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The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 19, 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. It is 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 Variations on *St. Anne*

Christa Rakich, 2011

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 680 O God, our help in ages past
All stand and sing.

ST. ANNE

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

ANTHEM This land is your land

Woody Guthrie, 1940
The St. John's Youth Orchestra

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 90:1–8,12**The people read aloud the words in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night. *Antiphon*
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN For the fruit of all creation

ARHYDYNOS

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.

1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;
 3. For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God;

for good gifts to ev - ery na-tion, thanks be to God; for the
 in the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done; in our
 for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God; for the

plow - ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
 world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,
 won - ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 25:14–30**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton

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.

Loving God, you have blessed each of us with many talents. We come before you with thankful hearts, praying for the grace to use our gifts for the good of the world you have made. O Lord, hear our prayer, **and let our cry come unto you.**

Mighty Lord, your Spirit speaks through your prophets, protecting your people from those who would lead us astray. Give the leaders of the nations a passion for justice, and courage to challenge the complacency that lets us rest easily with sin. O Lord, hear our prayer, **and let our cry come unto you.**

In this holiday season, we pray for safety in travel, for reconciliation in families, for a heightened sense of gratitude and for good stewardship of all you have given us. O Lord, hear our prayer, **and let our cry come unto you.**

Heal the sick, bring faith to the discouraged and grieving, and strengthen all who care for the weak. O Lord, hear our prayer, **and let our cry come unto you.**

Give hope to those in Iran, Iraq and Costa Rica and all who live in the wake of earthquake and disaster, and bring them rescuers with compassionate hearts. O Lord, hear our prayer, **and let our cry come unto you.**

Receive those who have died into the arms of your mercy, and bless all who mourn with trust in your promise of eternal life. O Lord, hear our prayer, **and let our cry come unto you.**

Celebrant Eternal God, you have filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord through whom all things were made.

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 will sing with the spirit

David Goodenough, 2006

Words: 1 Corinthians 14: 15; Psalm 96: 1

This piece is a setting of the Royal School of Church Music motto, I will sing with the spirit and also with the understanding, paired with Psalm 96:1: O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord all the earth.

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.**

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,
 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.

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 Locus iste

Paul Mealor, 2009

Words: Latin gradual for the dedication of a church

Elizabeth Proteau, soloist

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach.

Paul Mealor has been described as “the most important composer to have emerged in Welsh choral music since William Mathias” (New York Times, 2001) and his music is “marked by something outside of himself that is beautifully spatial and evocative of landscape... it illuminates both our past and our future” (The Guardian, 2011). Gaining international prominence after his setting of Ubi caritas was premiered at the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton, Paul Mealor has written some of the most beautiful and challenging choral music in the repertoire.

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 290 Come, ye thankful people, come

ST. GEORGE’S, WINDSOR

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata in F

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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.

**The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God,
and in memory of Alexander and Roselle Winterbottom.**

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend William J. Eakins

Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Lissie Brooks

The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

The St. John's Youth Orchestra: Cate & Britt Emerick, Dawson & Elise Biondi, Eddie Genece, Bradley Crocker, Frances Eikel, Teddy & Morgan Babbitt, Ethen Worrell

Orchestra Director: Mary Scripko

Orchestra Assistant: Kevin Huhn

Ushers: John Amamoo, Shirley Blean, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Sarah Kieffer, Philip Chapman

Acolytes: Gus Murchie, Eddie Genece, Isabel Grant, Alice Murchie

Healing Prayers: Marie Montas

Altar Guild: Janet Willard and Michael Wilkinson

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: David Beers

Musician: Steve Metcalf

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	Robin
Janet Ray	Mary Stoughton	Barbara Proft	John McCain
Ida McKenney	Maxom Goetz	Amara	James Varga

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Stella Spletstoesser	Allyson Davis
Matt Ciscel	Colin Alemany
Scott Donofrio	Beth Grieco
Margaret Smith	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Philip and Bach-Mai Chapman
 Spencer and Mary Sloan

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

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

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott; St. Paul's, Woodbury; and for the health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church, and the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church.

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	Dianne Jones
John & Bess Amamoo	Sarah Kieffer
Brad & Janet Babbitt	Richard & Ann Krissing
John & Eleanor Barnes	Scott & Mary Beth Lamlein
Richard & Wendy Bartlett	Carroll & Cindy Lawler
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Margaret Beers	Karen Licht
Frank & Jenefer Berall	Michael & Lisa Mahoney
Mike Biondi & Virginia Kemp	David & Tina McCary
Shirley Blean	Patrick Miller
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Patricia Howard	Dennis & Jeanne Winkleblack
David Hrdlicka & Veronica Marshall-Hrdlicka	Wesley Winterbottom
Ann Hutchinson	Anita Winters
Douglas & Tita Hyland	Andrew & Joanna Worrell
John & Buffy Ineson	Several families who wish to remain anonymous

Books on Kahlil Gibran still available

Last Sunday, our guest preacher, the Rev. Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler, captivated a full house in Hubbard Hall with his talk on the life and poetry of Kahlil Gibran. We have two copies left of Chandler's book, *In Search of a Prophet: A Spiritual Journey with Kahlil Gibran*. If you'd like to purchase one for \$15, please contact Ellen in the parish office.

Happening Today!

Altar Guild Luncheon after the 10:30 service in Hubbard Hall. All who are interested in this wonderful ministry are welcome to join us.

A conversation about Christian education after the 10:30 service

Please join our Christian Education staff for a conversation about current and potential programs, including brainstorming about ministries with middle/high school youth as well as our youngest members in the Good Shepherd Room. If you have ideas or feedback, would like to be more involved, or just want to learn more about what's happening now and possibilities for the future, please come! Vibrant programs for children and youth rely on many hands and many voices — we'd love to have your participation. We will meet in the Christian Education wing. **A second brainstorming conversation will take place on Tuesday, November 21 at 9 a.m.**, so if you can't make it today, please join us on Tuesday.

Kitchen Clean Out: Come see if we have anything of yours!

In preparation for the Christmas Festival, Brooke Whittemore and Helen Lovass are doing a thorough clean-up and clean-out of the kitchen (thank them if you have a chance!). They have found dozens of platters, vases and other items left behind by volunteers over the years, and for which we do not have a need. Tables are set up in Hubbard Hall with these items—Come take a look to see if there's something of yours that you left behind at a church event. Or maybe there's something you can use for your upcoming holiday celebrations? Items left over will be offered for sale at the Christmas Festival.

Next week's guest preacher will be Hugh Bryant, who has preached at St. John's twice before on Thanksgiving weekends. Hugh is a licensed lay reader in the Church of England, preaching regularly at St. Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon and St. Andrew's, Cobham. In addition, Hugh is a lawyer in London, specializing in maritime law, the father of two daughters and proud grandfather of James. Hugh and our Priest Associate Bill Eakins both studied at Oriel College, Oxford, where they met while serving on Oriel's Development Trust.



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 or Brittany Bass at britbrown76@aol.com.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) has a \$760,000 matching grant, which means that your contribution to ERD between now and the end of the year will be *doubled* as it is matched dollar for dollar. ERD is doing vital work in the areas hit by natural disasters this fall, from Houston to Puerto Rico. To learn more and make a donation, go to support.episcopalrelief.org.

Time to replenish our Blessing Bag supplies! Parish staff give "Blessing Bags" including toiletries, snacks, bus passes, and other items to people in need who come to St. John's looking for help. We are particularly in need of:

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

Please put your donations of gloves, hats, 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!

Make a meal for parish families with a new baby, or facing illness or surgery. The parish office maintains a "just call" list of parishioners who would like to know when someone in our community needs a meal or other help. Right now we're scheduling meals for a family with a new baby. If you'd like to help with a meal now, or be on the list for future needs, contact Ellen in the parish office.

A note for Gmail users: We occasionally hear from people who use Gmail that they are no longer receiving St. John's weekly e-mail newsletter, even when we confirm that we have the right e-mail address on file. This confusion is often due to the way that Gmail sets up your e-mail inbox. The default set-up sorts your incoming e-mail into three separate "tabs": Primary, Social (for messages from Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.), and Promotions (for marketing e-mails). St. John's weekly e-mails may be automatically sorted into your "Promotions" tab unless you override the default settings. It is also possible that St. John's e-mails are being sent to your "Spam" folder.

If you are a Gmail user, are signed up to receive St. John's e-mail announcements, and haven't been seeing them, contact Ellen in the office. She can verify that we have the correct e-mail address for you, and give you some suggestions for setting up your Gmail inbox so that St. John's e-mails won't get lost in the shuffle!

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. 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 adorn our unique and beautiful wreaths. Used items from previous years are welcome!
- **Donate baked goods or other kitchen specialties to the "Country Kitchen" sale.** Contact Ginger Gillespie at gcgillespie@comcast.net.
- **Books!** Yes, we'll be selling books at the Festival once again. Contact Hope Eakins at eakinses@gmail.com.

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!



St. John's Annual
**Christmas
Festival**
Saturday,
December 2
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Wreaths
- Baked goods
- Crafts
- Art
- Jewelry & accessories
- Children's boutique
- Attic treasures
- Soups & sandwiches
- Caroling
-and more!

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SAINT JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday
December 10
3:00 p.m.

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.



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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

December 5, 12, 19 at 3 p.m.

Midweek Advent Services

December 5, 12, 19 at 6 p.m.

Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols

December 10 at 3 p.m.

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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**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
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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