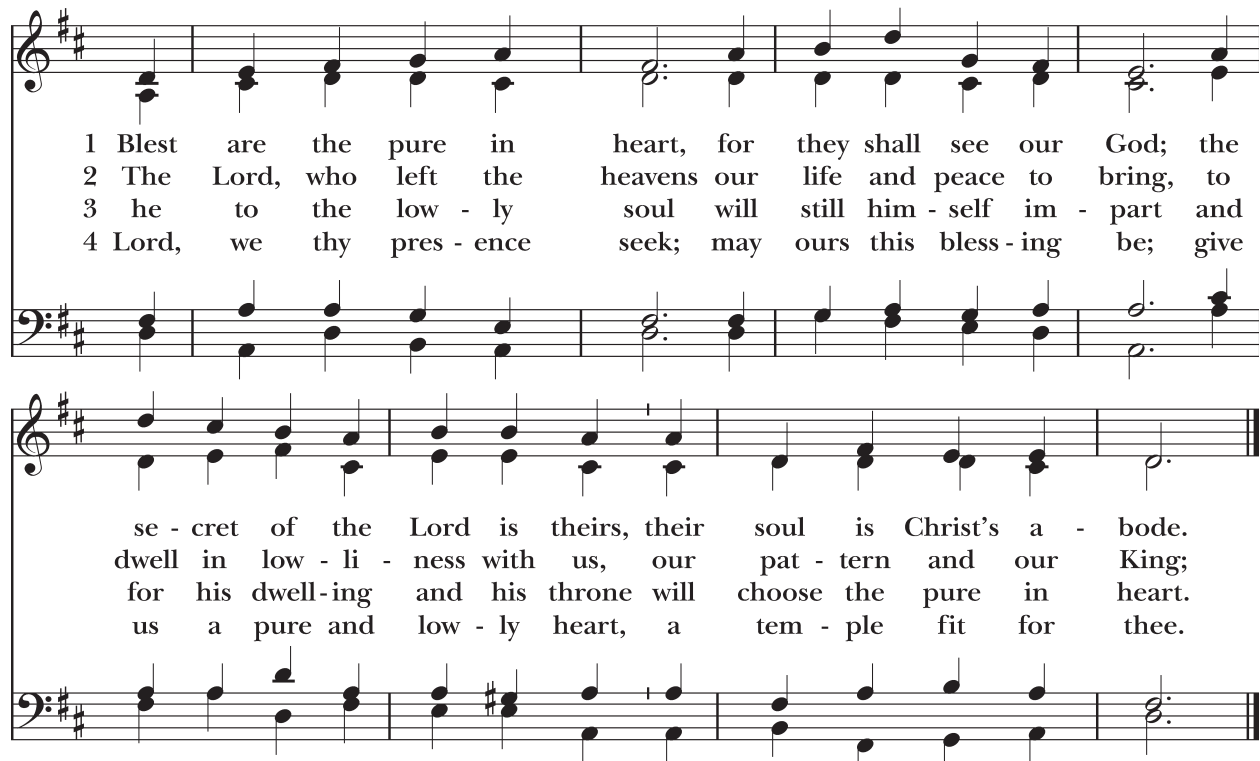
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

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

## GRADUAL HYMN 656

Blest are the pure in heart

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



1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

## THE 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 David Trebing.*

*Kneeling or standing as you are able.*

*11 a.m. Led by Elena Braithwaite-Williams.*

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

*Silence.*

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

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

*Intercessor* For the communities of St. John’s and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa\* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Eugene, our Assistant Bishop; and all people whose lives reveal the image of Christ:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

*Silence.*

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

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

## THE PEACE

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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



# OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O how amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

*Sung by the choir.*

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

—From *Psalms 84 and 90*

## HYMN 9 *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

Not here for high and holy things



1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to  
 2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of  
 3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through  
 4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the  
 5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of  
 6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en

1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the  
 2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the  
 3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what  
 4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the  
 5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great  
 6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to

1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of  
 2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion  
 3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles  
 4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the  
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of  
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all

1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,  
 2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,  
 3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:  
 4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.  
 5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,  
 6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Words: Geoffrey Anketel Studdert-Kennedy (1883-1929). By permission of Hodder and Stoughton Limited. Music: *Morning song*, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826); harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944). Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.

## A PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

*Said by all.*

Gracious and everlasting God, the giver of all good gifts, you have blessed us and our parish abundantly. Grant us the hope to dream and the courage to live into our possibilities. Make us faithful stewards, both for the provision of our necessities and for the relief of those who are in need. Bless the efforts of our annual giving this year to extend the work of spiritual renewal in our church and community of faith. Through Jesus Christ, who gave all of himself, we offer this prayer. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS *Sung by all.*

Mass in E

Jeffrey Smith

(Organ) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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

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

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

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI *Sung by all.*

Mass in E

Jeffrey Smith

(Organ) 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

O taste and see

Ralph Vaughan Williams

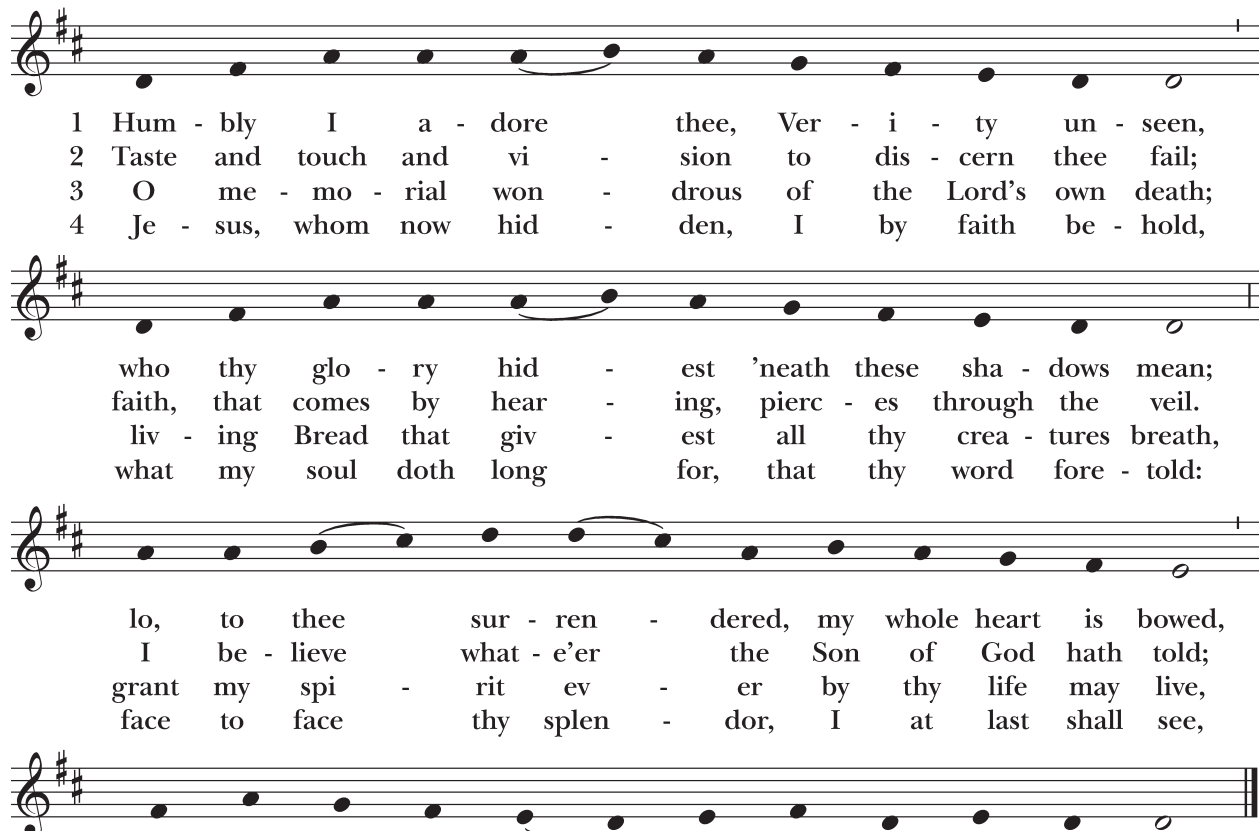
*Sung by the choir.*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
Blessed is the one that trusteth in him.

—*Psalm 34:8*

**HYMN 314** *Sung by all, seated.*

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,

who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:

lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,

tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. *Hymnal* 1940; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal* 1982. Sts. 1-3, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.

**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 688

A mighty fortress is our God

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

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,  
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed  
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe  
 the man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be?  
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark-ness grim,  
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin-dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46. Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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

and in memory of Marian Munger and Walter Okuda.

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

Jack Reiffer, *Crucifer* ♦ Jack Reiffer and Hilary West, *Chalice Bearers*  
Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher* ♦ Kenny Kraft, *Usher*  
Dylan Hayden and Susan Welch, *Greeters*  
Lily Venzke and Pamela Farrell Venzke, *Flower Guild*

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

Greg Morrison, *Crucifer* ♦ Powe Rigby and Lily Venzke, *Acolytes*  
Kevin Cordova-Brookey and Joanne Hutton, *Chalice Bearers*  
Grant Kraus, *Assistant Head Usher*  
Doug Estes, John Herzog, James Longley, and Michele Mullins *Ushers*  
Krista Bradley and Larry Bradley, *Greeters*  
Lily Venzke and Pamela Farrell Venzke, *Flower Guild*  
Matthew Taylor, *Livestream Technician*

Please help us be good stewards of the environment.

**If you do not wish to take this bulletin home after the service,  
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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 October 26

*During the All Souls' service on November 2, we will read the names of members and friends who have died in the past year. To include a name in this remembrance, please complete the online form found at [bit.ly/sjc-necrology-2025](https://bit.ly/sjc-necrology-2025) by Monday, October 27.*

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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.*

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev. Eric Bailey  
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—Sermon by the Rev.  
Eric Bailey
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)  
Speaker Series (Togo West Parlor; see page 3)  
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)  
Acolyte Training (Sanctuary; see next column)  
Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)  
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Eric Bailey
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)  
Church Tour (see next column)

## FLOWER DELIVERIES

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

**Today flower deliveries are needed to: Irving Street, NW;  
and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.**

## STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER

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

## PLEASE JOIN OUR ONLINE DIRECTORY

**Stop by the reception desk in the Parish House today**

Help St. John's connect with you—and you with St. John's—by signing up to join our online parish directory. Come to the reception desk after the 9 and 11 a.m. services to learn more and opt in to this helpful online community tool.

## ACOLYTE TRAINING | Today at 10 a.m.

Youth Group will not meet for regular programming this morning. Instead, youth in sixth grade and above are invited to gather in the sanctuary to learn about the acolytes ministry. Acolytes assist with 11 a.m. worship by serving as torch bearers or crucifers and by helping set the altar for communion. This is an opportunity to be more directly involved in worship, learn more about the church's traditions, and work alongside friends to serve together on Sunday mornings. No experience needed! Contact Vincent Scauzzo via our online Ministry Directory with questions.

## TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH | Today at noon

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

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

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

*October 27 through November 2*

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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 (see below)

**Thursday**—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

**Friday**—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

**Sunday**—The Rev. Rob Fisher, morning preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Baptism and Choral Eucharist with Sermon

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon\*

5:30 p.m. All Souls' Requiem (see next column)

\* *Children's Chapel offered during the sermon at 11 a.m. only*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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**Monday, October 27**

*Deadline to submit names for the All Souls' Requiem (see page 1)*

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

**Tuesday, October 28**

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

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

**Wednesday, October 29**

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong and Reception (see below)

**Thursday, October 30**

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, November 1**

Noon Young Adult Walk in Rock Creek Park  
(see next column)

### CHORAL EVENSONG

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

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

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

and followed by a reception in Togo West Parlor. Parking validation is available in the Colonial parking garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW; obtain a validation ticket from an usher before or after the service. 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.*

### YOUNG ADULT WALK IN ROCK CREEK PARK

**Saturday, November 1, at noon**

Join other youngadults (20s and 30s) from three churches—St. John's, Washington National Cathedral, and Augustana Lutheran—on a walk through Rock Creek Park to enjoy fall foliage and the fellowship of new friends. We'll stop for prayer, incorporating thematic passages of scripture—and if you'd like to stay for Bible study afterward, we'll trek a few blocks over to the Cathedral's library (bring your own Bible, if possible). For more information, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

*Meet at Woodley Park Metro station, at street level by the top of the escalators at 24th Street and Connecticut Avenue, NW.*

THE COMMEMORATION of ALL  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**REQUIEM**

**MAURICE DURUFLÉ**

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

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, at 5:30 PM**

*Please note that incense will be used at this service.*

Join us as we remember and commend to God all the faithful departed at our annual Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day. The St. John's Choir and Choristers, joined by chamber orchestra and organ, will offer Maurice Duruflé's moving Requiem in the context of the liturgy. A reception will follow in the Togo West Parlor. Complimentary parking

is available in the Colonial Garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue, NW; validation tickets may be obtained from an usher before or after the service. The service will also be livestreamed on our website.

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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.



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



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



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

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## COMING UP

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### BAPTISMS | Sunday, November 2, at 9 a.m.

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

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

**Sunday, November 2, at 9 a.m.**

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

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

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

**Sunday, February 15, at 9 a.m.**

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

## LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

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

Please join us on the evening of November 5 for silent prayer followed by a brief discussion on the role of contemplative worship in the life of the Church. We will then gather for food and fellowship. The Latrobe Fellowship is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. We typically gather at St. John's at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for a short worship service followed by an activity. For more information, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.

## ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, November 6, at 7 p.m.**

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



## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, November 8, 5–7:30 p.m.**

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

## GRACE'S TABLE

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

***Upcoming dates: November 15 and December 20***

Grace's Table is an outreach partnership between St. John's and Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Every third Saturday of the month, a group from St. John's prepares and serves a meal at Grace to folks who are unhoused or at risk of losing their housing. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other St. John's parishioners and to spread God's loving kindness in our community. Contact leader Elizabeth Field using the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website with questions or to volunteer.

## FALL NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

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

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

## COMMUNION CLASS FOR FAMILIES

**Sunday, November 16, at 10 a.m.**

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

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## NEWS & NOTICES

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### PLEASE MAKE A 2026 PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S

*As of Tuesday, October 21, we had received 109 pledges for the year 2026, totaling commitments of \$535,963.*

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](http://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!

## THE CHURCH IS HIRING!

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

## FEDERAL WORKERS

**Here's how to give or receive support**

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

## STONework ON THE PLAZA

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

## SUPPORT SAMARITAN MINISTRY

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

**Become a sponsor**—[bit.ly/SMGWGala25Sponsor](http://bit.ly/SMGWGala25Sponsor)

**Donate a basket, vacation stay, or other item to our event auction**—[bit.ly/SamGala25Auction](http://bit.ly/SamGala25Auction)

**Purchase a ticket to attend the online gala on Saturday, November 8, at 3 p.m.**—[bit.ly/SamaritanGala2025](http://bit.ly/SamaritanGala2025)

**Make a contribution in any amount to the campaign**—[bit.ly/SamaritanGala25Donations](http://bit.ly/SamaritanGala25Donations)

For more information, contact Sarah Wood via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

## PARISH LUNCH SCHEDULE AND HOSTS

### Most Sundays after the 11 a.m. service

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

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| October 26  | <i>No Lunch: Marine Corps Marathon</i>              |
| November 2  | The Sisters at St. John's                           |
| November 9  | Elizabeth & Greg Morrison and<br>Tony & TL Anikeeff |
| November 16 | New Members Reception: All invited!                 |
| November 23 | Pre-Thanksgiving Lunch                              |
| November 30 | <i>No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend</i>               |
| December 7  | Stewardship Committee                               |
| December 14 | Lafayette Fellowship                                |
| December 21 | <i>No Lunch</i>                                     |
| December 28 | <i>No Lunch</i>                                     |

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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.

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

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

Kids from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m. services. Children gather by the pulpit during the gradual hymn and process to the Parish House for a song,

homily, and prayer time, returning to the sanctuary at the Peace. Parents may accompany their children and are encouraged to do so for those younger than three. Children are also welcome to stay and worship in the main sanctuary. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

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

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

### 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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### 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.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10 a.m.

This group gathers most Sunday mornings, using a hybrid approach, with some joining via Zoom and others in person. Conversations explore the connections with the Sunday lectionary lessons and sermons. For information, notes, and the Zoom link, contact Jack Reiffer via the Ministry Directory at stjohs-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.



## ONLINE OFFERINGS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS

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



## LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

To listen to past sermons or speaker series, visit our website, scan this QR code or search for "St. John's Church, Lafayette Square" in the Podcast app on your device.



## JOIN A MINISTRY GROUP

Explore our many ministry groups at [www.stjohs-dc.org](http://www.stjohs-dc.org), and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.

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

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

## THOSE WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING

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

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

## THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPICE CARE

**Friends and family of our parish:** Wilma Daubs (Kay Gilley), Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison), and Mark Hallett (Livy More).

## THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Alison Adkins, Ashley Atwater, Kate Bedingfield, Lynne

Faris, Vincent Gaziano, Kelly Miller, Robin Pennington, Lily Venzke, and Eric Zavala.

#### **THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY**

Anne and Pete Seidlitz, Paul Barkett and Eric Peters, and Claire Kim and Jess Unger.

#### **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 October 21, 2025)*

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Anonymous (5)  
Kingsley Afemikhe  
Philip & Annette Anfinrud  
Douglas & Margo Arnold  
Gale Arnold  
Eric Bailey  
Bob Beizer  
Laura Belman  
William & Martha Birdseye  
Diane Bitsberger  
Marion Blakey & William Dooley  
Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington  
Matt Bode & Laurie Adams  
Glynnis Bryant  
Craig & Barbara Burkhardt  
Meghan Burns & Douglas Burt  
Richard Busch  
Mark Cardwell & Paul Ramos  
Virginia Chew  
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill  
Brian & Kevin Cordova-Brookey  
Stephen & Nicole Crochet  
Garry & Pat Dalby  
Betsy Danello  
Lafawn Davis  
Clayton & Margaret Depue  
John C. Derrick  
Mike & Beth DuMond  
Janet Edmond  
Kaye Edwards  
Rob & Anna Ehrich  
Martha Ellison  
Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris  
Caroline & Steve Faris  
Hyman Field  
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood  
David Gallalee

Liz Gallalee  
Jim & Carrie Garland  
Kay Gilley  
Ronnie & Donald Goodheart  
Richard & Jeanne Grimmett  
Stephanie & Greg Guyett  
Sandra Hackworth  
Debby Hailey  
Budd & Susan Jess Hallberg  
Robert & Anne Harrington  
Diane Hauslein  
Timothy & Susan Heil  
Cecil & Lydia Hornbaker  
Ann Compton Hughes  
John Peters Irelan  
Bruce & Georgia Johnson  
Ethan Johnson  
Bill & Ann Kaye  
William Kendall  
Kim Kennedy & Beverly Roberts  
James & Lisa Kirchenbauer  
Anyia Kleymenova  
Elizabeth P. Koehler  
Julia Koster  
Kevin Kozlowski & Lara Kanitra  
Kenny Kraft  
John & Emily Lucio  
Chip & RJ Lyerly  
Sandy Martin  
Sherill Mason  
Saunders & Joan McElroy  
Richard Metzger  
Nathan & Kelly Miller  
Livy More  
Gregory & Elizabeth Morrison  
Rob Mosbacher, Jr.  
Jack Musso

Ralph & Lydia Olson  
Uche & Nkem Onwuamaegbu  
Matthew Paeffgen  
Robert Pahnke  
Sharon Park  
Cami Pease & Matt Martone  
Robin A Pennington  
Ray & Susan Petniunas  
Will Rabbe & Brittany Prime  
Carl & Mary Raether  
Luis Ramos-Chacon  
Hwa Cha Redman  
Jack Reiffer  
Caleb Hays & James Reilly  
Harker & Geraldine Rhodes  
Chase W. Rynd  
Alex & Jessica Sanchez  
Jean Schepers  
Brian & KayAnn Schoeneman  
Sandy & Susan Sierck  
Will & Annie Simonds  
Alex Smith  
Kenneth & Susan Starling  
Toby Stock & Margy Slattery  
Catherine Stolar  
John & Holly Sukenik  
Hilary & Alfred Thesmar  
Marianne Thomas  
Ryan Wagner  
Chris Wall  
Alis Wang & Amy Stulman  
Gail West  
Emma Wilson  
Will Yale  
Zhijun Yang  
Karen Zachary

# WELCOME!

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

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

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

**St. John's website ([www.stjohns-dc.org](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,  
Elizabeth Cavert Morrison,  
Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer,  
Matthew Taylor, and Jess Unger, *Members*

Nora Haugh, *Treasurer*

Anya Kleymenova, *Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether, *Secretary*

Harker Rhodes, *Parish Counsel*

**Head Usher**—James H. Czerwonky

**Head Greeters**—Eleanor and Peter Odom

## **Heads of Flower Guild**

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

## **Clergy & Staff**

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*

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

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

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

Brent Erstad, *Director of Music and Organist*

Linda Morgan Stowe and John Chappell Stowe,  
*Interim Assistant Organists*

Preston Cherouny, *Chief Operating Officer*

Charley Griffin, *Operations Manager*

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

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