

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021 · 9:00 & 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: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645*

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

HYMN 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Sung by all. Please stand as the procession enters.



1	Lo!	he	comes,	with	clouds	de -	scend -	ing,	once	for
2	Ev -	ery	eye	shall	now	be -	hold	him,	robed	in
3	Those	dear	tok -	ens	of	his	pas -	sion	still	his
4	Yea,	a -	men!	let	all	a -	dore	thee,	high	on



our	sal -	va -	tion	slain;	thou -	sand	thou -	sand	
dread -	ful	ma -	jes -	ty;	those	who	set	at	
daz -	zling	bo -	dy	bears,	cause	of	end -	less	
thine	e -	ter -	nal	throne;	Sa -	vi -	or,	take	the



saints	at -	tend -	ing	swell	the	tri -	umph	of	his
nought	and	sold	him,	pierced,	and	nailed	him	to	the
ex -	ul -	ta -	tion	to	his	ran -	somed	wor -	ship -
power	and	glo -	ry;	claim	the	king -	dom	for	thine



train:	Al -	le -	lu -	ia!	Al -	le -	lu -	ia!
tree,	deep -	ly	wail -	ing,	deep -	ly	wail -	ing,
ers;	with	what	rap -	ture,	with	what	rap -	ture,
own:	Al -	le -	lu -	ia!	Al -	le -	lu -	ia!



Al -	le -	lu -	ia!	Christ	the	Lord	re -	turns	to	reign.
deep -	ly	wail -	ing,	shall	the	true	Mes -	si -	ah	see.
with	what	rap -	ture	gaze	we	on	those	glo -	rious	scars!
Al -	le -	lu -	ia!	Thou	shalt	reign,	and	thou	a -	lone.

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

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: Helmsley, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); 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.**

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.

TRISAGION (S 102)

Alexander Archangelsky

Sung by all three times.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The vocal line has lyrics: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The vocal line has lyrics: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is common time (C).

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: *Trisagion*.
Music: Ver. *Hymnal 1982*, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924). From *The Hymnal, 1982*, © Church Pension Fund. Used by permission.
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Please be seated.

9:00 a.m.

Read by Martha Ellison.

11:00 a.m.

Read by Carolyn Crouch.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

9:00 a.m. *Led by Barbara Burkhardt, said in unison by all.*

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

- 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.

GRADUAL HYMN 56 (stanza 1)

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Sung by all, standing.

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.;
adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937-2010)
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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Please remain standing.

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

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

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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN 56 (stanza 2)
Sung by all, standing.

O come, O come, Emmanuel

THE SERMON

The Rev. Doug Kirby

THE NICENE CREED
Please stand.

Priest: Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

Priest and People:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
(from Brian McLaren's *We Make the Way by Walking*).

9:00 a.m. *Led by Tony Anikeeff.*

11:00 a.m. *Led by Riley Temple.*

Please remain standing.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the living God for all the gifts that we enjoy, saying, "We thank you, living God."

Leader: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For the communities of St. John's and our companion relationships with the *Anglican Church of Southern Africa** and the *Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*. For *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishop, *Mariann*. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for *St. Nicholas' Church, Germantown*, and for all people whose lives reveal the image of Christ:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For *Joseph*, our President, the leaders of *Congress*, the *Supreme Court*, and for all who serve our country, that they may work for justice, freedom, and peace:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For challenges which call forth new strength, for failures which teach greater humility, and for encouragement to persevere when life is hard:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For your care of all those in special need today, especially for the people of *Ethiopia* and *Sudan*:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *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*; and for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Elizabeth and Gregory Mays*.

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For our country and all who serve on behalf of our civic life:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For all who have gone before us, for all who walk beside us, and for all children, who are precious to us and to you:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: And for the great wisdom and hope that you reveal to us through Jesus, our leader, example, teacher, liberator, and friend:

People: We thank you, living God.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Priest and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.

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.

A tender shoot

Paul Hayward
(1866–1926)

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

11:00 a.m.

Vigilate

William Byrd
(1543–1623)

Vigilate, nescitis enim quando dominus domus veniat,
sero, an media nocte, an gallicantu, an mane.
Vigilate ergo, ne cum venerit repente, inveniat vos dormientes.
Quod autem dico vobis, omnibus dico: vigilate.

*Watch ye therefore (for you know not when the lord of the house cometh,
at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning):
Watch therefore, lest coming on a sudden, he find you sleeping.
And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch.*

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HYMN 61

Sung by all, standing.

"Sleepers, wake!"

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
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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 God 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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Priest and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Priest: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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)

The people sing the refrain.

Gary James (b. 1957)

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

Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

9:00 a.m.

Never weather-beaten sail

Charles Wood
(1866–1926)

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,
never tired pilgrim limbs affected slumber more,
Than my weary spirit now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest!

Ever blooming are the joys of heav'n's high Paradise,
Old age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the Blessèd only see:
O come quickly, come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my soul to Thee!

O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae,
et sol justitiae:
veni, et illumina
sedentes in tenebris,
et umbra mortis.

*O Morning Star, splendor of light eternal,
and sun of righteousness:
come and enlighten
those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.*

LEVAS 13
Sung by all.

My Lord, what a morning

Harmony

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, — O

Fine

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

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.

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 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.

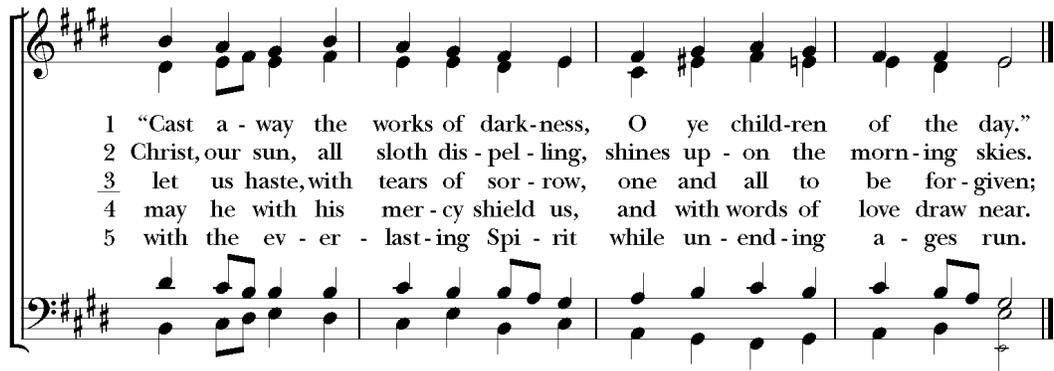
People: Amen.

HYMN 59

Sung by all, standing.

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



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THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY: *Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"*

Austin Lovelace
(1919-2010)

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.

ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: The Raab Family (Katherine, Scott, Lauren, and Molly), *Advent Wreath Lighters*; Brandon Montgomery, *Crucifer*; James Doyle and Uche Onwuamaegbu, *Lay Ministers*; Susan Heil, Joanne Hutton, Katherine Kyle, and Susan Valaskovic, *Flower Guild*; Patricia Leslie and James Longley, *Greeters*; Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher*; Matt Hallett, Claire Kim, Diane Spaulding, and Jess Unger, *Ushers*.

ASSISTING AT THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: The Rigby Family (Nora, Hap, Powe, and Lizzie), *Advent Wreath Lighters*; Carl Ward, *Crucifer*; Joanne Hutton and Lacey Szczepanik, *Lay Ministers*; Susan Heil, Joanne Hutton, Katherine Kyle, and Susan Valaskovic, *Flower Guild*; Garry Dalby and Andie Hunt, *Greeters*; Matthew Taylor, *Livestream Technician*; John More, *Assistant Head Usher*; David Gallalee, John Goheen, Livy More, and Jonathan Wakely, *Ushers*.

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

THE NEXT SPEAKER SERIES WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 5. It will be presented by 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.

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.**

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.

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)

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Tony Anikeeff & Tung-lin Wu
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Thomas & Christine Arrasmith
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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
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Matt Bode & Laurie Adams
Patrick Bond & Emily Able
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Jamie Finch & David Dawson
Art & Louise Fisher
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood
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Matthew Ford & Molly Giammarco
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Richard & Jeanne Grimmitt
Sandra Hackworth
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Budd Hallberg & Susie Jess
Barbie Harper
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Diane Hauslein
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Celia Thompson & Tesfaye Waritu
Thomas Traxler & Rachel Bright
Anthony Turner
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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 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.

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

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 for more information.

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.**

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.

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 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.

Thank you in advance for your generosity this Christmas season!

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.



**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.

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

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.**

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.**

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.

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.**

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.

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 Grimmert, 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 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.

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Please contact the Parish Office at 202-347-8766 if you have questions.

(Circle one) In Memory of | Thanksgiving for | Celebration of: _____

Dedication Date (Sunday): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

(Circle one) Entire Church-\$220 | Main Altar-\$110 | Side Altar-\$55 | Narthex-\$55

Thank you!

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Welcome!

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

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

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

ST JOHN'S WEBSITE WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG has up-to-date information about the Church including the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, and newsworthy events.

Vestry

Paul Barkett, *Senior Warden*

Clark Ervin, *Junior Warden*

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Bradley, Carolyn Crouch, Lauren
Edwards, Wendy Fibison, David
Gallalee, Peter Odom, Anthony
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Desirée Stolar, and Carl Ward.

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Javier Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant and David Gamboa,

Assistant Sextons

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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