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*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.*

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-9

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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Blessing and Dismissal

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**ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY:** Michelle Mangrum, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Susan Heil, Joanne Hutton, Katherine Kyle, and Susan Valaskovic, *Flower Guild*; Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher*; Anita and George Diliberto, *Ushers*.

**THE GREENS IN THE CHURCH** are given to the glory of God.

**THE ADVENT FRONTAL ON THE ALTAR TABLE** was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Avedis Thomas Reid, Jr., Joseph Browning Reid, II,** and **Richmond Shackleton Reid.**

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## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*As the first candle of the Advent Wreath is lit, the following prayer is said by all.*

***Priest and People:***

**Holy and Gracious God, we pray that as we light this candle so, too, will a fire of Hope be kindled in our hearts. May we hold this Hope gently, as we are urged to stay awake and be ready for a most amazing event! As we prepare to receive the Christ Child, may we be ever-mindful of our love for you, and yours for us. This will keep the flames of Hope burning in this Advent season. We pray all this in the name of Emmanuel. Amen.**

## **Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and

righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

### **Psalm 25:1-9**

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my  
transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## **Luke 21:25-36**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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.

### THE MEANING OF ADVENT

As Christ's Advent, or "coming," unfolds, we acknowledge this crucial event in salvation history symbolically in the Advent Wreath. As Christ draws nearer another candle is lit. The Advent candles demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light. In the Bible, Christ is referred to as the "Light of the World" contrasted with the darkness of sin so that each candle dispels the darkness a little more. The candles may be said to represent hope, peace, joy and love, just as they represent the four weeks of our wait. Thus, the Advent wreath helps us to contemplate spiritually the great drama that surrounds the birth of God Incarnate who comes to redeem the world.

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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 23, 2021)

*Anonymous (7)*  
*David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis*  
*John & Renate Alison*  
*Tony Anikeeff & Tung-lin Wu*  
*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*  
*William & Martha Birdseye*  
*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*  
*Clayton Crawford & Lauren Moriarity*  
*Stephen & Nicole Crochet*  
*Carolyn Crouch*



*Betsy Danello*  
*Charisse Davis*  
*Justin Dean & Matthew Sipala*  
*Elsa Slocum Deland*  
*Richard Doege & Julia Koster*  
*James Doyle*  
*Will & Grace Duthe*  
*James Eastwood*  
*Janet Edmond*  
*Janice Berry Edwards*  
*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*  
*Matthew Ford & Molly Giammarco*  
*Linda Gaines*  
*David Gallalee*  
*Elizabeth & Christopher Gardner*  
*John & Ann Gardner*  
*Jim & Carrie Garland*  
*Kay Gilley*  
*Ronnie & Donald Goodheart*  
*Richard & Jeanne Grimmert*  
*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*

*Heather Hopkins*  
*Cecil & Lydia Hornbaker*  
*William & Ann Hughes*  
*Andie Hunt*  
*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 Bedingsfield*  
*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*  
*Sara McGanity*  
*Sylvia McKinley*  
*Matthew McMurray*  
*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*  
*Robert & Sharon Park*  
*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*  
*Hap & Nora Rigby*  
*Chris Rogers*  
*Chase W. Rynd*  
*Jessica & Alex Sanchez*  
*Sandy & Susan Sierck*  
*Adelle Simmons*  
*Will & Annie Simonds*  
*Thom Sinclair & James Kreger*  
*Diane & Peter Spaulding*  
*John Staples & Scott Raspa*  
*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*  
*Alis Wang & Amy Stulman*  
*Carl Ward*  
*Marc & Susan Warren*  
*Gail West*

*Hilary West*  
*John & Suzanne Whitmore*  
*Tripp Whitbeck*  
*Dan Williams*  
*Wes Williams*  
*Christina Wilson*  
*Emma Wilson*  
*Andrea Winchell*  
*Willy & Brenda Wolter*  
*Renee B. Yancey*  
*Sarah & Hugh Yeomans*  
*Karen Zachary*  
*Paul & Sitta Zehfuss*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 5, 2021

**Monday November 29**

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

**Tuesday November 30**

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

6:30 p.m. Washington Interfaith Network Training (Church)

**Wednesday December 1**

12:10 p.m. Midweek Music with the Navy Sea Chanters (Church)

**Thursday December 2**

6:45 p.m. Book Group (Online via Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday December 4**

2:00 p.m. Max Hudgins Memorial Service

**Sunday December 5**

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

Church School (Parish House Second Floor)

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

**5:00 p.m. *Advent Revelry*** (Church Plaza)



## **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.

## **ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP**

**Today, 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. Reminder: Masks are required for all over the age of two years.

## **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.

- **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.

## 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](mailto: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  
(Proof of vaccination required by the U.S. 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](mailto: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.



## **FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOLLOWED BY HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Sunday, December 12, 11:00 a.m.**

Traditional Hymns and Carols of the Advent and Christmas Seasons for the Congregation.

The St. John's Choir will sing a selection of seasonal anthems. Invite your friends to join you for this annual St. John's tradition.

## **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.



**CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE**  
**Gifts are due by Friday, December 10**

St. John's annual Angel Tree Drive has officially launched! There are two ways to participate this Christmas: 1) Select an angel from the Angel Tree in the Parish House 2) purchase gifts from St. John's Amazon Wishlist, which you can find here: [bit.ly/atree2021](https://bit.ly/atree2021) or by scanning the QR code below.



- 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.

If you prefer to shop for your own gifts, please pick an angel from the Angel Tree in the Parish House. If you would like to shop for a specific angel, but are not able to select an angel in person, please let Molly Giammarco know and an angel can be emailed to you. Note that the books for Bishop Walker School students are only available via the Amazon Wishlist.

Please ensure that your gifts are delivered to the Parish House by **Friday, December 10** (unwrapped is fine—just be sure they are labeled with the recipient's name). 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. All are welcome.

**If you have questions, please contact Molly Giammarco and Matt Ford at [magiammarco@gmail.com](mailto:magiammarco@gmail.com).**

Thank you in advance for your generosity this Christmas season!

## 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).**

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We are making good progress towards our 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. So far, we have received 197 pledges. Every pledge, large or small, can make a meaningful difference and will help our vestry plan the 2022 budget.

We are very pleased with how many families are up to date on making their pledge payments for the current year—keeping our allowance for unpaid pledges low is a huge help. **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 Tuesday, we already have more than \$733,474 pledged for next year! This week our stewardship committee members have begun reaching out to those 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.

**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.**

**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.

**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, 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*), 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:**

Diane Bitsberger, Andrew Clarke, Carolyn Crouch, Luciana Curtin, Diana Duncan, John Firestone, Ursula Gunzel, Wesley Hillis, Liz Kosobucki, Chrystal Martin, Michael McGregor, Michele Mullins, Javier Obregon, Avo Reid, Edward Simmer, Mead Sissman, Holly Smith, Sofia Tejera, Philip Tierney, Ella-May U, and Pamela Venzke.

**Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week:** Elizabeth and Gregory Mays.

**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 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** \_\_\_\_\_

## CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SCHEDULE 2021



<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 24   <i>New Times</i></b>
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
<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, 4:30 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](mailto:doug.kirby@stjohns-dc.org) for more information.**

**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!

## **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  
Carl Ward

Casey Evans,  
*Treasurer*

Sara McGanity,  
*Assistant Treasurer*

Allie Raether,  
*Secretary*

Harker Rhodes  
*Parish Counsel*

## **Head Usher**

James H. Czerwonky

## **Heads of Flower Guild**

Pat Dalby  
Katherine Kyle

## **The Parish Staff**

Kim Carlson  
*Director for Operations*

Preston Cherouny  
*Financial Secretary*

Sharlyne Griffin  
*Operations Assistant*

Lisa Koehler  
*Music Administrator*

R. J. Gravina  
*Program Coordinator*

Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant  
and David Gamboa  
*Assistant Sextons*



## **Welcome!**

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, we believe Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus' call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God's work in the world.

ST. JOHN'S WAS ORGANIZED IN 1815 to serve as a parish church for Episcopalians residing in the neighborhoods in the west end of the District of Columbia. Its cornerstone was laid on September 14, 1815, and it was consecrated on December 27, 1816. Beginning with James Madison, every person who has held the office of President of the United States has attended a service at the church. Several Presidents have been communicants. Thus, St. John's is often referred to as the "Church of the Presidents." Pew 54 is the President's Pew. The architect of the church was Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who assisted in the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol and the White House after the War of 1812. Twenty-five of the stained glass windows in St. John's were designed and executed by artisans of the noted Lorin firm of Chartres, France.

IF YOU ARE VISITING, please fill out the visitor information card found at the end of each pew to enable us to welcome you personally into the life of our parish.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE [WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG](http://WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG) has up-to-date information about the Church including the weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

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## **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.

### **Parish House**

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