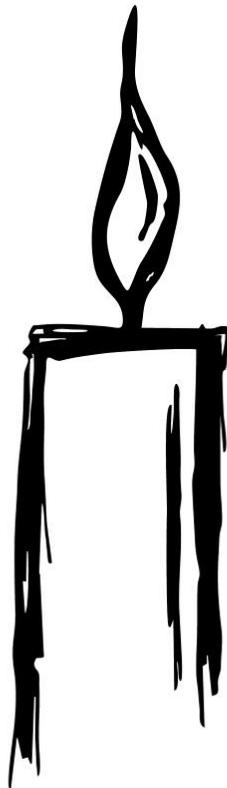


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First Sunday of Advent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

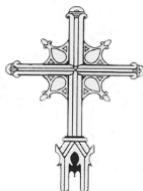
December 3, 2017

10:30 a.m.

An Advent Message from the Rector

We begin a new year in the church calendar with the dawn of Advent. It is a short season lasting only four weeks. During this time, we are invited into a space of quiet waiting and deep reflection. These darkened winter days seem fitting, a gentle reminder that we need to slow down a bit and simply allow ourselves time to be. It is in these quiet, restful moments that we hear God best, reminding us that we are loved by God beyond our wildest imagination. The pending birth of the Prince of Peace is God's assurance to the whole world how much we are loved. So we wait in the darkness with the hope of what is to come — the promise of a new life, a new way of being. We find this hope in the most humble and vulnerable of people and places — a tiny, frail newborn cradled in a manger of straw. I invite you to set some time aside this Advent season to listen to where God is calling you. This season's services and events are listed in the back of the program. Please come and bring a friend as we ready ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child.

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available from the ushers. Nursery care is available in the Education Wing for children from birth to age 5. On most Sundays, children are also invited to participate in "Word Alive" during a portion of the 10:30 service, where they will hear today's lectionary scriptures in a child-friendly way. An acolyte will lead children out of the nave for "Word Alive" before the sermon; children will return to their families at the Peace. Please feel free to ask the ushers for assistance or more information. Again, welcome.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY	Savior of the nations, come Prelude on <i>Veni Emmanuel</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Pietro Yon (1886-1943)
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THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 56 (vv. 1,2,6,7,8) O come, O come Emmanuel VENI, VENI EMMANUEL
All stand and sing.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

John and Bess Amamoo

Reader #1 We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

Reader #2 For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous Branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

People **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Cantor, then all:
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Cantor, then all:
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Music: Litany of the Saints, adapted by Richard Proulx, ©1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. 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 WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64:1–9

All sit.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 80:1–7,16–18

*The people say the words in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*



Re-store us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, ***
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 **O Lord God of hosts, ***
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink. *Antiphon*
- 6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, ***
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, ***
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind —just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

PICARDY

All stand and sing. During the hymn, children may follow the acolyte out of the church to attend Word Alive. The children will return at the Peace.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:24–37

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Helen M. Moore

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.

Help us, O God, to keep awake and watch for signs of your coming. Open our ears to your call; our eyes to your presence in our world, our church and our neighbors; and our hearts to the hope that lies only and always in you. *[Pause for silent or spoken prayers.]* Restore us, O Lord God of Hosts; show us the light of your countenance **and we shall be saved.**

When conflict, disaster, deceit and meanness surround us and make us afraid, as if the sun and moon are darkening and the stars may fall from the sky, remind us, O God, that you are always near. May we and our leaders strive to do right and to remember your ways of justice, mercy and peace. *[Pause for silent or spoken prayers.]* Restore us, O Lord God of Hosts; show us the light of your countenance **and we shall be saved.**

We lift up to you, O God, those who feel as if they are being fed bowls of tears — those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; and those who are derided, unseen, abused or excluded. *[Pause for silent or spoken prayers.]* Restore us, O Lord God of Hosts; show us the light of your countenance **and we shall be saved.**

We remember those who have died, whose waiting and watching have ended, for they dwell in your presence, O God, now and forever. *[Pause for silent or spoken prayers.]* Restore us, O Lord God of Hosts; show us the light of your countenance **and we shall be saved.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, because of the grace you have given us in Christ Jesus. Strengthen us to keep awake and watch for your presence in the world and in one another. By you we were called into the fellowship of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.

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 ANTHEM I wonder as I wander

Carl Rütli, 2001

Words: John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

I wonder as I wander out under the sky
 How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die
 For poor on'ry people like you and like I;
 I wonder as I wander out under the sky
 When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall
 With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all
 But high from God's heaven, a star's light did fall
 And the promise of ages it then did recall.
 If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing
 A star in the sky or a bird on the wing
 Or all of God's Angels in heaven to sing
 He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

The text and more familiar tune of "I wonder" was collected by John Jacob Niles in Murphy, NC in July 1933 from a young traveling evangelist Annie Morgan. According to Niles, he asked her to sing the song repeatedly until he had memorized it. It was published in his 1934 Songs of the Hill-Folk. Written in a minor key, its qualities of pensiveness make it one of today's most popular carols. This contemporary arrangement by Swiss composer Carl Rütli was first performed at Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge, in 2002.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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. 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:

THE SANCTUS

Cantor, then all:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

Cantor:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est,

ho - san - na in the high - est.

All:

Ho - san - na in the high - est,

ho - san - na in the high - est.

Cantor:

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the

high - est. *All:* Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Missa Emmanuel*, Richard Proulx, ©1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

All remain standing or kneel.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

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 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.

All **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.

Cantor

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
 2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins of the world,
 3. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

1.2. have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 3. grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: Missa Emmanuel, Richard Proulx, ©1991, GIA Publications, Inc..

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 My Lord is come

Will Todd, 2010

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels:

No place for them but a stable.

My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;

No place for them but a stable.

My Lord has come.

His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.

Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;

No place for me but a stable.

My Lord has come.

THE POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM He owns the cattle on a thousand hills John W. Peterson, 1948

Words: Psalm 50:10

Sung by the church school

For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

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 57 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

HELMSLEY

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

The “Widor Toccata” is arguably the second-famous of all organ works (just behind the Bach Toccata and Fugue in D minor). The first of the great French toccatas to take literally the title (meaning “touch”), it is a whirlwind of chords and arpeggios with a pedal melody that travels through many keys. And it is pure joy!

*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 Ginny Kemp.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend Helen M. Moore

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Christoph Stretz

Psalterer: Olivia Tummescheit

The St. John’s Youth and Adult Choirs

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Cantor: John Nowacki

Church School Song Leader: Heidi Tummescheit

Ushers: Jeff Gostyla, Troy Gostyla, Steve Crocker, Julia O’Brien,

Ross Hatch, Will Smith, Courtney Bass

Acolytes: J.P. Evans, Claire O’Brien, Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi

Healing Prayers: Ginger Gillespie

Altar Guild: Conny DeLuca and Bess Amamoo

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Lissie Brooks

Musician: Joyce Burke

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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	Jay	Chas
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Susan	Meg
Carol Grieco	Susan Murray	Donald Myers	John McCain
Janet Ray	Mary Stoughton	Barbara Proft	Mike Mahoney
Ida McKenney	James Varga	Richard Myers	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Susan Knapp Thomas	Ann Hutchinson	Anne Harney
Claire O'Brien	Bobby Biondi	Virginia Van Dyk
Lissie Brooks	David Hrdlicka	Marshall Barnes

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Barbara and Albert Lennox

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Diocese of West Buganda, Church of the Province of Uganda.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's, Bantam; and for postulants and candidates for Holy Orders, and the Commission on Ministry and its members.

2018 Pledges

The fall stewardship campaign, in which members commit to financial support for the upcoming year, allows the Vestry to draft an annual budget and plan for the year to come. We are grateful to the following people, along with several others who wish to remain anonymous, for their faithful commitment to St. John's ministries in 2018. If you would like to pledge and haven't yet, you may pick up a pledge card at either entrance to the church and put it in the offering plate, or mail it to the office. You may also pledge online at www.sjparish.net.

Merriol Almond	Edwin & Giselle Genece	Mark Proft
John & Bess Amamoo	Sally Given	Audree Raffay
Brad & Janet Babbitt	Timothy Goetz	Melissa Render
Richard Bainbridge	Jeffrey & Heidi Gostyla	Harold Rives, III & Margaret Ware
John & Eleanor Barnes	Joel & Beth Grieco	John & Laura Roche
Richard & Wendy Bartlett	David Grimaldi	Guiduccio & Nina Rosselli Del Turco
Courtney & Brittany Bass	Bette-Jane Hardersen	Judith Schaffer
Margaret Beers	Anne Harney	Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams
Frank & Jenefer Berall	Ross & Susie Hatch	Robert & Nancy Skeeel
Mike Biondi & Virginia Kemp	Eleanor Hayes	Spencer & Mary Sloan
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Shirley Blean	Priscilla Hexter	William & Margaret Smith
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Christopher Cipriano	John & Buffy Ineson	Christoph & Dale Stretz
Matthew & Alina Ciscel	Dianne Jones	Patricia Struglia
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Patrick & Monica Curtis	Michael & Lisa Mahoney	Audrey Walker
Conny DeLuca	David & Tina McCary	Lyn Walker & Tyler Smith
Pamela Dimock	Sonia Michel	Joan Warner
James & Susan Donaldson	Patrick Miller	Judith Wawro
Linda Dunakin	Jean Mitchell	Martin Wheeler & Deborah Ferrari
William & Hope Eakins	Marie-Jose Montas	Edward & Brooke Whittemore
Robert & Kate Eikel	Robert & Marnie Mueller	John Wilcox & Virginia Van Dyk
Miss Frances Eikel	Stewart & Leah Murchie	Craig & Michael Wilkinson
Geoffrey & Karan Emerick	David & Joan Murphy	Janet Willard
Miss Catherine Emerick	Alex & Elizabeth Nelson	Dennis & Jeanne Winkleblack
Miss Britt Emerick	Samuel & Ann Newbury	Wesley Winterbottom
Anthony & Carole Erdman	John Nowacki & Don Polk	Anita Winters
Alycia Evica	James & Julia O'Brien	Andrew & Joanna Worrell
Martha Fine	Nancy Pedersen	Several families who wish to remain anonymous
John & Linda Fiske	William & Agnes Peelle	
Carol Fiske-Davis	Susan Pinkerton	
Benedict & Ellen Flynn		

Happening Today!

Helen Moore's last Sunday at St. John's

The Reverend Helen M. Moore, priest associate and director of the St. John's Center for Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction, and her husband Tom will be moving back to Boston, where they lived for many years and raised their children. Helen is preaching today, her last Sunday with us, and we will celebrate her ministry with a reception after the 10:30 service. The counseling ministry that Helen began here at St. John's is thriving and will continue, with several new counselors whom Helen has interviewed and is working with to ensure a smooth transition. Please keep Helen and Tom in your prayers as they navigate this major life change, sell their home and find a new one in Boston.

Advent Wreath Making at 9:30 a.m.

At this intergenerational Faith Forum, you're invited to come make an Advent wreath to use for your Advent practice at home. We will provide wreath forms, candles and decorations with which you can personalize your wreath. Supplies are limited, so one wreath per family, please. Suggested donation to cover the cost of materials is \$10.

Christmas Flower Offering Envelopes

If you would like to make a contribution toward Christmas poinsettias in memory or honor of a loved one, please take one of the Flower Offering envelopes placed in each pew. Put your contribution in the envelope, and make sure to list the names of those whom you would like remembered on the envelope or a separate list. You may also mail or drop off your contribution and list of names to the office. **All names must be received in the office by Monday, December 18.**

Celtic Contemplative Service, 4:30 p.m.

This monthly service, a joint program of St. John's and St. James's, features silence, prayer, reflections, and music from a variety of traditions. The service, held at St. John's, begins with a period of silence at 4:30.

Save the Date

Women's Book Group, Tuesdays starting on December 5

The Women Together book group will be discussing a collection of Advent meditations titled *Watch for the Light* (Plough Publishing 2001) on December 5, 12 and 19 from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. at St. John's. Women Together is a book discussion group for women from St. John's and other churches in the area. New members are always welcome! If you plan to attend, please purchase the book from Amazon or your favorite book store before the first meeting.

Midweek Advent Services, Tuesdays in Advent starting on December 5, 6 p.m.

Enhance your Advent observance with a simple midweek service of readings and prayers.

Christmas pageant preparations

Sunday, 12/3 — During the intergenerational Advent wreath workshop at 9:30 a.m., kids can also sign up for pageant roles and tag their costumes.

Saturday, 12/9 — Drop in between 10 and 11:30 to help spruce up the camels for our upcoming Christmas pageant.

Sunday, 12/10 — Pageant rehearsals during the 9:30 education hour.

Saturday, 12/16 — Dress rehearsal from 9 to 11:15 a.m.

Sunday, 12/17 — Christmas pageant during the 10:30 service!

Sign up to teach Church School in January and early February

Sign-ups for our Church School Winter Term will be available on Sunday, December 10. Please see Janet Babbitt, director of religious education, for more information about this volunteer teaching opportunity. The winter term runs Jan. 7 to Feb. 11, 2018.

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols, December 10 at 3 p.m.

This traditional service of scripture readings and music, featuring the St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs, is the perfect way to center yourself and enjoy a peaceful hour in the midst of pre-Christmas activity. The service is free and open to all. Donations are accepted. Please come and bring a friend! There will be a reception afterward.



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Sunday
December 10
3:00 p.m.



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Music at the Red Door



St. John's Youth and
Adult Choirs
Scott Lamlein, choirmaster
Floyd Higgins, organist

In the tradition of King's College,
Cambridge, prepare your soul
for the Christmas miracle with
carols for choir and organ.
This event is a long-standing
tradition at St. John's
– a "must" to center your soul
during the Advent season.

Free admission,
with donations received,
no tickets required.
A reception follows
in the church hall.

Advent and Christmas

at St. John's

Sundays in Advent

December 3, 10, 17 - Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m.
December 24 - Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. only

Advent Wreath Making & Pageant Sign-Up

December 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Celtic Contemplative Service

December 3 at 4:30 p.m.

"Women Together" Advent Book Group

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Christmas Pageant

December 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

December 24 at 4 p.m. and 11 p.m.,
with musical prelude at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

December 25 at 10 a.m.

Twelfth Night Chili Cook-Off

January 5 at 6:30 p.m.

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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

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The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net)	Rector
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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