Christ the King
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
November 26, 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 Partita on Diademata Charles Callahan, 1991

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 494 Crown him with many crowns

All stand and sing.

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. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. 2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 4. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis  Music: William Mathias (b. 1934) Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc.
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People    And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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

All sit.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between shepherd and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

THE PSALTER

All remain seated and sing.

Venite: Psalm 95:1–7a

1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth,
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 614  Christ is the King!  
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 25:31–46

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Hugh Bryant

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.  

Your Church is Christ’s body, O Gracious One, the fullness of him who fills all in all: Inspire our service to the least of these, that we may feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked and visit the imprisoned, as faithful servants of the hope to which Christ has called us. [Pause for silent or spoken prayers.] For you are our God; we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.

Gather the nations before you, Sovereign One, to feed your creation with justice. We pray for our leaders, that they will inspire us to create communities in which those who are lost and suffering are seen and nurtured. [Pause for silent or spoken prayers.] For you are our God; we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.

Seek the lost, O Loving One, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, especially those affected by natural disasters and political strife, those on our parish prayer list, and those for whom we offer intercessions now. [Pause for silent or spoken prayers.] For you are our God; we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.

Accept our thanksgiving for all the goodness of life, especially for the blessings we name now. [Pause for silent or spoken thanksgivings.] For you are our God; we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.

Bring those who have died to the riches of Christ’s glorious inheritance among the saints. [Pause for silent or spoken prayers.] For you are our God; we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.

Celebrant You are our God, O gracious Shepherd, and you care for all of your sheep: Lead your creation into the fullness of your compassion, that with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, all people may know the kindness of your care and the riches of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reign, One God, for ever 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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM   Jubilate Deo

Richard Purvis, 1943

Words: Psalm 100

Oh be joyful, joyful in the Lord, all ye Lands,
Serve the Lord with gladness
And come before His presence with a song,
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God,
it is He that hath made us an not we ourselves
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture,
Oh go your way into His gates with thanksgiving
and into His courts with praise
Be thankful, thankful unto Him,
and speak good of His name.
For the Lord is gracious
His mercy is everlasting
And His truth endureth
from generation to generation
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

All remain standing or kneel.

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

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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

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

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei
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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John’s. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.
If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.
If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM O taste and see Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Words from Psalm 34
Emma Evica, soloist

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is. Blessed is the man that trusteth in him!

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) is regarded as the greatest English composer since Purcell (who died in 1695—a long time in between “greats”). His compositions span the entire breadth of styles and genres, from symphonies and oratorios to folksong collections. He served as editor of the 1906 English Hymnal, with Percy Dearmer. The spirit of the Sussex folksongs he knew and loved permeates the music of the brief motet O taste and see, which has become a perennial favorite.

THE POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM Great is thy faithfulness William Runyan (1870-1957) Words: Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960)
Cleveland Williams, soloist

“Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!
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 544 Jesus shall reign where’er the sun

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Belgian organist and composer Flor Peeters was perhaps one of the most prominent composers of organ music during the twentieth century. He was close friends with fellow organist and composer, Charles Tournemire and received Cesar Franck’s organ console from Saint Clotilde upon his death. When the Germans attacked both Belgium and the Netherlands in 1940, Peeters, though his passport had been revoked due to his refusal to perform for the Germans, continued to travel across the border to teach at Tilburg and surreptitiously deliver secret messages. (Notes courtesy Emily Solomon)

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 Gordon Streeter and Marguerite M. Lawler.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton
Preacher: Hugh Bryant
Assisting: The Reverend William J. Eakins, the Reverend Hope Eakins
Layreader: Jyothsna Vijaya
The St. John’s Adult Choir
Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein
Ushers: Jeff Verney, Brad Babbitt, Eleanor Barnes, Edwin Genece, Annabel Clapp
Acolytes: Sophie Murchie, Emma Evica, Morgan Babbitt, Abby Thaxton
Healing Prayers: Karen Licht
Altar Guild: Bess Amamoo and Paul Shaker

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center
Layreader: Lissie Brooks
Musician: Joyce Burke

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Prayers of the People are adapted from those shared on the web site of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas.
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 missioner in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

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

Those in need of healing:

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Those celebrating birthdays this week:

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In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Diocese of Wad Medeni, Episcopal Church of Sudan.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John the Evangelist, Yalesville; Grace Church, Yantic; and for the Girl’s Friendly Society, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the Daughters of the King.
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.

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Brad & Janet Babbitt
John & Eleanor Barnes
Richard & Wendy Bartlett
Courtney & Brittany Bass
Margaret Beers
Frank & Jenefer Berall
Mike Biondi & Virginia Kemp
Shirley Bleas
Lynn & Lissie Brooks
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David & Joan Murphy
Samuel & Ann Newbury
John Nowacki & Don Polk
James & Julia O’Brien
Nancy Pedersen
William & Agnes Peele
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Mark Proft
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Edward & Brooke Whittemore
John Wilcox & Virginia Van Dyk
Craig & Michael Wilkinson
Janet Willard
Dennis & Jeanne Winkleblack
Wesley Winterbottom
Anita Winters
Andrew & Joanna Worrell
Several families who wish to remain anonymous
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.

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.

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.
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

Decorate evergreen wreaths to sell at the Christmas Festival, November 30 starting at 6 p.m.
In a favorite St. John’s tradition, all are invited to gather this Thursday evening to make uniquely decorated evergreen wreaths that will be sold at the Christmas Festival next Saturday. Please bring items with which to decorate if you can, such as ribbon, small ornaments, faux fruit or greenery, real greenery from your garden, etc. Used items from previous years’ wreaths are welcome! Please also bring any tools that may be of use, such as hot glue guns, scissors, etc.

Helen Moore’s last Sunday at St. John’s, December 3
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 will preach on December 3, her last Sunday with us, and we will celebrate her ministry with a reception after the 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. Join us on the 3rd to celebrate their ministry and wish them well.

Advent Wreath Making, December 3 at 9:30 a.m.
At next Sunday’s 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.

Celtic Contemplative Service, December 3 at 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.

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.

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!

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.

St. John's Annual Christmas Festival
Saturday, December 2
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
679 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford
www.sjparish.net
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
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Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols
December 10 at 3 p.m.

Christmass 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.

St. John’s Episcopal Church
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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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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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ST. PAUL’S DEAF CONGREGATION
Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church