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Rector

The Reverend William Morris
Assisting Priest for Engaging Local Communities

The Reverend Doug Kirby
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Assistant for Church Growth

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Director of Music and Organist

Samantha Scheff
Associate Organist

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.*

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 21, 2021

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

The Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

The Gospel: John 18:33-37

The Sermon: The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

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The Holy Communion

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Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Lauren Edwards, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Jamie Finch, Katherine Kyle, and Ryan Toney, *Flower Guild*; Richard Metzger, *Usher*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Churchill Hutton.**

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Psalms 93

- 1 The Lord is King;
he has put on splendid apparel;
the Lord has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been
established;
you are from everlasting.

- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord,
the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,
for ever and for evermore.

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world,

to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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.

ON BEHALF OF THE RECTOR, WARDENS, VESTRY, AND ALL WHO
SHARE IN THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH THE WORSHIP, MINISTRIES,
PROGRAMS, AND OUTREACH OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WE THANK THE
FOLLOWING FOR THEIR PLEDGES FOR THE YEAR 2022.

(as of November 17, 2021)

Anonymous (7)
David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis
John & Renate Alison
Stephen Anthony
Gale Arnold
Margo & Doug Arnold
Thomas & Christine Arrasmith
Bibian Arriaga
Harvey E Bale, Jr. and Carolyn Bale
Paul Barkett
John Barrett
Jordan & Angelle Baugh
Bob Beizer
Judy Campbell Bird & Coleman Bird
Diane Bitsberger
Herbert & Mary Ellen Bittner
Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington
Thomas Bleha & Natasha Simes
Matt Bode & Laurie Adams
Patrick Bond & Emily Able
Jeff Bozman
Larry & Krista Bradley
Peter Brewer
Lee Buddendeck
Craig & Barbara Burkhardt
Richard Busch
Carolyn Buser
Merrell & Preston Cherouny
Virginia Chew
Carlye Christianson & Pascal Joly
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill
Gwinneth Ann Clarkson
Clayton Cottrell
Stephen & Nicole Crochet
Carolyn Crouch
Betsy Danello
Carolyn Davis
Charisse Davis

Justin Dean & Matthew Sipala
Elsa Slocum Deland
Richard Doege & Julia Koster
James Doyle
Will & Grace Duthe
James Eastwood
Janet Edmond
Kaye Edwards
Lauren Edwards
Karen & Christopher Eifert
Martha Ellison
Erika Emery
Ranson Erskine
Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris
Allison Eydt
Wendy Fibison
Hyman & Anne Field
Jamie Finch & David Dawson
Art & Louise Fisher
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood
Carol Flanagan
Linda Gaines
David Gallalee
Elizabeth & Christopher Gardner
John & Ann Gardner
Kay Gilley
Ronnie & Donald Goodheart
Richard & Jeanne Grimmitt
Sandra Hackworth
Gary & Debby Hailey
Peter Hailey
Budd Hallberg & Susie Jess
Barbie Harper
Robert & Anne Harrington
Fruzsina Harsanyi
Dolph Hatfield
Diane Hauslein
Timothy & Susan Heil
Dealey & David Herndon
John & Laura Herzog
Michael Hicks
Cecil & Lydia Hornbaker
William & Ann Hughes
Powell & Joanne Hutton
John Peters Irelan
Renee Iverson

H B Jefferson
Mac Johnston
Bill & Sara Josey
Bill & Ann Kaye
Carter & Fran Keithley
Cary & Kevin Kelly
Robin Kelly
Anne & Loren Kieve
David Kieve & Kate Bedingfield
Richard & Justine Kingham
Doug Kirby
James & Lisa Kirchenbauer
Frank & Nancy Klotz
Elizabeth P. Koehler
Liz & Jon Kosobucki
Kevin Kozlowski & Lara Kanitra
Kenny Kraft
Grant Kraus
Patricia Leslie
Jeffrey & Marisol Lovelace
John & Emily Lucio
Jan H. Lupton
Bernard Malloy
Michelle Mangrum
Sandy & Nancy Martin
Gregory and Elizabeth Mays
Abbott McCartney & Sigrid Block
Saunders McElroy
Sylvia McKinley
Richard Metzger
Johnathan Miller
Nathan & Kelly Miller
John & Livy More
Will & Michelle Morris
Rob Mosbacher, Jr.
Amber & Peter Neville
Peter & Eleanor Odom
Emily & Jason Ornstein
Owen & Felicia Owunwanne
Sun Woo Park
Bob & Gay Pasley
Cami Pease
Anthony Pegues
Robin Pennington
Ray & Susan Petniunas
K. Scott & Katherine Raab

Allie Raether
Carl & Mary Raether
Laurance Redway
Avo Reid & Sarah Richmond Reid
Jack Reiffer
Harker & Geraldine Rhodes
Chris Rogers
Chase W. Rynd
Jessica & Alex Sanchez
Sandy & Susan Sierck
Adelle Simmons
Will & Annie Simonds
Thom Sinclair & James Kreger
Jeremy Skog
Diane & Peter Spaulding
Anne Stewart
Toby Stock & Margy Slattery
Alex Stolar
Catherine Stolar
Desiree Stolar
John & Holly Sukenik
Meredith Sullenger
Riley Temple
Hilary & Alfred Thesmar
Celia Thompson & Tesfaye Waritu
Thomas Traxler & Rachel Bright
Anthony Turner
Donni Turner
Sophie Vandergrift
Patrick & Pamela Venzke
Ryan Wagner
Carl Ward
Marc & Susan Warren
Gail West
Dan Williams
Emma Wilson
Andrea Winchell
Willy & Brenda Wolter
Renee B. Yancey
Karen Zachary
Paul & Sitta Zehfuss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22–28, 2021

Monday November 22
7:00 p.m. AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor)

Tuesday November 23
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Togo West Parlor)

Wednesday November 24
12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Homily
1:00 p.m. *Church and Parish Office Closed.*

Thursday November 25 | Thanksgiving Day
10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon
The Rev. William Morris
Church and Parish Office Closed after the service.

Friday November 26
Church and Parish Office Closed.

Sunday November 28
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Sermon—The Rev. Doug Kirby
8:30 a.m. Nursery (Parish House Second Floor)
9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon
The Rev. Doug Kirby
10:00 a.m. Hospitality Hour
Advent Wreath Workshop (Parish House Basement
Dining Room)
Bible Study (Parish House Third Floor Conference
Room or Online via Zoom | Contact Jack Reiffer at
jjreiffer@gmail.com for the link to participate.)
11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon
The Rev. Doug Kirby
12:15 p.m. Hospitality Hour



HARK! ST. JOHN'S ADVENT REVELRY!

Sunday, December 5, 2021

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

New this year: Outside off 16th Street in front of the Church

All are welcome! Bring your family and friends for caroling, hot beverages, and holiday treats. **New this year: gather in front of the Church** for holiday music sung by the St. John's Choir and all carolers present. Requests will be taken for a carol sing-along.

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 audio recording will be available on the Speaker Series recording page of our website (here <https://bit.ly/sjSSAud>) the week after each talk.

- **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/SJSspeakerSeries for more information.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 28, 10:00 a.m.

Gather in the basement dining room of the Parish House to start the season off by making your own Advent wreath. The workshop is geared toward families and children, but all are welcome as long as supplies last. Supplies, including forms for the wreaths, candles, and greens will be provided. **Please RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/rsvpatstjohns>** so we will have materials needed. **For questions, contact Joanne Hutton at joannerhutton@gmail.com.** Reminder: Masks are required for all over the age of two years.

CONTINUING OUR SACRED GROUND JOURNEY

Washington Interfaith Network

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.** For questions, please contact the Rev. Will Morris at will.morris@stjohns-dc.org

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

BOOK GROUP

Thursday, December 2 at 6:45 p.m.

The St. John's Book group will meet on Thursday, December 2, at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom to discuss Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague*. In England in 1580, the Black Death moves across the country and touches the lives of William Shakespeare's family and his son Hamnet. If you love to read, please join us for an evening of discussion and socializing. **For more information and for links to participate, contact Janet Edmond at janet0817@hotmail.com.**

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MAX HUDGINS

Saturday, December 4, 2:00 p.m.

A service in memory of parishioner Max Hudgins, who died November 11, 2020, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, at St. John's. All are welcome to attend.

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.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday, December 16, 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. Parking validation is available in the S&P Parking Garage at 1625 I Street NW. Have your parking validated at the greeters table before or after the service. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special new offering.

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.**

CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

Gifts are due by Friday, December 10

St. John's annual Angel Tree Drive is almost here! This year, we are partnering with Advocates for Justice and Education, the Bishop Walker School, Francis L. Cardozo Education Campus, and St. John's Community Services to help provide gifts to children in our community who are in need. Each participating child has provided a wish list of toys, books, or clothes for Christmas this year.

If you prefer to shop for your own gifts, please pick an angel with a child's wish list from the Angel Tree in the Parish House, beginning on Sunday, November 21. Alternatively, you can select from a number of preselected gifts on our Amazon Wish Lists and ship the gifts directly to the Church. Directions for accessing and using the Amazon Wish Lists:

- From **www.amazon.com**, select "Accounts & Lists" (top right of the screen) and then "Find a List or Registry."
- Search for "St. John's Church-DC."
- Click on an organization name (left side of the screen).
- To select the gift(s) you would like to purchase, select "Add to Cart."
- When you have finished shopping, select "Proceed to Checkout."
- During checkout, be sure to select the shipping address as St. John's: 1525 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.

Please ensure that your gifts are delivered to the Parish House by **Friday, December 10** so gifts can be wrapped. We will host a drop-in wrapping party **on Saturday, December 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, in the Togo West Parlor. Feel free to attend for as little or as long as you would like.

If you have questions, please contact Molly Giammarco and Matt Ford at magiammarco@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your generosity this Christmas season!

THANKS FROM COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

Because of the generosity of St. Johns parishioners, more than \$1,000 worth of supermarket gift cards went out to Cardozo School families this week. Monique Baker, CIS site coordinator at Cardozo, expressed her profound gratitude. Many of the school families struggle from day to day to put food on the table but will be enjoying sumptuous Thanksgiving feasts this year. Many thanks for this quick response from the parish.

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.**

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>**). 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.**

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.

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; K Street, NW, Washington, DC; and Hampden Lane, Bethesda, MD.

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, Jill Dowell, 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*), Henry Farrington (*Wendy J. Fibison*), 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*), David Maiden (*Anne Harrington*), 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*).

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week:

McGowin Anderson, Barbara Brown, Julie Cellucci, William Heaton, Bob Hoback, Lara Kanitra, David Kirchenbauer, Robert Kirchenbauer, Mary Landrieu, Magnus Lecompte, Rebecca Rice, Chris Siddall, Holly Sukenik, Chip Usher, Reed Usher, and Emma Wilson.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Jennifer Agiesta and Paul Hortenstine and RJ and Chip Lyerly.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE 2021



Friday	December 24 <i>New Times</i>
4:00 p.m.	Carols and Music
4:30 p.m.	Pageant & Choral Eucharist with Choir
6:30 p.m.	Carols and Music
7:00 p.m.	Festival Choral Eucharist—Sermon The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
9:30 p.m.	Carols and Music
10:00 p.m.	Festival Choral Eucharist—Sermon The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
Saturday	December 25
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>
Sunday	December 26
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, 4:30 p.m. | *New Time***

The annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m. The service prelude of anthems and carols will begin at 4:00 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 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.

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:** _____

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

ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. John's shines as a beacon of God's love through faith, worship, care, and community, and offers a place of grace at our historic corner in the nation's capital.

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