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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.*

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24, 2021

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126

The Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

The Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

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Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Michelle Mangrum *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Emily Louise Able, Haleigh Hildebrand, Elizabeth Lewis, and Susan Valaskovic, *Flower Guild*; Alfred Thesmar, *Usher*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **General Colin Powell**.

Collect

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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25–31, 2021

- Monday October 25**
7:00 p.m. AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor)
- Tuesday October 26**
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Togo West Parlor)
- Thursday October 28**
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Friday October 29**
4:00 p.m. Kim/Unger Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
- Saturday October 30**
10:00 a.m. Raymond Garcia Memorial Service
Baptism Rehearsal (Parish House)
3:15 p.m. Kim/Unger Wedding
- Sunday October 31**
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
8:30 a.m. Nursery (Parish House Second Floor)
9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon
 The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
10:00 a.m. 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. Robert W. Fisher
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 24: Dr. Rebecca Carter-Chand**, Director of the Programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She will speak on *Religion and the Holocaust*.
- **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 5: The Rev. David B. Wolf**, Executive Director of Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington, St. John’s mission partner. Ben T. Morgan, a participant in Samaritan’s programs, will also speak about Samaritan’s mission of life change for those who are living in or on the edge of poverty in the DMV.
- **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/SJSspeakerSeries for more information.

DIAPER DRIVE
Sunday, October 24

The Diaper Drive sponsored by the St John's Book Club continues Sunday. **Donations will be accepted at the church on Sundays, October 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.

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.

**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.**

CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday, November 18, 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.

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.

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.**

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.**

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 Montello Avenue, NE, 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*), 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*), Pearson Reynolds (*Kerri Stelcen*), Susan Roberts (*Kaye Edwards*), Cawley Scott (*Robyne Johnston*), Scott (*Marta Cook & Cal Trepagnier*), Mark Sissman (*Mead Sissman*), Ann Tusa (*Will Morris*), and Marsha Walston (*Robert Carroll*).

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 died:

Friends and family of our parish: Barton Edwards Bruce who died October 15 and Colin Powell who died October 18.

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week:

Ashley Atwater, Kate Bedingfield, John Cavendish, Lance Christophe, Sharon Deangelis, Ashley Delamater, Richard Doege, Kaye Edwards, Lauren Edwards, Philip Estes, Lynne Faris, Carol Cole Flanagan, Vincent Gaziano, Allyn Hagel, Lara Kallaur, Gabe Leonelli, Howard Melton, Natachi Onwuamaegbu, Emily Smith, James Wilson, and Eric Zavala.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Nicole and Stephen Crochet, Jessica and Steuart Martens, Paul Barkett and Eric Peters, Susan and Ray Petniunas, Laurie and Jason Rossbach, and Anne and Pete Seidlitz.

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!

Vestry

Paul Barkett
Senior Warden

Clark Ervin
Junior Warden

Laurie Adams
Krista Rimple Bradley
Carolyn Crouch
Lauren Edwards
Wendy Fibison
David Gallalee
Peter Odom
Anthony Pegues
Scott Raab
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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.

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 weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

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