

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*November 12, 2017*

*10:30 a.m.*

## *A Sunday Message from the Rector*

We can never say thank you enough to you who have given so generously with your pledges during our annual appeal. Your financial commitment to St. John's is a tangible, visible act of faith — faith in God, faith in the many ministries we sponsor, and faith in the deep relationships we form with each other. Last week we celebrated All Saints Day as a way to honor all those cherished souls who have gone before us in generations past. Their show of faith and commitment to God, to our church and to each other, is an inspiration and an example of how we as faithful Christians are called to live our lives today. At St. John's, we are becoming and growing into the saints our children and grandchildren will honor in the years to come. Your commitment to St. John's ensures that this will become a reality. Thank you for your faith and trust in the good work we strive to do at St. John's, being the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

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.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY	Offertorio in G Prelude on <i>Cwm Rhondda</i>	George Frederick Handel (1685-1759) Julia Calkins, 2002
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THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 53	Once he came in blessing	GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN
<i>All stand and sing.</i>		

*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.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Wisdom of Solomon 6:12–16*

**W**isdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 70*

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



- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 2 **Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \***  
**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.**
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.
- 4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \***  
**let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
"Great is the Lord!"**
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 **You are my helper and my deliverer; \***  
**O Lord, do not tarry.**

*Antiphon*

## THE EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

**W**e do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN 620 Jerusalem, my happy home

LAND OF REST

*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

*Matthew 25:1–13*

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

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

**J**esus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler

*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 God eternal, as we open our eyes to receive the light of each day, and listen to the voices and sounds around us, help us resolve to treat each moment as the rarest of gifts, grateful for the ways we experience You and find joy in the work to which You call us. Lord, in your wisdom, **hear our prayer.**

O God eternal, help us not to fear life, but train our hearts and minds to live in grace, to sacrifice our self-centered desires, to find peace without want, and when we fall, to begin again each new moment. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God eternal, grant our president, our governor, and all of our leaders the deep desire for right perspective, so that those ignored and forgotten may be claimed, uplifted and blessed in all circumstances. Lord, in your knowledge, **hear our prayer.**

O God eternal, be with those who are ill, who are suffering in mind, body and spirit. Humble them before what they do not understand, the incomprehensible forces at work in each life, and grant them the divine healing of the Great Physician, Jesus Christ. Lord, in your loving kindness, **hear our prayer.**

O God eternal, we praise you for the lives of those who have gone before. As you keep them in your everlasting care, inspire us to serve as they have served and give as they have given. Lord, with your works of salvation, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

*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

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 THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Swing low, sweet chariot

Spiritual, arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

Swing low, sweet chariot  
 Coming for to carry me home  
 Swing low, sweet chariot  
 Coming for to carry me home

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see  
 A band of angels coming after me  
 Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down  
 Sometimes I'm almost to the ground

*Alice Parker is a national treasure: America's reigning queen of choral music. – American Record Guide*

*My twenty-years' experience with Robert Shaw, an immersion in folk music of many kinds, has had a profound effect on my own understanding of song. I learned to see each tune as a small universe, setting up its own rules of pitch and rhythm, mood and dance. If I understand that universe, and work within it for my setting, the result is an organic whole that allows the original melody to flourish. – Alice Parker*

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  
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*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.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

*Title:* The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei  
*Music:* Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

### 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 MOTET Oculi omnium

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Words: Psalm 144:15

*Oculi omnium in te spirant Domine:  
Et tu das illis escam in tempore opportune  
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.*

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:  
And thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.

## 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 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY Praeludium in G, BWV 550

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*This Prelude was probably written during the latter part of Bach's tenure in Arnstadt (1703-1707), where he served as organist at the Neue Kirche. Thus, it is an early work and while it may not be a major achievement, it still exhibits the composer's craftsmanship in contrapuntal writing and structure. The piece opens with a joyous, lively theme that centers largely on a four-note pattern that is often mirrored in the harmonies of the left hand, and a rigorous pedal solo. The counterpoint that follows works up a quite glorious and triumphant sense. – Robert Cummings*

*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 Virginia Van Dyk.**

**The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God,  
in memory of Hester B. Carter and Watson LeRoy Morrell, Jr., and  
in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Kate and Robert Eikel.**

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**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** John Hardy**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Ushers:** Geoff & Karan Emerick, Ben & Ellen Flynn, Wes Winterbottom,  
Matt Ciscel, Nazra Ali**Acolytes:** J.P. Evans, Britt Emerick, Elsa Ciscel, Kiley Murphy**Healing Prayers:** Paul Shaker**Altar Guild:** Janet Willard and Michael Wilkinson**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Jeff Verney**Musician:** Helen Hughlett**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 who have died:**

Marjorie Hardge

Richard E.W. Smith

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***Those in need of healing:**

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

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Stanley Giliberto	Claude Brouillard
Grace Powell	Bailey Proft
Bill Eakins	Merriol Almond
Meredith Beir	

**In thanksgiving for the November 7 birth of Maxom Francis Goetz, son of Timothy Goetz and Neha Pande.****In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Diocese of Ughelli, Anglican Church of Nigeria.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the 233rd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, meeting Nov. 17 -18 in Greenwich.

## Happening Today!

### Guest preacher and Faith Forum leader — The Reverend Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler

**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 today. High school students are encouraged to join in the Faith Forum, along with interested adults. 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 between the two services and after the 10:30 service. They are \$15 each, cash or check payable to St. John's.

### St. John's Youth Orchestra rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.

The youth orchestra will play "This Land is Your Land" at next week's 10:30 service. Rehearsals are today and next Sunday, both at 9:30 a.m. See Mary Scripko (our religious education assistant) for more information.

### Coffee hour

Coffee hour after the 10:30 service will be hosted by Eleanor Barnes and Kim Byrd. Please stay for a cup of coffee, and introduce yourself to someone you don't know! **Also, we need coffee hour hosts for Sunday, November 19 and Sunday, November 26.** We provide the coffee and fixings, and you provide a few light snacks. You're welcome to partner with another family. If you can host on one of these dates, please let Ellen in the parish office know.

**Meetings of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Group & the Celtic Worship Guild** will both take place after the 10:30 service today.



### 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 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).

**Time to replenish our Blessing Bag supplies!** Blessing Bags contain toiletries, snacks, warm gloves and hats, socks, bus passes, a Walgreens or

CVS gift card, and a resource list. Parish staff give them to people in need who come to St. John's in need of a listening ear and some help. **We need to replenish our Blessing Bag supplies** so we can make new ones when our current supply runs out. We are particularly in need of:

- \$10 gift cards to Walgreens or CVS
- Warm gloves for men and women
- Warm socks for men and women
- Small size toiletries, especially deodorant, body wash, shampoo, and toothpaste

Please put your donations of gloves, socks, and toiletries in the labeled bins in Hubbard Hall. Gift cards should be handed directly to a staff member on Sunday mornings, or dropped off in the parish office during the week. Our current Blessing Bag donation drive will go until **December 3.** Thank you!

**Donations and volunteers needed for the Christmas Festival, coming up on December 2.** Donated items should be dropped off in the open closet area near the back entrance, next to the elevator.

- **Jewelry & Accessories:** Time to go through those closets and jewelry boxes to find donations for the *Chic Boutique!* We are looking for your gently used jewelry, scarves, purses, belts, neckties and any other accessories you might have. No donation is too small! Please bring donations to the church in boxes/bags marked *Chic Boutique*. Also plan on shopping with us at the Christmas Festival! If you have any questions or can volunteer to work at our table the day of the festival please contact Kim Byrd at 860-558-9916.
- **Art & Antiques:** St. John's loves your art and antiques...even when you have grown tired of them! Make room for something new — Donate your framed art and prints as well as "objets d'art" to the Christmas Festival. Please drop off all of your castaways at St. John's by November 30. Contact: Colin Gillespie at gillespiecolinh@gmail.com.
- **Children's Toy Boutique:** Do you have unopened toys that your son or daughter received as gifts but never used? Outgrown toys, puzzles or games in good condition? Boxes and boxes of Legos, wooden train sets, blocks, or dolls that are sitting in your house unused? Please consider donating your gently used or new toys to St. John's Children's Boutique at the Christmas Festival. Donations are being accepted NOW! Your generous support is greatly needed to help make our first Children's Boutique a success! Contact: Janet Babbitt at janet@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201.
- **Attic Treasures:** Donate your dishware, glassware, small appliances, household items, and other things that you no longer use that might be someone else's "treasure." Contact Philip Chapman at philipchapman646@gmail.com or 860-673-8813.
- **Make quarts of soup to sell at the Festival:** Contact Brooke Whittemore at 860-233-6100 or brookewhittemore@sbcglobal.net.
- **Decorate evergreen wreaths to sell.** The wreath-making night will be Thursday, November 30, starting at 6 p.m. **Please bring in ribbons, faux fruit and greenery, fresh greenery, small ornaments, etc.** to be used to create unique and beautiful wreaths. Used items from previous years are welcome!
- **We still need section coordinators** for the book sale and the theme basket raffle. *Please hold off on bringing in donations of books until we have a section coordinator in place.*

For more information about the Festival and to volunteer, contact any of the Festival chairpeople: Karen Licht at karen\_licht@yahoo.com or 617-905-1912, David Grimaldi at davocg66@gmail.com or 860-205-7678, Christoph Stretz at max.stretz@yahoo.com or 203-514-9380, and Dale Hoidalén Stretz at hoidalén@yahoo.com.

### **Help publicize the Christmas Festival!**

Please pick up a lawn sign for your yard and/or some flyers in Hubbard Hall this morning!

Post the flyers at your gym, favorite coffee shop, apartment building, office, or any other spots where you can let people know about the Festival. Thanks!

# Save the Date

## **Sacred Circle, November 14**

Sacred Circle is a small group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, November 14 at 7 pm in the Reception Room. The topic this month will be "Gratitude: What Does It Really Mean To Us?" As we approach Thanksgiving, we'll explore our traditional understanding of gratitude and how the practice of gratitude reaps its own spiritual rewards. Please come. All women are welcome!

## **Altar Guild Lunch, November 19**

The Altar Guild will hold a luncheon for all current members and interested new members on Sunday, November 19 at noon (after the 10:30 service). Everyone is welcome to join the Altar Guild for this catered luncheon, to learn about our ministry and enjoy fellowship with current and former members. Come and see what we do behind the scenes in this important aspect of church life. Please RSVP to the Office by November 15.

## **Christian Education planning meetings, November 19 and November 21**

We're offering two opportunities for parishioners to discuss and contribute their ideas and energy to the Christian education program—**Sunday, November 19 after the 10:30 service and Tuesday, November 21 at 9 a.m.** Topics to be discussed include the Godly Play curriculum for teaching Bible stories to young children, holding a Vacation Bible School next summer, and hearing what parents and kids would like to see in the Christian ed program. Both meetings will be held in the Christian education wing. All are welcome to attend one or both sessions, whether you are a parent of a child in the program or a potential volunteer.

## **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 led by the Rev. Helen M. Moore 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.

## **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.

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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
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*\*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