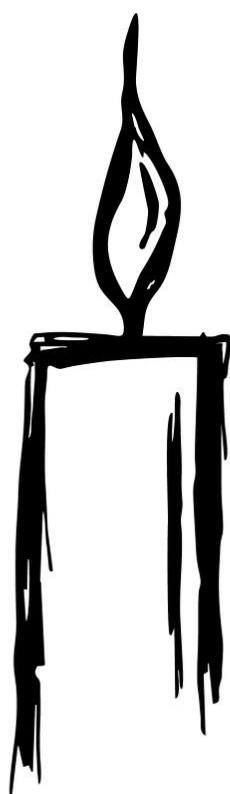


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First Sunday of Advent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 2, 2018

10:30 a.m.

THE KYRIE

Unison or harmony

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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Music: James McGregor (b. 1930), after *Verbum caro factum est*, Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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

*Jeremiah 33:14–16**All sit.*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 25:1–9**The people say the words in **bold** and sing the Antiphon as indicated.*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 61 “Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us

WACHET AUF

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25–36

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

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

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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.

God of new life, we offer up our needs, our hopes, our thanksgivings, and our fears because you have promised to hear us and you have promised to come to us. God of hope, we wait for you; **God's kingdom draws near.**

Inspire the church to abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. Strengthen our hearts and give us wisdom and compassion to do your work, trusting in your promise to be with us always. God of hope, we wait for you; **God's kingdom draws near.**

Guide the leaders of our communities, this nation and the world to execute justice and righteousness in all lands. We pray especially for Donald our president, Dannel our governor, and Ned our governor-elect. Be of comfort and aid where there is distress among nations, so that all may live in safety. God of hope, we wait for you; **God's kingdom draws near.**

We remember before you those who are sick, alone, unsafe, or in distress, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we remember now. *[Pause for silent or spoken prayers.]* Your compassion and love are from everlasting; grant to those who suffer healing, companionship, safety, and peace. God of hope, we wait for you; **God's kingdom draws near.**

We remember those who have died, who now see you face to face. God of hope, we wait for you; **God's kingdom draws near.**

Celebrant Almighty God, when the signs of the times make us weary and afraid, we lift up our souls to you and put our trust in you. Prepare our hearts to receive you in all the unexpected ways you come to us.

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 People, look east

Christopher Steel, 1982
Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
 Guard the nest that must be filled.
 Even the hour when wings are frozen
 God for fledging time has chosen.
 People, look east and sing today:
 Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
 One more light the bowl shall brim,
 Shining beyond the frosty weather,
 Bright as sun and moon together.
 People, look east and sing today:
 Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
 Christ who brings new life to earth.
 Set every peak and valley humming
 With the word, the Lord is coming.
 People, look east and sing today:
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

People, Look East was written by Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965) and was first published as Carol of Advent in Part 3 of "Modern Texts Written for or Adapted to Traditional Tunes" in *The Oxford Book of Carols*, 1928. Farjeon, a native of London, was a devout Catholic who viewed her faith as "a progression toward which her spiritual life moved rather than a conversion experience." (*The Presbyterian Hymnal Companion*, p. 323) She achieved acclaim as an author of children's nursery rhymes and singing games, and is best remembered for her poem *Morning Has Broken*.

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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).
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All remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 This is the truth sent from above Traditional English,
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate,
Is That God did man create
The next thing which to you I tell,
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose
For so a promise soon did run
That He'd redeem us with a Son.

And at this season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands He did teach.

Thus He in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved
And if you want to know the way
Be pleased to hear what He did say.

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 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

TRURO

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fanfare on *Wachet auf*

Paul Manz (1919–2009)

*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 Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend William J. Eakins**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Kim Byrd**The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Acolytes:** J.P. Evans, Ford Gillespie, Ethen Worrell, Caleb Worrell**Ushers:** Jeff Gostyla, Emhart Aziz, Julia O'Brien, Steve Crocker, Robert Eikel**Altar Guild:** Paul Shaker and Bess Amamoo**Healing Prayers:** Marie Montas**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:****Layreader:** Lissie Brooks**Musician:** Natalie Giana

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
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Michael
Carol Grieco	Susan	Manuel Aguiar
Janet Ray	Meg	Albert Lennox
Susan Murray	Luther	Daniel

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Susan Knapp Thomas	Bobby Biondi
Claire O'Brien	David Hrdlicka
Lissie Brooks	Anne Harney
Ann Hutchinson	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Barbara and Albert Lennox

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's, Bantam; and for postulants and candidates for Holy Orders, the Commission on Ministry and its members.

HAPPENING TODAY

Make an Advent wreath at 9:30 a.m. Our intergenerational Faith Forum today is 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.

Christmas flower offering envelopes are available in the pews. If you'd like to donate toward Christmas poinsettias in memory of a loved one, please fill out the envelope with your name and the name(s) of your loved one(s), put your cash or check donation in the envelope (any amount is welcome), and put it in the offering plate. You may also send or drop off your contribution and names to the office. **All names must be received by December 17 to be included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas bulletins.**

If you requested weekly offering envelopes for your 2019 pledge, you may pick those up in Hubbard Hall. The envelopes are in alphabetical order by last name, in a box on the bench just outside the entrance into the nave. Please contact Ellen in the parish office if you would like to request weekly offering envelopes and haven't yet done so.

The monthly Celtic service is this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. The Celtic service is complete, composed of communal silent prayer, chanting, and singing, led by a talented team of lay people. The service begins with an extended period of silence. This month's theme is "darkness." All are welcome.

Save the Date

Women Together starts a new book discussion on Tuesday, December 4, 2 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.

Men's Bible study, Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Study: Read scripture, burn calories! This week we're reading John 21:1-25. Join us Thursday at 6:30 a.m. in the Reception Room.

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 Pageant:

Rehearsals on Sunday, December 16 and Saturday, December 22,

Pageant on Sunday, December 23

The Christmas Pageant will take place during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 23. **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 Thursday, November 29, 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, Jane Bartlett, 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, *Michele & Halsey Cook*, 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, Linda & John Fiske, Ellen & Ben Flynn, *Danielle Foint*, Carolyn & Stanley Giliberto, Tim Goetz, *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*, Ann & Richard Krissinger, Mary Beth & Scott Lamlein, Cindy & Jim Lawler, Barbara & Albert Lennox, Wendy & Tom Lincoln, *Teresa & Joel Lohr*, Tina & Dave McCary, *Jackie McCauley*, Lisa & Mike Mahoney, Patrick Miller, *Janis Milroy & Christa Rakich*, Jean Mitchell, Marnie & Bob Mueller, Leah & Stewart Murchie, Elizabeth & Alexander Nelson, Ann & Samuel Newbury, 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, *Cait Semanie*, Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams, *James Sharp*, Nancy & Bob Skeele, 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, Pat & Alex Vance, 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.

Healing Conversations: Talking about suicide

Dr. Ron Casey, consulting psychologist to the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and a practicing therapist, will lead a third Faith Forum at St. John's exploring prevalent mental health concerns. This session will focus on suicide and related issues. Participants are invited to submit questions ahead of time so that Dr. Casey can lead a discussion that will be most helpful to those present. To submit questions, write them down and put them in the labeled box in the parish hall, or send them to Ellen in the parish office at ellen@sjparish.net. The names of those who submit questions will remain anonymous. ALL ARE WELCOME!



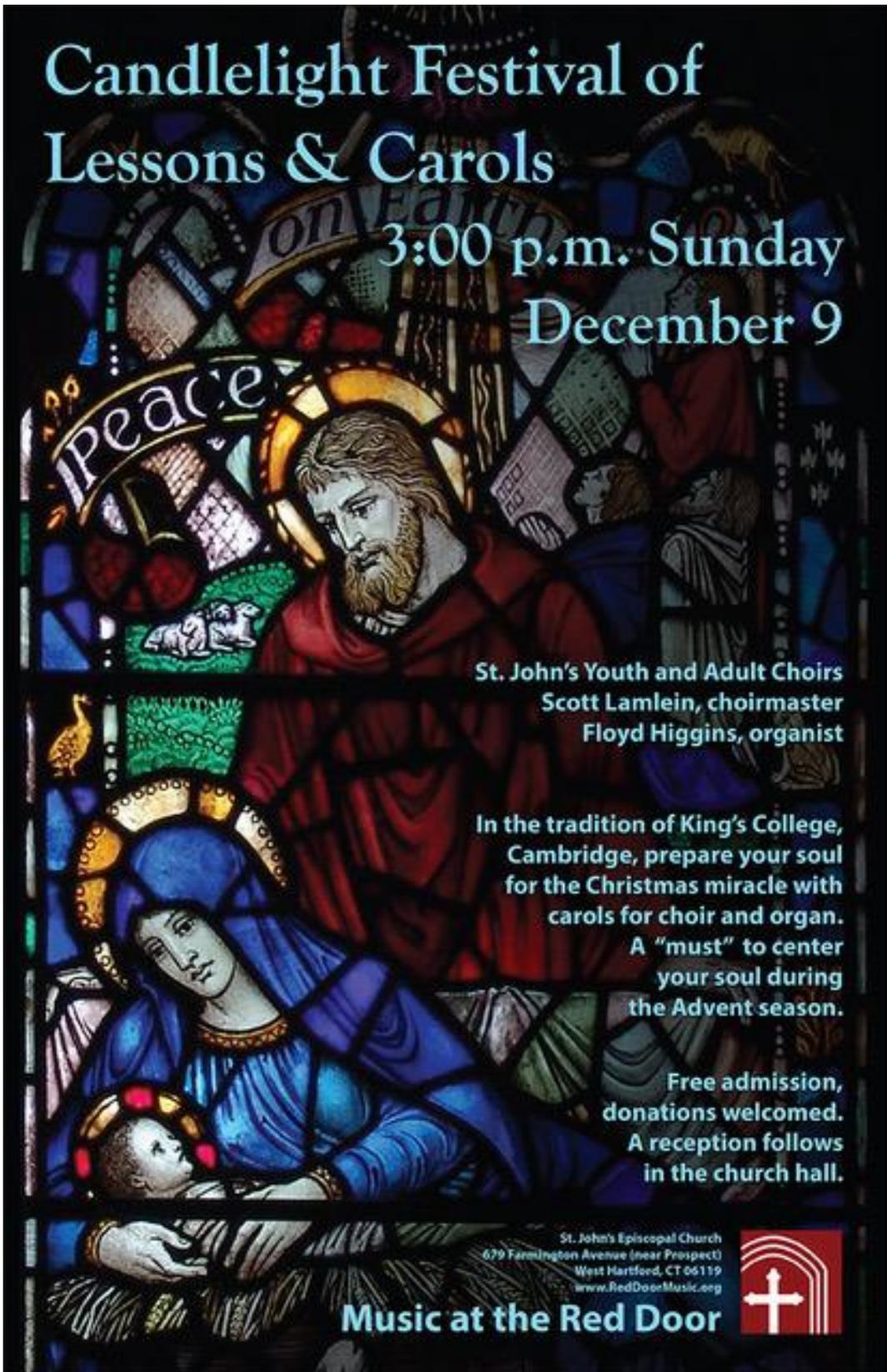
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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols

3:00 p.m. Sunday
December 9

Peace

St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs
Scott Lamlein, choirmaster
Floyd Higgins, organist

In the tradition of King's College,
Cambridge, prepare your soul
for the Christmas miracle with
carols for choir and organ.
A "must" to center
your soul during
the Advent season.

Free admission,
donations welcomed.
A reception follows
in the church hall.

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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
Scott Lamlein (scott@sjparish.net)	Director of Music
The Rev. Walter McKenney* (walter@sjparish.net)	Deacon
The Rev. Hope Eakins* (hope@sjparish.net)	Priest Associate
The Rev. William J. Eakins* (bill@sjparish.net)	Priest Associate
Ellen Painter Dollar (ellen@sjparish.net)	Parish Manager and Assistant to the Rector
Dwight Latif (dwight@sjparish.net)	Sexton
Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net)	Financial Administrator
Christa Rakich	Organ Artist-in-Residence
Ralph Valentine	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus

**These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.*

VESTRY

Buffy Ineson	Warden
Wes Winterbottom	Warden
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