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*Assistant Organist*



# THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

February 2, 2020

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Word of God, page 355, Book of Common Prayer

The First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 84

The Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22, 25-33, 39-40

The Sermon: The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

### *Preacher and People:*

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.**

Nicene Creed, page 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI, page 392

The Peace

A Prayer for Stewardship

### *Priest and People:*

**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 Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A, page 361

Prayer after Communion, page 365

Blessing and Dismissal

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**ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY:** Heather Hopkins, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Richard Price, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Pat Dalby, Jamie Finch, Susan Heil, Tara Hupman, Katherine Kyle, and Elizabeth Lewis, *Flower Guild*; Richard Metzger, *Assistant Head Usher*; Bill Brownlee, *Usher*.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH** are given to the glory of God.

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## Collect

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the

offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

## **Psalm 84**

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you!  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of  
springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God;  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own  
room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield;  
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold  
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts,  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

## **Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## **Luke 2:22, 25-33, 39-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both the bread and the wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may also intinct by dipping the wafer into the chalice. Receiving the bread only is a valid and acceptable way to share in Holy Communion. After consuming the wafer, cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on request from the communion minister. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.

**ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD TODAY IN THE CHURCH,**  
immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service.

The first order of business will be casting votes for members of the Vestry and the Wardens.

**ST. JOHN'S INVITES YOU TO A RECEPTION TO HELP CELEBRATE  
A VERY SUCCESSFUL 2019 AND TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY.**

The catered luncheon will begin immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Parish House.

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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 2020.

(as of January 29, 2020)

*Anonymous (4)*

*David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis*

*Dana & Sophie Ackerly*

*Katie Adams Holder & Paul Holder*

*John & Renate Alison*

*Tony Anikeeff & Tung-Lin Wu*

*Gale Arnold*

*Keith & Jeanne Arnold*

*Margo & Doug Arnold*

*Thomas & Christine Arrasmith*

*John Aschieris*

*Shea & Virginia Bader*

*Geoffrey & Kathryn Baker*

*Sarah Banks*

*Paul Barkett*

*Joanne Bauers*

*Jordan Baugh*

*Meg Beasley*

*Krista Becker*

*Bob Beizer*

*Laura Belman*

*Kate Benner*

*Judy Campbell Bird*

*William & Martha Birdseye*

*Diane Bitsberger*

*Marion Blakey & William Dooley*

*Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington*

*Thomas Bleha & Natasha Simes*

*Nita Blundon*

*Anne Boardman*

*Matt Bode & Laurie Adams*

*Leo & Raluca Bouma*

*Larry & Krista Bradley*

*Becca Brown*

*Russell & Barbara Brown*

*William Brownlee*

*Glynnis Bryant*



*Kathryn Bubolz  
Lee Buddendeck  
Craig & Barbara Burkhardt  
Richard Busch  
Carolyn Buser  
Peter & Susan Carlson  
Robert Carroll  
Andrea Charters  
Mary Jane Checchi  
Preston & Merrell Cherouny  
John & Victoria Cherry  
Virginia Chew  
Savanna Clark  
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill  
Gwinneeth Ann Clarkson  
Whitt Clement  
Audrey Corcoran  
Pam Covington  
Claudette Cox  
Robert & Jamie Craft  
Stephen & Nicole Crochet  
Nelson & Carolyn Crouch  
Gwendolyn Cunningham  
James Czerwonky  
Patricia Czerwonky  
Garry & Patricia Dalby  
Betsy Danello  
Chris Danello  
Christine Davies  
Susan Dawson  
Justin Dean & Matthew Sipala  
Clayton & Margaret Depue  
John Derrick  
George & Anita Diliberto  
William "Rhys" Dodd & Bailey Thomas  
Richard Doege & Julia Koster  
Jim & Joan Doty  
Laura & Rene Doucet  
James Doyle  
Diana Duncan  
Will & Grace Duthe  
James Eastwood  
Janet Edmond  
Janice Berry Edwards  
Kaye Edwards  
Lauren Edwards*

*Karen & Christopher Eifert*  
*Lyle Elder & Chiara Helm*  
*Martha Ellison*  
*Erika Emery*  
*Mary English Saunders & Thomas Bell*  
*Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris*  
*Le & Casey Evans*  
*Amanda & Eric Eversole*  
*Allison Eydt*  
*Denis Faherty*  
*Stephen & Caroline Faris*  
*Wendy Fibison*  
*Hyman & Anne Field*  
*Jamie Finch & David Dawson*  
*Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood*  
*Carol Cole Flanagan*  
*Lee & Juliet Folger*  
*Linda Gaines*  
*David Gallalee*  
*Hillary Garber & Tim Stuart*  
*Elizabeth & Christopher Gardner*  
*John & Ann Gardner*  
*Jim & Carrie Garland*  
*Kay Gilley*  
*Eduardo Gonzalez*  
*Ted & Sandy Graves*  
*Michael & Missy Grealy*  
*Richard & Jeanne Grimmert*  
*Hunter & Katie Guerin*  
*James Hague*  
*Jane Milliken Hague*  
*Gary & Debby Hailey*  
*Nick & Kate Hailey*  
*Budd Hallberg & Susie Jess*  
*Kyle & Mary Hankey*  
*Kristie Hansen*  
*Jeff & Katie Hantson*  
*Hunter Hardinge & Matthew Thomas*  
*Barbie Harper*  
*Robert & Anne Harrington*  
*Fruzsina Harsanyi*  
*Diane Hauslein*  
*Timothy & Susan Heil*  
*Susan Herrington*  
*John & Laura Herzog*  
*Kristin & John Highsmith*

*Robert & Tammi Hoback*  
*Ellen Hoff*  
*Heather Hopkins*  
*Cecil & Lydia Hornbaker*  
*Stephen & Teresa Huettner*  
*Andrew Hunt & Elizabeth Hill*  
*Powell & Joanne Hutton*  
*John Peters Irelan*  
*Taylor Jetmundsen*  
*Elizabeth Johnson*  
*Wande Johnson*  
*Bayne & Elizabeth Johnston*  
*Mac & Barbara Johnston*  
*Robyne Johnston*  
*Cliftine Jones*  
*Bill & Sara Josey*  
*Bill & Ann Kaye*  
*Katherine Kehoe*  
*Carter & Fran Keithley*  
*Graham & Robin Keithley*  
*Tracy Kendall*  
*Anne & Loren Kieve*  
*Richard & Justine Kingham*  
*Jack Kinsey & Becky Schergens*  
*James & Lisa Kirchenbauer*  
*Alan Kirk*  
*Collin Klamper*  
*Frank & Nancy Klotz*  
*Elizabeth P. Koehler*  
*Kenny Kraft*  
*Grant Kraus*  
*Albert & Katherine Kyle*  
*Mendel Lay*  
*Marcus J. Lemon*  
*Joseph & Andrée Leonelli*  
*Patricia Leslie*  
*Leo Lex*  
*Jesus I. Lopez*  
*Margaret Love*  
*Jeffrey & Marisol Lovelace*  
*Jimmy Lowe*  
*John & Emily Lucio*  
*Kathy Luhrman*  
*Jan H. Lupton*  
*Chip & R.J. Lyerly*  
*Troy & Maggie Lyons*

*Bernard Malloy*  
*Tiffany Manchester*  
*Paul Mandelson*  
*Michelle Mangrum*  
*Harry & Claire Marshall*  
*Harry & Judith Martin*  
*Sandy & Nancy Martin*  
*Nancy Mathis & Shawn Maher*  
*Earl Matthews*  
*Nancy Matthews*  
*Gregory & Liz Mays*  
*Abbott McCartney & Sigrid Block*  
*Saunders McElroy*  
*Sara McGanity*  
*Judson McIntire*  
*Judith McKeivitt*  
*Matthew McMurray*  
*A. Richard Metzger, Jr.*  
*Johnathan Miller*  
*Nathan & Kelly Miller*  
*Robert Miller & Victoria Choy*  
*John & Livy More*  
*John & Catherine Morefield*  
*Will & Michelle Morris*  
*Rob Mosbacher*  
*Richard & Joy Nathan*  
*Julie Neff Lippman*  
*Peter & Amber Neville*  
*Peter & Eleanor Odom*  
*Ralph & Lydia Olson*  
*Uche & Nkem Onwuamaegbu*  
*Emily & Jason Ornstein*  
*Matthew & Rachel Oster*  
*Owen & Felicia Owunwanne*  
*Alex & Nancy Pappas*  
*Bob & Sharon Park*  
*Bob & Gay Pasley*  
*Laura & Sam Patten*  
*Anthony Pegues*  
*Robin Pennington*  
*Eric Peters*  
*Raymond & Susan Petniunas*  
*The Rev. Savannah Ponder*  
*Natalie A. Popovic*  
*Richard J. Price*  
*Scott & Katherine Raab*

*Will & Brittany Rabbe*  
*Allie Raether*  
*Carl & Mary Raether*  
*Garret & Gigi Rasmussen*  
*Nate & Katherine Rawlings*  
*Hwa Cha Redman*  
*Laurance M. Redway*  
*Jack Reiffer*  
*Harker & Gini Rhodes*  
*Hap & Nora Rigby*  
*Chris Rogers*  
*Caitlin Rooney & Austin Schrimsher*  
*Jacquelyn Ryberg & Ethan Papish*  
*Chase W. Rynd*  
*Jessica & Alex Sanchez*  
*Brian & KayAnn Schoeneman*  
*Charles Schwartz*  
*WonYong Shim*  
*Sandy & Susan Sierck*  
*Adelle Simmons*  
*Thom Sinclair & James Kreger*  
*Diane & Peter Spaulding*  
*Stephanie Spencer*  
*John Staples & Scott Raspa*  
*Ken & Susan Starling*  
*Anne Stewart*  
*Toby Stock & Margy Slattery*  
*Alex Stolar*  
*Catherine Stolar*  
*Desirée Stolar*  
*John & Holly Sukenik*  
*Meredith Sullenger*  
*Leila Taaffe & Arthur Kellermann*  
*Matthew Taylor*  
*Dax & Veronica Tejera*  
*Riley Temple*  
*Alfred Thesmar*  
*Jocelyn Tichenor*  
*Andrew & Alyssa Tomlinson*  
*Thomas Traxler & Rachel Bright*  
*José Trejo*  
*Cal Trepagnier & Marta Cook*  
*Anthony Turner*  
*Jennifer C. Urquhart*  
*Sophia Vandergrift*  
*Patrick & Pamela Venzke*

*Susan G. Volgenau*  
*Ann & Robert Von Der Lippe*  
*Jonathan Wakely*  
*Christopher R. Wall*  
*Alis Wang & Amy Stulman*  
*Carl Ward*  
*John Ward*  
*Marc & Susan Warren*  
*Susan Welch*  
*Hilary West*  
*Mrs. Togo D West, Jr.*  
*Tripp Whitbeck*  
*Margo E. Wiegenstein*  
*Anna Wieger*  
*Dan Williams*  
*Christina Wilson*  
*Neil & Emma Wilson*  
*Andrea Winchell*  
*Anita L. Woehler*  
*Willy & Brenda Wolter*  
*William Wright*  
*Renee B. Yancey*  
*The Hon. Sang and Mrs. Sarah Yi*  
*Richard Young*  
*Karen Zachary*

## **IF YOU ARE VISITING**

a warm welcome to St. John's.

We are delighted to have you worship with us. 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. Join us for the coffee hour following the service.

We welcome families with young children at our worship services. Liturgy bags with children's activities are available from the ushers as you enter the nave. For parishioners and visitors alike, nursery care for children under age three is provided on Sunday from 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on the lower level of the Parish House. **We offer Church School at 10:00 a.m. for children age three through grade five most Sundays. In order to allow teachers to attend the Annual Meeting, we will not meet today, February 2, but childcare will be provided in the nursery on the lower level. Every Sunday beginning February 9, we offer a Youth Gathering for grades six through twelve. Both children and youth formation take place on the second floor of the Parish House.**

All persons, including children, are invited to take part in the Holy Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest at the altar by crossing their arms across their chest.

**Follow us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare.** See photos from St. John's musical performances, special events, meetings, Sunday services, and more. Relive the moment or experience it for the first time through the touch of a button on your smartphone. Help St. John's capture each moment by submitting your photos from events, worship services, trips, and volunteer efforts.

**FREE VALET PARKING FROM THE FRONT OF ST. JOHN'S FOR THE  
SPEAKER SERIES AND 11:00 A.M. SERVICE.**

**EXCEPT ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, HOURS WILL BE  
9:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**LOOK FOR THE VALET SIGN AT THE CORNER OF 16TH  
AND H STREETS.**

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3-9, 2020

**Monday February 3**  
6:30 p.m. AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor)

**Tuesday February 4**  
12 noon AA (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)  
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room)  
6:30 p.m. EFM Class (3rd Floor, Conference Room)

**Wednesday February 5**  
12:10 p.m. First Wednesday Concerts—Jazz Pianist Mark  
G. Meadows and The Movement (Church)

**Thursday February 6**  
12 noon Al-Anon (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)  
Debtors Anonymous  
(1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room)  
6:30 p.m. Choir Supper (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)  
6:45 p.m. St. John's Book Group  
(2nd Floor, Teens Classroom)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor, Choir Room)

**Saturday February 8**  
9:00 a.m. Flower Guild Arranging Flowers

**Sunday February 9**  
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Sermon  
The Rev. Robert W. Fisher  
8:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal  
Nursery Opens  
9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon  
The Rev. Robert W. Fisher  
10:00 a.m. Formation Hour  
• Bible Study (3rd Floor, Conference Room)  
• Church School (age three to grade five)  
Godly Play class (2nd Floor, Parish House)  
• Speaker Series—Dr. Meredith Evans  
(1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)  
10:10 a.m. St. John's Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon  
The Rev. Robert W. Fisher  
Children's Chapel



12:15 p.m. Hospitality Hour  
Parish Lunch (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)  
Tour of the Church  
12:30 p.m. St. John's Choir Rehearsal

**The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,  
and Friday at 12:10 p.m.**

**ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF VESTRY  
Today, February 2, 10:00 a.m.**

**VESTRY CANDIDATES**

**Paul Barkett, Senior Warden**

**Jeff Hantson, Junior Warden**

*Vestry (voting for 3):*

**Laurie Adams**

**Michelle Mangrum**

**John More**

**Anthony Pegues**

**Jack Reiffer**

**Carl Ward**

*Rotating off:*

**Virginia Bader**

**Audrey Wood Corcoran**

**Wande Johnson**

**Richard Metzger, Senior Warden**

*Absentee ballots are available at the Parish House reception desk.*

**ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH RECEPTION  
Today, February 2, after the 11:00 a.m. service**

Join the St. John's community at the Annual Parish Reception today, after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Parish House. There will be wine and non-alcoholic beverages in addition to heavy hors-d'oeuvres.

All are welcome!

## SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

The Speaker Series is held at 10:00 a.m. on the following Sundays in the Togo West Parlor:



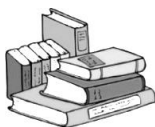
- **February 9: Dr. Meredith Evans**, Director of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. She will speak about the library and the museum and the Carter presidency.
- **February 16: Robert Strong**, William Lyne Wilson Professor in Political Economy at Washington and Lee University. He will speak on *The Jimmy Carter Presidency*.
- **February 23: Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat**, chief White House domestic policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter. He will speak on his book, *President Carter: The White House Years*.
- **March 8: Hank Handler**, noted craftsman and master builder, co-founded Oak Grove Restoration Company 40 years ago to specialize in the conservation, preservation, restoration, and retrofitting of historic buildings. He will speak about the restoration of the Dolley Madison House.
- **March 15: Dick Grimmett**, American historian. He is a member of St. John's Church, and chairman of its Properties Committee, he is also the author of *St. John's Church, Lafayette Square: The History and Heritage of the Church of the Presidents, Washington, DC*. He will speak on *Benjamin Henry Latrobe: American Architect*.
- **March 29: Victoria Arbiter**, CNN Royal Commentator. She will speak on *The Windsors: A Chat about the British Royal Family*.
- **April 19: The Rev. Robert S. Heaney**, Director of the Center for Anglican Communion Studies and Associate Professor of Christian Mission at Virginia Theological Seminary. He will speak on *International Episcopal-Anglican Identity: The State of the Communion*.
- **May 10: Elaine Pagels**, American religious historian and the Harrington Spear Paine Professor of Religion at Princeton University. She will speak on her book, *Why Religion, A Personal Story*.

**FIRST WEDNESDAY CONCERTS PRESENTS  
MARK G. MEADOWS AND THE MOVEMENT  
Wednesday, February 5 at 12:10 p.m.**



First Wednesday Concerts is pleased to welcome Mark G. Meadows to Lafayette Square in an intimate trio version of his band, The Movement, as they reimagine well-loved jazz standards and a handful of captivating originals. Debonair on the stage, Mark's voice channels everyone from Nat King Cole to Stevie Wonder to Marvin Gaye. With CV Dashiell on drums and Romeir Mendez on bass, the chemistry amongst this trio will leave you breathless.

**ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB  
Thursday, February 6 at 6:45 p.m.**



The St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 6. We will meet in the second floor teens classroom of the Parish House at 6:45 p.m. to discuss *Hitch 22* by Christopher Hitchens. If you love to read, please join us for an evening of discussion and socializing. **For more information, contact Leila Taaffe at [taffel@gmail.com](mailto:taffel@gmail.com).**

**NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY  
Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m.**



The study of The Gospel of Matthew will resume on Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room. **The group will not meet today, February 2**, so that everyone can attend the annual meeting of the congregation. All are welcome. **Contact Jack Reiffer for further information at [jjreiffer@gmail.com](mailto:jjreiffer@gmail.com) or at 202-230-1481.**

## POTLUCK SUPPERS—BUILDING COMMUNITY



St. John's is continuing the popular parishioner potluck suppers. The Rev. Rob Fisher, his wife Sarah Wood, and the Rev. Jane Hague hope to attend. They are a wonderful opportunity to meet and connect with fellow parishioners. **If you are interested in hosting one, please contact Holly Sukenik at [hsukenik@hotmail.com](mailto:hsukenik@hotmail.com).** The next potluck will be on:

**Saturday, February 8, 6:00 p.m.**

Falls Church City, VA.

Hosted by Dick and Joy Nathan

**RSVP: [dick.nathan@longandfoster.com](mailto:dick.nathan@longandfoster.com)**

**Friday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.**

Capitol Hill, Washington DC

Hosted by Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy

**RSVP: [elizplewis@aol.com](mailto:elizplewis@aol.com)**

## SUBMIT A DEVOTIONAL OR SIGN UP TO RECEIVE PATHWAYS THROUGH LENT

**Submissions are due by Friday, February 21**

We invite you to share your thoughts on the season of Lent by writing a brief reflection for our online daily devotional. Entries may be written individually or as a group (e.g. on behalf of a committee or a family) and need be about 250 words long. Your reflection can be inspired by the appointed scripture verse of the day (which we will share when we confirm your assigned date) or some other Lenten or spiritual topic. **Submissions are due by Friday, February 21**, so we can launch the devotional on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

**Please email Jack Reiffer at [jjreiffer@gmail.com](mailto:jjreiffer@gmail.com) and Sara McGanity at [sara.mcganity@gmail.com](mailto:sara.mcganity@gmail.com) to choose a date.**

Note: if you were subscribed to Pathways in 2019, you should automatically begin receiving devotionals on the morning of February 26.

**If you would like to sign up for the daily email, please subscribe at <https://stjohns-dc.org/category/pathways>.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL  
ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**Friday-Sunday, March 6-8**

This year we are excited to welcome our own, the Rev. Jane Hague, who will lead us in a deep reflection of the poems of Mary Oliver. At this retreat we will enjoy fellowship as we explore the spirituality of the poetry and writings of Mary Oliver. Oliver gives us through her words *Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.* Mary Oliver, “Sometimes” Devotions, page 104.

Jane's goals for this retreat are:

- To be present and open to God.
- To learn to use prayer and poetry as a method of worship and deepening into God.
- To appreciate Mary Oliver as a poet and spiritual writer.

We welcome all women in the St. John's community and even friends and family who might benefit from this special gathering of women. Becoming part of the St. John's “Sisters” is not just joining us in retreat, it is also about becoming part of a supportive group of women who are there for each other in times of good and challenge. The retreat is limited to 25 women.

The retreat is held at the beautiful and spacious Felix Dupont Memorial House in Rehoboth, Delaware. **Visit <https://memorialhouse.church/> for more information.**

The rooms are cozy with ensuite bathrooms, and are generally shared (really, it's ok!) with healthy, generous meals, walks on the beach and the opportunity to rest, reflect and connect. The cost covers lodging and meals Friday dinner through Sunday lunch.

**The retreat cost is \$290 and is due by Monday, February 24 by check. If you need financial assistance, please contact the Rev. Jane Hague at [jane.hague@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:jane.hague@stjohns-dc.org).**

**For more information,  
please contact Lisa Kirchenbauer at  
[Lisa@OmegaWealthManagement.com](mailto:Lisa@OmegaWealthManagement.com).**

## BAPTISM SERVICES

The next dates for Baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy are as follows:

- Baptism: **Sunday, February 23, 9:00 a.m.**  
Class: **Saturday, February 22, 10:00 a.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, April 19, 11:00 a.m.**  
Class: **Saturday, April 18, 10:00 a.m.**



If you are interested in having a child baptized, or in baptism for yourself, **please contact Kaye Edwards by e-mail at [kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org)**. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism for themselves must attend the Rector's Adult Inquirers' Class and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish.

## THE 2020 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS Saturdays, March 14 and March 21 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's, we invite you to join the 2020 Spring Adult Inquirers' Class. The two-day class will meet on two Saturdays, March 14 and March 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. both days. The Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, will lead the sessions. Anyone – newcomer or longtime parishioner – interested in learning more about our Christian faith and life, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church, is encouraged to attend. **For more information or to register, please contact Kaye Edwards at 202-347-8766, ext. 317 or by e-mail at [kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org)**. Those who participate in this class, or have completed another inquirers' class, may attend a Service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, May 9.

## THINKING ABOUT SCIENCE AND FAITH

Would you be interested in exploring the intersections of modern science and theology during Lent this year? A few parishioners are exploring ideas for a study group, possibly to take place later in March. **If you'd like to be part of this, whether as a participant or planner, please be in touch with Joanne Hutton at [joannerhutton@gmail.com](mailto:joannerhutton@gmail.com)**. Thank you.

## AGAPE DINNERS

During Lent, we will be employing an early church practice called "Agape dinners" to provide members of St. John's with an opportunity to gather in a member's home, share a meal together, and reflect on the significance of Lent in

their lives. We will be organizing the dinners by neighborhood so that members who live near each other can get to know each other better. If you are interested in participating, **please contact Holly Sukenik at [hsukenik@hotmail.com](mailto:hsukenik@hotmail.com).**

### STUDY GROUP



As part of our faith in the workplace outreach, the Rev. Will Morris would like to gauge interest in joining a study group/book club to discuss work-related issues and dilemmas. Would you like to get together for one hour most months to discuss a chapter in Will's book, *Where is God at Work?*, and share with others your views on the issues as you find them (or found them; or imagine them) in any workplace with which you are familiar? The subjects that Will covers range from your boss to retirement; from what happens if you have to answer a difficult email to what happens if you are asked to lie; from the relevance of the bible to your work (e.g., the parable of the talents) to the theological implications of open plan and hot desking!

To be very clear this is open to all, wherever you work, if you no longer work, or if you have never worked. All that is required is an interest in where God might be in the workplace.

Here is a link to a survey where you can express your preference on times and days of the week: <https://doodle.com/poll/ez9vuntf574st3dn>.

**You may also contact the Rev. Will Morris at [will.morris@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:will.morris@stjohns-dc.org).**

### ST. JOHN'S SOUTH AFRICA TRIP TO THE KWASA CENTRE

St. John's will travel again to the Kwasa Centre in South Africa this summer. The Rector will lead the trip, which will include spending time at Kwasa with its founder and Rector, the Rev. Sharron Dinnie. Kwasa, now known as the Kwasa College, is a growing Anglican pre-primary and primary school serving children from a nearby informal settlement. St. John's has supported and been in partnership with Kwasa since 2004 and has made several mission trips there, as well as hosting students and teachers from Kwasa on a regular basis. **If you have questions or are interested in being part of the pilgrimage, please contact Abbott McCartney at [abbottmccartney@verizon.net](mailto:abbottmccartney@verizon.net) or Sigi Block at [sigiblock@verizon.net](mailto:sigiblock@verizon.net).**

**PLEDGE ENVELOPES  
ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP**



Please pick up your pledge envelopes at the reception desk in the Parish House. **Envelopes may be picked up from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.** Envelopes that have not been picked up by February 3rd will be mailed!

**CONSIDER JOINING THE FLOWER GUILD**



Whether acquiring a new skill or expanding on an existing talent, being a member of the Flower Guild is a rewarding way to volunteer at St. John's. Newcomers are paired with experienced members who mentor them until they are fully fledged, confident flower arrangers. It is a wonderful ministry with the benefit of newfound friendships. For a typical Sunday, two team members meet on Saturday morning. **Please contact Flower Guild Chair Katherine Kyle if you would like additional information at [carsonkyle@gmail.com](mailto:carsonkyle@gmail.com).**

**JOIN THE ST. JOHN'S TOUR GUIDE MINISTRY**



St. John's Tour Guide Ministry is looking for new members. For the Tour Guides of St. John's, spring and summer mean that the number of visitors and guests who are interested in tours of the church will be increasing at our services. Leading tours is rewarding. You meet wonderful people from all over the United States and around the world. Training from current Tour Guides is done at your convenience. Guides are called upon once every eight weeks or so to give tours on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. service (during the regular program year) and after the 10:30 a.m. service during the summer. **If the opportunity presents itself, please take a tour from one of our Guides or contact the head of the Tour Guides, Karen Zachary, at [karen.zachary@gmail.com](mailto:karen.zachary@gmail.com).** We look forward to welcoming you as a part of this important ministry at St. John's.



## LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS



If you missed a Sunday at St. John's Church or would like to listen again to past sermons or speaker series, you can visit the St. John's website and click on the "Media" tab at the top of the page to listen. You can also find past sermons by searching for "St. John's Church, Lafayette Square" in the Podcast app on your device.

## JOIN ST. JOHN'S GREETERS TEAM



Would you enjoy welcoming visitors to Sunday services? Helping new parishioners feel comfortable in the congregation? Exchanging morning greetings with old and new friends in the parish? Then please join the Welcome Team Ministry and become a Greeter for the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service (10:30 a.m. service during the summer). Greeting requires only a short time before and after the service and is important to the continued growth and health of St. John's Church. **For more information about becoming a greeter, please contact Head Greeter Kat Kehoe at [katkehoe@gmail.com](mailto:katkehoe@gmail.com).**

## SING WITH THE PARISH CHOIR



The Parish Choir, a dedicated corps of volunteer musicians who provide musical leadership for Sunday morning services, welcomes new members. Midweek rehearsals are most Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with a light supper of sandwiches provided at 6:30 p.m. There is a straightforward voice trial for admission, but the main qualification is your interest in serving St. John's in its music program. **Please be in touch with Brent Erstad, Acting Director of Music, at [Brent.Erstad@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:Brent.Erstad@stjohns-dc.org) to learn more.**

## AN EASY WAY TO HELP OTHERS



When you travel, bring back unopened toiletry items for homeless shelters. Place them in the basket in the connector between the Church and the Parish House.

## PASTORAL CARE AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



Praying for the sick and those in need is an important part of our life together. We invite you to add yourself, family, or friends to the parish prayer list. Other than birthdays, anniversaries, and deaths, names added to the prayer list will appear for four consecutive weeks. If you would like the name to be on the prayer list for a shorter or longer period of time, please let us know. We are listing in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers for family and friends who are not members of the congregation. **To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the Rev. Jane Hague at [jane.hague@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:jane.hague@stjohns-dc.org).**

## FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help brighten the day of parishioners who can't be with us by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel. A greeting card for the parishioner is attached to each vase, which also contains contact information. Thank you for checking to see if a delivery address is convenient for you.

**Flowers need to be delivered to 11th Street, NW, Washington, DC and Cathedral Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.**

**OUR PRAYERS** are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

### **Those who are sick or recovering:**

**From our parish:** Jennifer Agiesta, Teresa Huettner, Nelda Johnson, Bob Patchell, Dace Vidins, Jeff White, and Susan Wild.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Bruce Anderson (*Cay Buser*), Niels Beck (*Michelle Mangrum*), Rachael Buckley (*Chrystal Martin*), Lane Carter, Bill Clark (*Clark Ervin*), Carl Edwards (*Lauren Edwards*), Sambar Datta (*Ashley Culbertson*), Harry Davis (*Mary & Carl Raether*), Karl Dornemann (*Deb Dornemann*), Bobby Doyle (*Alex Pappas*), Courtney Jordan Hillman (*Erika Northcutt*), Lucas Hunt (*Matthew Taylor*), Vera Hyncik (*Holly Sukenik*), Edwarda Johnson (*Wande Johnson*), Elliot Josey and Henry Josey (*Sara and Bill Josey*),

Linda Linton (*Cay Buser*), Amy Lowenthal (*Andrew Tomlinson*), William Markiewicz (*Matthew Taylor*), Tammy McCleaf (*Matthew Taylor*), Geoff Megaree (*Cay Buser*), Kevin Milstead (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Timothy Mullins (*Jim Mullins*), Zach Newton (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Judy Nicola (*Cynthia Walker*), Jerry O'Hagan (*Lance Jensen*), Jonathan A.I. Olowu (*Elizabeth Leach*), Ginger Parra (*Leila Taaffe*), Cawley Scott (*Robyne Johnston*), Diane Sinclair (*Pat Dalby*), Zoe Taaffe (*Leila Taaffe*), Gabriel Van Oyen (*Carolyn Crouch*), Henry and Sandy Welles (*Donna Welles*), and Kristen Wyckoff (*Pat Dalby*).

**Those who are shut-in:**

**From our parish:** Max Hudgins.

**Those who are in the hospital:**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Julie Howell (*Cynthia Walker*), Aiden Mylnikov (*Lindsey Bowen*), Gina Robinson (*Matthew Taylor*), Travis Rogers (*Robert Carroll*), and Matthew Wild (*Susan Wild*).

**Those who are in hospice care:**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Mac Hansbrough (*Emily Lucio*).

**Those who died:**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Jane Beury who died January 30.

**Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week:** Alexander Anikeeff, Thomas Arrasmith, Susanna Blair, Justin Bouma, Gloria Burkhardt, Audrey Corcoran, George Ehrich, Elijah Greene, Lucy Kehoe, Graham Keithley, Lisa Kirchenbauer, Jimmy Lowe, Jim Mullins, Pam Perkins, Laurel Tierney, and Brenda Wolter.

**Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week:** Gabrielle and Simon Beaumont, Sharon and Randy Deangelis, Marisol and Jeffrey Lovelace, Brittany and Will Rabbe, and Emma and Neil Wilson.

**Those serving in the Armed Forces including those who are deployed, and for the Armed Forces Ministry of the Episcopal Church:**

**Friends and family of our parish who are deployed** Peter T. Watson (*Wendy Fibison*).

**Please help us keep these lists updated by contacting the clergy at St. John's via email as soon as you can with corrections, additions, and updates on status.**

**HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH FLOWERS**

You can recognize your loved ones or a special event with a dedication in our Sunday bulletin when you make a contribution to the Flower Fund. In doing so, you invite the congregation to participate in remembering a loved one, a birth or birthday, or a wedding, anniversary, graduation, or other special event.

St. John’s Flower Guild lovingly arranges flowers each week for our Sunday services. You can choose to dedicate the two main altar arrangements with a contribution of \$110, the side chapel for \$55, or the narthex for \$55. Or, you can dedicate all four arrangements in the church for \$220.

**Please contact the Parish Office at 202-347-8766  
and send a check to St. John’s Church  
Attention: Flower Fund, 1525 H Street N.W., Washington, D.C.  
20005-1005, Fax 202-347-3446**

(Circle one)

**In Memory of | Thanksgiving for | Celebration of:**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Entire Church-\$220 | Main Altar-\$110 | Side Altar-\$55 | Narthex-\$55**

Thank you!

**HOST A ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH**  
**February 2 – May 17, 2020**



**Sign Up to Host A Sunday Parish Lunch!**

Your help is needed to make it happen.

Participate in one of the best fellowship opportunities at St. John's.  
 Make new friends – both members and visitors – and catch up  
 with old friends.

We encourage individual members, families, and groups and ministries  
 of our church to host lunches.

Working with family and friends is FUN!

It takes at least two people to pull it off.

So...

Talk to a friend – or two or three – about joining you to host a Sunday  
 Lunch. The more the merrier!

Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt as you  
 choose.

Detailed guidelines are sent to anyone who inquires.

**To sign up to host a lunch and select a date, contact Holly Sukenik,  
 the lunch coordinator, at 202-332-2952 (home) or  
 hsukenik@hotmail.com or the Parish Office at 202-347-8766 or by  
 email to kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org.**

**There will be no Parish Lunch on the following dates:** April 5 (Palm  
 Sunday), April 12 (Easter Day), and May 10 (Mother's Day).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>
February 2	Annual Meeting and Reception
February 9	Sarah Wood and Family/Laurie Adams and Family
February 16	
February 23	Karen Zachary and Thom Sinclair
March 1	
March 8	Friends of The Bishop Walker School
March 15	Deacon Discernment Committee
March 22	Vestry
March 29	
April 19	
April 26	

May 3	
May 17	Church School Families

**SINGLE USE PAPER TOWELS HAVE A BIG IMPACT**



Clean, white, absorbent paper towels are a mainstay in most kitchens, but they come at an environmental, if not financial, cost. In the US, much of the fiber likely comes from boreal forests in Canada... mature trees cut down for the purpose. While some fiber may have been recycled or come from logging byproducts, by one estimate some 44% comes from mature trees. Tropical forests are in the news and crucial in absorbing carbon, but boreal forests in the sub-Arctic are far more extensive and absorb almost twice as much carbon (703 vs 375 gigatons) as tropical ones. So instead of reaching for a paper towel and promoting more logging, reach for a reusable and washable cloth, or when we have to use paper towels, buy ones high in recycled content. Ask that unbleached toweling be carried at our grocery stores to reduce environmental effects of unnecessary chlorine.

–St. John’s Care of Creation Group.

*In coordination with the Care of Creation Group’s efforts to stop the use of items, such as plastic shopping bags, that are harmful to the environment, St. John’s has produced reusable tote bags with the St. John’s logo. Please contact the office or see a greeter on Sunday mornings to pick up a bag for your use.*

**THE CARE OF CREATION INTEREST GROUP MEETING  
Sunday, February 23 at 12:30 p.m.**

The Care of Creation interest group will gather on Sunday, February 23 at 12:30 p.m. to make plans for this spring and summer. All are welcome. Please grab lunch and join us on the 3rd floor, Conference Room.



## **Vestry**

Richard Metzger  
*Senior Warden*

Paul Barket  
*Junior Warden*

Virginia Bader  
Andrew Clarke  
Audrey Wood Corcoran  
Carolyn Crouch  
Lauren Edwards  
Martha Ellison  
Jeff Hantson  
Wande Johnson  
Peter Odom  
Nora Rigby  
Jessica Sanchez  
Desirée Stolar

Casey Evans,  
*Treasurer*

Andrew Tomlinson,  
*Secretary*

Christopher R. Wall  
*Parish Counsel*

## **Head Usher**

James H. Czerwonky

## **The Parish Staff**

Kim Carlson  
*Director for Operations*

Evangeline Gravina  
*Operations Assistant*

Preston Cherouny  
*Financial Secretary*

Sharlyne Griffin  
*Receptionist*

R. J. Gravina  
*Program Coordinator*

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant  
and David Gamboa  
*Assistant Sextons*



## **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.

BROCHURES DESCRIBING PARISH LIFE, the history of St. John's, and the Episcopal denomination can be found in the church entrance. 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 weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, the music calendar and newsworthy events.

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