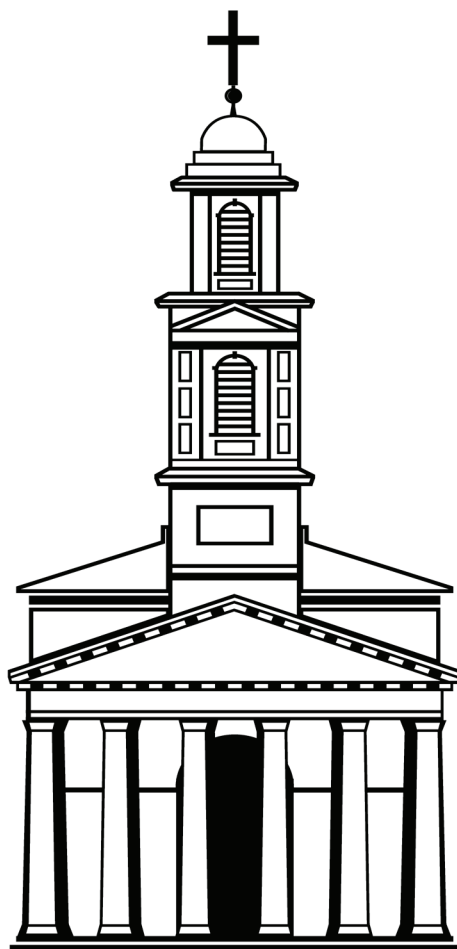


# THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING

November 23, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 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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### SETTING FOR TODAY

*Messe Solennelle—Louis Vierne (1870–1937)*

Today's observance of Christ the King Sunday brings the liturgical year to a climactic close. Now just one week before the start of Advent, we are invited to reflect on the mystery of Christ's sovereignty. Though the title "king" may evoke images of might and earthy grandeur, today we remember that Christ's reign is also revealed in humility. He is at once the King of Love and the ruler of all creation. This morning the choirs offer Louis Vierne's monumental *Messe Solennelle*, a masterpiece whose drama and tenderness mirror the mystery and duality of Christ's reign. ¶ Louis Vierne was born in Poitiers, France, in 1870 with congenital blindness. Showing remarkable musical promise, he enrolled in the National Institute for Blind Youth in Paris in 1880, where he encountered the organ playing of César Franck and Charles-Marie Widor, both of whom would become his teachers and mentors. Vierne went on to become one of the preeminent organists of his generation, serving first as Widor's assistant at Saint-Sulpice and later as organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral. On June 2, 1937, while performing a recital at Notre-Dame, he suddenly slumped forward, his foot landing on a low E in the pedal that echoed through the cathedral; he died at the organ, with his assistant Maurice Duruflé at his side.



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## VOLUNTARY

Adagio from *Symphonie III*

Louis Vierne

## HYMN 494

Crown him with many crowns

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

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894). Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893).

## 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 in Latin by the choir.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Colossians 1:11-20

*Please be seated.*

*Read by William Priest.*

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 46

*Chanted by the choir; setting by Martin Luther (1483–1546)*

God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

*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 382

King of glory, King of peace

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

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;  
2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;  
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.  
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.  
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;  
Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;  
Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.  
and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.  
e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: *General Seminary*, David Charles Walker (b. 1938). Copyright © 1976, David Charles Walker.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

*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.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Following the Gospel, all sing stanza 3 of the gradual hymn.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell

## 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

*Led by Brian Schoeneman.*

*Kneeling or standing as you are able.*

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

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. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for St. Margaret’s Parish, DC; Charlie’s Place Feeding Program; Christ Church, Chaptico; Christ Church, Clinton Parish; Christ Church, La Plata; Christ Church and Christ Episcopal School, Rockville; and Christ Church, Wayside. 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

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A donation via this code can go only to offerings and not to pledges or any other specific funds.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

*Sung by the choir.*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought. For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation, and to be given for Food to the faithful. Before him come the choirs of angels with every principality and power; the Cherubim with many eyes, and wingèd Seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia!

—*Liturgy of St. James*

## HYMN 435

At the Name of Jesus

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



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name  
5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,  
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord  
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.  
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt. Music: *King's Weston*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

## 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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Sung in Latin by the choir.*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### AGNUS DEI

*Sung in Latin by the choir.*

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

The King of love my shepherd is

Edward Bairstow

*Sung by the choir.*

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed; but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

—Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877)

## HYMN

How shall I sing that majesty

*Sung by all, seated.*



1. How shall I sing that ma - jes - ty which  
2. Thy bright - ness un - to them ap - pears; Whilst  
3. En - light - en with faith's light my heart, In -  
4. How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, Which

an - gels do — ad - mire? Let dust in dust and  
I thy foot - steps trace, A sound of God comes  
flame it with — love's fire; Then shall I sing and  
doth all be - ings keep! Thy know - ledge is the

si - lence lie; Sing, sing, ye heav'n - ly choir.  
to my ears, But they be - hold — thy face.  
bear a part with that cel - lest - ial choir.  
on - ly line to sound so vast — a deep.

Thou - sands of thou - sands stand a - round Thy throne, O  
 They sing be - cause thou art their sun; Lord, send a  
 I shall, I fear be dark and cold, with all my  
 Thou art a sea with - out a shore, A sun with -

God most high; \_\_\_\_\_ Ten thou - sand times ten  
 beam on me; \_\_\_\_\_ For where heav'n is but  
 fire and light; \_\_\_\_\_ Yet when thou dost ac -  
 out a sphere; \_\_\_\_\_ Thy time is now and

thou - sand sound Thy praise; but who \_\_\_\_\_ am I?  
 once \_\_\_\_\_ be - gun, There al - le - lu - ias be.  
 cept \_\_\_\_\_ their gold, Lord trea - sure up \_\_\_\_\_ my mite.  
 ev - er more, Thy place is ev' - ry - where.

Words: John Mason (1646–1694)  
 Music: *Coe Fen*, Ken N. Naylor (1931–1991)

## 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

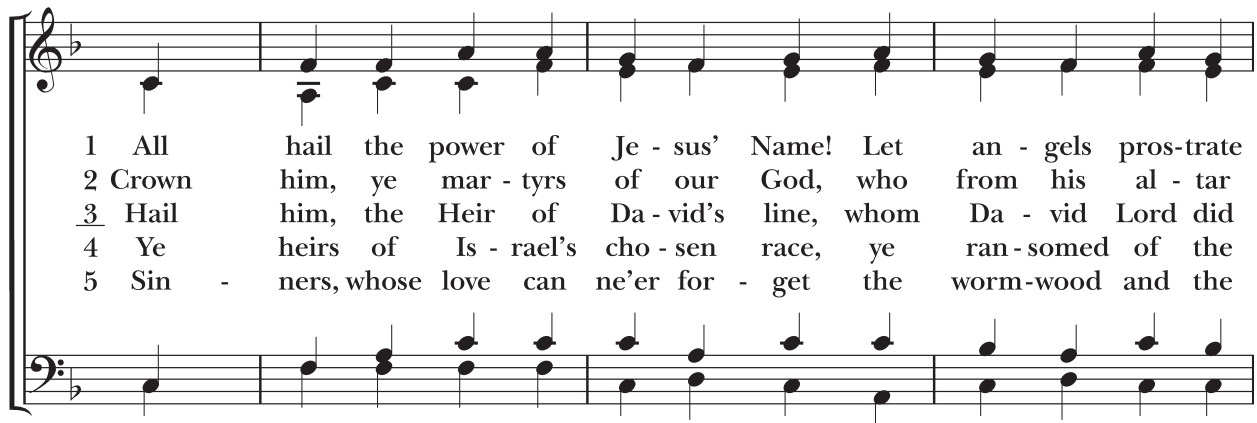
*Priest* Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



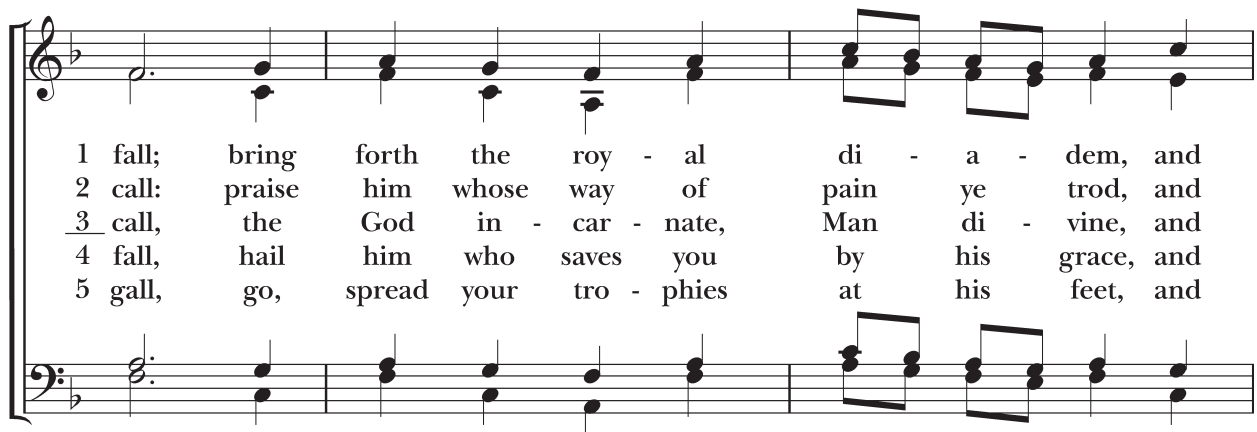
# HYMN 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

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



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate  
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyr's of our God, who from his al - tar  
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran-somed of the  
 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the



1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and



1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
 on this terrestrial ball,  
 to him all majesty ascribe,  
 and crown him Lord of all!

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt. Music: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Finale from *Symphonie II*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

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

ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

Rachel Pepper, *Crucifer*  
Gloria Burkhardt and Powe Rigby, *Acolytes*  
Kevin Cordova-Brookey and Debby Hailey, *Chalice Bearers*  
Grant Kraus, *Assistant Head Usher*  
Tony Anikeeff, Fruzsina Harsanyi, RJ Lyerly, and Karen Zachary, *Ushers*  
Michele Mullins and Susan Welch, *Greeters*  
Susan Heil, Nicole Kleman, and Elizabeth Lewis, *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,  
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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 November 23

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## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

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*Feeding DC Families Drive continues (see next column).*

*Our annual Angel Tree Gift Drive continues (see next page).*

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

- 8 a.m. Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Sarah Akes-Cardwell  
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.  
Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- 10 a.m. Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)  
Church School (Parish House Second Floor)  
Youth Group (Parish House Second Floor)  
Adult Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor)  
St. John's Choir (Parish House Fourth Floor)
- 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist—Sermon by the Rev.  
Sarah Akes-Cardwell
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,  
or Parish House First Floor)  
Parish Lunch (see next column)  
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: N. Oak Street, Arlington; Sentinel Drive, Bethesda; and Stephenson Place, NW.**

### FEEDING DC FAMILIES

Communities in Schools, a St. John's outreach partner, is coordinating a crisis response to the delay of SNAP benefits to their families, many of whom were already experiencing acute food insecurity. Parishioners are invited to help, as they are able, by contributing Giant or Safeway gift cards, which can be left in the box provided in the narthex or handed to Ann Gardner or Livy More before or after Sunday services through November. This is an opportunity to honor Thanksgiving by reaching out to others in greater need. Please contact Ann or Livy via the Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory](http://stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory).

### CELEBRATING CHRIST THE KING

#### Special music today at 11 a.m.

On this, the final Sunday of the church year, the Parish Choir and St. John's Choir will combine to offer Vierne's *Messe Solennelle*. Louis Vierne was a towering figure of French Romantic sacred music and longtime organist of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. His stirring mass setting provides a fittingly grand and joyful conclusion to the liturgical year as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

### PRE-THANKSGIVING PARISH LUNCH

#### Today at noon

We will have a special parish lunch today, free of charge, with Thanksgiving foods to get us ready for the holiday. All are invited for some communal cheer in Togo West Parlor. Valet parking hours are extended to 2 p.m.

### 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 Richard J. Price.

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

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## 2025 ANGEL TREE GIFT DRIVE

It's that joyful time of year! St. John's is once again partnering with the Bishop Walker School, Advocates for Justice and Education, Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital, and the DC Dream Center to bring Christmas cheer to children and families in need. Each recipient has provided a wish list of toys, books, or clothes that they are hoping to find underneath the Christmas tree this year.

### TWO WAYS TO PURCHASE GIFTS:

- **Shop Local:** Select an angel tag from the tree in the Parish House, shop for the listed gifts, and return them unwrapped by Monday, December 8.
- **Shop Online:** Purchase gifts from our Amazon Wish List at [bit.ly/sjc-angel-tree-2025](https://bit.ly/sjc-angel-tree-2025), and items will ship directly to the church.

### THREE IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Gift Delivery Deadline:** Monday, December 8
- **Gift Wrapping:** Saturday, December 13 (see page 4)
- **Gift Distribution:** Begins Monday, December 15, so please return your purchases on time.

Thank you for helping share the love and joy of Christmas! Questions? Please contact Kevin Cordova-Brookey via the online Ministry Directory at [stjohns-dc.org](https://stjohns-dc.org).

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE | November 24–30

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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

*No services on Thursday or Friday this week: Thanksgiving.*

**Saturday**—11 a.m.—Memorial Service for Bob Park

**Sunday—Advent begins**—The Rev. Rob Fisher, preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon

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

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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### Monday, November 24

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

### Tuesday, November 25

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

### Wednesday, November 26

1 p.m. Parish Office closes for Thanksgiving

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

### Thursday, November 27—Thanksgiving Day

All Day Parish Office closed

### Friday, November 28

All Day Parish Office closed

### Saturday, November 29

11 a.m. Memorial Service for Bob Park

### CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THANKSGIVING

#### Wednesday, November 26, at 5:30 p.m.

Join us on the eve of Thanksgiving for a special service of Choral Evensong as we usher in the season of gratitude. This new St. John's tradition invites you to begin your holiday by lifting your heart in prayer and song with favorite hymns of Thanksgiving including "Come, ye thankful people, come" and "Now thank we all our God." A reception will follow in the Togo West Parlor. Complimentary parking is available in the garage at 818 Connecticut Avenue NW; please see an usher for a validation sticker.

*Please note: No worship service scheduled on Thanksgiving Day.*

### ADVENT BEGINS: COME MAKE A WREATH!

#### Sunday, November 30, at 10 a.m.

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

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## STEWARDSHIP

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

*As of Tuesday, November 18, we had received 180 pledges, totaling commitments of \$789,373 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](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!

### HERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE

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

Individuals aged 70½ or older may contribute up to \$108,000 per year from their IRA to charity. This amount may include all or part of your RMD if you are subject to one. Those with inherited IRAs who are over age 70½ may also direct up to \$108,000 annually to a qualified charity.

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

### THE 1816 SOCIETY

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

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## COMING UP

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### LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m.**

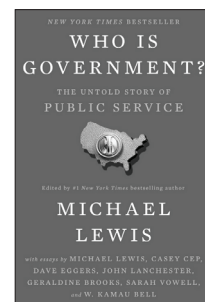
Celebrate the holiday season with the Latrobe Fellowship! Join us on Wednesday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. for a worship service followed by dinner and drinks (both alcoholic and non) in the Togo West Parlor. We will also have an optional white elephant gift exchange; if you wish to participate, bring a fun or silly wrapped gift (\$30 or less) of the sort that you, yourself, would enjoy receiving.

*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. Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website for more information.*

### ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, December 4, at 7 p.m.**

Please join us via Zoom to discuss *Who Is Government? The Untold Story of Public Service* by Michael Lewis. This book highlights unexpected, inspiring, and riveting stories of the people, mostly uncelebrated and unrecognized, who are doing daily work that is beneficial for all Americans. 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).



### REFUGEE COMMITTEE EVENT

**Saturday, December 6, at 10:30 a.m.**

Join us on Saturday, December 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Social Services refugee Resource Center (5710A General Washington Drive, Alexandria) to sort donations, stock shelves, pack orders for clients, and do light cleaning and inventory. The Resource Center is a hub for donations for refugee families and also hosts cultural orientation and group gatherings for recently resettled refugees. Volunteers of all ages and abilities welcome! Please contact Lacy Broemel via the Connect: Ministry tab at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org) if you plan to attend.



## ADVENT PARTY

**Sunday, December 7, 5–7 p.m.**

Join us for one of St. John's beloved holiday traditions. We'll gather for food, fellowship, and joyful music including the ever-popular carol sing-along. This year brings a few new surprises for all ages, including a special reading of *A Visit from St. Nicholas* by the rector, as well as a visit from St. Nicholas himself! Bring your friends, your family, and your holiday spirit as we celebrate the season together. RSVP by December 1 by visiting [bit.ly/sjc-advent-party-rsvp](http://bit.ly/sjc-advent-party-rsvp). If you'd like to volunteer, contact Lisa Koehler through the About: Leadership tab on our website.

## ANGEL TREE WRAPPING PARTY

**Saturday, December 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

To wrap up our Angel Tree gift drive, we will have a special gift-wrapping event for all the donations. Whether you are great at wrapping gifts or not, you are invited to come spread cheer. This will be a fun gathering with food and music to help us prepare to distribute gifts and make someone's Christmas a little extra special this year. RSVP to coordinator Kevin Cordova-Brookey via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab of our website.

## ST. JOHN'S PRIDE EVENTS

### ANGEL TREE WRAPPING PARTY & BRUNCH

On **Saturday, December 13**, come celebrate the season of service by wrapping angel tree donations with us in Togo West Parlor. The quicker we wrap, the sooner we can gather nearby for brunch!

### GAY MEN'S CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A group from St. John's plans to attend the performance on **Sunday, December 14**, at 5 p.m. Information and tickets can be found at [www.gmcw.org/the-holiday-show](http://www.gmcw.org/the-holiday-show).

Questions? Contact leaders Brian Cordova-Brookey and John Schutz via the Ministry Directory, found under the Connect tab at [stjohns-dc.org](http://stjohns-dc.org).

## YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

**Sunday, December 14, at 1:30 p.m.**

Youth are encouraged to enjoy Parish Lunch after the 11 a.m. service and join us shortly thereafter for a holiday party and Christmas film with popcorn and snacks. You are welcome to bring friends, whether or not they attend church. RSVP to [bit.ly/sjc-youth-advent-party](http://bit.ly/sjc-youth-advent-party). Contact the Rev. Eric Bailey via our website with any questions. This activity will take the place of the 10 a.m. formation hour.

## GRACE'S TABLE

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

*Upcoming dates: December 20 and January 17*

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.

## HELP DELIVER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

**Sunday, December 21**

Please plan to deliver at least one Christmas poinsettia to fellow parishioners who cannot be present with us at worship at this time. The plants will be in the Parish House parlors on Sunday, December 21, with cards addressed to parishioners who live near you in Virginia, Maryland, or the District. Give the gift of your time, love, and cheer.



## LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

**Sunday, December 21, at 5:30 p.m.**

Join the combined choirs of St. John's for one of our most beloved holiday traditions. Sung in the beauty of a candlelit church, the service begins with the singing of "Once in royal David's city," followed by nine lessons interspersed with carols and choral anthems. Free valet parking will be available starting at 4 p.m. The service will be followed by a reception in the Togo West Parlor. Invite your friends and family to join us for this special holiday offering. The service will also be livestreamed on our website. Please note: We are unable to offer nursery care for this service.

*For the full schedule of Christmas services, see the inside back cover. Know of someone you'd like to invite? Share the schedule with them so they can plan.*

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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.



**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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## NEWS & NOTICES

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### VESTRY NOMINATIONS

**Deadline: Sunday, November 30**

The Vestry Nominating Committee will meet in early December to select the slate for Vestry elections to be held at the Parish's Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 1, 2026. The role of the Vestry Nominating Committee is to select, from all those nominated, the six candidates who will stand for election, of whom three will be elected. Nominees should be pledging members of the congregation, attend worship regularly, and be active in the life of the parish. Submit names using the form found at [bit.ly/sjc-vestry-nomination](http://bit.ly/sjc-vestry-nomination). Questions? Speak to Tony Anikeeff, chair of the Nominating Committee. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, November 30.

### NEW 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, treating everyone with dignity. We are also mindful of ensuring the safety and well-being of all who worship in our facilities. In coordination with the Vestry and our Usher Guild, we have hired security personnel to attend our Sunday and holiday/special services. They will provide a low-key, proactive presence and respond quickly and respectfully to any arising situations in coordination with our ushers, staff, and, as needed, law enforcement/first responders. We will provide additional training for our staff, who interact with the public every day, and our ushers, so they have shared approaches for all who come to our church. Fortunately, we are able to take these

steps prayerfully and proactively, and as we go forward we will continue to assess what best serves our church's needs.

### FEDERAL WORKERS | Giving or receiving support

Many of our parishioners have been affected by recent layoffs in the federal government. We are seeking to care for one another. If you are seeking help—or if you have help to offer—please complete our survey at [bit.ly/sjc-federal-survey](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.

### 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).

November 23 Pre-Thanksgiving Lunch: Free!  
November 30 *No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend*

December 7 Stewardship Committee  
December 14 Lafayette Fellowship  
*December 21 No Lunch*  
*December 28 No Lunch*

**January 4**  
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



## BAPTISMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### YOUTH GROUP

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

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

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

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

Most Sundays, kids from birth through grade 5 are invited to participate in a special liturgy just for them during the sermon at 9 and 11 a.m. services. Children gather by the pulpit during the gradual hymn and process to the Parish House for a song, homily, and prayer time, returning to the sanctuary at the Peace. Parents may accompany their children and are encouraged to do so for those younger than three. Children are also welcome to stay and worship in the main sanctuary. Questions? Contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

### 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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### FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Flowers in the church and Parish House are made possible by gifts and are often dedicated to the memory of a loved one or to mark a birth or birthday, wedding, anniversary, graduation, or other special event. To make a dedication, pick up a flower card at the entrance to the church and return it either to the offering plate or to Sharlyne “Charley” Griffin in the Parish Office.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Sundays at 10 a.m.**

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



### 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.

## 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.

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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 stjohnds-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, Hyman Field, Chase Rynd, and Mary Wilson.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Alvin Atlas (Richard Metzger), Conor Barry (Sarah Wood), Billy Beardsley Conderman (Margo Arnold), Robert Bliss (Katherine Bliss and Mark Dennis), Gisela Block (Sigi Block), Jim DeBello (Grace Barrett), Walt Eccard (Margaret Depue), Ed Eder (Joanne and Powell Hutton), Sue Edmonds (Sarah and Jeff Agnew), Julie Ellis (Preston Cherouny), Laurie Feldon (Eleanor and Peter Odom), Blair Fiore (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), Gregory Lawler (Richard Metzger), Elizabeth Lee (Clayton Crawford), William hymn to them Markiewicz (Matthew Taylor), Jim Martella (Livy More), Tammy McCleaf (Matthew Taylor), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Ann Petrosky (Johnathan Miller), Norm Phillips (Susan Cardwell), Yvonne Reiffer (Jack Reiffer), 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:** 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); and Jim Hendricks (Diane Hendricks Bitsberger).

#### **THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Ellis Carroll Edwards, November 14 (Kaye Edwards).

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

McGowin Anderson, Diane Hendricks Bitsberger, Susan Cardwell, Julie Cellucci, Luciana Curtin, William Heaton, Bob Hoback, Holly Sukenik, Ella May U, and Emma Wilson.

#### **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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*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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## 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 November 18, 2025)*

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Anonymous (8)  
Kingsley Afemikhe  
Sarah & Amanda Akes-Cardwell  
Tony Anikeeff & Tung-lin Wu  
Douglas & Margo Arnold  
Gale Arnold  
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  
Sydney Brooks  
Craig & Barbara Burkhardt  
Meghan & Douglas Burt  
Rick Busch  
Carolyn Buser  
Susan Cardwell  
Mark Cardwell & Paul Ramos  
Virginia Chew  
Carlye Christianson & Pascal Joly  
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill  
Gwinneth Ann Clarkson  
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## CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S

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### LESSONS & CAROLS

**Sunday, December 21, at 5:30 p.m.**

Join the combined choirs of St. John's for one of our most beloved holiday traditions, sung in the beauty of a candlelit church. The service begins with the singing of "Once in royal David's city," followed by nine lessons interspersed with carols and choral anthems, and a reception afterward in the Togo West Parlor. Invite your friends and family for this special holiday offering. The service will be livestreamed. Valet parking available.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

*Arrive 30 minutes early (at all three Christmas Eve services) to enjoy a prelude of carols and music before worship begins.*

4:30 p.m. Pageant & Choral Eucharist with Choir

7 p.m. Festal Choral Eucharist  
Sermon—The Rev. Rob Fisher

10 p.m. Festal Choral Eucharist  
Sermon—The Rev. Rob Fisher

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

11 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist  
Sermon—The Rev. Will Morris

### THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**December 24 at 4:30 p.m.**

The annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Christmas Eve beginning at 4:30 p.m. Children ages three and up are invited to participate in the pageant as an Angel, Shepherd, or Friendly Beast. Come 30 minutes early to enjoy a prelude of anthems and carols before the start of the service. All children who wish to participate should attend rehearsal on Sunday, December 21. Please contact the Rev. Sarah Akers-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website for more information.

### CHRISTMAS EVE FESTAL EUCHARIST

**December 24 at 7 and 10 p.m.**

Join with family, friends, and neighbors as we gather at St. John's to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The St. John's Choir and Choristers will be joined by strings and organ in offering George Malcolm's charming "Mass at the Crib," along with many favorite carols. The service will conclude with the traditional singing of "Silent night" by candlelight.

# 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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Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Jack Reiffer,  
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## **ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT**

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

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