

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*November 11, 2018*

10:30 a.m.

## *A Commitment Sunday Message from the Rector*

Today is Commitment Sunday. It is the culmination of our annual appeal for financial support, a time when we step back from our busy lives and reflect on how God has graced our lives in so many wonderful and different ways. We come together this day as the Living Body of Christ to praise God with our heartfelt prayers and to lift up our voices in the beauty of song. Like the communion of saints that have gone before us down through the ages, we give thanks to God out of a profound sense of gratitude. We are deeply grateful for our family and friends, for the unique gifts and the abundance resources entrusted to our care. All that we are and all that we shall become comes from God's love. When we use our gifts and resources to help others, we grow more into our true selves, the unique individuals God created us to be. This is our shared calling — to share God's grace with the world with gratitude and generosity.

You are invited today to become a vital part of our vision at St. John's. Your generous commitment will help make it possible to transform lives as we share the abundance of God's saving grace, responding with grateful and generous hearts.

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.

**We welcome children of all ages to St. John's.** Your children are always welcome to stay in church with you. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged when they can see what's happening. We also offer a professionally staffed nursery for children age 0 to 5 in our education wing. On most Sundays, we hold a *Word Alive* program for school-age children, where they will engage with the lectionary scriptures in an age-appropriate way. An acolyte will lead children out to *Word Alive* during the hymn before the sermon, and bring them back during the Peace. We also have resources for quiet play available at both entrances to the church.

*Cover photo of a maple tree on the west side of St. John's grounds taken by Sarah Kieffer, November 2018.*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY    Passacaglia in D minor, BuxWV 161                      Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 608    Eternal Father, strong to save    MELITA  
*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 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 CHORAL ANTHEM Greater love hath no man

*All sit.*

John Ireland (1879–1962)

Words: Song of Solomon 8:7,6;

John 15:13; 1 Peter 2:24;

1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Peter 2:9;

Romans 12:1

*Claudia Ayer and John Nowacki, soloists*

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus; Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

*This work was commissioned in 1912 for Charles Macpherson, the sub-organist of St Paul's Cathedral. Intended as a meditation for Passiontide, Greater love hath no man drew its text from a compilation of scriptural passages in Daily Light on the Daily Path, a series of booklets containing Bible readings that Ireland observed on a regular basis. The anthem rapidly gained currency in cathedrals and church choirs and, with the outbreak of war in 1914, its text gained a special resonance as the casualties from the front mounted. Indeed, with Alice Meynell's poem Summer in England, 1914, which contrasted the slaughter of Flanders' Fields with the tranquil scenes of England, and the subject of sacrifice emanating from pulpits throughout the land, Ireland discovered that his anthem inadvertently resonated with a wider national mood.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17*

*All sit.*

**N**aomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do." So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you,

who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### THE PSALTER

*Psalm 127*

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

Watch o - ver us, O LORD.

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, \*  
their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 **Unless the Lord watches over the city, \***  
**in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.**
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; \*  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 **Children are a heritage from the Lord, \***  
**and the fruit of the womb is a gift.**
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior \*  
are the children of one's youth.
- 6 **Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! \***  
**he shall not be put to shame**  
**when he contends with his enemies in the gate.**

*Antiphon*

### THE EPISTLE

*Hebrews 9: 24–28*

**C**hrist did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 705 As those of old their first fruits brought

FOREST GREEN

*All stand and sing. Children are invited to follow the acolyte out to Word Alive. They will return at the Peace.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 12: 38-44**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**A**s Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Hope H. Eakins

*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.*

Generous God, hear our prayers for those in need and our thanksgivings for your abundant gifts. Christ offers himself to us; **we give thanks and offer ourselves to God and one another.**

You have built this house, your church. May we serve one another and the world as the widow did, with quiet commitment and a generous spirit. Christ offers himself to us; **we give thanks and offer ourselves to God and one another.**

Watch over our cities, towns, neighborhoods and nation. Enlighten our leaders, especially those newly elected, to lead generously on behalf of the humble, the poor, and the stranger. Christ offers himself to us; **we give thanks and offer ourselves to God and one another.**

You call us to the responsibilities of stewardship and mutual care. Grant us everything necessary for our common life, and the wisdom to use our resources in your service. Christ offers himself to us; **we give thanks and offer ourselves to God and one another.**

We pray for all who died and were wounded at the Thousand Oaks bar shooting. Protect and strengthen the first responders who care for victims. Christ offers himself to us; **we give thanks and offer ourselves to God and one another.**

Be present in the lives of all so we might care for one another as you care for us. We pray for those who are sick, in pain, alone, and struggling, especially those on our parish prayer list. Christ offers himself to us; **we give thanks and offer ourselves to God and one another.**

On this one hundredth anniversary of the armistice that marked the end of World War I, we give thanks for the peace in our nation and for peacemakers everywhere. Christ offers himself to us; **we give thanks and offer ourselves to God and one another.**

You have promised to save those who are eagerly waiting for you: Receive into your care those who have died and who wait no more, especially Alycia Evica. Christ offers himself to us; **we give thanks and offer ourselves to God and one another.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, you care for all you have made and invite us to share in your life of abundance. Give us generous and compassionate hearts, that we may live in unity with one another in the spirit of Jesus Christ our great high priest.

*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

*During the Offertory, in place of the usual passing of the offering plates, all are invited to come forward to place their 2019 pledge cards, written thanksgivings, and/or regular weekly offerings at the altar. On the yellow slips of paper in the bulletin, you may offer your thanks for those things at St. John's that fill you with gratitude. These thanksgivings will be included in the prayers of the parish in the weeks to come. As we sing, parishioners will process down the center aisle with signs representing St. John's many vital ministries. Then the ushers will move from the front to the back of the church, inviting you to come forward with pledges, thanksgivings and offerings. After you have come forward, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you do not wish to come forward, simply remain in your pew.*

### THE OFFERTORY HYMN Great is thy faithfulness

*All stand and sing.*

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

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Music: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

*All remain standing or kneel.*

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy

Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

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*  
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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.*



**A letter from the Reverend Susan Pinkerton, Rector**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you know, I’ve been away the last two weeks due to a family emergency involving the difficult and complex challenges that arise with serious illness.

With the compassionate support of Bishop Ian Douglas, our Wardens Buffy Ineson and Wes Winterbottom, our Priest Associates Bill and Hope Eakins, our Deacon Walter McKenney, and our outstanding staff, I plan to remain away for the next few weeks to assist my family during this most trying time. I am able to do this because we are extremely fortunate to have very talented leadership at St. John’s. You are in very good hands.

Each day, I give thanks for being part of our loving faith community. I ask you to please continue to hold us in prayer, knowing that God is very much present in our lives, holding it all, with the assurance of love and the peace that passes all understanding.

In deep gratitude for each and every one of you,

Susan+

**HAPPENING TODAY**

**Faith Forum on Mental Health, Sundays, TODAY at 9:30 a.m.**

Special guest Dr. Ron Casey will continue the conversation begun last Sunday about prevalent mental health concerns. Dr. Casey, consulting psychologist to the Episcopal Church in CT and a practicing therapist, believes that open and honest conversations are a first step toward addressing these difficult issues, which affect so many American families.

**Girl Scout cookie sales**

Support the Girl Scout troop at Grace Academy, led by parishioner Mary Hardy, by buying your favorite Girl Scout cookies. Cookies cost \$5 per box, payable by cash or check. Look for them in Hubbard Hall after the 10:30 service.

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

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the 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.

Séminaire 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, help, and comfort:**

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|--------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Jim Evans    | Cheryl Trahan   | Edward Shaker | Albert Lennox |
| Kim Green    | Andrew Lee      | Michael       | Luther        |
| Carol Grieco | Susan           | Mike Cassidy  | Helen Cooke   |
| Janet Ray    | Meg             | Amber Lynch   | Manuel Aguiar |
| Susan Murray | Robert Connolly | Erica         |               |

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Stanley Giliberto	Claude Brouillard
Bill Eakins	Bailey Proft
Meredith Beir	

We give thanks for the births of Kieran Rocco Kandasamy and Ellen Campbell Winterbottom, grandchildren of Beth Rocco and Wes Winterbottom.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic, St. Matthew's, Wilton; and for women's ministries and Anglican Women's Empowerment.

## Save the Date

**Men's Bible Study, every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.**

Putting the "men" in ecumenical since 2016. This week, we're reading Matt 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12. Thursday, 6:30 AM, Reception Room. Join us!

**Sacred Circle, Tuesday, November 13**

Sacred Circle is a small committed 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 13 at 7 p.m. in the Reception Room. This month our topic will be "Practical Spiritual Practices." We will explore how we can refocus during each busy day to reset, reframe, or refocus on God's will for us. Please come. All women are welcome!

**Christmas Festival, December 1, 10 am to 2 pm**

St. John's annual Christmas Festival is just about a month away. The **Wreath Decorating Night**, at which parishioners gather to create unique and beautiful wreaths to sell at the Festival, will be on **Thursday, November 29**. If you'd like to help out with the Festival, see the "How Can I Help?" section of this bulletin or contact Christoph (max.stretz@yahoo.com) or Dale Stretz (hoidalen@yahoo.com).

**Advent book discussion, Sundays, December 9 and 16, 9:30 a.m.**

P.D. James's novel *The Children of Men* will be the subject of two Faith Forums during Advent. The story is filled with Advent's themes: life and death, courage in the face of destruction, how to find hope even in darkness and loss, the enduring promises of God, and the miracle of the Word become flesh and dwelling among us. The novel is set in a future world where no children have been born for 25 years. This world is dispirited, without a reason to build libraries and museums, to compose poems or write books, to do research or care for gardens. People dream only of safety from crime, a full larder, and a peaceful death. In this bleak and cheerless place, the novel provides a surprising retelling of the Christmas story. The book is readily available from online retailers or your favorite book store. It is gripping, moves along quickly, and has contemporary relevance. So get reading and come and join Hope and Bill Eakins in the Reception Room from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. on December 9 and 16.

**Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, December 9, 3 p.m.**

An amazing start to the Advent season—arrive early to get a good seat! 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. Featuring Scott Lamlein, choirmaster, and Floyd Higgins, organist. Free admission with donations accepted. A reception follows.



### Christmas gifts for children in need

St. John's will once again sponsor 60 children in the Nurturing Families Network with Christmas gift bags. You're invited to pick up a tag with a child's wish list, fill a gift bag with some items from the list, and make a child's Christmas brighter! Sign-up sheets and gift tags will be available outside Hubbard Hall every Sunday in November. Please shop and place unwrapped items in a large gift bag or reusable shopping bag, then return your bag (labeled with the gift tag itself or its tracking number) to St. John's by Monday, November 26. You may deliver your bag to the office during the week or to our gift bag

table on Sunday mornings. Thanks in advance for your generosity! For more information, contact Jillian Puzzo at [jillianpuzzo@gmail.com](mailto:jillianpuzzo@gmail.com) or Leah Murchie at [murchlt@comcast.net](mailto:murchlt@comcast.net).

### Christmas Festival donations and volunteers needed.

- **Jewelry & Accessories:** Start cleaning out your closets—the Chic Boutique is coming! The Chic Boutique will again be selling jewelry, scarfs, hats, neckties, belts, handbags and accessories of all types. So please start looking in your closets and dressers for items to donate! These can be left in the big closet labeled Chic Boutique or in the church office. Please contact Kim Byrd with any questions 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. Contact Colin Gillespie at [gillespiecolinh@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 ([janet.babbitt@gmail.com](mailto:janet.babbitt@gmail.com)) or Buffy Ineson ([buffyineson@gmail.com](mailto:buffyineson@gmail.com)).
- **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](mailto:philipchapman646@gmail.com) or 860-673-8813.
- **Make quarts of soup to sell at the Festival:** Contact Brooke Whittemore at [brookewhittemore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brookewhittemore@sbcglobal.net).
- **Decorate evergreen wreaths to sell.** The wreath-making night will be Thursday, November 29. All are welcome to come decorate unique and beautiful wreaths while enjoying snacks, beverages and good company. Please bring in ribbons, faux fruit and greenery, fresh greenery, small ornaments, etc. to adorn our unique and beautiful wreaths. We're also collecting small attractive containers (ceramic, pottery, metal, etc.) that would be appropriate for planting bulbs. We need these ASAP so that bulbs can be planted in advance of the Festival.
- **Donate baked goods or other kitchen specialties to the "Country Kitchen" sale.** Bakers, cooks, chefs, everyone! Please think of the Country Kitchen as you are preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sweet and savory treats are appreciated and needed. If you wish to donate and need more information, suggestions and recipes can be provided. Also, we could use your help "behind the table" at the festival. Ginger Gillespie would love to hear from you 860.985.3697 or [virginiagillespie1@gmail.com](mailto:virginiagillespie1@gmail.com).
- **Books.** Contact Hope Eakins at [eakinses@gmail.com](mailto:eakinses@gmail.com).

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist each Sunday  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month (Oct – June)  
5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month (Sept – April)

## STAFF

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

Buffy Ineson ..... *Warden*  
Wes Winterbottom ..... *Warden*  
Tim Goetz and John Roche ..... *Co-Treasurers*  
Ellen Painter Dollar ..... *Scribe*

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

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

2018-20: Steve Crocker, Ann Hutchinson, Alex Nelson