



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 17, 2021 · 9:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome to St. John's Church, Lafayette Square.

All worshippers in the church and those in the Parish House over the age of two years must wear masks, except when receiving the bread and wine.

Nursery Care is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.

VOLUNTARY: Kyrie-Orbis Factor

Colin Mawby
(1936-2019)

HYMN 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

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



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

The Reverend Robert W. Fisher
Rector

The Reverend William Morris
*Assisting Priest for Engaging
Local Communities*

The Reverend Doug Kirby
Interim Associate Rector

Kaye Edwards
Assistant for Church Growth

Brent Erstad
Director of Music and Organist

Samantha Scheff
Associate Organist

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710;
harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935)

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THE WORD OF GOD

Please continue to stand.

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

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

Priest: 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.

People: Amen.

GLORIA (S-280)

Sung by all.

Robert Powell

(b. 1932)

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE READING

Please be seated.

Read by Richard Greene.

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:9-16

Led by Riley Temple, said in unison by all.

- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
 you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
 therefore will I deliver him;
 I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
 I am with him in trouble;
 I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him,
 and show him my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Tone VI

Please stand.

Sung by the cantor, then repeated by all. After the choir sings the verse, all repeat the Alleluia.



Verse: 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.

–Psalm 146

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

Please remain standing.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM VI)

Led by Julia Koster.

Please stand or kneel.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

People: (silence)

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For *Joseph*, our President, the leaders of *Congress*, the *Supreme Court*, and all who are in authority; for this community, the nation, and the world.

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially for the people of *Afghanistan*, *Haiti*, and *for those who have been and will be infected by Covid, and for their loved ones*;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For our companion relationships with those in the *Anglican Church of Southern Africa** and for those in the *Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for *St. Luke's Church, Bethesda*. We also pray for *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishop, *Mariann*, and for all bishops and other ministers.

People: **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and those who are sick and who are shut-ins.

People: (The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for those celebrating a birthday this week: especially *Pat Dalby, Camden Fine, Rob Fisher, Ziller Hagel, Tammi Hoback, Hunter Johnston, Carly Lyerly, Walker Lyerly, Christopher Mufarrige, Eleanor Odom, Mae Pappas, Susan Warren*, and *Dalia Zabala*; and for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Case and McGowin Anderson, Tung-lin Wu and Tony Anikeeff, Margo and Doug Arnold, Barbara and Russell Brown, Scott Raspa and John Staples, Leslie Blakey and Joe Wohlmuth*, and *Brenda and Willy Wolter*.

People: (The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)

* In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, especially *Neil Guard* who died October 8, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

People: **(The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)**

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People: **(silence)**

Leader and People:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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.

People: **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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes

William Byrd
(1543–1623)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments:
for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies
and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity
and quicken me in thy ways.

O stablish thy word in thy servant
that I may fear thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sun, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

–Words: Psalm 119:33–38

If you would like to make an offering, you may do so online at <https://bit.ly/SJCLGive> or by scanning the QR code below. In the "Fund" drop down menu, please select the fund to which you would like to donate.



You may also donate by texting "stjdc" to 73256 or by placing your offering in the plate.

OFFERTORY HYMN 338

Sung by all, standing.

Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants

Unison or harmony

1 Where-fore, O Fa - ther, we thy hum-ble ser - vants here bring be -
2 See now thy chil-dren, mak - ing in - ter - ces - sion through him our

fore thee Christ thy well - be - lov - ed. All - per - fect Of - fering,
Sa - vior, Son of God in - car - nate, for all thy peo - ple,

sac - ri - fice im - mor - tal, spot - less ob - la - tion.
liv - ing and de - part - ed, plead - ing be - fore thee.

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Music: Lobet den Herren, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. Friedrich Layriz (1808-1859)
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (S-129)

Robert Powell

Sung by all.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel.

Priest: 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:

Priest and People:

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

Priest: 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.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Priest and People:

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

Priest: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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 dismiss your row. A priest, who has washed his or her hands immediately prior, will place a blessed wafer into your hands. Keep your mask on and proceed to the wine. Blessed wine in small paper cups on a tray will be offered by a lay server. After taking the wine, take a few steps and briefly remove your mask to consume the bread and the wine, then place the cup in the basket at the end of the line. ***The cups will be reverently disposed of after the service.*** Receiving the bread only is a valid way to share in Holy Communion. 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.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Please be seated. An usher will guide you by pew to come forward for communion.

Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

Ave verum corpus

Colin Mawby
(1936–2019)

*Ave, verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
in Cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit aqua et sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

*O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,
O Iesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.*

Hail, true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side overflowed
with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste
In the test of death.

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

Hymn 455
Sung by all.

O Love of God, how strong and true



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the
and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion
bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

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Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)
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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest and People:

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

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.

People: Amen.

HYMN 477

Sung by all, standing.

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine



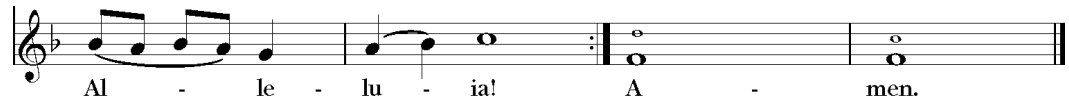
1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord



1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;



1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



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THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY: *Deo Gratias*

Philip Moore
(b. 1943)

ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: WonYong Shim, *Crucifer*; James Doyle, *Lay Minister*; Susan Valaskovic, *Greeter*; Katherine Kyle and Ryan Toney, *Flower Guild*; Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher*; Matt Hallett and Desirée Stolar, *Ushers*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage wedding of **Brenda and Willy Wolter**.

REFRESHMENTS will be served in front of the church, following the 9:00 a.m. service.

THE SPEAKER SERIES TODAY will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Togo West Parlor. It will be presented by **Mike Molina**, Head of School of the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys.

THE SPEAKER SERIES NEXT WEEK will be presented by **Dr. Rebecca Carter-Chand**, Director of the Programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust at United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She will speak on *Religion and the Holocaust*.

RECYCLING of Order of Service Bulletins paper is good stewardship. If you wish, please leave them at the end of the pew after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18–24, 2021

Monday October 18

7:00 p.m. AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor)

Tuesday October 19

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Togo West Parlor)

5:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Togo West Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Science and Faith Organizational Meeting (Online via Zoom)

Thursday October 21

5:15 p.m. Choral Evensong (Church)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday October 23

10:00 a.m. Worship Leadership Training (Church)

Sunday October 24

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Doug Kirby

8:30 a.m. Nursery (Parish House Second Floor)

9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Doug Kirby

10:00 a.m. Speaker Series—Dr. Rebecca Carter-Chand, Director of the Programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust at United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (Togo West Parlor)

Church School (Parish House Second Floor)

Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor Conference Room or Online via Zoom | Contact Jack Reiffer at jjreiffer@gmail.com for the link to participate.)

11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Doug Kirby

12:15 p.m. Hospitality Hour

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

The Speaker Series will be held in person on the following Sundays in the Church or Togo West Parlor from 10:05 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. After the discussion, there will be opportunity for Q&A. **There will be no livestream Zoom option.** An audio recording will be available in the weekly newsletter *The Word* and the Speaker Series recording page of our website (here <https://bit.ly/sjSSAud>) the week after each talk.

- **October 17: Mike Molina**, Head of School of the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys, Washington's only tuition-free, Episcopal school which serves families east of the Anacostia River. He will be speaking about the urgent opportunity to make generational impact through investment in the potential of African American boys by sharing his own journey from troubled youth to Yale Law School graduate.
- **October 24: Dr. Rebecca Carter-Chand**, Director of the Programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust at United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She will speak on *Religion and the Holocaust*.

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE (continued)

- **November 21: David Silverman**, Professor at The George Washington University. He specializes in Native American, Colonial American, and American racial history. He will speak on *The "Real" Story of Thanksgiving*.
- **December 12: Lonnie G. Bunch III**, Secretary of the Smithsonian and former Director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. As Secretary, he oversees 19 museums, 21 libraries, the National Zoo, numerous research centers, and several education units and centers.

Visit the Speaker Series webpage at bit.ly/SJSpeakerSeries for more information.

DIAPER DRIVE
Sunday, October 17

The Diaper Drive sponsored by the St John's Book Club continues Sunday. **Donations will be accepted at the church on Sundays, October 17, 24 and 31, or at the home garage of Holly Sukenik, by appointment between until October 31.** Products may be ordered online, such as from Amazon. **Please contact Holly Sukenik at hsukenik@hotmail.com.**

Targeted items:

- Diapers, especially size 4 and 5, and pull-ups.
- Ancillary items, such a baby wipes.
- Period products, especially pads.

Donations can be made in products, checks or by credit card. Checks would be made payable to the Greater DC Diaper Bank (GDCDB).

After reading *Broke in America: Seeing, Understanding, and Ending US Poverty*, members of the book group organized the drive to help address the disproportionate impact on women living in poverty in the Washington area that is created by a lack of disposable diapers and period products.

THINKING ABOUT SCIENCE AND FAITH

Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. | Online via Zoom

Would you be interested in exploring the intersections of modern science and theology this next year? If so, please get information in order to join next week's organizational meeting; we will meet monthly by Zoom on Tuesday evenings. Dr. Tony Tambasco, husband of parishioner Anne Stewart and Emeritus Professor of Theology at Georgetown University, has graciously offered to facilitate this study group and discussions. The text we will use is John F. Haught's *Science and Faith: A New Introduction*, Paulist Press, 2012. Please read the Introduction for our first gathering. **If you are interested in joining, please email Joanne Hutton at joannerhutton@gmail.com, with Science and Theology study group in the subject line.**

CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday, October 21, at 5:15 p.m.

We're pleased to add a monthly service of Choral Evensong to our worship offerings. Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the even point between the active day and the restful night. Evensong will be sung by the St. John's Choir on the third Thursday of each month from October through May, beginning at 5:15 p.m. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special new offering. Complimentary valet parking will be available beginning at 4:30 p.m.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Saturday, October 23, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Church

St. John's clergy and lay leaders will be hosting a morning of prayer, retreat, and training, for all who currently serve or who would like to be trained to serve in the Sunday worship services. This includes crucifers, acolytes, lectors, chalice bearers, flower guild, ushers, livestream broadcasters, and greeters. If you are interested in learning more about helping with any of these roles, please join us October 23. **Register here: bit.ly/3hXCimJ. For more information, please contact Holly Sukenik at hsukenik@hotmail.com.**

IN MEMORIAM:

THE REV. DR. DAVID A. WILLIAMS

Assistant Rector at St. John's Church from 1973 to 1978
Wednesday, October 27, at 2:00 p.m.

A memorial service for the Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Assistant Rector at St. John's Church from 1973 to 1978, will be held at Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston, South Carolina, on Wednesday, October 27, at 2:00 p.m. **The service will be streamed and available on the Cathedral website here: www.gracechurchcharleston.org.** David died September 14, 2021, after being diagnosed with a brain tumor in March.

CONTINUING OUR SACRED GROUND JOURNEY

Saturday, October 30 | Togo West Parlor

Listed below are the upcoming offerings to enable us to continue and expand our Sacred Ground Journey (and more will follow shortly).

- Saturday, October 30, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon: Our first Saturday morning Faith and Race Exploration with the theme of "Truth and Reconciliation" as a tool for community healing. Hazel Monae, the Bishop's Missioner for Equity & Justice, will guide us through the meeting. The session will be in person with a mix of plenary and breakout sessions. Coffee and lunch will be provided. This is open to all, regardless of age, and whether or not you attended Sacred Ground. **Please sign up here: bit.ly/3zGH7Yr** or contact the Rev. Will Morris at will.morris@stjohns-dc.org with questions.
- A second year of the Sacred Ground program will be held, from late-October to July 2022. A virtual option will be available. Sacred Ground, through readings and videos discussed in small groups that meet monthly, creates space for difficult but respectful dialogue on race and racism. For more details follow this link: bit.ly/3u3kRpT. **To sign up, please contact the Rev. Will Morris at will.morris@stjohns-dc.org.**

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO DIED IN THE PAST LITURGICAL YEAR

The deadline for sending in names is Monday, November 1. The names of those who have died during the past liturgical year (since November 1, 2020) will be listed in our All Saints Sunday Service bulletin on November 7. **If you would like a name included in this remembrance, please email RJ Gravina at rj.gravina@stjohns-dc.org.**

**MIDWEEK MUSIC RESUMES
WITH AIR FORCE STRINGS
Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. | Church**

Our Midweek Music Series (formerly First Wednesday Concerts) resumes on Wednesday, November 3 with a return performance by the Air Force Strings. Please join us to celebrate the return of our lunchtime concert series and mark your calendars for upcoming performance. All programs begin at 12:10 p.m. and run for 35 minutes.

November 3: The Air Force Strings
String players from the Air Force's premier musical ensemble

December 1: The Navy Sea Chanters
The official choir of the United States Navy

January 5: The Polyphonist
The District's newest professional vocal quartet

February 2: Samantha Scheff
Associate Organist of St. John's Church,
Lafayette Square

March 9: EYA Ensemble
Women's vocal ensemble re-envisioning
medieval music

**April 13: Charlotte Stewart, mezzo-soprano with
Baroque Orchestra**
Antonio Vivaldi's Stabat Mater for Holy Week

May 4: Andrew Brown, tenor & Brent Erstad, piano
Music of Francis Poulenc and Jake Heggie

June 1: Celtic Aire
The premier Folk Ensemble of the United States
Air Force

BAPTISM SERVICES

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

- Baptism: **Sunday, November 7, 9:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, October 30, 10:00 a.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, January 9, 11:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, January 8, 10:00 a.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, February 27, 6:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, February 26, 10:00 a.m.**

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. **If you are interested in having a child baptized, or in baptism for yourself, please contact Kaye Edwards at kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org.**

NURSERY HOURS

**Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Parish House Second Floor**

The nursery will meet in the Godly Play Classroom #2 on the second floor of the Parish House. Please note that infants and children are welcome at all worship services. **Nursery care will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Sunday for infants and children up to age 3. Please register your children here: <https://bit.ly/3yDTVhy>. Reminder: Masks are required for all children over the age of two years.**

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our committee began our seasonal biweekly meetings last week and committed to a goal of having 400 pledges in the coming year, which is a modest but meaningful increase from the 367 we have for this past year. We believe this is an important goal not only for the current needs of the church but for our future—because it asks that quite a few people who have never pledged before get involved more formally in our community of faith. Even a small pledge can make a big difference over time and we encourage you do what you can.

We were also heartened to hear that virtually every family making a pledge this year has been paying on their pledge--which gives us hope that our allowance for unpaid pledges could diminish quite a bit by year's end. **If you need a pledge report so as to know where you stand, please reach out to Preston at preston.cherouny@stjohns-dc.org.**

Thank you to all of those who have already pledged online (**you can do so at this link: <https://bit.ly/SJLpledge>**). We already have more than \$80,000 pledged for next year! We have only just sent out our paper pledge cards this week, so this is very encouraging. In a couple of weeks we will begin following up with people who have not yet pledged. **If you would like to lend a hand in this effort, please contact me at toby@columbiastrategies.com.**

Toby Stock
Chair, Stewardship Committee

ONLINE DONATIONS



If you would like to make an offering, you may do so online at <https://bit.ly/SJCLGive> or by scanning the QR code on the left. In the "Fund" drop down menu, please select the fund to which you would like to donate.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: LUNCH ON THE PLAZA

In lieu of resuming our Sunday Parish Lunch tradition in the dining room, and in order to comply with Covid-19 safety and health guidelines, St. John's is requesting hosts for informal lunch hour receptions outside, on the plaza, after the 11:00 a.m. service. Your help is needed to offer this fellowship opportunity featuring finger food on the plaza. Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt.

The Bishop Walker School will host the lunch on October 17. All other Sundays are open. To sign up, select a date, and receive guidelines, please contact Holly Sukenik at hsukenik@hotmail.com.

UPDATE FROM THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE

The Refugee Committee is eagerly awaiting the assignment of an Afghan refugee family to support through the Lutheran Social Services' Good Neighbor program. Until that time, we are supporting community-wide efforts to welcome incoming Afghani refugee families with open arms in all the ways we can. **To find out more about the ongoing work of this committee, please contact Jessica Sanchez at jesspulsifersanchez@gmail.com.**

SING WITH THE PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir is a group of dedicated volunteer musicians who provide choral music for the 9:00 a.m. worship service and for special events throughout the year. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. with a light dinner provided at 6:30 p.m. There is a straightforward voice trial prior to joining, but the main qualifications are a commitment to the schedule and enthusiasm for serving our church through its music ministry. **Please be in touch with Brent Erstad, Director of Music and Organist, at Brent.Erstad@stjohns-dc.org to learn more.**

BUILDING COMMUNITY: OUTDOOR SOCIAL GATHERINGS

To comply with safe Covid restrictions, St. John's will sponsor outdoor community events that connect parishioners away from the church campus. Options include cocktail parties on patios, brunches or suppers outdoors, picnics at parks, happy hour at a local establishment with an outdoor area, hikes, and bird watching.

- Hosts will determine the type of activity they want to organize.
- Hosts will choose a date.
- Hosts will establish the number of guests they can accommodate.

We recommend that you set and advertise a limit (e.g., space is limited so the first 20 responses will be accepted.) **If you are interested in hosting, please contact Holly Sukenik at hsukenik@hotmail.com.**

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.

FLOWER DELIVERIES

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

Flowers need to be delivered on North Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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 email us at pastoralcare@stjohns-dc.org.**

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

Those who are sick, recovering or grieving:

From our parish: Eve Atkeson, Rob Fisher, Jeanne Grimmett, Susan Herrington, Nelda Johnson, Susan Lewis, Jimmy Lowe, and Alex Morris.

Friends and family of our parish: Barbara Virginia Abalos Branes (*Joanne Hutton*), Mark Berends (*Jack Reiffer*), LaKeshia Bryant (*GeeGee Bryant*), Wendy Addiss Dellar (*Joanne Hutton*), Sharon Diehl (*Alex Stolar*), Karl Dornemann (*Deb Dornemann*), Bobby Doyle (*Alex Pappas*), Reagan Eudy (*Alfred Thesmar*), Jimmy Gallagher (*Joanne Hutton*), Frances Givhan (*Gay and Bob Pasley*), Linda Young Gsell (*Rick Young*), Nancy Guard (*Kate Benner*), Valerie Hart (*Emily and Jason Ornstein*), Courtney Jordan Hillman (*Erika Northcutt*), Vera Hyncik (*Holly Sukenik*), Charles Jones (*GeeGee Bryant*), Tom Kiernan (*Joanne Hutton*), Chase Lasbury (*Garrett Russo*), Melanie Markiewicz and William Markiewicz (*Matthew Taylor*), Tammy McCleaf (*Matthew Taylor*), Kathryn McGraw (*Mary and Carl Raether*), William Scott Miller, Jr. (*Johnathan Miller*), Britt Neff (*Julie Neff-Lippman*), Judy Nicola (*Cynthia Walker*), John Perry (*Joanne Hutton*), Pearson Reynolds (*Kerri Stelcen*), Susan Roberts (*Kaye Edwards*), Cawley Scott (*Robyne Johnston*), Scott (*Marta Cook & Cal Trepagnier*), Mark Sissman (*Mead Sissman*), and Ann Tusa (*Will Morris*).

Those who are in rehabilitative care:

From our parish: Marcella Odom.

Friends and family of our parish: Pereda "Pete" Paty (*John Paty*).

Those who are in the hospital:

Friends and family of our parish: Julie Howell (*Cynthia Walker*), Chase Lasbury (*Garrett Russo*), and David Maiden (*Anne Harrington*).

Those who are in hospice care:

Friends and family of our parish: Barton Edwards Bruce (*Kaye Edwards*).

Those who died:

Friends and family of our parish: Neil Guard who died October 8.

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week:

Pat Dalby, Camden Fine, Rob Fisher, Ziller Hagel, Tammi Hoback, Hunter Johnston, Carly Lyerly, Walker Lyerly, Christopher Mufarrige, Eleanor Odom, Mae Pappas, Susan Warren, and Dalia Zabala.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week:

Case and McGowin Anderson, Tung-lin Wu and Tony Anikeeff, Margo and Doug Arnold, Barbara and Russell Brown, Scott Raspa and John Staples, Leslie Blakey and Joe Wohlmuth, and Brenda and Willy Wolter.

For those on the front lines, especially:

Friends and family of our parish: Janie Abernethy (*Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy*), Sandra Brown (*Becca Brown*), Nathan Cobb (*Livy and John More*), Chris Gardner (*Ann Gardner*), Yee Houston (*Quin Woodward Pu*), Marta Kochanska (*Livy and John More*), Amanda and Blake Tidwell (*Willy Wolter*), and Bill and Stephanie Wolter (*Willy Wolter*).

Please help us keep these lists updated by contacting Pastoral Care at pastoralcare@stjohns-dc.org 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.

**Payments can be made online at <http://bit.ly/SJCLGive>
by choosing Sunday Flowers in the dropdown menu.**

**Payments by check should be made payable to St. John’s Church and be mailed to
1525 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20005, attention Finance Office.**

Please contact the Parish Office at 202-347-8766 if you have questions.

(Circle one) **In Memory of** | **Thanksgiving for** | **Celebration of:** _____

Dedication Date (Sunday): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ **Email:** _____

(Circle one) **Entire Church-\$220** | **Main Altar-\$110** | **Side Altar-\$55** | **Narthex-\$55**

Thank you!

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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

Paul Barkett, *Senior Warden*

Clark Ervin, *Junior Warden*

Laurie Adams, Krista Rimple
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Edwards, Wendy Fibison, David
Gallalee, Peter Odom, Anthony
Pegues, Scott Raab, Nora Rigby,
Desirée Stolar, and Carl Ward.

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