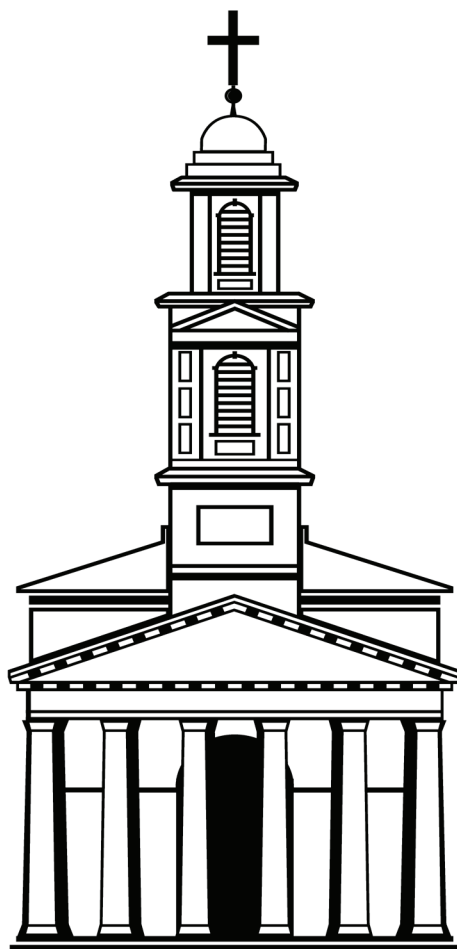


THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 28, 2025 ♦ Holy Eucharist at 9 and 11 a.m.



SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

LAFAYETTE SQUARE • WASHINGTON, DC

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

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

and in memory of Mark K. Metzger.

ASSISTING AT THE 9 A.M. SERVICE

John Chappell Stowe, *Guest Organist*

Anya Kleymenova, *Crucifer* ♦ Ucheora Onwuamaegbu and Jack Reiffer, *Chalice Bearers*

Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher* ♦ Anne Stewart, *Usher*

Dylan Hayden and Susan Valaskovic, *Greeters*

Sarah Agnew and Lara Kinitra, *Flower Guild*

ASSISTING AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

John Chappell Stowe, *Guest Organist*

Brandon Montgomery, *Crucifer* ♦ Gloria Burkhardt and Powe Rigby, *Acolytes*

Tony Anikeeff and Doug Estes, *Chalice Bearers*

Hap Rigby, *Assistant Head Usher*

James Longley, Livy More, and Michele Mullins, *Ushers*

Desirée Stolar and Roderick Todd, *Greeters*

Sarah Agnew and Lara Kinitra, *Flower Guild*

Ryan Wagner, *Livestream Technician*

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.*

VOLUNTARY

Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, BWV 654

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

HYMN 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971).

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.

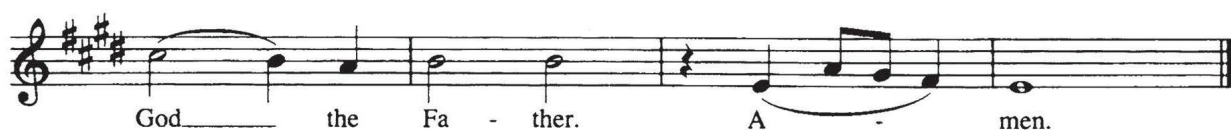
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Please be seated.

9 a.m. Read by Frank Klotz.

11 a.m. Read by Gus Tierney.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

9 a.m. Said responsively by half verse, led by Jack Reiffer.

11 a.m. Chanted by the choir; setting by Thomas Morris (1741–1790)

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

(11 a.m. only) 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 583

O holy city, seen of John

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



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood



with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"
and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1892-1969), alt. From *Hymns of the Christian Life*. Edited by Milton S. Littlefield. Copyright © 1910 by Harper & Row, Publishers, Inc. Courtesy of the publishers. Music: *Morning Song*, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

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 said, “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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. Eric Bailey

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

9 a.m. Led by Jessica Sanchez.

Kneeling or standing as you are able.

11 a.m. Led by Jeff Agnew.

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. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Adelphi. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Eugene, our Assistant Bishop; and for 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

Sung by the choir.

At 9 a.m.

Dives and Lazarus arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

As it fell out upon one day, rich Diverus he made a feast,
and he invited all his friends and gentry of the beast.

As it fell out upon one day, poor Lazarus, he was so poor,
he came and laid him down and down, even down at Diverus' door.

Then Lazarus laid him down and down, even down at Diverus' gate.

"Some meat, some drink, brother Diverus, for Jesus Christ his sake."

"Thou art none of mine, brother Lazarus, that lies begging at my gate.

No meat, no drink will I give thee, for Jesus Christ his sake."

Then Diverus sent out his hungry dogs, to bite him as he lay.

They hadn't the power to bite one bite, but licked his sores away.

Then Diverus sent out his merry men, to worry poor Lazarus away.

They had not the power to strike one stroke, but threw their whips away.

As it fell out upon one day, poor Lazarus sickened and died;
there came two angels out of heaven, his soul therein to guide.

"Rise up! rise up! brother Lazarus, and come along with me,
for you've a place prepared in heaven for to sit upon an angel's knee."

As it fell out upon one day, rich Diverus, he sickened and died;
 there came two serpents out of hell, his soul therein to guide.
 “Rise up, rise up, brother Diverus, and come along with me,
 There is a place prepared in hell, for to sit upon a serpent’s knee.”

—*Traditional English carol*

At 11 a.m.

Dives and Lazarus

arr. Robert Lehman (b. 1960)

As it fell out upon one day, rich Dives he made a feast,
 and he invited all his friends and gentry of the beast.

Then Lazarus laid him down and down, and down at Dives’ door:
 Some meat, some drink, brother Diverus, bestow upon the poor.

Thou’rt none of mine brothers, Lazarus, that liest begging at my door;
 no meat, no drink will I give thee, nor bestow upon the poor.

As it fell out upon one day, poor Lazarus sickened and died;
 there came two angels out of heaven, his soul therein to guide.

Rise up! rise up! brother Lazarus, and go along with me;
 for you’ve a place prepared in heaven to sit on an angel’s knee.

As it fell out upon one day, rich Dives sickened and died;
 there came two serpents out of hell, his soul therein to guide.

As it fell out upon one day, rich Dives made a feast,
 and he invited all his friends and gentry of the beast.

—*Traditional English carol*

HYMN 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger wan-dering
 prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to
 flam-ing tongues a-bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res-cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and
 on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
 dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

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.

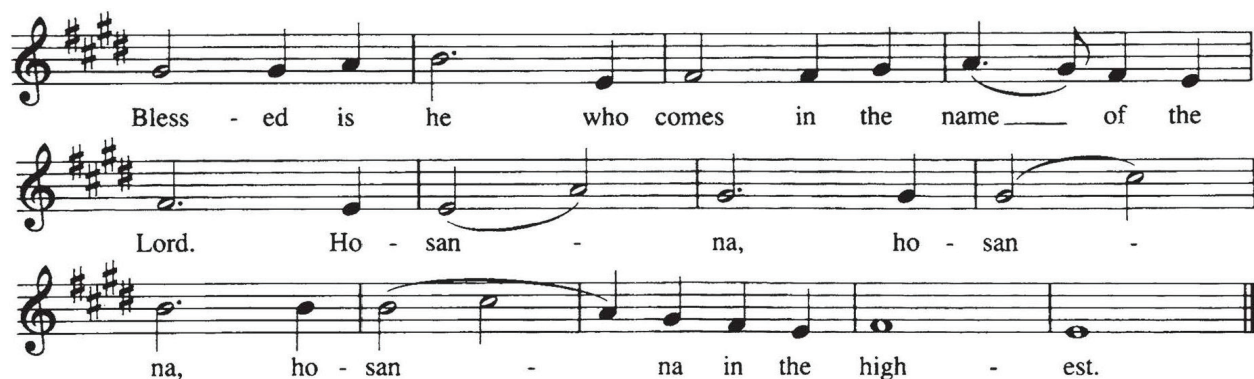
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS *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.



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 *Sung by the choir.*

At 9 a.m.

How can I keep from singing

Robert Lowry (1826–1899)
arr. John Scott (1956–2015)

My life goes on in endless song above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth,
and though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble in their fear and hear their death knell ringing,
 when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
 In prison cell and dungeon vile, our thoughts to thee are winging.
 When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

—*Traditional American hymn, verse 3 by Doris Plenn (1909–1994)*

At 11 a.m.

Almighty and everlasting God

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

—*Collect for Epiphany*

HYMN 609 *Sung by all, seated.*

Where cross the crowded ways of life

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
 4 throngs a - bid, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

Words: Frank Mason North (1850–1935), alt. Music: *Gardiner*, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770–1853).

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

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!



Un-num-bered bless-ings give my spi-rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do-minions lay their glo-ry by.
 Firm is his prom-ise, and his mer-cy sure.



ten-der to me the prom-ise of his word;
 his mer-cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub-born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



in God my Sa-vior shall my heart re-joice.
 his ho-ly Name—the Lord, the Might-y One.
 the hun-gry fed, the hum-ble lift-ed high.
 to chil-dren's chil-dren and for ev-er-more!

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THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

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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 for more about our offerings and how to get in touch.

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Announcements for the Week of September 28

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- 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 4)
Listening Session: Parents and Caregivers
(Parish House Second Floor; see next column)
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.
Eric Bailey
Children's Chapel (children begin in church)
- Noon Coffee Hour (Plaza, weather permitting,
or Parish House First Floor)
Tea with the Sisters at St. John's
(Togo West Parlor; 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: Cambridge Place, NW; Macomb Street, NW; and Virginia Avenue, NW.

LISTENING SESSION: PARENTS & CAREGIVERS Today at 10 a.m.

Is it time to re-think our 10 a.m. offerings for younger children to better meet the needs of families? While our Children's Chapel continues to grow, it has been challenging to have sustained, regular attendance during the Church School hour. Here's a chance to let us know your thoughts about Sunday morning offerings for families with young children. Parents and primary caregivers of children from birth through elementary school will meet for a facilitated conversation while kids are supervised in another classroom with a meaningful activity. Join us!

TEA WITH THE SISTERS AT ST. JOHN'S Today at noon

Women of all ages are invited to join the Sisters of St. John's for tea (hot and cold) served with small sandwiches and desserts. The Sisters gather throughout the year for social and giving activities, in addition to offering an annual retreat and supporting one another in times of need. Come meet our members and learn more about this group!



TOUR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Today at noon

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

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

SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 29 through October 5

Monday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Tuesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Wednesday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Thursday—12:10 p.m.—Eucharist

Friday—12:10 p.m.—Noonday Prayer

Sunday—The Rev. Will Morris, preacher

8 a.m. Eucharist with Sermon

9 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon and
Blessing of the Animals (see next column)

11 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Sermon and
Children's Chapel

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2

4:30 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

7 p.m. Book Group (see below)

Parish Choir Rehearsal

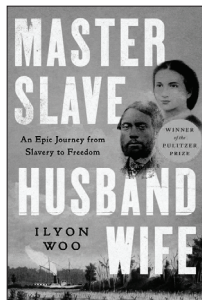
Saturday, October 4

10:30 a.m. Creation Care Fall Project
(Offsite; see next column)

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, October 2, at 7 p.m.

Join us via Zoom to discuss *Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom* by Ilyon Woo. Winner of 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Biography, this is the remarkable true story of Ellen and William Craft, who



escaped slavery in the South in the 1840s. Ellen disguised herself as a disabled white gentleman and William as her manservant, exploiting assumptions about race, class, and disability to hide in public on their journey to the North, where they became famous abolitionists. 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.

CREATION CARE FALL PROJECT

Saturday, October 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Come celebrate God's creation of the great outdoors with the Care of Creation committee. On Saturday, October 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m, we will join with the Ward 8 Woods Conservancy to clean up in the nature preserve of Suitland Parkway. All supplies will be provided. For more information, ride-sharing info, and signup, contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab of our website. RSVPs requested by Tuesday, September 30.

COMING UP



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 5, at 9 a.m.

Humans of all ages and pets of all varieties are welcome! The Blessing of the Animals will take place during the 9 a.m. service. Leashed or crated pets are invited into the sanctuary for worship that will last less than an hour. The Blessing of the Animals is often held in early October to coincide with the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), the patron saint of animals and the environment.

LATROBE FELLOWSHIP OKTOBERFEST

Wednesday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m.

(Note: Second Wednesday in October)

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. Join us next for an Oktoberfest trivia night that will include questions on the history of the Reformation, Oktoberfest, and beer in religion. Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. For more information, contact the Rev. Eric Bailey, our minister for youth and young adults, via the About: Leadership tab of our website.



THE 2025 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Saturdays, October 11 & 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Would you like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's? Or are you just interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church? Either way, please join the two-day Fall Adult Inquirers' Class, led by the Rev. Rob Fisher, on Saturdays, October 11 and 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Lisa Koehler via the About: Leadership tab on our website to learn more or register for this class.

GRACE'S TABLE

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

Upcoming Dates: October 18 and November 15

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHORAL EVENSONG

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

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



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, 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.

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.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, at 5:30 PM

ANNUAL REQUIEM EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

Sunday, November 2, at 5:30 p.m.

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. During the service, we will read the names of parish members and friends who have died in the past year. 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.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Names of those who have died since November 1, 2024, will be listed in our All Saints' service bulletins on November 2 and read aloud during the All Souls' requiem that evening at 5:30 p.m. If you would like a name to be included in this remembrance, please complete our online form at bit.ly/sjc-necrology-2025. The deadline for submitting names is Monday, October 27.

SPEAKER SERIES

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



September 28: Daniel Shapiro, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East, will discuss the war in Gaza between Israel and Hamas.



October 5: Debra Bruno, journalist and novelist, will share the fascinating account of her family's connection to slavery, documented in her book *A Hudson Valley Reckoning*.



October 12: Karim Sadjadpour, a noted Iran expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, will update us on the latest from and about Iran, following the U.S. strike on its nuclear facilities some months ago.



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.

NEWS & NOTICES

BEING WITH: A COURSE EXPLORING CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE

Tuesday evenings, 6:30–8 p.m., starting October 7

This fall and early winter, we are excited to offer a 10-week course called *Being With*, to be led by parishioners Kevin Cordova-Brookey and Alex Smith. *Being With* is a welcoming small-group experience where we explore faith, life, and God's presence through conversation and community—no prior knowledge or experience required, just a willingness to journey together. The course centers on the idea that Christianity is fundamentally about being with God, with one another, and with the world.

Each session lasts 90 minutes, and will take place in person in the Parish House. Participants should be present for most sessions, aiming for no more than one or two absences to keep the group cohesive. The group will be limited to 10 participants. Sessions will take place October 7, 14, and 28; November 4; December 2 and 9; January 6, 13, and 27; and February 3.

Visit bit.ly/being-with-fall-2025 to express interest in this course, or contact the Rev. Sarah Akes-Cardwell via the About: Leadership tab on our website with questions.

SUPPORT SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERINGS

The gift of music enriches our worship and draws us closer to God's presence. You are invited to support our music ministry through a general gift to the Music Fund, or by sponsoring one of this season's special musical offerings. Your generosity helps sustain the beauty and excellence of our musical tradition. Sponsorship opportunities include:

- Trumpeter for All Saints' (November 2)—*Claimed*
- Requiem for All Souls' Day (November 2)—*Claimed*
- Christmas Lessons and Carols (December 21)—*Claimed*
- Special Music for Christmas Eve (December 24)—\$4,000
- Trumpeter for Palm Sunday (March 29)—*Claimed*
- Ensemble for Fife and Drum Sunday (July 5)—*Claimed*

To make a gift or learn more about sponsoring or helping to sponsor a special offering, please contact the Director of Music, Brent Erstad. Every contribution—whether large or small—makes a meaningful difference.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST A PARISH LUNCH

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 an open date? Contact Parish Lunch coordinator Holly Sukenik at stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

September 28 No Lunch

October 5 Autumn Brown & Vincent Scauzzo

October 12 St. John's Pride

October 19 Susan Cardwell & Debby Hailey

October 26 No Lunch: Marine Corps Marathon

November 2 The Sisters at St. John's

November 9 Elizabeth & Greg Morrison and
Tony & TL Anikeeff

November 16 New Members Reception: All invited!

November 23

November 30 No Lunch: Thanksgiving Weekend

December 7 Stewardship Committee

December 14

December 21 No Lunch

December 28 No Lunch

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY HOURS

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

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

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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 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 the 11 a.m. service. 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

Sundays during 11 a.m. worship, September through May

Youth in 6th grade and above are welcome to participate during the 11 a.m. service, serving as torch bearers or crucifers and helping set the altar for communion. To learn more, contact us via stjohns-dc.org/connect/directory.

CHORISTER PROGRAM, September through May

We offer a choir for children and youth with unchanged (treble) voices. Through a custom-made curriculum, singers receive training in sight reading, vocal production, music theory, liturgy, and leadership, and become part of a vibrant community of music makers. To learn more or express interest, contact Brent Erstad via the About: Leadership tab on our website.

REMINDERS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

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.

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.

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.stjohns-dc.org, and contact the leaders via our online Ministry Directory for details or to sign up.

PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE

Praying for those in need is an important part of our life together. Contact the Pastoral Care team via the Connect: Ministry Directory tab at stjohns-dc.org to add yourself, family, or friends to our prayer list. Names of friends and family who are not members of the congregation are followed by the name of the parishioner making the request.

Our prayers are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING, OR GRIEVING

From our parish: Sydney Brooks, Glen Bootay, Steve Faris, Hyman Field, 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), Mark Hallett (Livy More), 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), Kathleen McTighe (Bill and Sara Josey), Nell Montgomery (Brandon Montgomery), Patrick Christopher O'Donnell (Wendy J. Fibison), Paul Peralta (Debby Hailey), Ann Petrosky

(Johnathan Miller), Norm Phillips (Susan Cardwell), Leo S. (Wendy J. Fibison), 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), Jim Wardrop (Jack Reiffer), 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) and Henry Farrington (Wendy J. Fibison).

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Nicole Crochet, Juliet Faris, Juliet Folger, Deborah Fuller, John Hailey, Budd Hallberg, Dolph Hatfield, Diane Hauslein, Alex Hergenroeder, Graham Kosobucki, Aurie Lucio, Jett Lyerly, Susan Valaskovic, Susan Welch, Gail West, and Alexander Williams.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

William Mackey and Elizabeth Oblinger, and Budd and Susie Hallberg.

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.).

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

WELCOME!

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

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

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

St. John's website (www.stjohns-dc.org) has up-to-date information about the church including the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

Vestry Leadership & Members

Nora Rigby, *Senior Warden*

Alfred Thesmar, *Junior Warden*

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

Nora Haugh, *Treasurer*

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Head Greeters—Eleanor and Peter Odom

Heads of Flower Guild

Pat Dalby and Katherine Kyle

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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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