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Second Sunday of Advent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 6, 2020

10:30 a.m.

THE VOLUNTARY Trio: From heaven above to earth I come
Veni Emmanuel

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)
Pietro Yon (1886–1943)

THE OPENING HYMN 56, vv. 1, 2, 7 O come, O come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

All sing or read along.



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plain song, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Unison or harmony

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

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

— Chri-ste e - le - i - son. — Chri-ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e -

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

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. Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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

Isaiah 40:1–11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in

the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13

*The people say the words in **bold**.*

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 **You have forgiven the iniquity of your people ***
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 **Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, ***
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 **Truth shall spring up from the earth, ***
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 **Righteousness shall go before him, ***
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 3:8–15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the

heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1–8

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

THE NICENE CREED

**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

A period of silence is kept. The people say the words in bold.

The voice of God cries out in the wilderness, calling us to a transformed way of living. Let us respond to this invitation through the offering of our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Come with your promise to bring a new heaven and a new earth to your people, saving us from the fires of sin and despair, and offering to us the solemn gifts of grace and salvation; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come into the hearts of your people, that we may turn from our selfish consumption, our waste, our recklessness, and our carelessness with the gifts of creation; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come into the body of the Church and make us a baptizing community, that we may share your message of repentance and hope, and receive your free gift of eternal love; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come with your Holy Spirit into the lives of those who are unemployed, abused, addicted, sick, homeless, destitute, overwhelmed, or alone, and awaken hope; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; our clergy and lay leaders; Donald, our president; Joseph, our president-elect; and to all who exercise offices of authority; may wisdom be their guide, and the true love of their people direct their decisions; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to those whom we love but see no more, especially Miriam Lockhart, and gather them into your heavenly rest; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant Be with us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us, we might recognize him, and come to adore him. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

THE WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Matt Ciscel, Co-Stewardship Chair

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM Comfort Ye *from* Messiah

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

Text: Isaiah 40:1–3

Odanice Olibrice, soloist

Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for Our God.

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

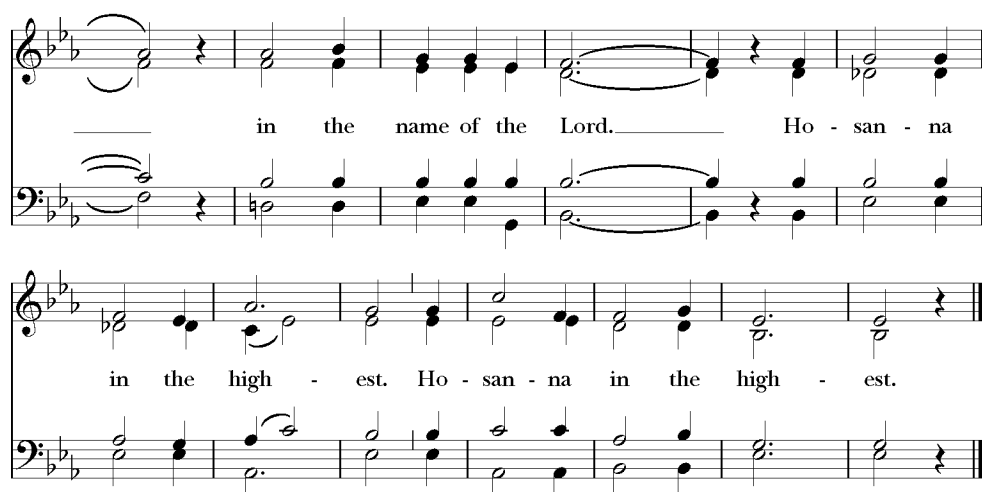
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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



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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.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating G major. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1:
 Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

System 2:
 Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

System 3:
 Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

System 4:
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Gracious and Risen Lord, we desire to offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament and we love you above all things. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we desire to receive you into our souls. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

People **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 this gathering of the community he formed. 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 CLOSING HYMN 72, vv. 1, 2, 4 Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

RICHMOND

All read or sing along.

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
 2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - every voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: Richmond, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816); harm.
 Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised, 1950; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 661 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
Savior of the nations, come

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Organist: Scott Lamlein

Cantor: Odanice Olibrice

Assisting Organist: Christa Rakich

Livestream Oversight: Ray Giolitto

Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Priscilla
Kim Green	Sue	Beth	Fraz Lugay
Janet Ray	Billy Ulrich	Chris	Patricia
Brad Babbitt	Jonah Dahlstrom	Ellie Brown	Enid
Robert E. Eikel	Whitney Lynch	Samira Rihani	Ann
Robin	William Bittinger	Peter Kieffer	Dan
Mary	Zachary	Juan	Alexa
Seamus Turco	Kimberley	Judy Gardiner	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Ann Hutchinson	Marshall Barnes	Emily Russell
Bobby Biondi	Lyn Walker	Sarah Thaxton
Easton Swift	Edward Hohl	Mariana Evica
David Hrdlicka	Ellen O'Brien	Michael Sheetz
Anne Harney	Edward Nelson	Vincent Williams
Virginia Van Dyk	Calvert Thomas	Cameron Fulton

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield; and for ministries to the homeless; parishes that offer a temporary or permanent shelter; Chapel on the Green, New Haven; Church by the Pond, Hartford; all Ecclesia ministries; and the ministry of the Midnight Runs.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Go to our web site at <http://www.sjparish.net/> for details and links.

Sunday School (elementary through middle school), 9:30 a.m. Sundays on Zoom

Sunday livestream service, 10:30 a.m. on YouTube, Facebook and the web site

TODAY: Online Pipes Alive! organ concert, 12:30 p.m.

Sunday afternoon youth service projects (outdoors), 2 p.m.

TODAY: Outdoor Christmas Festival, 1 to 4 p.m.

TODAY: Online Celtic Contemplative Service, 4:30 p.m.

Online Noonday Prayer, Monday through Friday at 12 p.m. on Zoom

Online Morning Prayer, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m. on Zoom

Online Family Happy Hour, Tuesdays at 5 p.m. on Zoom

Music at the Red Door online: Pipes Alive! TODAY

Our entire 2020–2021 Music at the Red Door concert series will be livestreamed online, where you can watch concerts in real time or anytime after. We will invite live audiences back when it is safe to do so, but for now, all events are online only. **Today at 12:30 p.m.**, Peter Niedmann will present a Pipes Alive! organ recital of his own compositions for Advent and Christmas.

Outdoor Christmas Festival, TODAY from 1 to 4 p.m.

Rescheduled from Saturday due to weather! Come on by to do some shopping and/or to help out.

- **Christmas wreaths and greenery:** In addition to our usual assortment of beautiful 12" and 16" wreaths decorated by the women of St. John's Church, this year we will be offering undecorated wreaths and a selection of pre-made bows in assorted colors and patterns. We will also have a limited selection of evergreen roping that can be purchased by the yard (up to 10-yard lengths).
- **Baked goods and other homemade treats** (wrapped to take home)
- **Quarts of homemade soup** (sold frozen for you to heat and eat at home)
- **Crafts**
- **Teacup auction raffle**
- **Online fundraising auction**, which is now open for bidding at <https://www.biddingowl.com/StJohnsWH>

Stations of the Nativity on St. John's grounds, December 6 through January 6

Starting today (after the Christmas Festival) St. John's will display the "Stations of the Nativity" on our beautiful grounds. The stations, which will line our driveway starting out front and going around to the back, consist of large illustrated and illuminated banners, each telling a part of the Christmas story. Visitors may drive or walk through the stations, stopping at each one to read and reflect. We even have a dedicated radio station (90.3 FM) so that your journey through the stations can be accompanied by music from the St. John's choirs! **Everyone is welcome** to make the Stations of the Nativity part of their Advent and Christmas preparations. Spread the word!

Be part of our virtual Christmas Pageant

We will be making a virtual pageant this year, to be part of our Sunday service on Advent 4. There are 10 scenes. Our hope is that 10 families will each take on a scene. Parents, children, and teens can all participate, along with anyone else in your pandemic "bubble." Each scene is 1 to 2 minutes in length. You may film your scene in your home, outside, or even here on the church grounds. Sheep, donkeys, and other friendly animals can be played by family pets, by stuffed animals, or by humans—use your imagination! You may create your own costumes, or you can email Margie with what you need and we will loan items from the St. John's Pageant costume set. So what do you need to do? Email Margie (margie@sjparish.net) with your chosen scene, plus a backup. Here are the scenes that are not yet assigned:

Scene 5 Angels appear to the shepherds: shepherds, Angel Gabriel, angels

Scene 7 Adoration of the shepherds: shepherds, Mary, Joseph

Scene 9 Wise men worship Jesus: three wise men, Mary, Joseph

Scene 10 Prologue of John: narrator

Important Note on Year-End Giving

For your contributions of cash or checks to appear on your 2020 year-end giving statement, they must be **received in the St. John's office by December 28**. Due to holiday staff schedules, contributions received after December 28 will get posted to St. John's bank account in January, in which case they will appear on your 2021 giving statement (even if they are in payment of a 2020 pledge).

If you would like to make an online pledge payment with your credit card and have it appear on your 2020 giving statement, please do so by December 24, 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.

Thank you to all who have pledged their support to St. John's for 2021.

This list includes pledges received as of Thursday, December 3.

The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.



Merriol Almond, June & Emmy Aziz, Janet & Brad Babbitt, Margie & Jenn Baker, Eleanor & Jack Barnes, Wendy & Richard Bartlett, Ginny Kemp & Mike Biondi, Shirley Blean, Lissie & Lynn Brooks, Kim & Chris Byrd, Buffy Cech, Alina & Matt Ciscel, Annabel & Elijah Clapp, Susan & Brian Clemow, Kate Coley, Edith & Bob Connolly, Michele & Halsey Cook, Helen Cooke, Trig & Sam Cooley, Rosa Guzzo & Steve Crocker, Pamela Dimock, Martin Dodd, Kate & Robert Eikel, *Frances Eikel*, *Virginia Eikel*, *Bobby Eikel*, Karan & Geoff Emerick, Carole & Tony Erdman, Martha Fine, Ellen & Ben Flynn, Danielle Foint, Ginger & Colin Gillespie, Tim Goetz, Heidi & Jeff Gostyla, Anne & Craig Grant, Beth & Joel Grieco, Ann Hanlon, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Anne Harney, *Cisalee Harrell*, Jane Harris, Susie & Ross Hatch, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, Ann Hutchinson, Buffy & John Ineson, Dianne Jones, Carla Abdo-Katsipis & Iacovos Katsipis, Sarah Kieffer, Betty Knorr, Ann Krissinger, Mary Beth & Scott Lamlein, Pamela Lamlein, Cindy & Jim Lawler, Wendy & Tom Lincoln, Teresa & Joel Lohr, *Enid & William McBride*, Tina & David McCary, Jackie McCauley, Scott McIntyre, Lisa & Michael Mahoney, Patrick Miller, Marnie Mueller, Leah & Stewart Murchie, Elizabeth & Alex Nelson, Ann Newbury, *Lillian Nolan*, John Nowacki & Don Polk, Julia & Jim O'Brien, *Angela Allen-Peck & Caleb Peck*, Nancy Pedesen, Agnes & Billy Peelle, Maribelle Pellen, Susan Pinkerton, Ginny & Mark Proft, Laura & John Roche, Barbara & Pieter Roos, Nina & Duccio Rosselli del Turco, Mary Russell, Judy Schaffer, Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams, Jim Sharp, Nancy Skeelee, Mary & Spencer Sloan, Jacqueline & Paul Smith, Flora Speer, Mary Stoughton, Dale & Christoph Stretz, Lauren Mascola & John Swift, Sera & Abraham Thomas, Calvert Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Pat & Alex Vance, Pam & Jeff Verney, *Gary Wait*, Lyn Walker & Tyler Smith, Audrey Walker, Anne & John Walsh, Joan Warner, Ted Whittemore, Virginia Van Dyk & John Wilcox, Maggie & Sherwood Willard, Jeanne & Dennis Winkleblack, Wes Winterbottom, *Brenda Zanta*, Anonymous

Note from the stewardship chairs

We need your pledges ASAP to make important program and staff budget decisions for the year ahead. Please contact the church office if you need another pledge card, or submit your pledge online at <https://sjparish.net/pledge>

Thank you so much to those of you that have already pledged. St. John's is the vibrant and flourishing community it is because of your ongoing participation and financial commitment!

Together our faith and our commitment to one another will see us through these difficult times, while strengthening our community and our mission. We are grateful for everyone's contribution of whatever amount you are able to pledge, and feel blessed to be part of this wonderful community.

Kim Byrd and Matt Ciscel, Co-Chairs, Stewardship Committee

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Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. (livestream video only).

Noonday Prayer online via Zoom at 12 p.m. every weekday.

Morning Prayer online via Zoom at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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