



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24, 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: Menuet gothique from Suite gothique, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann
(1862-1897)

HYMN 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus

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

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

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

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
 Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)
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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, 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.

People: Amen.

THE READING

Please be seated.

Read by Laura Herzog.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126

Led by Philip Anfinrud, said in unison by all.

- 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

Tone VI

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



Verse: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise your God, O Zion.

–Psalm 147

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Please remain standing.

Mark 10:46-52

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

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

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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Doug Kirby

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM VI)

Led by Barbara Burkhardt.

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*. 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 *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*; and for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *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*.

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

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 *Barton Edwards Bruce* who died October 15 and *Colin Powell* who died October 18, 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.

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

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.

Open thou, my eyes

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see,
Incline my heart and I shall desire,
Order my steps and I shall walk
In the ways of thy commandments.
Open thou mine eyes and I shall see,
Incline my heart and I shall desire,
Order my steps and I shall walk
In the ways of thy commandments.
O Lord God, be thou to me a God
And beside thee let there be none else,
No other, nought else with thee.
Vouchsafe to me to worship thee
and serve thee
According to thy commandments
In truth of spirit,
In reverence of body,
In blessing of lips,
In private and in public.

—Lancelot Andrews
trans. Alexander Whyte

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 411 (stanzas 1, 4, and 5)

O bless the Lord, my soul!

Sung by all, standing.



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103
Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
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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.

Amazing Grace

arr. Will Todd
(b. 1970)

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
We have already come;
Tis Grace hath brought us safe thus far,
And Grace will lead us home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

This Earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

LEVAS 137

Sung by all.

Just as I am

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, But
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With
 3. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight
 4. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive; Wilt
 5. Just as I am, thy love un - known Has
 6. Just as I am, of thy great love The

1. that thy blood was shed for me,
 2. ma - ny-a con - flict, ma - ny-a doubt;
 3. rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,
 4. wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,
 5. bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;
 6. breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,

1. And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O
 2. Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O
 3. Yea, all I need in thee to find, O
 4. Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O
 5. Now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O
 6. Here for a sea - son, then a - bove: O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)
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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 567

Sung by all, standing.

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heav - en - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumtre (1821-1891), alt.
 Music: St. Matthew, from Supplement to the New Version of Psalms by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708.
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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: *Toccata from Suite gothique, Op. 25*

Léon Boëllmann

ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: Jack Reiffer, *Crucifer*; Hilary West, *Lay Minister*; Emily Louise Able, Haleigh Hildebrand, Elizabeth Lewis, and Susan Valaskovic *Flower Guild*; Kerri Stelcen and Desirée Stolar, *Greeters*; Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher*; Patricia Leslie, *Usher*.

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

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 **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*.

THE NEXT SPEAKER SERIES WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 21. It will be presented by **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*.

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 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*.

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE (continued)

- **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/SJSpeakerSeries 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.**

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.**

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 performances. 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

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.

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 to 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.

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!

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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
Bradley, Carolyn Crouch, Lauren
Edwards, Wendy Fibison, David
Gallalee, Peter Odom, Anthony
Pegues, Scott Raab, Nora Rigby,
Desirée Stolar, and Carl Ward.

Casey Evans, *Treasurer*

Sara McGanity, *Assistant Treasurer*

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