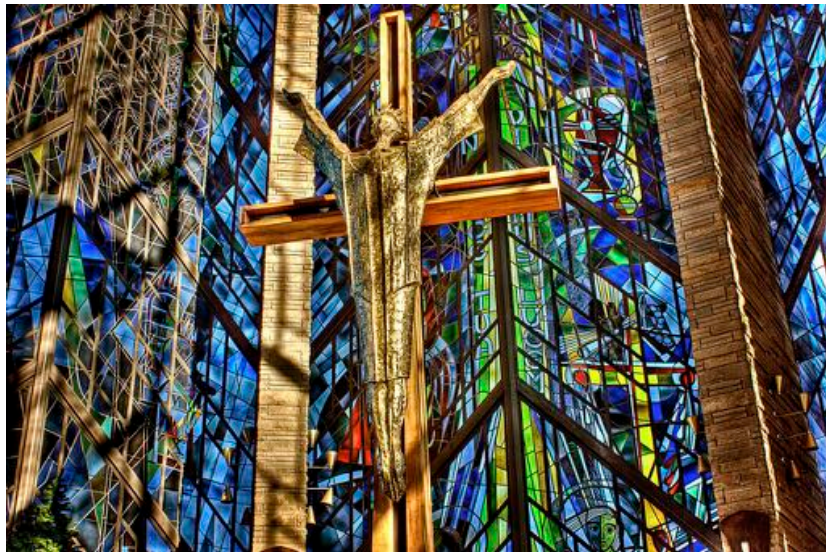


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Christ the King

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 21, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines. We will continue to follow the latest recommendations and monitor our local public health situation, and will revise these guidelines as needed:

- **Masks are required for all attending indoor services, regardless of vaccination status.**
- **Practice social distancing (at least 3 feet) with members of other households.**
- **Greet one another from a distance** with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.

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 need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out one of the pew cards and put it in the offering box or hand it to an usher or one of our clergy. Or fill out our online newcomer form at sjparish.net/newcomer-form.

Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as they will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. A nursery staffed by high school students is available on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon; it also has a changing table and rocking chair for parents to use. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday for all ages.

Cover image: Christus Rex (Christ the King) from the altar at the Chapel of the Resurrection at Valparaiso University.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE OPENING HYMN 435, vv. 1–4 At the name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

All stand and sing.

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.

People **Amen.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

All sit.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 93

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



- 1 The LORD is King;
he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.
- 2 **He has made the whole world so sure ***
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 **The waters have lifted up, O LORD,**
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 **Your testimonies are very sure, ***
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
for ever and for evermore.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 1:4b–8

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 494 Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 18:33–37

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

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

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

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

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.

In baptism we have been raised with Christ, ordained to a royal priesthood, and made a holy people. Let us pray for ourselves and the whole world, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that in all times and places we may bear witness to God's reign of justice, love, and peace. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the people of St. John's, that we who hear God's Word may be true disciples of Christ in our decisions and actions. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For leaders of government in nations, cities, and states, that they may recognize that their authority comes from God and is intended for the service of the human community. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who bear the marks of suffering, persecution, or famine, that the world community may recognize their dignity and work to alleviate their pain. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For a spirit of gratitude, that we may recognize all our gifts as signs of God's loving care and have the freedom to share them with all who touch our lives. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those commended to our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may find healing and hope in Christ. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, that they may find in eternal life the fullness of Christ's glorious reign. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in your heavenly realm. Hear the prayers we offer you this day, and grant that we may know the power of your care, and the riches of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Sing my soul

Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

Sing my soul, his wondrous love,
who from bright yonder throne above
ever watchful o'er his race,
still extends to us his grace.

Heaven and earth by him were made,
all is by his scepter swayed,
what are we that he should show
so much love to us below,
so much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good,
bought us with the Savior's blood,
and to make salvation sure
guides us by his Spirit pure,
guides us by his Spirit pure.

Sing my soul, adore his name!
Let his glory be thy theme:
praise him till he calls thee to his love
for all to come, trust love for all to come.



Sarah MacDonald is a Canadian-born organist, conductor, and composer, living in the UK, and currently holds the positions of fellow and director of music at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and director of the girl choristers at Ely Cathedral. She has been at Selwyn since 1999, and is the first woman to hold such a post in an Oxbridge Chapel. In 2018 MacDonald was given the honorary award of Associate of the Royal School of Church Music (ARSCM).

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

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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 FRACTION ANTHEM



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei
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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

A healing minister is available to pray with you today; go to the baptismal font after you receive Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM How can I keep from singing arr. Georgeann Weaver (b. 1944)
 Text: Robert Lowry, last verse by the composer
Sung by the Youth Choir

My life flows on in endless song,
 Above earth's lamentation
 I hear the real though far-off hymn
 That hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
 While to that Rock I'm clinging.
 Since love prevails in heaven and earth,
 How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me roars,
 I know the truth; it liveth.
 What though the darkness round me close,
 Songs in the night it giveth. [Refrain]

When tyrants tremble as they hear
 The bells of freedom ringing,
 Then all the earth will conquer fear;
 At last a new beginning.

I'll turn to take my neighbor's hand
 And place my trust as offering.
 When gathered friends around me stand,
 How can I keep from singing.



Georgeann M. Weaver was born in Manchester, Conn. She settled in the Boston area after graduating from Boston University in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in music education. She taught music in public schools for two years before raising her family. During the next several years, she stayed very active in music by teaching piano, conducting various choirs, composing on a small scale, and singing in the Masterworks Chorale, a 120-voice ensemble that performs in Cambridge, Mass.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
All remain seated and sing.

PICARDY

THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those worshipping online are invited to offer this prayer silently or aloud.

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand.

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 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 CLOSING HYMN 290 Come, ye thankful people, come
All sing.

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Now thank we all our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Paul Shaker

Psalterer: Sofia Jones

The St. John's Youth Choir

The St. John's Schola:

Catherine Barr, Rich Barstow, Martin Dodd, Danielle Foint,

Candy Green, Odinece Olibrice, Ram Tysoe, Abby White

Organist & Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt

Acolytes: Dorian Ciscel, Alice Murchie, Claire O'Brien

Ushers: Annabel Clapp, Steve Crocker, Don Polk

Healing Prayers: Sarah Kieffer

Livestream Oversight: Fraz Lugay

Altar Guild: June Aziz, Ginny Kemp

Sunday School Teachers: Ginger Gillespie, Akilah Williams, Leah Lorenzo, Colin Gillespie

Nursery Workers: Abigail Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Byron Renz,
 Wendy Wright Collins, and Andrya Ramer.**

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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.

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

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

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

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| Jim Evans | Susan | Ellie Brown | Kimberley |
| Kim Green | Sue | Anita Winters | Kent Lawrence |
| Janet Ray | Whitney Lynch | Marrion | Clark Hendley |
| Brad Babbitt | William Bittering | Marie | Maria Ferreira |
| Ward Farrell | Seamus Turco | Heather Pelletier | Mary |
| Mary A. Looney | David Lerner | Tom Reichenbach | Edie |
| Joanne | Joan | Duccio Rosselli del Turco | |
| Margaret Thomas | Susan Porta | Peter | |

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

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| Margaret Smith | Beth Grieco |
| Allyson Davis | Sandy Pond |
| Colin Alemany | Wil Brunjes |

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Mary & Spencer Sloan

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Woodbury; St. John the Evangelist, Yalesville; Grace Church, Yantic; and for the health and well-being of those employed by The Episcopal Church, the presiding bishop, and the president of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Bangladesh.

Words of gratitude

On Commitment Sunday last week, worshippers were invited to turn in a card on which they wrote what they are grateful for. Here is a small sample of the gratitude messages we received:

I am grateful for...

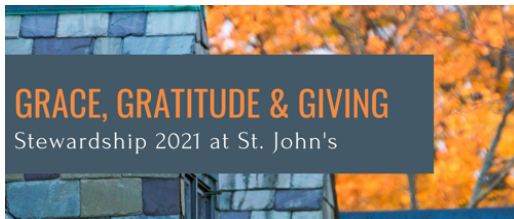
This church's embrace and support of music, which feeds our souls. [One of *many* expressions of gratitude for St. John's music program and choir!]

A job I love with new friends and supportive colleagues.

Food and plants.

The St. John's parish community, clergy, and staff.

Music, sunshine, friends.



Thank you so much to all who have supported our stewardship campaign for 2022 thus far! For those of you who have not yet submitted a completed pledge card, it's not too late!!! Please consider pledging your financial support to St. John's for the coming year. If you need a pledge card, they are on the tables at both entrances to the church, or you may pledge online at sjparish.net/pledge. You may also call the church office and ask us to mail you a card. We are grateful for

everyone's contribution of whatever amount you are able to pledge. St. John's is a vibrant, flourishing and caring community because of our ongoing participation and financial commitment to it. - *Kim Byrd and Matt Ciscel, co-chairs of the Stewardship Committee*



This list includes pledges received as of Wednesday, November 17.
The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.

Bess & John Amamoo, Margie & Jenn Baker, Eleanor & Jack Barnes, Wendy & Rich Bartlett, Mike Biondi & Ginny Kemp, Eloise Biscoe, Shirley Blean, Lissie & Lynn Brooks, Kim & Chris Byrd, Francine & Stephan Christiansen, Martha & John Church, Alina & Matt Ciscel, Annabel & Elijah Clapp, Susan & Brian Clemow, Kate Coley, Edith & Bob Connolly, Jyothsna & Carlos Diaz, Pamela Dimock, Martin Dodd, *Marcos & Matteo Donnelly*, Helen Douglas, *Joe Duffy*, Hope & Bill Eakins, Nancy Eaton, Kate & Robert Eikel, JX Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Bobby Eikel, Karan & Geoff Emerick, Carole & Tony Erdman, *Amy & Todd FitzGerald*, *Ginny & Rich Flinchbaugh*, Ellen & Ben Flynn, Danielle Foint, Ginger & Colin Gillespie, Tim Goetz, Anne & Craig Grant, David Grimaldi, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Mary & John Hardy, Anne Harney, Cisalee Harrell, Kara & Matthew Hart, Susie & Ross Hatch, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, Priscilla Hexter, Ann Hutchinson, Buffy & John Ineson, Carla Abdo-Katsipis & Iacovos Katsipis, *Beth & John Kauczka*, Mary Jo & Bert Keating, Betty Knorr, Ann Krissinger, Pamela Lamlein, Mary Beth & Scott Lamlein, Karen Licht, Wendy & Tom Lincoln, *Bill Lockery*, Teresa & Joel Lohr, Lisa & Mike Mahoney, *Liz & Andy Marchion*, Enid & William McBride, Tina & David McCary, *Sarah & Robert McQuilkin*, Patrick Miller, Jean Mitchell, Marnie Mueller, Leah & Stewart Murchie, John Nowacki & Don Polk, Julia & Jim O'Brien, Harriet Odlum, Angela Allen-Peck & Caleb Peck, Agnes & Billy Peelle, Ginny & Mark Proft, Christa Rakich & Janis Milroy, Laura & John Roche, Barbara & Pieter Roos, Nina & Duccio Rosselli del Turco, *Stacey Samuel & Kelsey Bannon*, Judy Schaffer, Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams, Nancy Skeelee, Mary & Spencer Sloan, Jackie & Paul Smith, Margaret & William Smith, Flora Speer, *Keely & Mark Stater*, Reid Sterrett, Dale & Christoph Stretz, John Swift & Lauren Mascola, Susan & Paul Thaxton, Sera & Abraham Thomas, Calvert Bowie Thomas, Pat & Alex Vance, Pam & Jeff Verney, Audrey Walker, Lyn Walker & Tyler Smith, Joan Warner, *Jackie & Michael Wells*, Martin Wheeler & Deborah Ferrari, Ted Whittemore, John Wilcox & Virginia Van Dyk, Maggie & Sherwood Willard, Jeanne & Dennis Winkleblack, Wes Winterbottom, Brenda Zanta

Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received — abundantly, generously, and joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of the Three in whom we are One, Amen

Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist, Thursday, November 25, 10 a.m. Join us for a service of Thanksgiving, with hymns and the Reverend Todd FitzGerald preaching and presiding. All are welcome!

Sunday 11/28: Make sandwiches and Advent wreaths at 9:30 a.m. Next Sunday, all are invited to an intergenerational event in place of the usual Christian formation offerings. Individuals and families can **make an Advent wreath** to support your home observance of the season. We have faux-evergreen wreaths, Advent candles, and some decorations you may use. If you have a wreath from previous years, you're welcome to bring it to refresh the candles and decorations. Suggested donation: \$10 for a wreath with candle, \$5 for candles only. Also during this time, we will **make sandwiches for the people served by Loaves & Fishes**. To donate sandwich supplies, go to sjparish.net/sandwiches.

Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Rain/snow date: **Sunday, December 5, noon to 4 p.m.**). The annual Christmas Festival, which is a major fundraiser for St. John's, will take place outdoors again this year. In addition to unique evergreen wreaths, handmade crafts, and baked goods, we'll have a Festival Café serving cups of soup (with a roll), hot cider, and donuts, and for the first time this year, a small number of Christmas trees for sale (first come, first served on the day of the festival).

We need LOTS of help! Here are some of the ways you can make this year's festival a success:

- **Make** soup, crafts, or baked goods to sell, or **donate** rolls, cider, and donuts to be sold at the Festival Café. Sign up at sjparish.net/christmasfestivaldonate
- **Put a lawn sign in your yard to publicize the event.** Signs are available to pick up at either entrance to the nave.
- **Come to the annual wreath decorating night on Thursday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m.** We'll provide evergreen wreaths and an assortment of small ornaments and ribbons, along with some snacks and beverages. Bring additional wreath adornments and tools if you'd like (pliers, scissors, hot glue gun, etc.) All are welcome!
- **Help set up, staff, and clean up on the day of the festival.** Sign up at sjparish.net/christmasfestivalhelp
- **Invite your neighbors, friends, and family to attend!**
- For the second year, we will offer a week-long **online fundraising auction** as part of the Christmas Festival. Please contact Ginny Kemp at virginialeekemp@gmail.com if you can donate items or services. Ideas include gift cards to local stores or restaurants, time in a vacation home, quality toys or other holiday gifts, or professional services.
- For the wreath decorating night on Thursday, December 2, we need **wide ribbon, bows, small ornaments, and other decorative items**. Supply chain issues mean that ribbon is in especially short supply at local stores, so if you have new or gently used ribbons or bows at home, please bring them in! You may drop them off at the church office or bring them with you on December 2. If you are an expert bow-maker, please let us know that as well!

Advent adult forums, Sundays, 9:30 a.m. We will continue exploring the "Way of Love" — an Episcopal resource focusing on key Christian practices — on the second, third, and fourth Sundays of Advent, when Todd FitzGerald and a parishioner will explore the practice of rest from different perspectives: 12/5 — Paul Shaker on resting in community, 12/12 — Lissie Brooks on resting in vocation, and 12/19 — Bette-Jane Hardersen on resting in creation. Join us!

Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols, Sunday, December 12, 3 p.m. A holiday celebration of the return of choral music! An amazing start to the Advent season! 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. Featuring the St. John's Adult and Youth Choirs; Scott Lamlein, choirmaster; Floyd Higgins, organist.



Help us update the parish directory! We produce parish directories in-house using our membership database software and photocopier. Between now and January, we'd like to update contact information and parishioner photos, so we can print an updated directory after the new year. Here's what we need from you:

- **Send us updated contact info**, especially if you have moved, changed email providers, gotten rid of your landline to use a cell phone exclusively, etc. We also love to have birthday and anniversary dates so we can recognize those milestones in the bulletin each week.
- **Send us a current photo**. We do not have photos for many members, and many of the photos we do have are out of date. Take advantage of the holidays to take an updated family or individual photo and send it to us to include in the directory. Photos are useful for matching names and faces, especially now when we have many new members.

Send contact info and photos to Ellen at ellen@sjparish.net. Also, did you know that you can access our parish directory through a password-protected smartphone app? Download the "ACS Church Life" app and then contact Ellen, who will provide you with a user name and password. The app allows you to look up contact info and photos of other church members, and to update your own record.

Give to our Blessing Box. Our Blessing Box, or "little free food pantry," is one of the new additions to the mulched area in front of the church. We received a grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to upgrade this space with plantings, benches, a community bulletin board, and a Blessing Box—all intended to welcome our neighbors and connect them with resources. The Blessing Box encourages all to take what you need, and give what you can. Stop by any time to drop off a few non-perishable food items or hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, or TP. The Blessing Box is designed to hold a small number of items. If the box is full, please hang onto your donations and try again another time. If you have large quantities of food to donate, please continue to put it in the wagon in the back of the church for delivery to the Grace Seventh Day Adventist Church food pantry on Prospect Avenue. Thank you!



A note on year-end giving. We are so grateful for the pledge payments and other gifts that we receive in the final weeks of the year. **For your contributions of cash or checks to appear on your 2021 year-end giving statement, they must be received in the St. John's office by Tuesday, December 28.** Due to holiday schedules, contributions received after December 28 will get posted to St. John's bank account in January, and will appear on your 2022 giving statement (even if they are in payment of a 2021 pledge). **If you would like to make an online pledge payment with your credit card and have it appear on your 2021 giving statement, please do so by Friday, 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. Stock transfers can take up to two weeks. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's.

Help local families in need this Christmas!

St. John's is pleased to continue our Christmas tradition of sponsoring 60 children in the Stronger Future Stronger Families network again this year. Your contribution provides good cheer and lasting memories to the tiniest clients and their families, as they will receive holiday relief with your assistance.

To keep everyone safe again this year, we are asked to purchase gift cards to fulfill a family's wish list. We know that St. John's parishioners can make this Christmas brighter for many local families!

Here are suggestions for store gift cards to donate in amounts of \$10-\$50:

- Toy Stores (Disney, Lego, Build-A-Bear, Walmart, Big Lots, Job Lots)
- Grooming services (SuperCuts, Top Nails, Bath & Body Works)
- Affordable clothing stores (Marshalls, TJ Maxx, Burlington, Target)
- Groceries (Aldi, Stop&Shop, Shop Rite, Price Chopper)
- Car Service or Gas (AutoZone, Citgo, Sunoco, Cumberland Farms)
- Restaurants (Chili's, Olive Garden, Domino's, Dunkin' Donuts)

Please consider adding a gift card to your order when you are out shopping for your own family. If you prefer, you can make a financial contribution and we will shop for you (please note "Christmas Gift Card" on your check).

Donations are due by **Wednesday, December 1**. Place gift cards in an envelope marked "Christmas Gift Card" and:

1. Drop off at the church office during office hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday). Come to the office entrance and ring the bell; if no one answers or you come after hours, you may drop your envelope in the black metal mailbox.
2. Mail to the church office postmarked by Monday, November 22nd.
3. Bring to church on Sundays in November and place your envelope in the collection plate.
4. Contact Leah or Jillian to make arrangements to pick up your donation if you are homebound.

Thanks in advance for your generosity! Contact Jillian Puzzo at jillianpuzzo@gmail.com or Leah Murchie at murchlt@comcast.net with any questions.



REST

Adult education for Advent

Join Todd FitzGerald, priest in charge, and a member of the parish each week to talk about the practice of rest.

SUNDAYS IN ADVENT

9:30 A.M.



12/5
Rest in community
with Paul Shaker



12/12
Rest in vocation
with Lissie Brooks



12/19
Rest in creation
with Bette-Jane Hardersen

Saint John's Choir
of Youth and Adults
Scott Lamlein, choirmaster
Floyd Higgins, organist

CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

In the tradition of
King's College,
Cambridge, England

- Free admission
- Donations welcome
- In-person and
livestreamed
- Reception to follow



**Sunday
December 12, 2021
3:00pm**



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Christian formation for all ages

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

(also livestreamed at sjparish.net/services)

5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month

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VESTRY

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| Geoff Emerick | <i>Warden</i> |
| Virginia Van Dyk | <i>Warden</i> |
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| 2019–21: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi, Teresa Lohr | |
| 2020–22: June Aziz, Jyothsna Diaz, Anne Harney | |
| 2021–23: Robert Eikel, Kara Hart, Julia O'Brien, Martin Wheeler | |