

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*November 18, 2018*

10:30 a.m.

## *A Stewardship Season Message from the Rector*

This is the time of year that St. John's reaches out with an annual appeal for financial support. We are invited to step back from our busy lives and reflect on how God has graced our lives in so many wonderful and different ways. 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 abundant 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.

The names of those who have thus far pledged their support to St. John's for 2019 are included later in this bulletin—and every day the list grows as we receive new pledges. Your generous commitment makes it possible to transform lives as we share the abundance of God's saving grace, responding with grateful and generous hearts. Thank you.

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 Two settings of *Nun danket alle Gott*

Robert Edward Smith, 1996  
Paul Manz, 1992

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 632 O Christ, the Word Incarnate

MUNICH

*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. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. 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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Daniel 12:1-3*

*All sit.*

**T**he Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 16*

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

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the accompaniment is on the bass staff. The lyrics are: "The LORD will show me the path of life." The word "LORD" is in all caps. The words "path" and "life" have horizontal lines underneath them, indicating a longer note value. The music ends with a double bar line.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
**I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."**
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
**upon those who are noble among the people.**
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
**shall have their troubles multiplied.**
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
**it is you who uphold my lot.**

- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
**my heart teaches me, night after night.**
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
**my body also shall rest in hope.**
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

*Antiphon*

## THE EPISTLE

*Hebrews 10:11–14, 19–25*

**E**very priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 571 All who love and serve your city

CHARLESTOWN

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 13:1–8**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**A**s Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be

alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON

The Reverend William J. 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.*

Protect us, O God, for we take refuge in you; rule our hearts so we may be faithful to you in all that we do and say; hear our prayers and still our souls to hear your answer.

We pray for the nations of the world, for our country, our state, our towns and all who are newly elected to political office, that we may work together to bring liberty and justice for all.

**For yours, O Lord, is the Kingdom.**

We pray for the Church and for people of faith everywhere, that we may embody your truth and love. Guard and guide our Vestry and Committee heads, our teachers and our clergy.

**For yours, O Lord, is the Kingdom.**

We pray for all those in any kind of need, especially those on our parish prayer list, those who mourn, those facing surgery, those without jobs, and those who are sad and lonely. Renew their strength and bring them fresh hope.

**For yours, O Lord, is the power.**

We give thanks for all who have made a commitment to support the life and ministry of St. John's and for all who have built this parish through its years.

**For yours, O Lord, is the power.**

We give thanks for families and friends who are gathering together for Thanksgiving this week. Keep them safe as they travel and give us all grateful hearts.

**For yours, O Lord is the glory.**

We pray for those who mourn that they may find comfort in your promises and for those who have died, that they may have a place in your everlasting Kingdom.

**For yours, O Lord is the glory.**

*Celebrant* We pray also for ourselves, acknowledging our failure to live up to the faith that is in us and asking your forgiveness and grace that we may live more nearly as we pray.

*People* **For yours, O Lord, is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever. 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 Great is thy faithfulness

Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

Words: Thomas Chisholm (1866–1960)

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.

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!

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.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Thomas Chisholm wrote this hymn as a testament to God’s faithfulness through his very ordinary life. Born in a log cabin in Franklin, Kentucky, Chisholm became a Christian when he was 27 and entered the ministry when he was 36, though poor health forced him to retire after just one year and work as an insurance agent. Still, even with a desk job, he wrote nearly 1,200 poems throughout his life, including several published hymns. Chisholm explained toward the end of his life, “My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health. Although I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness.” Gilbert Martin, arranger, is a well-known American choral composer, and uncle to our director of music here at St. John’s.*

## 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  
*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 ANTHEM Tantum ergo sacramentum

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)  
Words: St. Thomas Aquinas, c. 1264

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui:  
Præstet fides supplementum sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori, Genitoque laus et jubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio. Amen.*

Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail,  
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing newer rites of grace prevail;  
Faith for all defects supplying, where the feeble senses fail.

To the Everlasting Father, and the Son Who reigns on high  
With the Holy Ghost proceeding forth from Each eternally,  
Be salvation, honour, blessing, might, and endless majesty. Amen.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.*

## THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 290 Come, ye thankful people, come

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY Fantasia on Nun danket alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

*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.*

**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant:** The Reverend Hope H. Eakins**Preacher:** The Reverend William J. Eakins**Layreader:** Bess Amamoo**Psalterer:** Elsa Ciscel**The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Acolytes:** J.P. Evans, Elsa Ciscel, Genella Evans, Isabel Grant**Ushers:** John Amamoo, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Shirley Blean,

Sarah Kieffer, Philip Chapman

**Altar Guild:** Conny DeLuca, Michael Wilkinson, Bette-Jane Hardersen**Healing Prayers:** Karen Licht**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:****Layreader:** Lissie Brooks**Musician:** Steve Metcalf

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of George M. Evica, Andrew H. Forrester, Hester B. Carter, Alexander Winterbottom, Elsa M. and Erik F. Lattey, Wendy Wright Collins, Andrya Ramer, and Margaret Rothschild.**

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*A note of thanksgiving*

Gratitude seems to abound at St. John's! On Commitment Sunday last week, more than 50 people offered their thanksgivings along with their financial contributions and their pledges to support this parish during the year ahead. Some gave thanks for their homes and families and partners and pets; some gave thanks for "healthy children, a warm house and food in my pantry," some for their jobs and their health. Many were grateful for this parish community, "for this church because everybody is nice and kind," "for St. John's warm, nurturing community where my husband and I were welcomed," "for a place where I am supported when I am suffering," for the fine parish staff, for our ministry to refugees and all the opportunities to serve. Many mentioned the "spiritual fulfillment found here" and "where I am inspired to do God's work." Some held up the power of welcoming all people "wherever they are on their spiritual journey." Our music was praised for the "beautiful singing" that lifts their souls to God. In the world outside St. John's walls, folks thanked God for wildlife, for the privilege of sleeping-in two days a week, for chemotherapy that helped their loved ones live longer, their sobriety, their ability to run, and their sense of humor. Some were thankful for the hope of peace in our world and our government.

The little golden papers on which these thanksgivings are written are holy indeed. We will place them on the altar on Thanksgiving and weave them into the Prayers of the People during the weeks ahead. Thanks be for thanksgivers!

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### HAPPENING TODAY

**Faith Forum on the Holy Land Pilgrimage, TODAY at 9:30 a.m.**

In September, a group of St. John's parishioners, clergy and friends went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. At this morning's Faith Forum, they will share stories and photos of how they encountered God and the biblical narrative in new ways, while also learning more about history and current events in this part of our world.

**Please welcome Grace Academy student Leela Washington-Crowther**

Today we're pleased to welcome Leela Washington-Crowther and her mom to St. John's. Our parish is sponsoring Leela at Grace Academy, one of our community partners. Leela lives in Hartford with her mother Kenya (Keen-ya), who works at the Family Life Education Center. Leela's father is originally from Guyana. Leela signed up for violin class for her music elective (all students at Grace Academy take keyboarding one-day/week and then choose a music elective), she is on the Fun Run Team for her fall sport, and is in Girl Scouts (led by St. John's member Mary Hardy) for her Tuesday Club. Leela loves science and her Advisory class. Her favorite teachers are Ms. Witt and Ms. Deneen. She tells us, "I really like my strings class and the sports we play. I really like to learn here."

**Celtic Book Study, TODAY at 4:30 p.m.**

A Celtic Christianity book study will have its first session at St. John's (Hubbard Hall) this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. The book study will be on *Rebirthing God* by John Philip Newell, the leading voice of Celtic theology in the world today. Additional sessions are TBA. All are welcome.

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**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:**

Jim Evans	Cheryl Trahan	Edward Shaker	Luther
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Michael	Manuel Aguiar
Carol Grieco	Susan	Amber Lynch	
Janet Ray	Meg	Albert Lennox	
Susan Murray	Erica		

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Merriol Almond	Margaret Smith
Erica Williams	Allyson Davis
Stella Splettstoesser	Colin Alemany
Matt Ciscel	Beth Grieco
Scott Donofrio	

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Philip and Bach-Mai Chapman  
Mary and Spencer Sloan

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Bermuda.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott; and for ministries with older adults, The Girl's Friendly Society, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the Daughters of the King.

## Save the Date

### **Thanksgiving Day service, November 22 at 10 a.m.**

Begin your holiday by giving thanks in a service of Holy Eucharist with hymns. All are welcome!

### **Christmas Festival, December 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

St. John's annual Christmas Festival is in just a few weeks. 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). **Also, please pick up lawn signs and/or flyers in Hubbard Hall today to help publicize the Festival.**

### **Make an Advent wreath, Sunday, December 2, 9:30 a.m.**

Our intergenerational Faith Forum on Sunday, December 2, will be an Advent wreath-making session. We will provide faux evergreen wreaths, decorative ribbons and ornaments, and candles. If you've made a wreath in previous years, feel free to bring it in to refresh the decorations and candles. One wreath per family, please. Donations are welcome to help cover the cost of supplies. Suggested amounts: \$10 for a wreath and candles, \$5 for candles only.

### **Ron Casey to lead a third Faith Forum on mental health, Sunday, December 9, 9:30 a.m.**

Dr. Ron Casey, consulting psychologist to the Episcopal Church in CT and a practicing therapist, recently led two popular Faith Forums on prevalent mental health concerns, including anxiety, depression and suicide. These sessions generated enough interest and conversation that Dr. Casey will return to lead a third Faith Forum, specifically addressing suicide, on Sunday, December 9 at 9:30 a.m. Members of the public are welcome, so if you know someone who might benefit from these conversations, please invite them to join us. \*NOTE: The two-part Advent book discussion previously scheduled to be on December 9 and 16 will now only be on December 16, to allow for this bonus session with Dr. Casey.

### **Advent book discussion, Sunday, December 16, 9:30 a.m.**

P.D. James's novel *The Children of Men* will be the subject of an Advent Faith Forum on December 16. 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 16. \*NOTE DATE CHANGE: Book discussions were previously scheduled for two Sundays, but will now happen only on December 16, to allow for Ron Casey to return to do another Faith Forum on December 9, as explained above.

### **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. Come hear our renowned Youth and Adult Choirs sing anthems and carols, and hear again the story of God's saving love for all people. 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.
- **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).

### Kids and adults needed for Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Pageant will take place during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 23. Sign-up sheets for parts in the pageant are on the bulletin board outside the education wing, starting today. **To sign up for a part:** Please write your child's name, age/grade and parent name. **A mandatory rehearsal** is on Saturday, December 22, 9 to 11 a.m. There will also be a rehearsal during the education hour (9:30 a.m.) on Sunday, December 16. **We need many adult helpers** to make this wonderful event happen. Contact Buffy Ineson ([buffyineson@gmail.com](mailto:buffyineson@gmail.com)) and David Beers ([davidboothbeers@gmail.com](mailto:davidboothbeers@gmail.com)) for more information.

- **Sort, iron and label costumes** during rehearsal on Saturday 12/22
- **Help with organizing and running rehearsal** on Saturday 12/22
- **Help dress children** in costumes before the pageant, starting at 9:30 a.m. on 12/23
- **Provide refreshments** during the **pageant rehearsal** and for **coffee hour** after the pageant.

**Thank you to all who have pledged their support to St. John's for 2019.**  
This list will be updated as pledges are received. The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.



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St. John's Annual  
**Christmas Festival**

Saturday,  
December 1  
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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**A "must" to center  
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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)

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