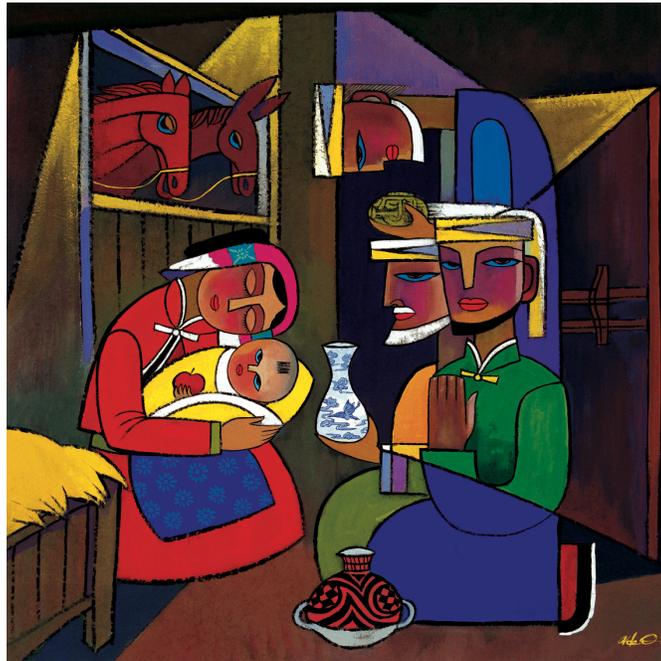


# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*January 26, 2025*

*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)

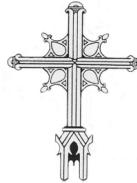


Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

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. Our professionally staffed nursery located in the Education Wing is open on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off children in the nursery for part or all of the service. The Education Wing and nursery also have changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY    *Médiation from Trois Improvisations*  
tr. Maurice Duruflé

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 525    The Church's one foundation  
*All stand and sing.*

AURELIA

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant*    Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People*        **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*    Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Title: *Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis*

Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025), rev. Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**All sit.*

**A**ll the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 19**The people say the words in bold and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

The      stat -      utes      of      the —      LORD      re -      joice      the —      heart.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another, \***  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands, \***  
**and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 **The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 **Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

*Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

*1 Corinthians 12:12–31a*

**J**ust as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we

think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 537    Christ for the world we sing

MOSCOW

*All stand and sing.*

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 4:14–21*

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

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

**J**esus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

*Minister*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

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.*

Let us worship the Savior with joy and make our prayers to God.

The magi came from the east to worship your Son: Grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of worship and a readiness to seek and follow you always. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh: Accept the offering of our hearts and minds as we strive to faithfully follow Jesus in the year ahead. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ: Inspire our leaders to work for an abundance of peace, justice, and compassion, and strengthen all peacemakers, especially in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, and all places of turmoil and conflict. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death: Look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, and comfort and be present to all who suffer, especially those on our parish prayer list. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son shared the life of his home and family in Nazareth: Protect in your love our neighbors, especially those affected by the California wildfires, immigrants and refugees, and those without a safe place to call home; our families; and this community. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus reigns with you in eternal life: Welcome those who have died, especially Deborah Burgh Tropek, Darlene Burgh Compston, and Robert Powell, into your realm of everlasting love and peace. Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* God, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, Mary and Joseph, and all the faithful departed. In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

### THE WELCOME

*All sit.*

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Light of the world

John Dankworth (1927–2010)  
Text: Paul Wigmore (1925–2014)

Light beyond shadow, joy beyond tears,  
Love that is greater when darkest our fears;  
Deeper the peace when the storm is around,  
Dearer the Christ to the lost who is found.

Light of the world, Jesus shining!  
Sins of the world, see him dying!  
In our darkness, he is light,  
In our crying, he is love,  
In the noise of life,  
imparting peace that passes understanding;

Light beyond shadow, joy beyond tears,  
Love that is greater when darkest our fears;  
Deeper the peace when the storm is around,  
Dearer the Christ to the lost who is found.



*Sir John Phillip William Dankworth was an English jazz composer, saxophonist, clarinetist, and writer of film scores. With his wife, jazz singer Dame Cleo Laine, he was a music educator and also her music director. He had violin and piano lessons before settling eventually on the clarinet at the age of 16, after hearing a record of the Benny Goodman Quartet. Soon afterward, inspired by Charlie Parker, he learned to play the alto saxophone. He attended the Paris Jazz Festival in 1949 and played with Charlie Parker. Parker's comments about Dankworth led to the start of an amazing career, beginning with Dankworth being named 1949's Musician of the Year.*

## 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

*All stand.*

*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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

*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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's. 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 Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

Even before we call on your name  
To ask you, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify you,  
You hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,  
Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the father,  
and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,  
We breathe your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast,  
We trust in you;  
Endless your grace, O endless your grace,  
Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever,  
And unto ages and ages,  
Amen



*Stephen Paulus was a prolific composer of classical music. His music continues to be frequently performed and described by critics as rugged, angular, lyrical, lean, rhythmically aggressive, original, often gorgeous, moving, and uniquely American. The New Yorker characterizes his music as having “impeccable technique and well-honed audience appeal,” while The New York Times says “Mr. Paulus often finds melodic patterns that are fresh and familiar at the same time...His scoring is invariably expert and exceptionally imaginative in textures and use of instruments.”*

THE COMMUNION HYMN 513 Like the murmur of the dove’s song  
*All remain seated and sing.*

BRIDEGROOM

### 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 539 O Zion, haste  
*All stand and sing.*

TIDINGS

### THE DISMISSAL

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

### THE VOLUNTARY Improvisation on *Tidings*

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**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY****Celebrant:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Seminarian:** Robin Brown**Layreader:** Robert Eikel**Psalterer:** Virginia Eikel**The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School****Organist & Choirmaster:** Walden Moore**Acolytes:** Caleb Worrell, Brielle Worrell, Selma Waddington**Ushers:** Molly Cooper, Annabel Clapp, Dan Minster, Mark Sarkisian**Livestream Operator:** Rosa Guzzo**Altar Guild:** Eti Akpan, Barbara Roos**Healing Prayer Minister:** Tim Goetz**Nursery Staff:** Nichole Segar, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton**Sunday School Teachers:** Robert Eikel, Enid Oberholtzer**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Emhart Aziz.****Join us for coffee hour and sandwich making in Hubbard Hall after the service!**

This Sunday, food is provided by those with last names starting S through Z.

Next Sunday, food will be provided by those with last names starting A through F.

# An introduction to centering prayer

## with the Reverend Nancy Wright

Centering prayer is a form of Christian contemplative prayer intended to nurture awareness of and relationship with God. Join Nancy Wright, a St. John's member and retired Lutheran minister, for a Sunday adult forum and four Wednesday prayer sessions during Lent. No sign-up or registration is needed, and you may attend one, several, or all sessions.

### Adult forum

Sunday, February 2 at 9:30 a.m.

### Lenten prayer sessions

Wednesdays in Lent from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2

**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
Brad Babbitt	Sue	Anita Winters	Bob Norton
Virginia Skeele	Whitney Lynch	Joyce Flynn	Joseph
Grant Loevenbruck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Rachel Boccio	Sarah Carroll
John & Barbara Spannaus	The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Greg Highland
Jennifer Blean	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Rachel
Hale Walkoff	Doug Larson	Jon Nelson	Lucas
Rod Farrell	Jeff Lewis	G.F.	Amy Bittinger
Hillary Lord	Miranda	Ned	William Bittinger
Helen Rosen	Allison and Family	Roger	Mike
Nick Willke	Linda	Rich Lammlin	Rick
Wayne Gollenburg	Jacob Latranica	Daniel Zoltan	Richard Myers
Uncle Rich Alpin	Tom Tata	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Carol
Tracie O'Brien	Timothy Foga	John Scott	Paul Thaxton
Naya	Miriam Myers	Mindy	Frank Higginbotham
Dennisse Salazar	Shoemaker Family	Eric Zoltan	Todd
Amy	Ken & Ellie	Elizabeth Myers	Peter Stanton & family
Cora	Elsa	David J. Beisler	Stephanie
John & Anne Walsh	Heidi	Carole Buttner	Lisa
Stephan	Charles & Susan Oakley	Branden	Ann

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Audrey Baker  
Joe Bleicher  
Richard Wigmore

**Those who have died:**

Deborah Burgh Tropek & Darlene Burgh Compston, *cousins of Jo Anne Burgh*  
Robert Powell, *organist, composer, and choir director who composed the service music we've been singing during the season of Epiphany*

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; All Saint's, East Harford; and for ministries to, with, and for the deaf.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

**Midweek contemplative Eucharist, every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the chancel.**

**Year-end giving statements for 2024 went out by email a week ago.** We sent year-end giving statements to the following people:

- **Those who contributed \$250 or more to St. John's in 2024.**
- **Those who contributed to the Music at the Red Door annual fund drive in 2024.** Statements include donations to the 2024 fund drive only and do not include donations made for a particular concert/event.

St. John's and Music at the Red Door statements are sent out separately, so if you donated to both, you will receive two emails, each with a statement attached. Please check your email inbox as well as your spam/junk folders. If we do not have a valid email on file, your statement(s) were mailed. **If you have any questions about your statement(s) or your 2024 contributions, please contact our financial administrator, Peggy O'Toole, at [peggy@sjparish.net](mailto:peggy@sjparish.net) or 860-523-5201 ext. 311. Peggy is in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.**

**February book club discussion in Zoom, February 6 at 7 p.m.** Our February book selection is *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. The Zoom link will be included in the regular February 6 e-news, and in a special book club e-mail also sent out that day. The March book selection (March 6) is *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok, and the April intergenerational book selection (April 3) is *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. We have a few copies of each book available in the office.

**Bishop Mello to be at St. John's on February 23.** The Right Reverend Jeffrey Mello, bishop diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, will be at St. John's for the tri-annual bishop visitation on Sunday, February 23. Besides preaching and presiding at both Sunday services, he will confirm a group of young people who are participating in confirmation classes with Todd FitzGerald. The bishop's visit is also an opportunity for newer St. John's members to be received into the Episcopal Church. While not required, being received by a bishop is a way for members who were previously part of a different (or no) denomination to formally choose membership in the Episcopal Church. Contact Todd or Margie if you're interested in being received on February 23.

A promotional poster for a 'Spring Fling & Auction'. The background is a vibrant field of pink and purple flowers under a clear blue sky. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, serif, and sans-serif fonts in red and black. The main title 'Spring Fling & Auction' is in a large, red, serif font with a white outline. Below it, in a smaller black sans-serif font, is the text 'Annual gathering and fundraiser for the St. John's community. All adults (parish members and friends) are welcome!'. Further down, in a bold black sans-serif font, is 'First planning meeting - open to all Sunday, February 16 after the 10:30 service'. The date and time 'Friday, May 30 6:30 p.m.' are prominently displayed in a large, red, serif font with a white outline.

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8 a.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.: Choral Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist

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Stewart Murchie .....	Warden
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2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, Mary Honyotski

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

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