

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The First Sunday of Advent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 3, 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 Choral

Joseph Jongen (1873–1953)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

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!**

KYRIE ELEISON

Cantor, then all: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Cantor, then all: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Translation: *Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Music: *Litany of the Saints, adapted by Richard Proulx, ©1991, GIA Publications, Inc.*

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 64:1–9

All sit.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 80:1–7,16–18**The people say the words in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

Re-store us, O God— of hosts; show the light of your coun - te-nance and we— shall— be saved.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, ***
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 **O Lord God of hosts, ***
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, ***
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, ***
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 640 Watchman, tell us of the night

ABERYSTWYTH

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

*Mark 13:24–37**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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**.*

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may usher in the kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish righteousness among the nations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures, recognize him in the breaking of the bread, and serve him in everyone we meet, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick, and raise up all who have fallen, especially those on our parish prayer list, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, especially in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, and all places where people live with warfare, violence, chaos, and great need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That with all the saints in light, especially Harriet Odlum, Barbara Aston, and George Weinstock, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of God.

Celebrant Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost, so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit 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 & CHOIR SCHOOL INVESTITURE

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM My eyes for beauty pine

Elizabeth Coxhead (b. 1987)
Thomas Coxhead (b. 1993)
Text: Robert Bridges (1844–1930)
Abby White, soloist

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace,
No other care or hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above;
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.

And every heart that burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.



Elizabeth Coxhead is an assistant producer for BBC Radio 3 and is part of the editorial team for International Women's Day. Elizabeth started her music education as a chorister at Chester Cathedral. She sang for Jeremy Summery at St Luke's Chelsea, London, for 10 years and it was the latter's championing of her pieces that we have to thank for their current circulation. Thomas Coxhead is currently the assistant organist at Ripon Cathedral as well as a teacher at Harrogate Ladies' College. Tom's musical education also began as a chorister at Chester Cathedral, and he later held posts at Brecon and Ripon cathedrals and Ampleforth College. Tom's compositions, including those composed collaboratively with his sister Elizabeth, have been shared in a number of performances.

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

Cantor, then all:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

Cantor:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est,

ho - san - na in the high - est.

All:

Ho - san - na in the high - est,

ho - san - na in the high - est.

Cantor:

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the

All:

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Missa Emmanuel*, Richard Proulx, ©1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
 2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins of the world,
 3. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:
 1. 2. *All* have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 3. *All* grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: Missa Emmanuel, Richard Proulx, ©1991, GIA Publications, Inc..

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Come, God's people, come receive Christ's heavenly food.

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 I wonder as I wander

arr. John Jacob Niles (1892–1980)

Appalachian folksong

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.



John Jacob Niles was an American composer, singer, and collector of traditional ballads. Called the "Dean of American Balladeers," Niles was an important influence on the American folk music revival of the 1950s and 1960s, with Odetta; Joan Baez; Burl Ives; Peter, Paul, and Mary; and Bob Dylan, among others, recording his songs.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

PICARDY

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 57 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

HELMSLEY

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue in C Major, BWV 545b

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 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.

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker

Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Matteo Donnelly

Psalterer: Eden Baker

The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Acolytes: Caleb Worrell, Brielle Worrell, Atticus Finkell

Ushers: Robert Eikel, Stewart Murchie, Julia O'Brien

Healing Prayers: Chris Byrd

Livestream Director: Ray Giolitto

Altar Guild: Eti Akpan, Buffy Ineson

Nursery Staff: Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton

Sunday School Teachers: Taffy Wilcox, Margie Baker

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	Wendy
Janet Ray	Sue	Anita Winters	Bob Norton
Brad Babbitt	Whitney Lynch	Alison Gillespie	Joseph
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joyce Flynn	Sarah Carroll
Virginia Skeelee	Gina Giusto	Rachel Boccio	Greg Highland
Grant Loevenbruck	The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Rachel
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Lucas
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Joan Warner	Amy Bittinger
Tori	Dennis Simoni	Jon Nelson	William Bittinger
Deborah	Brenda	G.F.	Emmy Aziz
Hale Walkoff	Nick Willke	Ned	Ben Mabrey
Rod Farrell	Marnie Mueller	Louis Nuechterlein	Mike
Hillary Lord	Dominic Howell	Kimberly Ward	Toby & Manny Aguiar

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Claire O'Brien	Bobby Biondi	David Hrdlicka
Susan Thomas	Ann Hutchinson	Marshall Barnes
Betsy Chicares	Kenneth Cortavarria	Virginia Van Dyk
Lissie Brooks	Easton Swift	
Florie FitzGerald	Pamela Lamlein	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Teresa & Joel Lohr

Those who have died:

Harriet Odlum, *member of St. John's*
George Weinstock, *husband of Erica Weinstock*
Barbara Aston, *mother of Allison Tichy*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Woodbury; Grace Church, Yantic; and for annual parish meetings, committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Nigeria.

St. John's 2024 Christmas ornament for sale, \$20 each. This year's ornament, featuring a photo by David McCary of our stained-glass window depicting Mary and the infant Jesus, will be sold after 10:30 services in December, and at Lessons & Carols on December 10 — while supplies last! We have a limited number of these keepsakes, which also make lovely gifts, so plan to get yours soon. See Annabel Clapp in Hubbard Hall after the service.



Online auction open through December 10 at 8 p.m. Our fourth annual online fundraising auction opened on Friday evening, and will remain open for bidding until next Sunday, December 10, at 8 p.m. Nearly 25 auction items include an exquisite handcrafted quilt, a week in a vacation condo on the South Carolina Coast, housewares perfect for holiday entertaining, Hartford Symphony tickets, gift cards, St. John's swag, and so much more. Go to sjparish.net/auction2023 to browse and bid!

Pipes Alive! with Mary Pan, TODAY at 12:30 p.m. The Pipes Alive! series continues with organist Mary Pan playing the St. John's organ. This event will be presented in person and by livestream. Mary Pan is an organist, pianist, and choral director based in Rochester, New York. A native of Connecticut, she is a graduate of the Hartt School of Music and Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Free admission, with donations gratefully received.

Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 10, 3 p.m. It's an Advent favorite for a reason! Take a break from the holiday hubbub and prepare your soul for the Christmas miracle with this beautiful program of carols for choir and organ, in the tradition of King's College, Cambridge. This beloved event will fill the church, so arrive early to get a good seat. This event will be presented in person and by livestream, and will feature the St. John's Choir School and Adult Choir; Scott Lamlein, choirmaster; Floyd Higgins, organist. A reception will follow in Hubbard Hall. Free admission, with donations gratefully received.


Christmas flower memorials due by Monday, December 18. We are now accepting honorary and memorial contributions toward Christmas poinsettias and altar flowers to adorn the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please submit the names of people you would like to honor or remember, along with a donation in any amount, using a Flower Offering envelope (available in the narthex and the pews), or by emailing the names to Ellen in the parish office at ellen@sjparish.net, and sending a contribution separately. Names must be received by December 18 to be included in the Christmas service bulletins.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by coming to any of our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. On Christmas Eve, services are at 4 p.m. (featuring the St. John's Choir School, with music starting at 3:45 p.m.) and 10 p.m. (featuring the St. John's Adult Choir and a string quartet, with music starting at 9:30 p.m. — *note that the starting time is one hour earlier than in previous years*). On Christmas Day, there is one service at 10 a.m. with a sermon and carols. **Note:** *Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both fall on Sundays this year, and we will have regular Sunday morning services on both days. On Christmas Eve, we will have one Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m. (no 8 a.m. service), and on New Year's Eve, we will have both Sunday morning services (at 8 and 10:30 a.m.)*

Deadline for year-end giving. For gifts and pledge payments to be included on your 2023 year-end giving statement for tax purposes, they must be received in the parish office by **Tuesday, December 26**, whether you are paying by check, cash, or online via credit card or bank withdrawal. Contributions received after that date may not be deposited and posted in time to be included on your 2023 statement, even if in payment of a 2023 pledge. Thank you!

PIPES ALIVE!

Mary Pan



December 3, 12:30pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

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





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

Angela Allen-Peck & Caleb Peck, June & Emmy Aziz, Janet & Brad Babbitt, Mary & Bob Bainbridge, Margie & Jenn Baker, Eleanor & Jack Barnes, Wendy & Richard Bartlett, Mike Biondi & Ginny Kemp, Shirley Blean, Rachel Boccio, Lissie & Lynn Brooks, Jo Anne Burgh, Kim & Chris Byrd, *Robert Caldwell*, *Keitha & Kevin Campo*, Lindsey & Stuart Carlisle, Betsy & Greg Chicares, Francine & Stephan Christiansen, Martha & John Church, Alina & Matt Ciscel, Elijah Clapp & Annabel Trickett-Clapp, Susan & Brian Clemow, Kate Coley, Molly Cooper, Steve Crocker & Rosa Guzzo, *David Dangremond*, Carol Davis, Vijaya Jyothsna & Carlos Diaz, Pam Dimock, Martin Dodd, Susan Donaldson, *Jayden Donnelly*, *Mason Donnelly*, Matteo & Marcos Donnelly, Joe Duffy, Linda Dunakin, Hope & Bill Eakins, Nancy Eaton, Bobby Eikel, Kate & Robert Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Karan & Geoff Emerick *Susan Fay & Craig Ahmer*, Martha Fine, Amy & Todd FitzGerald, Ginny & Rich Flinchbaugh, Ellen & Ben Flynn, Danielle Foint, Ginger & Colin Gillespie, *Margaret & Mark Goad*, Emma & Jerry Goetz, Tim Goetz, Anne & Craig Grant, David Grimaldi, *Nicole Douillet & Liana Guzman*, Ann Hanlon, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Anne Harney, Jane Harris, Susan Harrison & Thomas Cloherty, Kara & Matthew Hart, Susie & Ross Hatch, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, Jenn & Ryan Hill, *Bob Hoffman*, *Mary & Ryan Homyotski*, Frisha Hugessen, Ann Hutchinson, Buffy & John Ineson, Richard Jacques, Dianne Jones, Beth & John Kauczka, Martha Kayser, Mary Jo & Bert Keating, Sarah Kieffer, *Jeffrey Kinney & Rebecca Bourret*, Betty Knorr, Debby & David Kvam, Pamela Lamlein, Richard Lammlin, Wendy & Tom Lincoln, Bill Lockery, Ben Mabrey & Michael Michaud, Lisa & Mike Mahoney, Liz & Andy Marchion, Lauren Mascola & John Swift, Bill McBride, Tina & David McCary, Patrick Miller, Marnie Mueller, Leah & Stewart Murchie, Ann Newbury, Enid & Tom Oberholtzer, Julia & Jim O'Brien, Nancy Pedersen, Ginny & Mark Proft, Christa Rakich & Janis Milroy, *Bill & Deborah Reardon*, Katie & Patrick Reardon, Hal Rives & Marki Ware, Laura & John Roche, Barbara & Pieter Roos, Mary Russell, *Jo-Ann Sadosky*, Kelsey & Stacey Samuel Bannon, *Susie & Mark Sarkisian*, Judy Schaffer, Linda Schatz, Jim Sharp, Mary & Spencer Sloan, Margaret & William Smith, Carol & Charles Sonne, Dale & Christoph Stretz, Susan & Paul Thaxton, Sera & Abraham Thomas, Bowie Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Pat & Alex Vance, Pamela & Jeff Verney, Audrey Walker, Lyn Walker, *Audrey Weber & Kyle Baker*, Erica Weinstock, Jackie & Michael Wells, Ted Whittimore, Taffy Wilcox, John Wilcox & Virginia Van Dyk, Maggie & Sherwood Willard, Jeanne & Dennis Winkleblack, Wes Winterbottom, Brenda Zanta

EYC IN DECEMBER

12/3 Global Philanthropy Leaders
5-7 pm. Dinner Provided.

12/10 No EYC—Lessons & Carols
at 3pm

12/17 Christmas Pageant at 10:30
(have you signed up?) followed by
EYC Christmas Lunch & White
Elephant Gift Exchange at noon.

St. John's Monday Night Bible Study ADVENT PROPHECIES

Monday evenings at 7 in Zoom
November 27-December 18


In Advent, we prepare to celebrate the Incarnation while looking to Christ's eventual return. According to St. Bernard, we also honor a third Advent, the coming of Christ into our hearts. Hear the good news of great joy as shared in Isaiah, Micah, and Jeremiah.

As always, no preparation, homework, or easy answers. Come to one or all sessions. Questions?

Email margie@sjparish.net

ST. JOHN'S ONLINE AUCTION

2023



BID ON NEARLY 25 UNIQUE ITEMS!
Gifts, artwork, gift cards, food and beverages, housewares, tickets, a handcrafted quilt, and a week at a coastal South Carolina vacation condo.

OPEN DECEMBER 1 AT 8 PM
THROUGH DECEMBER 10 AT 8 P.M.

Proceeds support St. John's ministries in the parish and community.

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Presented by Music at the Red Door

CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF

Nine Lessons and Carols



- Free admission
- Donations welcome (suggested donation: \$20)
- In-person and livestreamed
- Reception to follow

Sunday, December 10, 2023
3:00pm



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WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S THIS CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE

4 PM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE ST. JOHN'S CHOIR SCHOOL
 MUSICAL PRELUDE AT 3:45 P.M. - CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

10 PM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE ST. JOHN'S ADULT CHOIR & STRINGS
 MUSICAL PRELUDE AT 9:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HYMNS

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE FOR 12/24 & 12/31

SUNDAY 12/24:
 10:30 SERVICE ONLY (NO 8AM SERVICE)
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT ED, OR NURSERY CARE

SUNDAY 12/31
 SERVICES AT 8 AND 10:30AM (WITH BAPTISM AT 10:30)
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT ED, OR NURSERY CARE

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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

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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