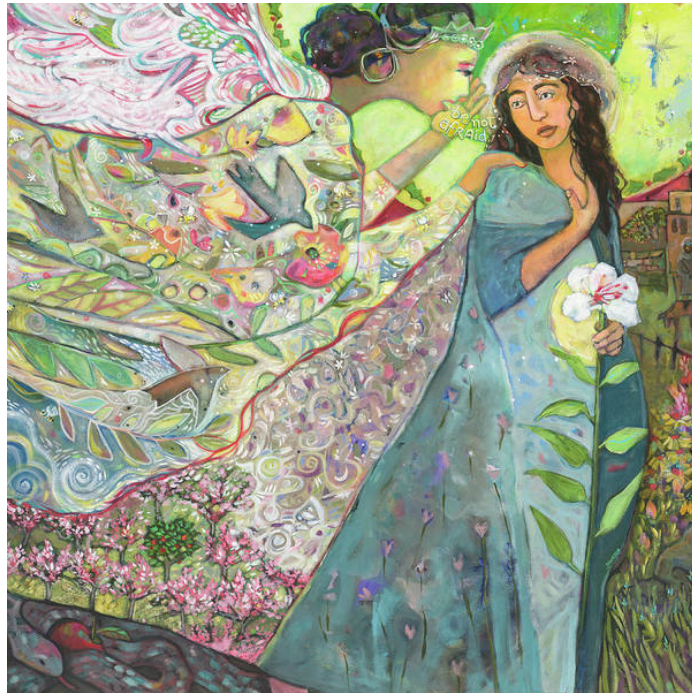


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First Sunday of Advent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 27, 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 Chorale Fantasia on Dieterich Buxtehude (ca. 1637–1707)
Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, verse 1



Dieterich Buxtehude was a Danish organist and composer of the Baroque period, whose works are typical of the North German organ school. As a composer who worked in various vocal and instrumental idioms, Buxtehude's style greatly influenced other composers, such as Johann Sebastian Bach. Historically, Buxtehude is among the important composers of the mid-Baroque period in Germany.

THE OPENING HYMN 57 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending HELMSLEY
All stand and sing.

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 hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming. For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous Branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

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

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 2:1-5**All sit.*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 122**The people say the responses in bold and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
**the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.**
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11–14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 68 Rejoice! rejoice, believers

LLANGLOFFAN

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36–44

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

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, and for victims 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

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory, children are invited to bring up donated food up as an offering. Children who would like to participate may go to the wagon at the back of the church, choose one food item, and bring it forward to put in front of the altar.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM O radiant dawn

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light,
Sun of Justice:
come, shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.
Isaiah had prophesied,
'The people who walked in darkness have seen the great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.'
Amen.

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
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

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 MOTET Prepare the way (2015)

Zanaida Robles (b. 1979)

Text: Frans Mikael Franzen, adap. Charles P. Price

Prepare the way, O Zion,
 your Christ is drawing near!
 Let every hill and valley
 a level way appear.
 Greet One who comes in glory,
 foretold in sacred story.
 Oh blest is Christ that came
 in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion;
 he comes from heaven above.
 His rule is peace and freedom,
 and justice, truth, and love.
 Lift high your praise resounding,
 for grace and joy abounding.
 Oh blest is Christ that came
 in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
 your Savior's rule embrace.
 His tidings of salvation
 proclaim in every place.
 All lands will bow before him,
 their voices will adore him.
 Oh blest is Christ that came
 in God's most holy name.



Dr. Zanaida Stewart Robles is a fierce advocate for diversity and inclusion in music education and performance. Authentic interpersonal connection and relationship-building are core principles of her teaching and performance methods. Born, raised, and educated in Southern California, she is in demand as a vocalist, conductor, clinician, and adjudicator for competitions, festivals, and conferences related to choral and solo vocal music. Her film and television credits include Glee, Tinkerbell: Pirate Fairy, Godzilla,

Minions, Creed, Lego Movie, Despicable Me 3, Star Wars: The Last Jedi, Venom, Smallfoot, Frozen 2, Underwater, and Mulan.

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 61 Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us
All sing.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Chorale Fantasia on

Dieterich Buxtehude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, verse 2

*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 Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Layreader: Jyothsna Diaz

Psalterer: Betty Knorr

The St. John's Adult Choir

Guest Organist and Choirmaster: Douglas Johnson

Organ Scholar: Yingying Xia

Acolytes: Isabel Grant, Eden Baker, Danielle Branco

Ushers: David Grimaldi, Laura Roche, Paul Shaker

Healing Prayers: Ginger Gillespie

Livestream Oversight: Mary Sypek

Altar Guild: Paul Shaker, Brenda Zanta

Nursery Workers: Morgan Babbitt, Caroline Thaxton

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	Edie Tenen
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Mary Jo Keating
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joseph
Virginia Skeelee	Gina Giusto	Robert Connolly
Jackie	Paul Epstein	Noah Torres
Julian Coolidge	Bruce Hatch Lee	Ron Grant
Marie Montas	Maisie Smith	Alicia Leggett
Erna Lawrence	Marcos Donnelly	Joan Renz
Darryl Kahrman	Wendy	Karen Licht

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays:

Sandy Pond	Todd FitzGerald
Eleanor Taylor	Rich Flinchbaugh
Jack Patten	Claire O'Brien
Jane Harris	Susan Thomas
Allison Tichy	Betsy Chicares

Those celebrating anniversaries:

Pat & Alex Vance
Edith & Bob Connolly

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

DEADLINE DECEMBER 4! Christmas gift card program for local families. St. John's is pleased to continue our Christmas tradition to sponsor 60 children in the *Stronger Families Stronger Futures* (SF2) network 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. SF2 has again asked us 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 in increments 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')

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 purchase gift cards for you (please note "Christmas Gift Cards" in the memo portion of your check.) **Donations are due at St. John's by Sunday, December 4th.** Place gift cards in an envelope marked "Christmas Gift Cards" and do one of the following:

- Drop off at the church office 9am to 4pm Mon - Thursday, and 9am to 2pm Fridays. Come to the office entrance and ring the bell. Outside of office hours, you may drop them in the secure mailbox at the office entrance.
- Mail to the church office in time to arrive before December 4.
- Bring to church on Sundays in November or the first Sunday in December and place your envelopes in the collection plate.
- Contact Rachel Boccio at rboccio16@gmail.com or Beth Kauczka at bkauczka@gmail.com to make arrangements for us to pick up your donation if you are homebound.

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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!

Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The annual Christmas Festival—one of our two major fundraisers for the year—will move back indoors this year and include beloved traditions along with new ideas. **Full details about how you can participate have been sent via the e-news, so check your email!** To sign up to help on the day of the festival, go to sjparish.net/christmasfestivalhelp. To donate baked goods, homemade soup, or crafts, sign up at sjparish.net/christmasfestival donate. Contact the Christmas Festival chair, Annabel Clapp, with questions at annabeltrickett@yahoo.com. There are also two specific needs you can help with!

- **The wreath decorating night is coming up on Thursday, December 1 at 7 p.m.** All parish adults are welcome to attend this fun and creative evening! We'll provide evergreen wreaths, ribbon, ornaments, and other baubles for you to create unique decorations to sell at the Christmas Festival. Beverages and snacks are also provided. No need to sign up — please join us!
- **We're collecting gently used jewelry and accessories (hats, belts, purses, etc.) for the popular Chic Boutique table at the festival.** Please drop off your donations no later than Friday morning, December 2.

Pipes Alive! with Susan Carroll, Sunday, December 4, 12:30 p.m. The next organ concert in our Pipes Alive! series will feature Susan Carroll, organist and music director at Asylum Hill Congregational Church. Free admission with suggested donation of \$20.

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.

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 therefore 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, thank you, thank you to those of you who have already pledged and supported our annual giving campaign! St. John's is the vibrant and flourishing community it is because of both our ongoing participation and our financial commitments. Thank you also to those who assisted in our annual stewardship campaign by serving on the vestry and Stewardship Committee, taking photos that we used, writing notecards to other parishioners, and sharing your story during the service and in our newsletters! If you have not yet done so, please join us in prayerfully considering and faithfully making a pledge to St. John's Church. Your prompt pledges are so important, as they enable us to develop a budget and plan for the year ahead. Blank pledge cards are on the literature tables at both church entrances, or you may pledge online at sparish.net/pledge. - *Kim Byrd and Matt Ciscel, co-chairs of the Stewardship Committee*



This list includes pledges received as of Friday, November 18.
The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.

*Mia Agosto, Silvia Agosto, Emhart & June Aziz, Brad & Janet Babbitt, Bob & Mary Bainbridge, Richard & Wendy Bartlett, David & Marian Beers, 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, Todd & Amy FitzGerald, Rich & Ginny Flinchbaugh, Ben & Ellen Flynn, Colin & Ginger Gillespie, Tim Goetz, 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, *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 Odium, Caleb Peck & Angela Allen-Peck, *Juliette Peck*, Nancy Pedersen, William & Agnes Peelle, David & Sandy Pond, Christa Rakich & Janis Milroy, *Katie & Patrick Reardon, Rai Reyes*, John & Laura Roche, Pieter & Barbara Roos, Mary Russell, Judith Schaffer, Paul Shaker & Cleveland Williams, Jim Sharp, Nancy Skeele, Charles & Carol Sonne, Flora Speer, Reid Sterrett, Christoph & Dale Stretz, John Swift & Lauren Mascola, Abraham & Sera Thomas, Bowie Thomas, Erika Ulrich, Alex & Pat Vance, Jeff & Pamela Verney, Audrey Walker, Lyn Walker & Tyler Smith, John & Anne Walsh, *Erica Weinstock*, Michael & Jackie Wells, Ted Whittemore, John Wilcox & Virginia Van Dyk, Taffy Wilcox, Sherwood & Maggie Willard, Dennis & Jeanne Winkleblack, Wesley Winterbottom, Brenda Zanta*

St. John's Church

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 3
10am to 2pm

Sign up to donate baked goods,
homemade soup, or crafts at
sjparish.net/christmasfestivaldonate

Sign up to help staff the festival at
sjparish.net/christmasfestivalhelp

Food ☆ Crafts ☆ Wreaths ☆ Gifts

PIPES ALIVE!



Susan Carroll

December 4, 12:30pm

St. John's, West Hartford, CT

MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR, INC.
www.reddoormusic.org



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 E. **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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Anne Harney and John Roche	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>

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2021–23: Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, David McCary