

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Christ the King

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 25, 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 Prelude

Cesar Franck (1822–1890)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 435 At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

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. 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

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

All sit.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 93

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

The musical notation is a two-staff setting in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.' The word 'LORD' is written in all caps and is underlined. The words 'ev - er' are hyphenated across two notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

- 1 The Lord is King;
he has put on splendid apparel; *
the Lord has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.
- 2 **He has made the whole world so sure ***
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.

- 4 **The waters have lifted up, O Lord,
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 **Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,
for ever and for evermore.**

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus

IN BABILONE

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

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

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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.*

Most High God, rule in our hearts and guide us to be faithful in our daily actions, as we pray for our needs and those of others. God who is our beginning and our end, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church around the world, and for the ministry of St. John's. We give thanks for this community that welcomes, supports and inspires us. May we serve and lead as Christ did, with humility and wisdom. God who is our beginning and our end, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of our communities, our nation and the world. May Christ's example as a king who served and loved all people inspire them to act with compassion, and to work for justice and peace. God who is our beginning and our end, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in pain, trouble or need, especially those on our parish prayer list, those affected by the California fires, and those who feel alone during this holiday season. God who is our beginning and our end, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may abide in your kingdom forever, and for those who mourn and miss them. God who is our beginning and our end, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Look upon your people who rejoice in your justice and mercy, and grant that the prayers we make may reveal Christ's reign in our time.

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 Thou God of truth and love

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Thou God of truth and love,
We seek thy perfect way,
Ready thy choice to approve,
Thy providence to obey:
Enter into thy wise design,
And sweetly lose our will in thine.

Why hast thou cast our lot
 In the same age and place?
 And why together brought
 To see each other's face?
 To join with softest sympathy,
 And mix our friendly souls in thee?

Didst thou not make us one,
 That we might one remain,
 Together travel on,
 And bear each other's pain;
 Till all thy utmost goodness prove,
 And rise renewed in perfect love?

O may thy Spirit seal
 Our souls unto that day,
 With all thy fulness fill,
 And then transport away!
 Away to our eternal rest,
 Away to our Redeemer's breast!

Malcolm Archer's setting of this Charles Wesley text contains a highly lyrical melody and emotional connection. Pay special attention to the dramatic treatment of the middle verse: "Didst thou not make us one, that being one we must remain? Together, travel on, and bear each other's pain." The text and tune lift up a universal message of following Christ, serving others, and God being with us in times of trouble.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Oculi omnium

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Words: Psalm 144:15

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

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING

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

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

DUKE STREET

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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 William J. Eakins**Preacher:** The Reverend Hope H. Eakins**Layreader:** Bess Amamoo**Psalterer:** Mariana Evica**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Assisting Organist:** Christa Rakich**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Acolytes:** John O'Brien, Claire O'Brien, Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi**Ushers:** Jeff Verney, Brad Babbitt, Edwin Genece,

Annabel Clapp, Eleanor Barnes, Akilah Williams

Altar Guild: Bess Amamoo, Nancy Pedersen, Bette-Jane Hardersen**Healing Prayers:** Dave Grimaldi**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:****Layreader:** Lissie Brooks**Musician:** Joyce Burke

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Helen and Harold Howlett, Ruth and William Eakins, Daniel Nelson Adams III, George D. Stoughton and Gordon Chase Streeter.

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	Daniel	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Sandy Pond	Eleanor Taylor
Wil Brunjes	Zach Scoma

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Bob and Edith Connolly
Pat and Alex Vance

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Lusitanian Church.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Woodbury; St. John the Evangelist, Yalesville; Grace Church, Yantic; and for the health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church, the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church.

Learn about St. John's during WWI

This month marks the 100th anniversary of the cessation of World War I hostilities. More than 50 St. John's individuals served in the military. Two of them, John Henry Reardon and Julius Adelbert Steele, did not survive the war. Learn more about them on our parish historian's blog:

<https://sjparishwh.wordpress.com/2018/11/20/the-great-war-remembered/>

Save the Date

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

St. John's annual Christmas Festival is less than one week away. The **Wreath Decorating Night**, at which parishioners gather to create unique and beautiful wreaths to sell at the Festival, will be **this Thursday, November 29**. Beverages and snacks will be served. Please come, and bring along any wreath decorations you have on hand (ribbons, small ornaments, pinecones, greenery, etc.). 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** in Hubbard Hall today to help publicize the Festival. **If you plan to bring donated items to church this week and need help unloading your car, please come between 8 and 10 a.m. Monday through Friday. Please let the parish office know a day ahead when you plan to come so we can have help available.**

Youth Night to set up for Children's Boutique, Friday, November 30

All kids in 6th through 12th grades are invited to help organize and set up the Christmas Festival "Children's Boutique" on Friday evening, November 30, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. A pizza dinner will be provided. Please bring a new or gently used toy, game or puzzle to donate to the boutique. Your help is also needed with selling items during the Festival on Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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. All are also invited to help decorate the church Christmas tree at coffee hour after the 10:30 service that day.

Women Together starts a new book discussion on Tuesday, December 4, 2:00 p.m.

In December, Women Together will focus on the stories of Jesus's birth found in Matthew and Luke. The group will meet Tuesdays, December 4th and 11th, from 2-3:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's. Women from St. John's and Trinity currently participate in Women Together, and women from any church are welcome to come and share in this time of study, reflection and fellowship. For more information, contact Sarah Kieffer.

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.

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.

Community Garden planning meeting, Sunday, December 9, after the 10:30 service

Even though the growing season in God's Garden is over for now, it's not too early to begin planning ahead for next year. All who are interested in learning more about our community garden and volunteering to help are invited to a meeting after the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 9. We need people to plan for the growing season, plant, schedule volunteers, weed and maintain, harvest, and organize weekly veggie giveaways to our neighbors.

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.



Christmas gifts for children in need

St. John's will once again sponsor 60 children in the Nurturing Families Network with Christmas gift bags. If you picked up a tag, 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 tomorrow, Monday, November 26. Thanks in advance for your generosity! For more information, contact Jillian Puzzo at jillianpuzzo@gmail.com or Leah Murchie at 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.
- **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) or Buffy Ineson (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 or 860-673-8813.
- **Make quarts of soup to sell at the Festival:** Contact Brooke Whittemore at brookewhittemore@sbcglobal.net.
- **Decorate evergreen wreaths to sell.** The wreath-making night will be **this 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 virginia-gillespie1@gmail.com.
- **Books.** Contact Hope Eakins at 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. **To sign up for a part:** Please write your child’s name, age/grade and parent name. Note that certain roles are traditionally reserved for particular age groups. Ask Buffy Ineson or David Beers if you’re not sure which type of role would best suit your child. **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) and David Beers (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 includes pledges received as of Tuesday, November 20, and will be updated weekly.

The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.



Merriol Almond, Bess & John Amamoo, *June & Emhart Aziz*, Janet & Brad Babbitt, Eleanor & Jack Barnes, Wendy & Richard Bartlett, Margaret Beers, Marian & David Beers, Mike Biondi & Ginny Kemp, Shirley Blean, Lissie & Lynn Brooks, Kim & Chris Byrd, Lindsey & Stuart Carlisle, Philip Chapman, Francine & Stephan Christiansen, Alina & Matthew Ciscel, Annabel & Elijah Clapp, Susan & Brian Clemow, Edith & Bob Connolly, Trig & Sam Cooley, Steve Crocker & Rosa Guzzo, Pam Dimock, *Martin Dodd*, Susan & James Donaldson, Linda Dunakin, Hope & Bill Eakins, Kate & Robert Eikel, Karan & Geoff Emerick, Carole & Tony Erdman, *Mariana Evica*, Deborah Ferrari & Martin Wheeler, Martha Fine, Ellen & Ben Flynn, Carolyn & Stanley Giliberto, *Danielle Foint*, *Anne & Craig Grant*, Beth & Joel Grieco, David Grimaldi, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Anne Harney, Susie & Ross Hatch, Eleanor Hayes, Anne & Randall Hayes, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, Priscilla Hexter, Patricia Howard, *Frisha Hugessen*, Ann Hutchinson, Buffy & John Ineson, Dianne Jones, Sarah Kieffer, *Betty Knorr*, Mary Beth & Scott Lamlein, Cindy & Jim Lawler, Barbara & Albert Lennox, Wendy & Tom Lincoln, *Teresa & Joel Lohr*, Tina & Dave McCary, *Jackie McCauley*, Lisa & Mike Mahoney, *Janis Milroy & Christa Rakich*, Jean Mitchell, Marnie & Bob Mueller, Leah & Stewart Murchie, Elizabeth & Alexander Nelson, John Nowacki & Don Polk, Julia & Jim O'Brien, *Harriet Odium*, *Charnley Parr*, Nancy Pedersen, Agnes & Bill Peelle, Susan Pinkerton, *Elizabeth Proctor*, Jillian & Michael Puzzo, Hal Rives & Marki Ware, Laura & John Roche, *Barbara & Pieter Roos*, Nina & Duccio Rosselli del Turco, Judy Schaffer, Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams, *James Sharp*, Mary & Spencer Sloan, Jackie & Paul Smith, Margaret & William Smith, Tyler Smith & Lyn Walker, Carol & Charles Sonne, Mary Stoughton, Dale & Christoph Stretz, Pat Struglia, Margaret Thomas, Heidi & Hubertus Tummescheit, Virginia Van Dyk & John Wilcox, Pam & Jeff Verney, Audrey Walker, *Anne & John Walsh*, Joan Warner, Brooke & Ted Whittemore, Michael & Craig Wilkinson, Janet Willard, Maggie & Sherwood Willard, Joanne & Dennis Winkleblack, Wes Winterbottom, Anita Winters

Note: We received a \$240 pledge without a name on it. If you think this might be your pledge and don't see your name above, please contact Peggy O'Toole at peggy@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201, ext. 311 so she can properly attribute it.



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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3:00 p.m. Sunday
December 9

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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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The Rev. Hope Eakins* (hope@sjparish.net) *Priest Associate*
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Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net) *Financial Administrator*
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Ralph Valentine *Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus*

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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