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There is more happiness in giving than receiving.
Acts 20:35

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
November 10, 2019
10:30 a.m.
Welcome!

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 racks. Hearing assist devices are available from the ushers.

Our ushers are here to help create a welcoming and safe space for worship. Please speak to an usher if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. Again, welcome.

This week’s scripture readings:
Choosing faith over fear

How do you handle times of anxiety and uncertainty? What do you do when it seems as if the world is spinning out of control? Our readings for today go to the very core of our Christian faith — what it means to be fully alive, living in the present with Christ’s assurance that love, not death, has the last say. Job, the epitome of bad things happening to good people, refuses to turn his back on God and is sustained by his honest relationship with God in spite of the injustices he has endured. In the letter to the church in Thessalonica, Paul encourages the congregation to not be overcome with anxiety and fear due to the uncertainty of the future. Instead, he tells them to stand firm and gives thanks for the faith they received as the beloved sons and daughters of Christ. In Luke’s gospel, the Sadducees, the elite priestly class, try to ensnare Jesus with a silly riddle about marriage and heaven. Jesus, seeing through their scheme, teaches them that our God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is God not of the dead, but of the living. This is where we place our faith, in gratitude for God’s enduring love that overcomes the anxieties and uncertainties of this world.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY Now pray we to the Holy Spirit Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

THE PROCESIONAL HYMN 608 Eternal Father, strong to save Melita

All stand and sing.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might overcome evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
People Amen.

THE SONG OF PRAISE  Hark I hear the harps eternal

Alice Parker (b. 1925)

The congregation is seated.

Hark I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
as I near those swollen rivers with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I am.

And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
passes swiftly o’er those waters to the city far away.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I am.

Souls have crossed before me saintly to that land of perfect rest,
and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I am.

Alice Parker is a national treasure: America’s reigning queen of choral music. – American Record Guide

My twenty years’ experience with Robert Shaw, and immersion in folk music of many kinds, has had a profound effect on my own understanding of song. I learned to see each tune as a small universe, setting up its own rules of pitch and rhythm, mood and dance. If I understand that universe, and work within it for my setting, the result is an organic whole that allows the original melody to flourish. – Alice Parker

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON  Job:23–27a

All sit.

Job said, “O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

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

Lord, listen to my righteous plea

Rosalie McMillan

Paraphrase of Psalm 17

Words: Helen Otte (b. 1931) from Psalm 17 ©1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you
through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 707  Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee  
HOLLINGSDALE

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL  

Deacon  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
All  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

S ome Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

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

Children are invited to go to the Education Wing for Children’s Chapel, and will return at the Peace.

THE SERMON  
The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED  
The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

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.*  

Gracious and loving Lord, you have formed us into one body, your church, and called us to listen for the cries of this world and answer in your name. Give us grace to speak where silence needs breaking, strength to support where courage falters, and zeal to go where you lead us. May our footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law.  

You have blessed St. John’s parish with strong leaders, sacred space, and faithful people. Give us also generous hearts and ready hands to support the parish staff, volunteers, buildings and programs so that our ministry may flourish and deepen. Weigh our hearts and summon us.  

You have commanded us to work for liberty and justice for all, to share your gifts with those who have little, and to be a light to enlighten the nations. Guide the leaders of our country to break down the dividing walls that separate us and to maintain high standards of truth and righteousness. In your paths our feet shall not stumble.  

You sustain the sick and suffering. Heal those who are facing surgery, relieve those in pain, guide those who are addicted, and bless physicians, nurses, therapists and all who work to restore health and wholeness. Keep us as the apple of your eye; hide us under the shadow of your wings.  

You sent your Son to conquer death and to promise life eternal to all your children. Give us trust and confidence that that we will all be reunited in your great love. We remember especially Martin Ill and Tennyson Newsome. O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand, bless us with faith.
Celebrant  We call upon you, O Lord, confident that you know our needs and hear our prayers. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us and to rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit.

People  

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

As we sing the Offertory Hymn, a group of parishioners will first process down the aisle holding signs representing St. John’s many ministries. Then all are invited to come forward to place your 2020 pledge cards, gratitude cards, and/or regular weekly offerings in the basket on the chancel steps. Blank pledge and gratitude cards are in the pews. After you have come forward, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you are unable or do not wish to come forward, an usher will come by with an offering plate. Thank you for your generosity.
THE OFFERTORY HYMN  Great is thy faithfulness

All stand and sing.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
Sum mer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sum mer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Par don for sin and a peace that end  urth,
Par don for sin and a peace that end  urth,

1. There is no shadow of turning with thee;
1. There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Sun, moon and stars in their courses a bove,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses a bove,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

2. Thou chang est not, thy comp as sions, they fail not,
2. Thou chang est not, thy comp as sions, they fail not,
Join with all na ture in man ifold wit ness,
Join with all na ture in man ifold wit ness,
Strength for to day and bright hope for to mor row,
Strength for to day and bright hope for to mor row,

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

Great is thy faith ful ness! Great is thy faith ful ness!
Great is thy faith ful ness! Great is thy faith ful ness!
Morning by morning new mer cies I see;
Morning by morning new mer cies I see;

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:

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)
Music: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)
All remain standing or kneel.
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

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

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

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei
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 baptismal font in the back of the church after receiving Communion.
THE COMMUNION ANTHEM  Treasures in Heaven  Joseph W. Clokey (1890–1960)

Text: Matthew 6:19–21, 7:7–8

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

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  Lord, you give the great commission  Abbot’s Leigh

All stand and sing.
Glect its mission, and the gospel go un-
trust your promise, life a buntant meant for
earth’s true glory, daily lift life heavy en-
private treasure all that you so freely
love restoring, may we serve as you in-

heard, help us witness to your purpose
each, give us all new fervor, draw us
ward, asking that the world around us
give. May your care and mercy lead us
tend and, amid the cares that claim us,

with renewed integrity,
closer in communion, With the Spirit’s
share your children’s liberty,
to a just society.
hold in mind eternity.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934)

THE DISMISSAL
The minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!
THE VOLUNTARY  Fugue from Toccata in D minor  Dieterich Buxtehude

Buxtehude’s Toccatas are very different from the French Toccatas, made famous by Widor. Written in a free style in many tiny sections, each passing phrase brings on higher and more intense emotion. Presented today is the final fugue from one of these great works. Buxtehude was one of Bach’s mentors, and, after traveling to North Germany to study with him, Bach was nearly fired from his own church position for playing music that was too “out there.”

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.

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY
Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton
Assisting: The Reverend Margie Baker, the Reverend Hope H. Eakins, the Reverend William J. Eakins
Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney
Layreader: John Hardy
The St. John’s Youth & Adult Choirs
Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein
Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt
Acolytes: Genella Evans, Alice Murchie, Isabel Grant, Bradley Crocker
Ushers: Jeff Verney, Brad Babbitt, Edwin Genece, Annabel Clapp, Akilah Williams, Eleanor Barnes
Healing Prayers: Chris Byrd
Altar Guild: Ginny Kemp, Rosa Guzzo, June Aziz
Nursery Caregivers: Ford Gillespie and Caroline Thaxton

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center
Layreader: Paul Shaker
Musician: Natalie Giana

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of George Michael and Alycia Evica, Hester B. Carter, Elsa M. Lattey, Erik F. Lattey, and Carol Montas.

HAPPENING TODAY

The Climes, They are a’Changing, Faith Forum at 9:30 a.m.
This morning, Professor Mark Silk from Trinity College will lead the first of two Faith Forums on religion and climate change. Please join us for this important conversation for people of faith who care about the future of God’s world. Coffee and bagels are provided.

Coffee hour after the 10:30 service
Join us in Hubbard Hall after the 10:30 service for coffee, snacks, and a chance to meet someone new. Thanks to Annabel Clapp for hosting today!

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), 5 to 7 p.m.
At tonight’s EYC gathering, we’ll prepare food for St. John’s monthly Loaves & Fishes meal, as well as dinner for ourselves. All middle and high schoolers — and friends — are invited.
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.
All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

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Those celebrating birthdays this week:

- Stanley Giliberto
- James Baker
- Bill Eakins
- Lucas Branco
- Meredith Beir

Those who have died:

- Martin Ill, brother-in-law of Helen Cooke
- Tennyson Newsome

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:
Pray for the Lusitanian Church.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:
Pray for Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul’s, Willimantic; St. Matthew’s, Wilton; and for all women’s ministries and the Girls’ Friendly Society.

Important Note on Year-End Giving

For your contributions of cash or checks to appear on your 2019 year-end giving statement, they must be received in St. John’s office/offering plate by December 25. Due to holiday staff schedules, contributions received after December 25, 2019, will get posted to St. John’s bank account in January, in which case they will appear on your 2020 giving statement (even if they are in payment of a 2019 pledge).

If you would like to make an online pledge payment with your credit card and have it appear on your 2019 giving statement, please also do so by December 25, so there is plenty of time for your contribution to clear the merchant account and our bank account in December.

If you plan to donate stock to St. John’s, please contact Financial Administrator Peggy O’Toole at peggy@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201 x311, before you or your broker initiate the stock transfer.
Men’s Bible Study, Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.
We meet every Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. This fall, we are studying the life and story of David in 1 and 2 Samuel. Gentlemen, start your day out right; join us!

St. John’s EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m.
The EYC calendar for the next few weeks is as follows. Dinner is provided. Adult assistance is needed! If you are an adult who can help provide supervision or dinner, contact Margie at margie@sjparish.net.
- November 10 – Cooking for Loaves & Fishes
- November 17 – Cooking and Crafting

Silent Film with piano accompaniment, Saturday, November 16, 7 p.m.
Join us as pianist Patrick Miller accompanies the 1927 Cecil B. DeMille epic silent film The King of Kings, on November 16 at 7 p.m., as part of the Music at the Red Door concert series at St. John’s. In 1927, working with one of the biggest budgets in Hollywood history, DeMille spun the life and Passion of Christ into a silent-era blockbuster. Featuring text drawn directly from the Bible, a cast of thousands, and the great showman’s singular cinematic bag of tricks, The King of Kings is at once spectacular and deeply reverent—part Gospel, part Technicolor epic. Patrick Miller (a St. John’s member!) is associate professor of music theory at The Hartt School, University of Hartford. Since 1982, he has performed his piano accompaniments for silent film screenings throughout New England. Note: The movie is about 3 hours long, with one intermission, so do whatever is necessary to ensure your comfort for the evening, such as bringing a seat cushion and eating dinner beforehand!

Sacred Circle, Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m.
Sacred Circle is a small committed group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, November 19 at 7 pm in the church. Please come. All women are welcome. For more information, call Beth Rocco at (860) 521-5433.

Love Your Enemies book discussion, Sunday, November 24, 9:30 a.m.
Today in America, there is an “outrage industrial complex” that prospers by setting American against American, creating a “culture of contempt” — the habit of seeing people who disagree with us not as merely incorrect, but as worthless and defective. In Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from the Culture of Contempt, the New York Times bestselling author and social scientist Arthur C. Brooks shows that abusing and outrage are not the right formula for lasting success. Brooks blends cutting-edge behavioral research, ancient wisdom, and a decade of experience leading one of America’s top policy think tanks in a work that offers a better way to build relationships of respect and love with all of our neighbors, even those with whom we disagree. Get your copy of Love Your Enemies now from your local library or favorite online or brick-and-mortar bookstore, so you can read it before November 24.

Christmas gifts for children in need due by December 2
St. John’s is continuing the tradition of sponsoring 60 children with Christmas gift bags in the Stronger Families, Stronger Future program (formerly known as the Nurturing Families Network). You’re invited to fill a gift bag and make a child’s Christmas brighter! Sign-up sheets and gift tags will be available outside Hubbard Hall on Sundays in November (10, 17, and 24). Please shop and place unwrapped items in a gift bag, then return your gift bag to St. John’s by Monday, December 2. You can deliver to the office during the week or to our gift bag table on Sunday mornings. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! For more information, contact Jillian Puzzo at jillianpuzzo@gmail.com or Leah Murchie at murchlt@comcast.net.
The annual St. John’s Christmas Festival is coming up on **Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** There are lots of ways you can participate — many hands are needed! **We are in need of people to help with making and serving food in the Festival Café, and to oversee several sales areas.** For more information about what help is needed and to volunteer, please contact Karen Licht (karen_licht@yahoo.com), Ellen Flynn (ellenflynn517@gmail.com), or Carla Katsipis (cabdo28@gmail.com). We’re also currently in need of donations and volunteers for the following areas. We’ll publish additional needs as the area coordinators submit them.

- **Jewelry & Accessories:** The Christmas Festival is right around the corner and we need your donations for the Chic Boutique! Once again we will be selling used jewelry, handbags, scarves, neckties and other accessories. So please go through your closets and drawers and see what you might have to donate! A great opportunity to clean out your closets, donate what you are no longer using and let someone else enjoy these items! Donations can be left at the church (in a box/bag marked Chic Boutique) or contact Kim Byrd at 860-558-9916 and she will arrange to pick them up.

- **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, prints, antiques, or interesting furniture. Contact Colin Gillespie at gillespiecolinh@gmail.com.

- **Books:** Contact John Hardy at johnedwardhardy@yahoo.com.

- **Items for wreath decorating:** It’s that time again, to look through your closets, attics and basements for any bows, ornaments, faux flowers and fruits, and any other items that can be repurposed for this year’s wreath decorating. We always need to purchase some new supplies, but the more we can repurpose, the more money we save! Please start dropping any supplies by the office clearly marked for GREENERY. Thank you!

- **Wreath decorating night, December 5:** It’s almost time to deck the halls! This year we will be meeting in Hubbard Hall on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., to decorate wreaths to be sold at the Christmas Festival Greenery Table. This is an extremely fun and social night, and there is no decorating talent required, so please consider coming if you don’t have plans. If you do have earlier plans, we sometimes are still working on wreaths past 9 p.m., so feel free to call Lindsey Carlisle if you are thinking of stopping by (860-280-6812). We will have nibbles and refreshments to keep everyone going! We do have a decent supply of scissors, glue guns and glue sticks, wire cutters, and extension cords, but more are always welcome! Please label any supplies that you bring so you can collect them at the end of the evening. Lastly, a gentle reminder that this is NOT an event for children, and there will not be babysitting available. Looking forward to seeing you then! If you have questions you can email Lindsey at smclbc@comcast.net.

- **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.
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5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month (Sept – April)

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