

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Third Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 17, 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

VOLUNTARY Noël grand jeu et duo

Louis Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 83 O come, all ye faithful (vv. 1, 2, 3 & 6)

ADESTE FIDELES

All stand and sing.

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.**

**God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only begotten Son of the Father;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

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 joy to be found in your kingdom on earth. For the Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

SCENE 1: THE PROPHETS

All sit.

SCENE 2: THE ANNUNCIATION

HYMN 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel (vv. 1, 4 & 7)

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

All sing.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust they mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SCENE 3: THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

HYMN 79 O little town of Bethlehem (vv. 1 & 2)

ST. LOUIS

All sing.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
 yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
 O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
 And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

SCENE 4: THE ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS

HYMN 94 While shepherds watched their flocks by night (vv. 1, 2 & 6)

WINCHESTER OLD

All sing.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
 all seated on the ground,
 the angel of the Lord came down,
 and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
 had seized their troubled mind;
 "Glad tidings of great joy I bring
 to you and all mankind."

"All glory be to God on high
 and on the earth be peace;
 good will henceforth from heaven to men
 begin and never cease."

THE ANGELS DANCE

The people say the words in bold.

Narrator And suddenly there was a huge angel choir alongside Gabriel, who were singing:

People **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth!**

ANTHEM On Christmas night
Sung by the Choir School and Adult Choir

Sussex Carol
 arr. Philip Ledger (1937–2012)

On Christmas night all Christians sing
 To hear the news the angels bring.
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 To hear the news the angels bring.

News of great joy, news of great mirth,
 News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,
 Since our Redeemer made us glad?

Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad?

When from our sin he set us free
All for to gain our liberty? When sin departs before His grace
Then life and health come in its place.
When sin departs before His grace
Then life and health come in its place.

Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night.
All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night.

“Glory to God and peace to men
Now and for evermore, amen!”

SCENE 5: THE ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS

HYMN 96 Angels we have heard on high (vv. 1, 2 & 3)
All sing.

GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

SCENE 6: WISE MEN FOLLOW THE STAR

HYMN 128 We three kings
The people sing the refrain after all verses, and verse 5.

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

Refrain:
*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice;
Heav'n sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies.**

SILENT NIGHT

HYMN 111 Silent night
The people sing verses 2 and 3.

STILLE NACHT

**Silent night, holy night,
 shepherds quake at the sight,
 glories stream from heaven afar,
 heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
 Christ, the Savior, is born!
 Christ, the Savior, is born!**

Silent night, holy night,
 Son of God, love's pure light
 radiant beams from thy holy face,
 with the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth

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

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Magnificat: Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
 For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham
 and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. 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

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.
 Heav - en and earth are 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.

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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 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 HYMN 112 In the bleak midwinter

CRANHAM

All remain seated and sing.

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

**Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.**

**Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him, give my heart.**

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 100 Joy to the world

ANTIOCH

All sing.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
 let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare him room,
 and heaven nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
 let us our songs employ,
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
 repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 and thorns infest the ground;
 he comes to make his blessings flow
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
 and makes the nations prove
 the glories of his righteousness,
 and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY My spirit be joyful from Cantata 146

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

arr. E. Power Biggs

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 Todd FitzGerald**Assisting Clergy:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Assisting Organist:** Bruce Henley**Trumpeters:** Jeffrey Higgins, Thomas Hintz**Chalice Bearer:** Matteo Donnelly**Acolytes:** Elise Biondi, Dorian Ciscel, Atticus Finkell, Caleb Worrell**Ushers:** Geoff Emerick, Mary Honyotski, Pia Mara Santomauro, Wes Winterbottom**Healing Prayers:** Annabel Clapp**Livestream Director:** Jenn Baker**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson, Brenda Zanta**Nursery Staff:** Nichole Segar, Lilah Lorenzo, Olivia Thaxton

PAGEANT CAST

NARRATORS: Dorian Ciscel, Livvy Lorenzo, Benjamin Clapp, Allison Mani, Atticus Finkell, Elise Biondi

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MICAH: Eden Baker

GABRIEL: Danielle Branco

MARY: Angie Finkell

JOSEPH: Mason Donnelly

DONKEY: Bobby Eikel

INNKEEPERS: Sreesha Kocherla, Eden Baker

SHEPHERDS: Malcolm Latif, Noah Reardon, Grayson Reardon, Kyrie Henes

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ANGELS: Luca Douillet Guzman, Brooklyn Marchion, Beatrice Patten, Isla McAuslan, Savannah Marchion, Alice Yelland, Josie Keating, Anna Winterbottom, Ellie Winterbottom

HEROD: Virginia Eikel

STAR: Beatrice Patten

MAGI: Jamie Baker, Jayden Donnelly, Jx Eikel

CAMELS: Cruz Douillet Guzman, Zeke Latif, Dana Crocker, Blythe Peck

CAMEL DRIVERS: James Reardon, Nkosi Barrow, Juliette Peck

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LIGHTING: Bobby Biondi, Luke Yelland

ADULT AND YOUTH ASSISTANTS:

Dance Instruction: Susan Murphy Thaxton, Livvy Thaxton

ASL Instruction: Morgan Babbitt, Megan Haynes

Costumes: Danielle Pieratti, Akilah Williams, Kate Eikel, Mabel Mani, Jaime Patten

Props and Staging: Marcos Donnelly, Liana Guzman, Robert Eikel, Sharon Henes,

Rehearsal: Angela Allen-Peck, Matteo Donnelly, Allison Tichy, Matt Ciscel

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 Skeeel	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	Toby & Manny Aguiar	Kimberly Ward	Dan Minster
Madeline	Jeff Lewis		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Julia Grieco	Kent Byrd	Alex Vance
Wendy Lincoln	Sherwood Willard	Godfrey Mani
Jeffrey Tucker	Owen Williams	
Grayson Reardon	Beatrice Patten	
Noah Reardon	Jack Kinney	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Sydney Sherman & Patrick Higelmire

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford; Calvary St. George's, Bridgeport; and for those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

Christmas flower memorials due by

TOMORROW. 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!

3 REASONS TO PLEDGE TO ST. JOHN'S TODAY!

Please join the 147 households who have already made pledges for 2024 to ensure a healthy, vibrant year ahead for this church community. St. John's especially needs your pledge now because....

THE VESTRY WILL VOTE ON THE 2024 BUDGET THIS TUESDAY.

Parishioner pledges are the church's most important source of income, so the vestry needs to know how much pledge income to expect next year. Making your pledge now enables the vestry to vote with confidence on a realistic budget for 2024.

YEAR-OVER-YEAR INCREASES IN PLEDGE INCOME ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE CHURCH TO THRIVE.

Just as with your household expenses, church expenses go up each year due to inflation and other factors. Higher pledge totals each year are needed not only to accommodate such increases, but also to grow our programs, support our staff, care for our building, and engage in new ministries. The 2024 pledge total is currently about even with the 2023 pledge total. A higher 2024 pledge total is essential to fully fund this vibrant, growing parish in the year to come, without the vestry having to make budget cuts that will limit essential ministries.

IT FEELS GOOD TO INVEST IN THIS VIBRANT COMMUNITY!

Meaningful worship, extraordinary music, beautiful building and grounds, robust programs for children and youth, thoughtful preaching, committed pastoral care—these ministries draw people to St. John's and keep them coming back. Your pledge helps ensure that these ministries continue and grow, so that we may all find the inspiration, connection, and hope we need at St. John's.

Fill out a paper pledge card or pledge online via
Realm or at sjparish.net/pledge



This list includes pledges received as of Thursday, December 14.
The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.

Angela Allen-Peck & Caleb Peck, June & Emmy Aziz, Janet & Brad Babbitt, Mary & Bob Bainbridge, Beverley Baker, Margie & Jenn Baker, Eleanor & Jack Barnes, Wendy & Richard Bartlett, Marian & David Beers, Mike Biondi & Ginny Kemp, Shirley Blean, Rachel Boccio, Carlos Branco & Allison Tichy, 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, Edith Connolly, Molly Cooper, Steve Crocker & Rosa Guzzo, *David Dangremond*, Carol Davis, *Young Hee & David Derby*, Vijaya Jyothsna & Carlos Diaz, Pam Dimock, Martin Dodd, Susan Donaldson, *Jayden Donnelly, Mason Donnelly*, Matteo & Marcos Donnelly, Christine Doty, 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, *Sharon & Mike Henes*, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, Jenn & Ryan Hill, *Bob Hoffman, Mary & Ryan Honyotski*, Frisha Hugessen, Ann Hutchinson, Tita & Douglas Hyland, Buffy & John Ineson, Richard Jacques, Dianne Jones, Beth & John Kauczka, Martha Kayser, Mary Jo & Bert Keating, Sarah Kieffer, *Jeffrey Kinney & Rebecca Bourret*, Betty Knorr, Ann Krissinger, Debby & David Kvam, Mary Beth & Scott Lamlein, Pamela Lamlein, Richard Lammlin, Cindy & Jim Lawler, Wendy & Tom Lincoln, Bill Lockery, Teresa & Joel Lohr, 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, Charnley Parr, Nancy Pedersen, Agnes & Billy Peelle, Ginny & Mark Proft, Christa Rakich & Janis Milroy, *Bill & Deborah Reardon*, Katie & Patrick Reardon, Rai Reyes, *Carla & Jonathan Richardson*, 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, *Kirk Smith*, 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 Whittemore, Taffy Wilcox, John Wilcox & Virginia Van Dyk, Maggie & Sherwood Willard, Jeanne & Dennis Winkleblack, Wes Winterbottom, Brenda Zanta

NOTE: If your name is not on the list and you expected it to be, then we have not received your 2024 pledge as of Thursday, December 14. There are three ways to submit a pledge: 1) with a paper pledge card (mailed in October and available to pick up at either church entrance), 2) with the online pledge form found at sjparish.net/pledge, or 3) in your online Realm account (on a computer, from your Profile, click on the Giving tab, then click on + Pledge; on the Realm Connect smartphone app, click the Giving icon at the bottom of the screen, then click the Pledges tab, then click Add Pledge). **An online gift designated for the 2024 Annual Pledge Fund or a recurring gift that is scheduled to continue into 2024 will NOT be recorded as a pledge; we also need to receive your official pledge using one of the methods above.**



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.

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

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