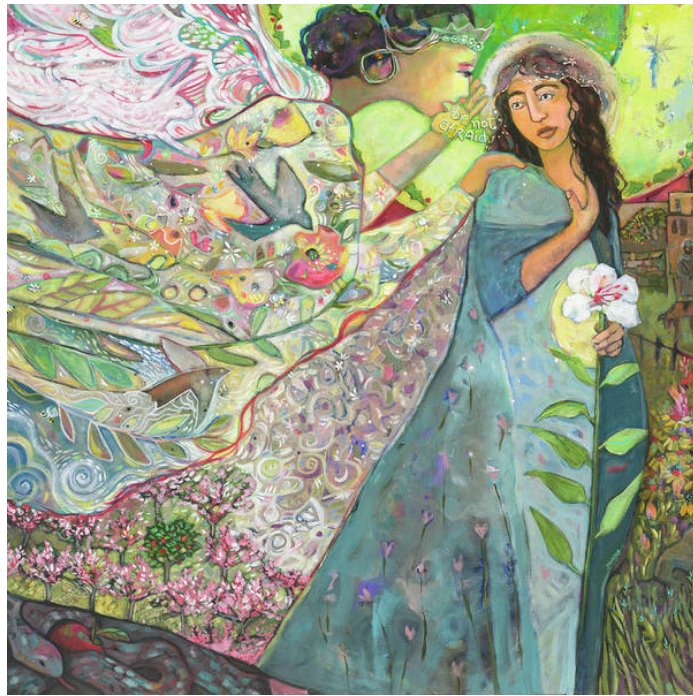


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Second Sunday of Advent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 4, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

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 our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to 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!



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as children 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. Our staffed nursery is open from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday mornings for children age 5 and younger. Parents are welcome to drop little ones there for part or all of the service, and there is a changing table and rocking chair should your child need to be changed, fed, or soothed.

Cover image: Annunciation by Jen Norton



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Two settings on *Es ist ein Ros entsprungen* Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)
Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)



Emma Lou Diemer's music has been published since 1957 and ranges from hymns and songs to large chamber and orchestral works. She is a native of Kansas City and received her composition degrees from Yale and Eastman. She is professor emeritus at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and has served as organist in various churches, most recently at First Presbyterian in Santa Barbara. Diemer is a keyboard performer, and over the years has given concerts of her own organ works at Washington National Cathedral, The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, Grace Cathedral and St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, and others. Her compositional style over the years has varied from tonal to atonal, from traditional to experimental. She has more than 150 compositions to her name, and continues to write—at the age of 94.

THE OPENING HYMN 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel
All stand and sing.

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

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

Celebrant We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring. For he shall purify his people like gold and silver, until they shine forth his righteousness.

People **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

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 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 11:1–10**All sit.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalms 72:1–7, 18–19**The people say the responses in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

By God's gift shall justice and peace flourish

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 15:4–13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN People, look East

BESANÇON CAROL

All stand and sing.

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Music: Besançon Carol, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944)

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:1-12**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up

children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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 joyful expectation of his coming to our aid, we pray to Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us.

Come to your Church as wonderful counselor and prince of peace. We pray for this parish family and for Michael, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy. Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as king of the nations. We pray for Joseph, the president of the United States; for members of Congress; for our state and local leaders; and for all in positions of authority in nations and communities around the world. Before you, rulers will stand in silence. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to those who are threatened and in danger as liberator and protector. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine, for victims of gun violence and their loved ones, and for those who are targets of racism, prejudice, and hate. Break into our lives where we struggle with violence and estrangement, and help us to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to those who suffer as savior and comforter. We pray especially for those recovering from storms and other natural disasters, and for those on our parish prayer list. Be with those who are in pain and distress, and set us free to serve you forever. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. We remember all who have died. Give us, with all the faithful departed, a share in your victory over evil and death. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with Mary, John, and all your saints and angels, we may live and reign with you in your new creation. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay. Give new courage to your people who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **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

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME & COMMISSIONING OF NEW HEALING PRAYER MINISTERS

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM I wonder as I wander (2001)

Carl Rütli (b. 1949)

Words: John Jacob Niles (1892–1980)

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
 How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die
 For poor on'ry people like you and like I;
 I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,
 With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
 But high from God's heaven, a star's light did fall,
 And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
 A star in the sky or a bird on the wing.
 Or all of God's Angels in heaven to sing,
 He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.



Carl Rütli is from Switzerland and studied music at the Zürich Conservatoire, finishing in 1975 with a Solisten-diploma in piano and organ. He has composed a steady output of largely religious choral works, including Alpha et Omega, a Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, the 11-part Missa Angelorum, and a setting of O magnum mysterium. His compositions also include this setting, with a new tune, of the carol I Wonder as I Wander, which has been performed several times in recent years as part of King's College Cambridge's Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Rütli's music blends the English choral tradition with other genres including jazz and the blues.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand and sing.

**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.**

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

All sing.

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style.

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

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

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 children; 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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

All sing.

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

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

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

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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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, 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.

If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteer, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Child of the stable's secret birth

Samuel Rathbone

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith

Child of the stable's secret birth,
The Lord by right of the lords of earth,
Let angels sing of a King newborn,
The world is weaving a crown of thorn;
A crown of thorn for that infant head
Cradled soft in the manger bed.

Eyes that shine in the lantern's ray;
A face so small in its nest of hay,
Face of a child who is born to scan
The world he made through the eyes of man:
And from that face in the final day
Earth and heaven shall flee away.

Voice that rang through the courts on high,
Contracted now to a wordless cry,
A voice to master the wind and wave,
The human heart and the hungry grave:
The voice of God through the cedar trees
Rolling forth as the sound of seas.

Infant hands in a mother's hand,
For none but Mary may understand
Whose are the hands and the fingers curled
But his who fashioned and made the world;
And through these hands in the hour of death
Nails shall strike to the wood beneath.

Child of the stable's secret birth,
The Father's gift to a wayward earth,
To drain the cup in a few short years
Of all our sorrows, our sins, and tears-
Ours the prize for the road he trod:
Risen with Christ; at peace with God.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 81 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

All remain seated and sing.

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.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 616 Hail to the Lord's anointed

ES FLOG KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude in G Major, BWV 550a

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's presence in Word and sacrament 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: Richard Lammlin

Psalterer: Jayden Donnelly

The St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Assisting Organist: Bruce Henley

Organ Scholar: Yingying Xia

Acolytes: Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, Alice Murchie

Ushers: Geoff Emerick, Ellen Flynn, Erica Weinstock, Wes Winterbottom

Healing Prayers: Sarah Kieffer, Enid Oberholtzer

Livestream Oversight: Ray Giolitto

Altar Guild: Paul Shaker, Brenda Zanta

Nursery Workers: Morgan Babbitt, Caroline Thaxton

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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:

Jim Evans	Susan	Ellie Brown
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Duccio Rosselli del Turco
Brad Babbitt	Don Cole	Eddie Tenen
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Mary Jo Keating
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Robert Connolly
Virginia Skeele	Gina Giusto	Ron Grant
Marie Montas	Bruce Hatch Lee	Alicia Leggett
Erna Lawrence	Wendy	Joan Renz
Darryl Kahrman	Sam	Karen Licht
William Ward		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays:

Lissie Brooks	Pam Lamlein	Lyn Walker
Florie FitzGerald	David Hrdlicka	Edward Hohl
Bobby Biondi	Marshall Barnes	Edward Nelson
Ann Hutchinson	Virginia Van Dyk	
Easton Swift	Ellen O'Brien	

Those celebrating anniversaries:

Teresa & Joel Lohr

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; and all Ecclesia ministries.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

PIPES ALIVE!



Susan Carroll
December 4, 12:30pm
St. John's, West Hartford, CT

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DEADLINE TODAY! Christmas gift card program for local families. St. John's is pleased to continue our Christmas tradition of sponsoring 60 children in the *Stronger Families Stronger Futures* (SF2) network by providing gift cards to fulfill families' wish lists. **Today is the last day of our collection. You may put gift cards or a cash/check donation toward the purchase of gift cards in the offering plate (clearly mark your donation "Christmas Gift Cards"). Or drop off gift cards or a cash/check donation in our secure mailbox (located at the office door) later today or first thing tomorrow. All donations must be received in the church office by 9 a.m. tomorrow morning.**

Pipes Alive! with Susan Carroll, TODAY at 12:30 p.m. Today's latest concert in our Pipes Alive! series features Susan Carroll, organist and music director at Asylum Hill Congregational Church. Free admission with suggested donation of \$20.

Family movie night, TONIGHT at 6 p.m. The EYC (youth group) is sponsoring a family movie night tonight! All families are invited to come enjoy a holiday movie (children under 10 must attend with a responsible adult). Wear your PJs and bring a friend! The EYC will be offering hot cocoa and snacks in return for donations to support their fundraiser for Dignity Grows, a local non-profit organization that provides free menstrual supplies to those in need. **Youth participants: Come at 5 for dinner and movie night prep!**

Online auction now open! Our annual online auction, which supplements funds raised at yesterday's Christmas Festival, is open through 10 p.m. on Sunday, December 11. Go to biddingowl.com/StJohnsWH to browse and bid!

Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, Sunday, December 11, 3 p.m. A "must" to center your soul during 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—arrive early to get a good seat.

Socks, hats, gloves, and more needed for Blessing Bags. With the abrupt turn to cold weather, we've had more people stopping by asking for winter accessories, and we need to restock our supplies. To purchase items from our Amazon wish list and have them delivered to the church, go to sjparish.net/blessingbags. We also welcome any other donations of new gloves, hats, warm socks, and basic toiletries for adults. Thank you!

Sign up to host coffee hour (it's easy!). The coffee hour host staffs our red Information Station cart, and is available to greet people and provide information about the church and our ministries. You do not have to provide food or prepare anything, and the cart has plenty of written information so you don't need to know the answer to every question! In warm weather, coffee hour is outdoors and the host wheels the cart outside after the 10:30 service. In colder weather, coffee hour is in the carpeted part of Hubbard Hall and the cart "lives" there. Sign up at sjparish.net/sundayvolunteers. *(And while we no longer ask coffee hour hosts to provide food, anyone—the host, an individual, a family, or a parish ministry group—may provide food for any coffee hour. It will be appreciated! No need to sign up, just bring something to share.)*

Names for Christmas flower memorials due by Monday, December 19. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one this Christmas by making a donation toward Christmas altar flowers and poinsettias, you may put your donation and names in a Flower Offering envelope (which are in the pews) and place it in the offering plate, mail or drop off your donation and names to the parish office, or e-mail the names to Ellen at ellen@sjparish.net and send in your donation separately. Donations in any amount are welcome. Names must be received in the office by December 19 to be included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service bulletins.

Important 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. **To ensure that your year-end gifts and pledge payments are posted to our bank account by December 31 and appear on your 2022 year-end giving statement, please mail checks, put donations in the offering plate, or make online payments no later than December 25.** Contributions sent in after that date may not be posted by December 31, and will in that case appear on your 2023 statement, even if in payment of a 2022 pledge. **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.


 Thank you!


This list includes pledges received as of Tuesday, November 29.
The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.

Mia Agosto, Silvia Agosto, Emhart & June Aziz, Brad & Janet Babbitt, Bob & Mary Bainbridge, Beverley Baker, Margie & Jenn Baker, Jack & Eleanor Barnes, Richard & Wendy Bartlett, David & Marian Beers, Mike Biondi & Ginny Kemp, Shirley Blean, *Rachel Boccio, Carlos Branco & Allison Tichy*, Lynn & Lissie Brooks, Chris & Kim Byrd, *Betsy & Greg Chicares*, Stephan & Francine Christiansen, Matt & Alina Ciscel, Elijah & Annabel Clapp, Brian & Susan Clemow, Kate Coley, Robert & Edith Connolly, Sam & Trig Cooley, *Molly Cooper*, Stephen Crocker & Rosa Guzzo, Carlos & Jyothsna Diaz, Pam Dimock, Martin Dodd, Matteo & Marcos Donnelly, Christine Doty, Joe Duffy, Linda Dunakin, Bill & Hope Eakins, Bobby Eikel, Jx Eikel, Robert & Kate Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Geoff & Karan Emerick, Tony & Carole Erdman, Martha Fine, Todd & Amy FitzGerald, Rich & Ginny Flinchbaugh, Ben & Ellen Flynn, Colin & Ginger Gillespie, *Jerry & Emma Goetz*, Tim Goetz, Craig & Anne Grant, David Grimaldi, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Anne Harney, Jane Harris, Matthew & Kara Hart, Ross & Susie Hatch, Randall & Anne Hayes, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, Ryan & Jenn Hill, Frisha Hugessen, Ann Hutchinson, John & Buffy Ineson, Richard Jacques, Dianne Jones, *Donielle & Rick Joslyn*, Iacovos Katsipis & Carla Abdo-Katsipis, John & Beth Kauczka, Bert & Mary Jo Keating, Sarah Kieffer, Betty Knorr, Ann Krissinger, Pamela Lamlein, Scott & Mary Beth Lamlein, *Richard Lammlin*, Jim & Cindy Lawler, Tom & Wendy Lincoln, Bill Lockery, Michael & Lisa Mahoney, William McBride, David & Tina McCary, Jackie McCauley, Patrick Miller, *Dan Minster*, Marnie Mueller, Stewart & Leah Murchie, Ann Newbury, *Tom & Enid Oberholtzer*, Jim & Julia O'Brien, Harriet Odum, Charnley Parr, Caleb Peck & Angela Allen-Peck, *Juliette Peck*, Nancy Pedersen, William & Agnes Peelle, David & Sandy Pond, Mark & Ginny Proft, Christa Rakich & Janis Milroy, *Katie & Patrick Reardon, Rai Reyes*, John & Laura Roche, Pieter & Barbara Roos, Mary Russell, Judith Schaffer, *Linda Schatz*, Michael & Nancy Scheetz, Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams, Jim Sharp, Nancy Skeelee, Charles & Carol Sonne, Flora Speer, Mark & Keeley Stater, Reid Sterrett, Christoph & Dale Stretz, John Swift & Lauren Mascola, Paul Thaxton & Susan Murphy Thaxton, Abraham & Sera Thomas, Bowie Thomas, Erika Ulrich, Bill Uricchio & Katy Hart, Alex & Pat Vance, Jeff & Pamela Verney, Audrey Walker, Lyn Walker & Tyler Smith, Gary Wait, John & Anne Walsh, Joan Warner, *Erica Weinstock*, Michael & Jackie Wells, Ted Whittemore, John Wilcox & Virginia Van Dyk, Taffy Wilcox, Sherwood & Maggie Willard, Akilah Williams, Dennis & Jeanne Winkleblack, Wesley Winterbottom, Brenda Zanta

St. John's Christmas ornaments for sale

Add a little of that St. John's spirit to your Christmas decor this year by purchasing a limited-edition ornament, featuring a photo (taken by our own Ginny Kemp) of the church's iconic red doors in the snow. These glass ornaments were made by a local company, and proceeds support St. John's mission and ministries. They are available for \$20 each while supplies last. See Annabel Clapp in Hubbard Hall after the service to buy yours!



Family Movie Night

benefiting Dignity Grows

Sunday, December 4 at 6pm
Hubbard Hall, St. John's

Join us this Sunday at 6pm for a family friendly holiday movie! Wear your pj's and bring a friend! Snacks and hot cocoa will be available for a donation. Children ten and under must be accompanied by an adult. This is a fundraiser for our youth service project with Dignity Grows. Learn more at dignitygrows.org

The third annual
St. John's

ONLINE AUCTION

Auction items include wonderful holiday gifts, delicious homemade goodies, one-of-a-kind artwork, gift cards to local businesses, and vacation accommodations on the coast of South Carolina or in the mountains of Wyoming! Proceeds support St. John's mission and ministries.

Auction open from 4 p.m. on Friday, December 2 through 10 p.m. on Sunday, December 11.

Go to biddingowl.com/StJohnsWH

St. John's Choir School and Adult Choir
Scott Lamlein, choirmaster
Floyd Higgins, organist

CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF NINE 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 11, 2022 3:00pm

Music at the Red Door
St. John's Episcopal Church
679 Farmington Ave (near Prospect)
West Hartford, CT 06119
RedDoorMusic.org

The Edward C. & Ann T. ROBERTS FOUNDATION
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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S

December 3, 10am to 2pm

Christmas Festival offering gifts, crafts, wreaths & more

December 11, 3pm

Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols with the St. John's Choirs

December 18, 10:30am

Christmas pageant

December 24

4pm

*Holy Eucharist with the St. John's Choir School
Musical prelude starts at 3:45pm*

11pm

*Holy Eucharist with the St. John's Adult Choir
Musical prelude starts at 10:30pm*

December 25, 10:30am

Holy Eucharist with hymns

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

The 10:30 service is also livestreamed at sjparish.net/services.

Choral Evensong or Celtic Eucharist at 5 p.m. on select Sundays.

Daily Morning Prayer by phone at 6:45 a.m. Monday through Friday

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2021–23: Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

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