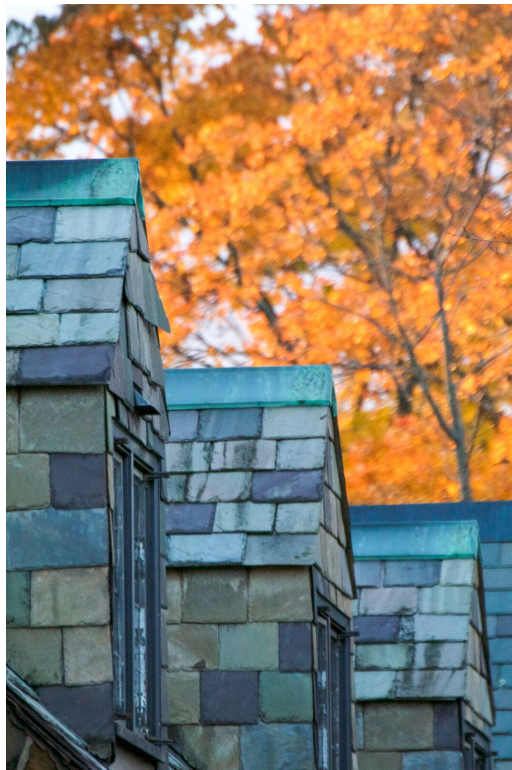


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The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 29, 2023

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



Scan to fill out online 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 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 professionally staffed nursery for children age 0 to 5 is open from 9 a.m. until after the 10:30 service; parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off their children in the nursery for part or all of the service. The nursery is also equipped with a changing table and rocking chair for parents/caregivers to use as needed.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Air for Organ

William B. Cooper (1920–1993)



William B. Cooper was a native of Philadelphia. He received his B.M. and M.M. degrees from the Philadelphia College of Performing Arts, and a doctorate of music from Columbia Pacific University (California). He served on the music faculties of Bennett College (Greensboro, NC) and Hampton University (Hampton, VA) as well as 26 years in the New York City School System. Cooper also served as minister of music at historic St. Philip’s Episcopal Church (1953-74) and St. Martin’s Episcopal Church (1974-88) in Harlem.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 450 All hail the power of Jesus’ Name
All stand and sing.

CORONATION

THE 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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

All sit.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 90:1–6, 13–17

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



- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”

- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
**prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.**

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

All sit.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 591 O God of earth and altar

KING'S LYNN

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34–36

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your

heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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.

Called to serve God and our neighbor, let us pray in the name of Jesus for all who are in any need or trouble, saying: Hear us, O Holy One.

For the Church and all its people, especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; and the clergy and members of this parish, that we may always experience the wonder and joy of loving and being loved by God. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For this parish family, that we may share the good news with one another and live as signs of God's love. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For a greater sense of gratitude, that we may recognize all the ways that God has shown love for us and be filled with awe and thankfulness for God's gifts. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For the growth of peace, especially in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, that God will touch the hearts and change the minds of all who are instigating violence, and give them courage to enter dialogue and establish ceasefires. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all those suffering from war and violence, that the God of refuge will hold them close in loving care and protection, give them strength to endure great hardship, and fill them with the hope of freedom and peace. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For refugees, immigrants and all who live in a strange land, and for all those who are in need of our prayers, especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may find refuge and healing in God's care. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all the departed, that they may be welcomed by the Son who was raised from the dead. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

Celebrant Gracious God, you established your Holy Law on the two commandments to love you and to love our neighbor; hear our prayers and grant that by keeping your commandments, we may rejoice to enter your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of 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 I will sing with the spirit, 2006

David Goodenough (b. 1968)

Words: 1 Corinthians 14: 15; Psalm 96: 1

I will sing with the spirit.
I will sing with the understanding.
O sing unto the Lord a new song.
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.
I will sing with the spirit. 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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

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*
 Music: *William Mathias (1934–1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.*

All remain standing or kneel.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

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

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 Take this bread, share this wine. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. The gifts of God for the people of God.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's. To receive, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may choose to receive bread only, intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, or drink from the cup.

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 With what shall I come before the Lord Jane Marshall (1924–2019)

Text: Micah 6:6–8

With what shall I come before the Lord when I bow before the God on high?

Should I come to Him with burnt offerings, with year-old calves?

Would the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I present my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Jane Marshall was a composer of choral music, a hymnist, poet, and teacher. A longtime member of the Meadows School of the Arts theory faculty and the Sacred Music graduate faculty at Perkins School of Theology at SMU, she taught in the summer continuing education program there and was active as a clinician for choral organizations around the country. A distinguished alumna of SMU, Jane has been honored twice by the Southern Baptist Musicians Conference and recently by the Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians for her contributions to church music.



THE COMMUNION HYMN 336 Come with us, O blessed Jesus

WERDE MUNTER

All remain seated and sing.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

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 HYMN IN PROCESSION 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

ST. DENIO

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue from Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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.

Please stay after the service to help make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Layreader: Jane Harris

Psalterer: Mason Donnelly

The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Acolytes: Caleb Worrell, Brielle Worrell, Danielle Branco

Ushers: Annabel Clapp, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Dan Minster, Virginia Van Dyk

Healing Prayers: Enid Oberholtzer

Livestream Director: Ray Giolitto

Altar Guild: Bill Lockery, Brenda Zanta

Sunday School Teachers: Ginger Gillespie, Akilah Williams, Jeff Verney, Leah Lorenzo,
Matt Ciscel, Angela Allen-Peck, Colin Gillespie

Nursery Staff: Nichole Segar, Christine Babbitt, Lilah Lorenzo

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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, and the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford. All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Kim Green	Susan	Ellie Brown	Paul Epstein
Janet Ray	Sue	Anita Winters	Wendy
Brad Babbitt	Whitney Lynch	Robert Connolly	Bob Norton
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Alison Gillespie	Sean Kuruvilla
Virginia Skeele	Gina Giusto	Joyce Flynn	Joseph
Grant Loevenbruck	Mima Esponda	Steve Chambers	Sarah Carroll
John & Barbara Spannaus	The Yelland family	Rachel Boccio	Greg Highland
Jennifer Blean	Harry Barber	Joan Ackley	Rachel
Tori	Doug Larson	Guy Russo	Deborah Seid
Deborah	Dennis Simoni	Harriet Odlum	Joanna Jones
Hale Walkoff	Brenda	Joan Warner	Lucas
Rod Farrell	Nick Willke	Jon Nelson	Carolyn Engle
Hillary Lord	Marnie Mueller	Dan Minster	Amy Bittinger
G.F.			

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Young Hee Derby	Morgan Roche
Douglas Montas	Christine Doty
Colin Gillespie	Eti Akpan
Savannah Marchion	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Ann Hutchinson & Dan Lazarowski
Francine & Stephan Christiansen

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Emmanuel, Weston; Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; 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 Anglican Church of Melanesia.

All Saints Remembrances

St. John's will observe All Saints Day next Sunday, November 5. Below, please write the names of loved ones that you would like included in prayers for those who have died, then tear off the form and put it in the offering plate or box. **Or you may call or email Ellen in the parish office** at 860-523-5201, ellen@sjparish.net. **Names must be received in the parish office by Wednesday, November 1.**

Name(s): _____

Trunk or Treat, TODAY, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Join us in welcoming ghosts, superheroes, princesses, and other costumed friends from our community at the annual Halloween Trunk or Treat event. This is a very fun event, and even if you didn't sign up, you're welcome to attend and help out!

- **Decorate your car and load up your trunk/cargo area with goodies to give out.** Or you can decorate a table (provided by the church). You are encouraged to come in costume and bring your friends and family!
- **Donate candy or other giveaways** (stickers, pencils, etc.).
- **Stop by during the event**, and if you're able, bring along children, grandchildren, or young neighbors and friends who would enjoy donning their Halloween costumes and receiving treats!

Items needed for Blessing Bags and Blessing Box. Please help us provide for our neighbors in need via our Blessing Bags (small bags with toiletries, winter accessories, socks, and snacks given out by the clergy and staff) and the Blessing Box (our little free food pantry located in the Abraham's Welcome garden area). **For Blessing Bags**, we are in need of full-size shampoo, toothpaste, and deodorant, along with warm socks, gloves, and hats for all genders. You may order from our Amazon wish list at sjparish.net/blessingbags, or pick up these items elsewhere and drop them at the church office. **For the Blessing Box**, please bring nonperishable items anytime and put them directly in the box. People especially like ready-to-eat options (nut butter, tuna snack packs, bread, crackers, trail mix, protein/granola bars, dried fruit, fruit sauce, pop-top cans of pasta or soup, etc.). If the box is full, please hang onto your items and try again the next time you are at church.

Resources for responding to war in the Holy Land. The national Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations has a web page dedicated to resources for responding to the Israel/Gaza conflict, including prayers, information from Anglican/Episcopal people and organizations in the Holy Land, and more. Go to episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/ and click on the top link. Episcopal Relief & Development also has information and welcomes donations to their Middle East fund. Go to episcopalrelief.org.

Chili Cook-off and Potluck Supper, Friday, November 3 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to a chili cook-off and potluck supper hosted by the stewardship committee on the evening of November 3. If you'd like to make chili, contact Matt Ciscel at matt.ciscel@gmail.com. Otherwise, please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share if you are able. A movie will be available for children age 5 and older. Please join us and invite a friend!

Pipes Alive! with Aletheia Teague, Sunday, November 5, 12:30 p.m. The Pipes Alive! series begins a new program year with organist Aletheia Teague playing the St. John's next Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Pipes Alive! recitals featuring local organists playing a 30-minute program are held on the first Sunday of the month, November through June. The concert is free admission – donations welcome in any amount. Aletheia Johanna Teague is a student at The Juilliard School where she is completing her undergraduate degree in organ performance under Mr. Paul Jacobs.

Celtic Eucharist, Sunday, November 12, 5 p.m. Celtic worship, held in Hubbard Hall, is somewhat less formal than Sunday morning worship, and includes music, prayer, silence, and chant. All ages are welcome. Afterward, all are invited to stay for a potluck supper. Celtic worship is at 5 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month, October through May (with no service in December).

St. John's Christmas Festival, Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Save the date for this beloved annual fundraising event! This year's festival will include a Festival Café serving soup and sandwiches, beautiful evergreen wreaths decorated by church members, a variety of crafts for sale, a basket raffle, a bake sale, an online auction, and our second annual custom-designed St. John's Christmas ornament available for purchase. We'll share an online sign-up in the coming weeks to enlist volunteers to staff the festival. In the meantime, mark your calendar for the festival and for the **Wreath Decorating Night on Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m.** We also welcome **donations of new or gently used ribbon, ornaments, faux greenery, and other wreath décor**, and **handmade crafts** to be sold in the craft area. If you have an item to donate to the **Online Auction**, please contact Lissie Brooks (lissiebrooks@gmail.com) or Marcos Donnelly (wpbjmar@gmail.com). *(Note that we will not be having a Chic Boutique, Attic Treasures, or book sale this year, so cannot accept donations of items for those sales areas as we have in the past.)*

GRACE, GRATITUDE & GIVING

Stewardship 2023 at St. John's Church

It's time for our annual stewardship campaign, when we ask parishioners to pledge financial support for the coming year. Each week until Commitment Sunday (November 12), we'll be answering some common questions about pledging and the pledging process in the bulletin and e-newsletter. If you have other questions, please feel free to reach out to our stewardship co-chairs, Matt Ciscel (matt.ciscel@gmail.com) and Laura Roche (ldakeroche@aol.com), or the clergy.

How much should I pledge?

Given the variety of financial situations and church commitments among our parishioners, each household's pledge amount is up to them. The average pledge at St. John's Church is \$3,337, the median pledge is \$2,000, and pledge amounts range from \$50 to \$25,000. Please know that pledges of any amount are welcome and that every pledge supports our ministries.

Determining the amount of your annual pledge is between you and God. As you make this important decision, reflecting on your vision of stewardship may be beneficial. A retired bishop of Texas, Claude Payne, suggests several motivations that lead people to pledge:

- I give because I am supposed to give — a sense of duty
- I give to pay my own way — a sense of fairness
- I give to return a portion of my blessings — a sense of gratitude
- I give to support church ministries for others — a sense of generosity

Some people prefer to pledge based on a dollar amount they believe is appropriate, while others are committed to proportional giving—giving a percentage of your income. For example, someone might commit to give 2½% of their income, which is equivalent to pledging the first hour's pay of a 40-hour work week, or to tithe, which is giving 10% of your income. Some people commit to raising their pledge each year by a certain percentage, such as 10%.

TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

4:00–5:30 PM

COME ONE, COME ALL TO A SAFE AND
FAMILY-FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN EVENT IN
OUR PARISH PARKING LOT!

No tricks, all treats! Dress up as your
favorite ghou, goblin, princess, or pirate.
We've got carloads of candy, games, and
fun.

CANCELLED IN CASE OF HEAVY RAIN.



Want to help?
Sign up using
the QR code.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

679 FARMINGTON AVE, WEST HARTFORD

CHILI COOK-OFF & POTLUCK SUPPER

hosted by the Stewardship Committee

Friday, November 3, 2023

6pm



Everyone is welcome!

There will be a movie available for children 5 and older.

Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Contact Matt Ciscel at matt.ciscel@gmail.com if you'd like to make chili for the cook-off.

PIPES ALIVE!




Aletheia Teague

November 5, 12:30pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR
Events are also available livestreamed
at www.reddoormusic.org





CELTIC WORSHIP
at St. John's
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 12
5:00 PM
WITH POTLUCK
SUPPER AFTER

Celtic Christian worship incorporates prayer, silence, music, and Holy Eucharist to nourish body, mind, and spirit.

Please bring something for the potluck if you are able (and come anyway if you're not!).

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Sunday: Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday: Christian education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Sunday: Choral Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed)

5 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month (*October – May, no service in December*): Celtic Eucharist in Hubbard Hall

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

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

Contact parish office for call-in details.

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VESTRY

Ginger Gillespie.....	<i>Warden</i>
Stewart Murchie	<i>Warden</i>
Anne Harney and David McCary.....	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>

2021–23: Annabel Clapp, Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, Mary Honyotski

2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, Eleanor Barnes, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer