

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*December 24, 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](http://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. The nursery is not open this morning, but a changing table and seating are available in the Education Wing for parents/caregivers to use as needed. A staffed nursery will be available at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service later today.

*Cover art: Shine by Mike Moyers*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY	Meine Seele erhebet den Herrn, BWV 648 <i>(My soul doth magnify the Lord)</i> Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, 2003	J.S. Bach (1685–1750)  Will Sherwood (b. 1953)
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THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 66	Come, thou long expected Jesus	STUTT GART
<i>All stand and sing.</i>		

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<b>And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	We light this candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another. For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us in love. God exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.
<i>People</i>	<b>Come, Lord Jesus, come!</b>

## 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. Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16*

*All sit.*

**W**hen the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

Canticle 15

The people say the text in **bold print**, and sing the antiphon as indicated.

My soul pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: \***  
**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
 in every generation.

**He has shown the strength of his arm, \***  
**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
 and has lifted up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things, \***  
**and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

**The promise he made to our fathers, \***  
**to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.      Antiphon**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 16:25–27

**N**ow to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 264 The Word whom earth and sea and sky

SONG 34

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:26–38

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

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

**I**n the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*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.*

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, 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

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM The angel Gabriel

Basque Carol, arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

The angel Gabriel from heaven came  
His wings as drifted snow his eyes as flame  
"All hail" said he "thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honor thee,  
Thy Son shall be Emanuel, by seers foretold  
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,  
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."  
Most highly favored lady. Gloria!

Of her, Emanuel, the Christ was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!



*Malcolm Archer's setting of this Charles Wesley text contains a highly lyrical melody and emotional connection. Pay special attention to the dramatic treatment of the middle verse: "Didst Thou not make us one, that being one we must remain? Together, travel on, and bear each others' pain." The text and tune lift up a universal message of following Christ, serving others, and God being with us in times of trouble.*

### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*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.**

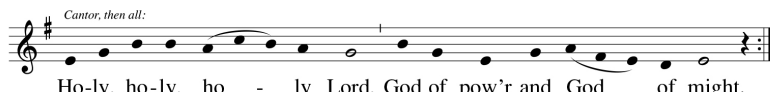
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*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.

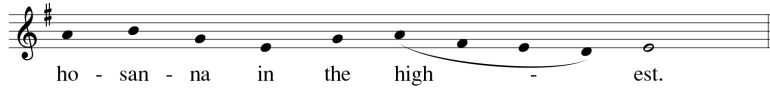
*Cantor:*



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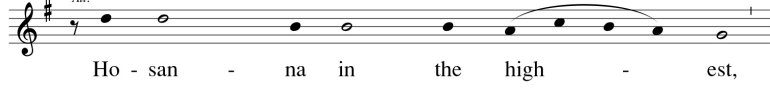


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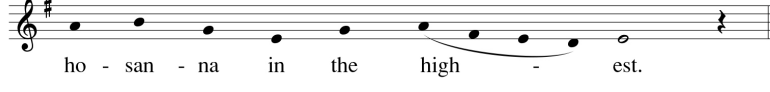


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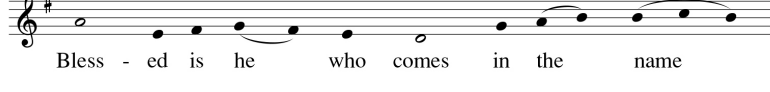


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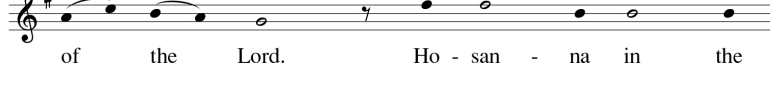


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*Cantor:*



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name

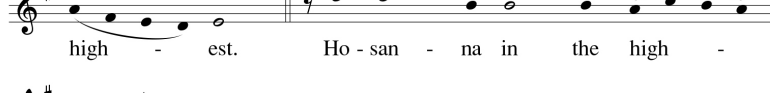


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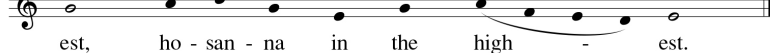


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*All:*



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



*All remain standing or kneel.*

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power,**

**and the glory**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*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 HYMN 60 Creators of the stars of night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

*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 78 O little town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN

*All sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**THE VOLUNTARY** Carillon

Scott Lamlein (b. 1972)

*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**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Jo Anne Burgh**Cantor:** Abby White**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Healing Prayers:** Wes Winterbottom**Livestream Director:** Francis Lamlein**Altar Guild:** Kate Eikel, Barbara Roos**Weekly Offering Envelopes**

If you requested weekly offering envelopes when you submitted your 2024 pledge, you may pick up your envelopes in Hubbard Hall. Please look for the envelopes with your name. If you did not request envelopes but would like them, please contact Ellen in the parish office. Envelopes that are not picked up by December 31 will be mailed (and picking them up in person saves us more than \$2 in postage!).

**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	Toby & Manny Aguiar	Kimberly Ward	Dan Minster
Madeline	Jeff Lewis	Miranda	

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton  
Christian Dahlstrom

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Winston Booker	Dorian Ciscel
Carolyn Giliberto	Paul Faude
David Murphy	

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgeport; and for the children of the world, the Bishops' Fund for Children, and all ECCT ministries for children at risk.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

**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*). **Child care will be available in our staffed nursery at the 4 p.m. service.** On Christmas Day, there is one service at 10 a.m. with a sermon and carols.

**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!

**Twelfth Night tree burning and EYC fundraiser, Friday, January 5, 5:30 p.m.** Join us for this uniquely festive tradition, when we bid farewell to the Christmas season by burning Christmas trees and wreaths (safely!) outdoors. The EYC (youth group) will be selling hot cocoa and snacks as a fundraiser for their annual project to support Dignity Grows, a local nonprofit that provides hygiene supplies to people in need in the Greater Hartford area. Come on out for this fun event!

**Pipes Alive! featuring Kyle Swann, Sunday, January 7, 12:30 p.m.** The first Pipes Alive! organ concert of 2024 will be on January 7 at 12:30 p.m. Organist Kyle Swann has played with numerous orchestras and opera companies around the world, and has worked with the Connecticut Opera and the Yale School of Music. Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted.



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



This list includes pledges received as of Wednesday, December 20.  
The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.

*Eti Akpan*, Angela Allen-Peck & Caleb Peck, Bess Amamoo, 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, Eloise Biscoe, 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, Heidi & Jeff Gostyla, Anne & Craig Grant, David Grimaldi, *Nicole Douillet & Liana Guzman*, Ann Hanlon, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Anne Harney, Cisalee Harrell, Jane Harris, Susan Harrison & Thomas Cloherty, Kara & Matthew Hart, Susie & Ross Hatch, Anne & Randall Hayes, *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*, *Sam Kinney & Morgan Hilliard*, Betty Knorr, Ann Krissinger, Debby & David Kvam, Mary Beth & Scott Lamlein, Pamela Lamlein, Richard Lammlin, Cindy & Jim Lawler, Karen Licht, 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, Bill Uricchio & Katy Hart, Pat & Alex Vance, Pamela & Jeff Verney, Audrey Walker, Lyn Walker, *Audrey Weber & Kyle Baker*, Anne & John Walsh, 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 Wednesday, December 20. 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 [sparish.net/pledge](http://sparish.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.**



# PIPES ALIVE!



## Kyle Swann

**January 7, 12:30pm**

**St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford**

MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR

Events are also available livestreamed  
at [www.reddoormusic.org](http://www.reddoormusic.org)



# TWELFTH NIGHT TREE BURNING

**Friday, January 5, 2024 at  
5:30pm**

**Join us as we bid farewell to Christmas.  
Come for the pyrotechnics, stay for the  
fellowship!**

**Hot chocolate and sweets will be available for  
purchase as a fundraiser for Dignity Grows.**

**We follow fire safety regulations.**

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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

## STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net).....	<i>Priest in Charge</i>
The Rev. Margie Baker (margie@sjparish.net).....	<i>Assistant Rector</i>
Scott Lamlein (scott@sjparish.net).....	<i>Director of Music</i>
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Dwight Latif (dwight@sjparish.net).....	<i>Sexton</i>
Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net).....	<i>Financial Administrator</i>
Christa Rakich.....	<i>Organ Artist-in-Residence</i>
Ralph Valentine .....	<i>Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus</i>

## 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