

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*October 29, 2017*

*10:30 a.m.*



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

ANTHEM What a friend we have in Jesus

Harold M. Best, 1985

*All sit.*

Words: Joseph Scriven (1819-1866), found at hymn 109

*"That looks like a sober man, I think I'll hire him to cut wood for me." That was said of a man on the streets of Lake Rice, Canada, as he walked along carrying a wood saw and a sawhorse. The response from a man nearby was, "That's Joseph Scriven. He wouldn't cut wood for you because you can afford to hire him. He only cuts wood for those who don't have money enough to pay." That seemed to be the philosophy and attitude of Scriven, a devoted member of the Plymouth Brethren Church. He had a sincere desire to help those who were truly destitute. On an occasion when Joseph became ill, a friend who was visiting with him discovered a poem near his bed and asked who had written it. Scriven said, "The Lord and I did it between us." He had not intended that anyone else should see it. That poem went on to become one of the best-known hymns of all time.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18*

**T**he Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 1**Chanted by the choir. The people sing the antiphon as indicated.*

Anglican Chant by Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

The image shows a musical score for an antiphon. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "Hap - py are they whose de - light is in the law — of the LORD." The word "law" is followed by a long horizontal line, indicating a sustained note or a long rest.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

*Antiphon*

## THE EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 2:1–8*

**Y**ou yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

BLESSED ASSURANCE

All stand and sing. During the hymn, an acolyte will lead children to the "Word Alive" program in the Education Wing. They will return at the Peace.

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of  
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my

1. fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
 2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
 3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —  
 2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —  
 3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my

sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:34–46**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,  
 "Sit at my right hand,  
 until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Andrew McGowan

*All sit.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**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

*The people say the words in bold. A period of silence is kept.*

O Lord our God, we pray for your church: Uplift our clergy and lay leaders, inspire those who teach in our seminaries, and make your chosen people joyful. Lord, in your mercy, **bless us with faith.**

Source of all that is good, we ask your blessing on the gifts we will place upon your altar this day; make us grateful for those who have supported this parish in its past, and give us generosity and commitment to sustain its ministry in the generations to come. Lord, in your mercy, **bless us with faith.**

Lord of peace, we pray for the world—for soldiers risking their lives for our freedom, for those who work to bridge the divide between rich and poor, for the ongoing and difficult work of reconciliation between nations, and for all who work for justice. Lord, in your mercy, **bless us with hope.**

Refuge of all who suffer: Hold in your care those who are poor, unemployed, homeless, and addicted. Open our eyes to see those who are neglected and to raise up those who have fallen, trusting in your power to move mountains. Lord, in your mercy, **bless us with hope.**

Giver of life, we pray for those who are sick in body and mind and spirit, remembering those we now name silently and aloud [*pause for silent or spoken prayers*]. Sustain them with your presence, restore them to health, deliver them from evil, and make us instruments of your healing power. We give thanks for the life of Jim Tracy, who died last week; may he find rest in that place where sorrow and pain are no more. Lord, in your mercy, **bless us with love.**

Almighty and eternal God, we entrust those we love into your care. Guide and guard our children as they celebrate Halloween, console those who grieve, and bless all who have made vows of commitment at this altar, especially Mary and Kevin, married here this month. Lord, in your mercy, **bless us with love.**

*Celebrant* Gracious God, breathe your Spirit upon us that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbors as ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## THE WELCOME

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 705 As those of old their first fruits brought FOREST GREEN

*All stand and sing. In place of the usual passing of the offering plates, all are invited to come forward to hand in your 2018 pledge cards and/or your regular weekly offerings. As we sing, the parish children will process down the center aisle with signs representing St. John's many vital ministries. Then the ushers will come to each pew, moving from the front to the back of the church, inviting you to come forward with your pledges and offerings. After you have come forward, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you do not wish to come forward, simply remain in your pew.*

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame

death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - - - - - ly, ho - - - - - ly.

ho - - - - - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven 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.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus  
 Music: William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*



*Title:* The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei

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## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* 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.

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.*

*If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.*

*If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.*

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM A grateful heart

Mary Plumstead (1977)

*Sung by the youth choir.*

Words: George Herbert (1593-1632)

Thou that hast given so much to me,  
 Give one thing more, a grateful heart.  
 Not thankful when it pleaseth me,  
 As if thy blessings had spare days:  
 But such a heart, whose pulse may be Thy praise.  
 Thou that hast given so much to me,  
 Give one thing more, a grateful heart.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.*

## THE CLOSING HYMN 539 O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

TIDINGS

## THE DISMISSAL

*The minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## THE VOLUNTARY Now thank we all our God

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Arranged for organ by Virgil Fox (1912-1980)

*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

**Vestry members are on hand to welcome you to St. John's today.  
 Today's greeter is Geoff Emerick.**

**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Very Reverend Andrew McGowan**Assisting:** The Reverend Hope Eakins, the Reverend William J. Eakins,  
the Reverend Helen M. Moore**Layreader:** Kim Byrd**The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs****Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Ushers:** Jeff Gostyla, Troy Gostyla, Stephen Crocker, Will Smith**Healing Prayers:** Chris Byrd**Altar Guild:** Conny DeLuca and Paul Shaker**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Christoph Stretz**Musician:** Steve Metcalf

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Ruth O'Neil and Stephen J. Raffay.**

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**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séinaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey, and our missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing:**

Jim Evans	Cheryl Trahan	Bob Connolly	Chas
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Jay	Doris Klemm
Carol Grieco	Susan Murray	Susan	Meg
Janet Ray	Mary Stoughton	Donald Myers	Robin
Ida McKenney	Amara	Barbara Proft	John McCain
Don Hamer			

**Those who have died:**

Jim Tracy

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Samuel Sloan	Christine Doty
Douglas Montas	Morgan Roche
Colin Gillespie	Charlotte Needham

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Francine and Stephan Christiansen  
 Tom and Helen Moore  
 Nina and Duccio Rosselli Del Turco

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Dioceses of Thoothukudi – Nazareth and Tirunelveli, Church of South India.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Christ and Holy Trinity, Westport; Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic; and for all deacons and the Deacons' Council.

*All Saints Day Remembrances*

If you would like your loved ones' names included in the All Saints Day (November 5) service bulletin and prayers for those who have died, please fill out this form, tear it off and put it in the offering plate OR e-mail Ellen in the parish office at [ellen@sjparish.net](mailto:ellen@sjparish.net). Please send in names no later than **Monday, October 30**.

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Happening Today!

### Commitment Sunday

This fall's stewardship campaign culminates today, when all are invited to bring forward your 2018 pledge cards (along with any regular weekly offerings) during the Offertory.

### Guest preacher

St. John's welcomes the Very Rev. Andrew McGowan as our guest preacher today. He is dean and president of Berkeley Divinity School (Yale University), and McFaddin professor of Anglican studies and pastoral theology. An Anglican priest and historian originally from Australia, Dean McGowan teaches on the life of early Christian communities, and aspects of contemporary Anglicanism. We are delighted to have him as our guest on Commitment Sunday.

### Faith Forum: An Update on Saint Sauveur School

Today's Faith Forum, at 9:30 a.m., is an update on our partnership with an Episcopal school in Les Cayes, Haiti. Middle and high school students are invited to attend along with the adults.

### Coffee hour

Coffee hour after the 10:30 service will be hosted by Don Polk and John Nowacki. Please stay for a cup of coffee, and introduce yourself to someone you don't know!

### Meeting for 2018 Holy Land Pilgrimage

Plans are under way for a group to travel to the Holy Land in September 2018, under the leadership of Bill and Hope Eakins and Iyad Qumri, a land guide who will be here at St. John's **today after the 10:30 service** to speak to those interested in going on the trip. *To those who have expressed interest in the trip and received the information packet:* While an initial deposit for the trip is not officially due until January, please send in your deposit as soon as your plans are firm, as your deposit secures your place. *If you are interested in going but did not attend the first information session in September,* please let the Eakinses know of your interest **today**, so we can give you an information packet and get you on the distribution list for updates. Please also plan to attend today's meeting.

### Choral Evensong at 5 p.m.

Evensong is an ancient Anglican tradition of offering prayers, chants, and anthems to God in a quiet, reflective setting. This week's service will feature the St. John's Youth Choir. Please come and bring a friend for this beautiful way to end one week and begin another.

# Save the Date

### All Saints Day and Celtic Service, November 5

Next Sunday we will celebrate All Saints Day. Today is the last day to send in names that you would like included in the bulletin and prayers — please do so using the tear-off form in this bulletin or by calling or emailing Ellen in the office by tomorrow (Monday, October 30). **At 4:30 p.m. next Sunday will be our monthly Celtic contemplative service**, held in partnership with St. James's. The service starts with a period of silence, and provides an opportunity to meditate, pray and worship using ancient forms and practices that invite you to connect with God in new ways. All are welcome.

### Confirmation Dinner, November 5 at 6 p.m.

All who are participating in this year's youth confirmation program are invited, with their parents, to a dinner next Sunday at 6 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn about the program and get to know one another.

### Guest preacher/ speaker on Kahlil Gibran and interfaith dialogue

On **November 12**, the **Rev. Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler**, an expert in interfaith relations and an Episcopal priest who has served churches in Cairo, Egypt and elsewhere, will preach and lead the Faith Forum. Canon Chandler is author of *In Search of a Prophet: A Spiritual Journey with Khalil Gibran*, and will speak about how Gibran's work provides an opportunity for dialogue among people of different faiths. Copies of his book will be available for sale at the Forum.

### Parents Night Out/Kids Night In, November 10

Kids age 4 to 11 are invited to a night of pizza and games, while parents can take advantage of a night of inexpensive child care! The event is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and costs \$20 for one or two children, and \$5 for each additional child. Please RSVP to Ellen at [ellen@sjparish.net](mailto:ellen@sjparish.net) or Janet at [janet@sjparish.net](mailto:janet@sjparish.net).



### St. John's is again supporting 60 children in the Nurturing Families

**Network with Christmas gift bags.** Volunteer to fill a bag and make a child's Christmas brighter! Sign-up sheets will be outside Hubbard Hall starting this Sunday 10/29 and for all Sundays in November. Please shop and place *unwrapped* items in a gift bag, and **return your bag to St. John's by Monday, November 27**. If you bring in your bag on a Sunday morning, please put it in the small room to the right as soon as you enter the Education Wing. Or you may drop off your bag in the office during the week. Thanks in advance for your generosity! For more information, contact Jillian Puzzo at [jillianpuzzo@gmail.com](mailto:jillianpuzzo@gmail.com) or Brittany Bass at [britbrown76@aol.com](mailto:britbrown76@aol.com).

### We are accepting nominations for new Vestry members

The St. John's Vestry provides spiritual leadership to the congregation, and works with the rector to oversee policies and priorities. Vestry meetings take place every month (normally on the fourth Tuesday) from September through June. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a three-year Vestry term, please contact outgoing Vestry member Courtney Bass, or the rector, Susan Pinkerton. They would be happy to take nominations and answer any questions you have about Vestry service.

### FREE Counseling Services at St. John's

The St. John's Center for Pastoral Counseling has openings for new clients. We provide professional, confidential psychological and emotional support through pastoral counseling and/or spiritual direction. This service is open to all, regardless of religious faith or affiliation. Thanks to grant funding and the generous commitment of the Center's director, the Rev. Helen Moore, counseling is provided **FREE OF CHARGE**. We expect to add additional volunteer counselors to our staff soon. Are you, or is someone you know, in need of a confidential, safe space in which to get help for better overall health and tools for improving relationships, working life, family life and/or spiritual life? Our counseling staff works with individuals, couples and families. We can meet with you for a limited time, or for ongoing weekly, biweekly or monthly sessions. Give us a call in the parish office, or call or email the Rev. Helen Moore at 860-331-1127 or [helen@sjparish.net](mailto:helen@sjparish.net) to learn more.

## **Giving to St. John's: *How we make a difference in the world***

### **WHAT** *What stewardship means at St. John's:*

St. John's undertakes a dedicated stewardship campaign each fall to encourage members to make a promise to give financial support for the next year's operating expenses and investments. We think about stewardship more broadly however; stewardship is more than a season, and about more than financial giving. Stewardship is about *gratitude* for the abundant gifts God has given us, and how giving *generously* out of that abundance can change our outlook and nurture our relationship with God and others.

### **WHY** *From our Rector, Susan Pinkerton:*

*"Through our worship, pastoral care and the many ministries at St. John's, we experience God's grace working in our lives in ways we could never imagine. God's abundant love transforms and shapes how we see ourselves and how we act in the world, as we become more aware of the many blessings that grace our lives. With this deepened awareness, we understand that all that we have and all that we are comes from God."*

### **HOW** *Your participation:*

We are seeking deep and meaningful engagement across the parish, while meeting people where they are in their lives and situations. From a financial appeal standpoint, we ask that you consider the following:

- The cost to run St. John's is more than \$3,000 annually per active member family.
  - *As the wardens explained in their letter to the parish in September, we fund church operations and good works through our pledges, gifts, events, offerings and use of endowment resources. To use our resources effectively for many years to come, we need more annual gifts so we become less reliant on our endowment for current operations.*
- We receive pledges from roughly 50% of our total membership.
  - *We need this percentage to be higher, both to raise more funds (to sustain as well as to grow our programs and expand our services), as well as to increase engagement across our community. Greater engagement brings benefits far beyond financial ones, as St. John's ministries are energized and expanded, to become even more of a positive presence in people's lives.*
- The average current-year pledge is \$3,200.
  - *We do not expect that all parishioners can pledge at this average level. We hope nonetheless that all of our active members can make a financial contribution at some level — whatever that level is.*

We appreciate your consideration of financial support for St. John's, as well as your overall contributions to our worship and ministries, as we work together to share the word of God among us and across our community.

# Parents Night Out!

 Kids

 Night

Friday

November 10, 2017

5:30—8:30 p.m.

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Want a night away from your parents?

Wish the older kids' Youth Night was for you?

Come join us for pizza, games and laughs!

*Ages 4-11. Cost: \$20 for 1-2 kids, addl \$5 per child for 3 or more children.*

RSVP to Janet or Ellen by Sunday, November 5th!

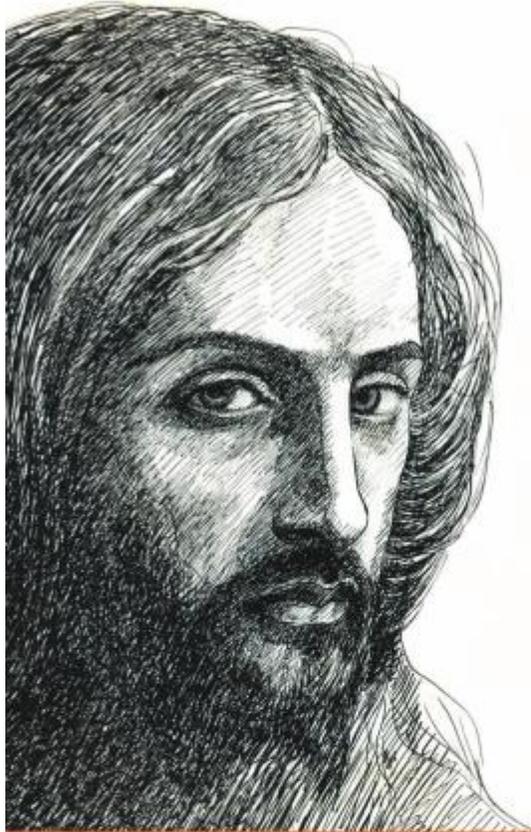


*This is a service provided by our youth going on the mission trip to the Dominican Republic in July 2018.*

## YOU ARE INVITED

to a special presentation on Kahlil Gibran, the author of *The Prophet*

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



## IN SEARCH OF A PROPHET

Kahlil Gibran: An Unparalleled Spiritual Guide  
for Our Times

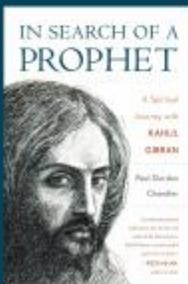
**November 12, 2017, 9:30 am**  
**FAITH FORUM**

### Paul-Gordon Chandler

Episcopal priest, author, art curator, interfaith  
advocate and authority on Christian-Muslim  
relations [[www.paulgordonchandler.com](http://www.paulgordonchandler.com)]



Paul-Gordon Chandler will take the listener on a fascinating journey through the all-embracing spirituality of Kahlil Gibran, the early 20th century Lebanese-American poet artist and mystic, author of the bestselling book *The Prophet*. He explores how Kahlil Gibran, a supreme East-West figure, can be a much-needed guide in the midst of today's global challenges, related to peace, harmony and building bridges between the creeds of the Middle East and West.



Based on his new book:

IN SEARCH OF A PROPHET: A Spiritual Journey with Kahlil Gibran  
(Rowman & Littlefield, September 2017).

*"Paul-Gordon Chandler takes us on a profound spiritual journey into the life and work of one of the most famous and beloved poets, Kahlil Gibran, showing us how this timeless poet is a much-needed guide for our times. In his hands, Kahlil Gibran becomes an intimate friend."*

— REZA ASLAN, author of *No god but God* and *Zealot*



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# Choral Evensong at St. John's



Worship Ancient and Beautiful  
Last Sunday of Selected Months, 5pm

An opportunity to connect with the sacred through sublime liturgy with music for choir and organ. Give yourself the gift of quiet to beginning your week.

### September 24 St. John's Adult Choir

Scott Lamlein, organist/choirmaster

Responses: Radcliffe

Canticles: Byrd Short Service

Bairstow: I sat down

Bruckner: Locus iste

Duruflé: Prelude & Fugue on ALAIN

### October 29 St. John's Youth Choir

Scott Lamlein, choirmaster Christa Rakich, organist

Responses: MacDonald

Canticles: Sumsion in D

Plumstead: A grateful heart

Fauré: Maria, mater gratiae

Mendelssohn: Sonata in B-flat, Op. 65, No. 4



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning

5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month

4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month, October - June

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Christian Education: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. September - May

## CLERGY and STAFF

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net)	.....	Rector
Scott Lamlein (scott@sjparish.net)	.....	Director of Music
The Rev. Walter McKenney* (walter@sjparish.net)	.....	Deacon
The Rev. Hope Eakins* (hope@sjparish.net)	.....	Priest Associate
The Rev. William Eakins* (bill@sjparish.net)	.....	Priest Associate
The Rev. Helen M. Moore* (helen@sjparish.net)	.....	Director of Pastoral and Spiritual Ministries
Janet Babbitt (janet@sjparish.net)	.....	Director of Religious Education
Ellen Painter Dollar (ellen@sjparish.net)	.....	Parish Manager and Assistant to the Rector
Dwight Latif (dwight@sjparish.net)	.....	Sexton
Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net)	.....	Financial Administrator
Mary Scripko (mary@sjparish.net)	.....	Religious Education Assistant
Ralph Valentine	.....	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus

*\*These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.*

## VESTRY

Buffy Ineson	.....	Warden
Wes Winterbottom	.....	Warden
Beth Grieco and Chris Byrd	.....	Co-Treasurers
Ellen Painter Dollar	.....	Clerk

2015-17: Courtney Bass, Jan Hickcox, John Roche, Heather Simson

2016-18: Bess Amamoo, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Douglas Hyland, Virginia Van Dyk, Andrew Worrell

## ST. PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church

Lay leaders: Victoria Crosta - text: 860-478-6524; Melissa Render - text: 860-983-4606