



**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
 November 14, 2021 · 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 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: Adagio from Symphony No. 3 in F-sharp Minor**

Louis Vierne  
(1870-1937)

**HYMN 618**

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones*

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

*Unison*

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

*Harmony* *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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*

*Unison*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)  
 Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623;  
 adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
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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:** Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

## THE READING

*Please be seated.*

**Daniel 12:1-3**

**9:00 a.m.**

*Read by Hilary West.*

**11:00 a.m.**

*Read by Brian Schoeneman.*

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 16**

**9:00 a.m.** *Led by Jessica Sanchez, said in unison by all.*

**11:00 a.m.** *Chanted by the Choir.*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer,  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**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: Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord: Lord hear my voice.

–Psalm 130

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Please remain standing.*

Mark 13:1-8

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

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. William Morris

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM VI)

*Please stand or kneel.*

9:00 a.m. *Led by Jack Reiffer.*

11:00 a.m. *Led by Jill Dowell.*

**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 *Sudan*, 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 *military veterans and their families as we honor Veterans Day*. 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 *David Abernethy, Janie Abernethy, Carys Beaumont, Merrell Cherouny, Rob Ehrich, Jeff Hantson, Evan Lyerly, Jason Ornstein, Garret Rasmussen, Jennifer San Pietro, Chip Sherrill, David Simmons, Ryan Toney, Frances Tyler, John Whitmore, Annabel Williams, and Sonya Williams*; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Sylvia and Doug Estes* and *Sarah and Hugh Yeomans*; and in thanksgiving for the marriage yesterday of *Branda Czechan and Paul Mandelson*.

**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 *Gill Elgar* who died November 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.**

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

## 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.*

**9:00 a.m.**

*There is a land of pure delight*

Grayston Ives  
(b. 1948)

There is a land of pure delight where saints immortal reign;  
infinite day excludes the night and pleasures banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides and never withering flowers;  
Death like a narrow sea divides that heavenly land from ours.

Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood stand dressed in living green;  
so to the Jews old Canaan stood while Jordan rolled between.

But timorous mortals start and shrink to cross the narrow sea,  
and linger shivering on the brink, and fear to launch away.

O could we make our doubts remove, those gloomy doubts that rise,  
and see the Canaan that we love with unobscured eyes.

Could we but climb where Moses stood and view the landscape over;  
not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood should fright us from the shore.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

**11:00 a.m.**

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Edward Bairstow  
(1874–1946)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and stand with fear and trembling,  
and lift itself above all earthly thought.

For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God,  
cometh forth to be our oblation,  
and to be given for Food to the faithful.

Before Him come the choirs of angels  
with every principality and power;  
the Cherubim with many eyes, and wingèd Seraphim,  
who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn:  
Alleluia!

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN 583

*O holy city, seen of John*

*Sung by all, standing.*



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,  
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain  
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood  
4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:



with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,  
in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,  
too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,  
lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!  
and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"  
and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.  
yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1892-1969), alt.  
Music: *Morning Song*, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938)  
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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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

**Fraction Anthem (WLP 875)**

Gary James (b. 1957)

*The people sing the refrain.*

**Refrain**



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain.**

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **Refrain.**

**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 container 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.*

**9:00 a.m.**

*The true and living bread*

David Blackwell  
(b. 1961)

I bow before you, all my sin confessed,  
to hear again the words of love you said;  
and at your table, as your honored guest,  
I take and eat the true and living bread.

*So in remembrance of your life laid down  
I come to praise you for your grace divine;  
saved by your cross, and subject to your crown,  
strengthened for service by this bread and wine.*

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

**11:00 a.m.**

*My soul, there is a country*

Hubert Hastings Parry  
(1848–1918)

My soul, there is a country  
Far beyond the stars,  
Where stands a wingèd sentry  
All skilful in the wars:

There, above noise and danger,  
Sweet Peace sits crown'd with smiles,  
And One born in a manger  
Commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious Friend,  
And—O my soul, awake!—  
Did in pure love descend  
To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither,  
 There grows the flower of Peace,  
 The Rose that cannot wither,  
 Thy fortress, and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges;  
 For none can thee secure  
 But One who never changes—  
 Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

Words: Henry Vaughan (1621–1695)

**LEVAS 13**  
*Sung by all.*

*My Lord, what a morning*

*Harmony*

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, O  
 my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall.

*Fine*

*Unison*

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, \_\_\_\_\_ To wake the  
 3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, \_\_\_\_\_

na - tions un - der - ground, \_\_\_\_\_ Look - ing to my God's right  
 hand, \_\_\_\_\_ When the stars be - gin to fall. \_\_\_\_\_

*D.C.*

Words: Traditional  
 Music: Negro Spiritual  
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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 665

*Sung by all, standing.*

*All my hope on God is founded*

1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
\*4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -  
4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth

1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
2 power, hour by - lone, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.; after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)  
Music: Michael, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)  
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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:** *Fuga pro Organo pleno, BWV 552/2*

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

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**ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY:** Kenny Kraft, *Crucifer*; Jack Reiffer and Hilary West, *Lay Ministers*; Paul Barkett, Becca Brown, and Anne Harrington, *Flower Guild*; Eleanor and Peter Odom, *Greeters*; Jill Dowell and Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Ushers*; Patricia Leslie and Earl Matthews, *Ushers*.

**ASSISTING AT THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY:** Paul Barkett, *Crucifer*; Doug Estes and Debby Hailey, *Lay Ministers*; Paul Barkett, Becca Brown, and Anne Harrington, *Flower Guild*; Deborah Jennings, *Greeter*; Nora Rigby, *Assistant Head Usher*; Janet Helgert, Hermann Helgert, and Hap Rigby, *Ushers*.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage yesterday of **Branda Czechan and Paul Mandelson**.

**REFRESHMENTS** will be served in front of the church, following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

**THE SPEAKER SERIES TODAY** will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Togo West Parlor. It will be presented by **Amy Vruno and Sidra Siddiqui**, organizers for the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), and **John More**, St. John's parishioner. They will speak about the history of WIN and St. John's long involvement, and about WIN's future plans.

**THE SPEAKER SERIES NEXT WEEK** 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 NOVEMBER 15–21, 2021

**Monday November 15**

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

**Tuesday November 16**

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

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

**Wednesday November 17**

12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Homily

4:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting (Online via Zoom)

**Thursday November 18**

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday November 20**

9:00 a.m. Race and Faith Meeting (Togo West Parlor) | Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday November 21**

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. Hospitality Hour

Speaker Series—David Silverman, Professor at The George Washington University

Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor Conference Room or Online via Zoom | Contact Jack Reiffer at [jjreiffer@gmail.com](mailto: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

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

On **Thursday, November 25**, St. John's will celebrate a **Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.**

Please plan to join us.

## 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. The link to 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.

- **November 14: Amy Vruno and Sidra Siddiqui**, organizers for the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), and **John More**, St. John's parishioner. They will speak about the history of WIN and St. John's long involvement, and about WIN's future plans.
- **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.
- **February 13: Dr. Kurt Graham**, Director of the Harry S. Truman Library & Museum. He will speak on *The Truman Presidency*.

Visit the Speaker Series webpage at [bit.ly/SJSpeakerSeries](https://bit.ly/SJSpeakerSeries) for more information.

## HELP FOR CARDOZO FAMILIES

Today, November 14

Cardozo School, a St. John's community partner through Communities in Schools, has welcomed students back after more than a year of remote learning. The students and their families, however, are struggling with numerous effects of the pandemic, including increased job, housing, and food insecurity.

Monthly food deliveries from The Capital Area Food Bank have resumed, with the next one, the last before Thanksgiving, scheduled for Tuesday, November 16. CIS would like to include gift cards from Giant and Safeway with the staples and canned goods going home that day.

If you would like to help, you can do so in a couple of ways:

- Volunteer to assist with unpacking and displaying the food on November 16, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Donate \$20 or \$25 gift cards from Giant or Safeway (enough for a turkey, ham, or roast) for inclusion in the parcels the students take home on the 16.

Gift cards can be given to Ann Gardner or Livy More at the church today, November 14. They can also be delivered at other times by prearrangement through November 14. **Please contact Livy More at [livezey@aol.com](mailto:livezey@aol.com) for more information.**

Thank you for helping at one of the eleven DC schools served by Communities in Schools.



## CONTINUING OUR SACRED GROUND JOURNEY

### Second Year of Sacred Ground

We now have three groups formed, and emails are going out from the co-facilitators to group members to arrange the first meeting early in November. There may, however, still be a possibility of squeezing in one or two more people!

### Washington Interfaith Network

- **Today, November 14**, Amy Vruno and Sidra Siddiqui from WIN, together with our own John More, will talk at the **Speaker's Forum** about the history of WIN, and St. John's long involvement; about what WIN is doing now; and about some of the opportunities we will have in the coming year for involvement. We also hope to have some residents, with whom WIN has worked from DC public housing, speak about how WIN has helped them.
- We will hold a **training by WIN** personnel for those interested in getting more involved (including as community organizers) in the church on **Tuesday, November 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

### Race & Faith Meeting

Hazel Monae, the Bishop's Missioner for Equity and Justice has rescheduled our first Saturday morning Faith and Race Exploration with the theme of "Truth and Reconciliation" as a tool for community healing. We will meet on **Saturday, November 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. 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](https://bit.ly/3zGH7Yr).**

**For questions on any of the above, please contact the Rev. Will Morris at [will.morris@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:will.morris@stjohns-dc.org)**

## CHORAL EVENSONG

**Thursday, November 18, at 5:15 p.m.**

Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the even point between the active day and the restful night. Evensong will be sung by the St. John's Choir on the third Thursday of each month through May, beginning at 5:15 p.m. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special new offering.

## MIDWEEK MUSIC

**Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.**

Please join us in the church to celebrate the return of our lunchtime concert series—Our Midweek Music Series (formerly First Wednesday Concerts)—and mark your calendars for upcoming performances. All programs begin at 12:10 p.m. and run for 35 minutes.

### **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**

Music Director of Grace's Church, Alexandria

### **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

## VESTRY NOMINATIONS

**The deadline for nominations is Sunday, December 5**

The Vestry Nominating Committee will meet in early December to select the slate for Vestry elections to be held at the Parish's Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 6, 2022.

The role of the Vestry Nominating Committee is to select, from all those nominated, the 6 candidates who will stand for election; 3 candidates will be elected. Nominees should be pledging members of the congregation, attend worship regularly, and be active in the life of the parish. **Please submit your nominations here: <https://bit.ly/rsvpatstjohns>.** The deadline to submit nominations is Sunday, December 5.

## BAPTISM SERVICES

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

- 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.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, April 24, 11:00 a.m.**  
Class: **Saturday, April 23, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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>**). As of Wednesday, we already have more than \$519,387 pledged for next year! We have only just sent out our paper pledge cards, 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](mailto: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.

## DIAPER DRIVE UPDATE

The St. John's Book Club is happy to report on the significant contribution made to mothers and babies in the DMV during their October Diaper Drive. The following summary captures product donations:

- Diapers: 1,786
- Baby Wipes: 972
- Adult Depends diapers: 60
- Period products: 2,991

In addition to products, the drive collected \$1,959 in cash, checks, and credit card donations. This amount will provide 163 weeks of diapers. The Book Club thanks all who contributed to helping solve this significant challenge in our community.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Connecticut Avenue, 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](mailto: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, Kay Gilley, Jeanne Grimmett, Susan Herrington, Nelda Johnson, Susan Lewis, Jimmy Lowe, Alex Morris, and John Whitmore.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Barbara Virginia Abalos Branes (*Joanne Hutton*), Mark Berends (*Jack Reiffer*), LaKeshia Bryant (*GeeGee Bryant*), John Davis, (*Kay Gilley*), 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*), Willem Jewett (*Preston Cherouny*), 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*), Pereda "Pete" Paty (*John Paty*), 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.

### **Those who are in the hospital:**

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

### **Those who died:**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Gill Elgar who died November 8.

### **Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week:**

David Abernethy, Janie Abernethy, Carys Beaumont, Merrell Cherouny, Rob Ehrich, Jeff Hantson, Evan Lyerly, Jason Ornstein, Garret Rasmussen, Jennifer San Pietro, Chip Sherrill, David Simmons, Ryan Toney, Frances Tyler, John Whitmore, Annabel Williams, and Sonya Williams.

### **Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week:**

Sylvia and Doug Estes and Sarah and Hugh Yeomans.

### **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](mailto:pastoralcare@stjohns-dc.org) as soon as you can with corrections, additions, and updates on status.**

## CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE 2021



<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 24</b>
3:30 p.m.	Carols and Music
4:00 p.m.	Pageant & Choral Eucharist with Choir
7:00 p.m.	Carols and Anthems
7:30 p.m.	Festival Choral Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
10:30 p.m.	Carols and Music
11:00 p.m.	Festival Choral Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 25</b>
11:00 a.m.	Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. William Morris <i>Church and Parish Office closed after the 11:00 a.m. service</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 26</b>
10:30 a.m.	Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Doug Kirby <i>Church and Parish Office closed after the 10:30 a.m. service</i>



### THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT December 24, 4:00 p.m.

The annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. The service prelude of anthems and carols will begin at 3:30 p.m. Children ages three and up are invited to participate in the Pageant as an Angel, Shepherd, or Friendly Beast. All children who wish to participate must attend the rehearsal on Saturday, December 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Contact the Rev. Doug Kirby at [doug.kirby@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:doug.kirby@stjohns-dc.org) for more information.**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

**The deadline for inclusion in the Christmas Order of Service is Tuesday, December 14.**

The poinsettias and evergreens that enhance the beauty of the church and parish house at Christmastide are given by **parishioners as memorials for those who have died and as thanksgiving for those who are living.** Please consider remembering those who are important to you. The suggested donation is \$50 per name. Please send your check to Preston Cherouny in the Parish Office with “Christmas Flowers” noted on the outside of the envelope, or place this form in the offering plate. Your support of this important ministry is greatly appreciated.

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

**Under memo, please put “Christmas Flowers” and list the name/s and label if it is “in memory” or “in thanksgiving.”**

**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.**

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**As a Thank Offering for** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH GREENS FOR ADVENT**

During Advent we decorate the church with greens. 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 greens each week for our Advent 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.

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(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](http://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.

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Gallalee, Peter Odom, Anthony  
Pegues, Scott Raab, Nora Rigby,  
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