

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Second Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

June 22, 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.

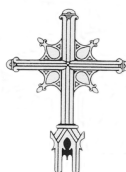
If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer



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. We do not provide nursery care during the summer, although our Education Wing has seating and a changing table for parents/caregivers to use as needed. Professionally staffed nursery care from 9 a.m. to noon on Sundays will resume on September 7.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing NETTLETON
All stand and sing.

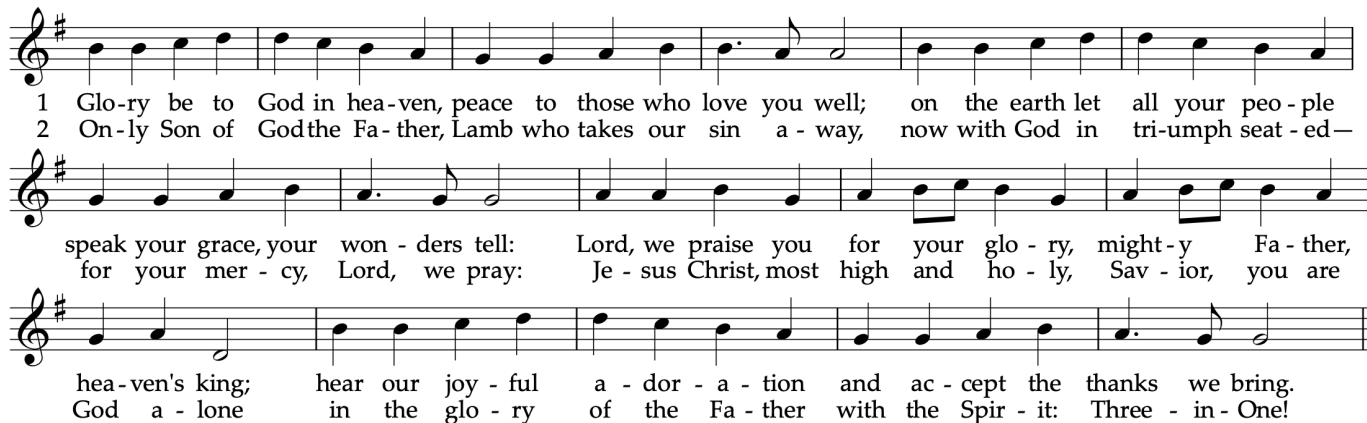
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



1 Glo-ry be to God in hea-ven, peace to those who love you well; on the earth let all your peo-ple
 2 On-ly Son of God the Fa-ther, Lamb who takes our sin a-way, now with God in tri-umph seat-ed—

speaK your graCe, your won-ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glo-ry, might-y Fa-ther,
 for your mer-cy, Lord, we pray: Je-sus Christ, most high and ho-ly, Sav-ior, you are

hea-ven's king; hear our joy-ful a-dor-a-tion and ac-cept the thanks we bring.
 God a-lone in the glo-ry of the Fa-ther with the Spir-it: Three-in-One!

Text: Gloria in excelsis, para. Michael Parry (b. 1942)

Music: ODE TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1872)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-15a

All sit.

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 42

The people say the words in bold.

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
**while all day long they say to me,
"Where now is your God?"**
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; *
**for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; *
**therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.**
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
**in the night season his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.**
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength,
"Why have you forgotten me? *"
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"
- 12 While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;

- 13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; *
**for I will yet give thanks to him,
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23–29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 671 Amazing grace

NEW BRITAIN

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 8:26–39

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

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" —for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how

much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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 AND THE CONFESSION

The people say the words in bold.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our presiding bishop, for Jeff and Laura our bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**
 in your compassion forgive us our sins,
 known and unknown,
 things done and left undone;
 and so uphold us by your Spirit
 that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
 to the honor and glory of your Name;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 MUSIC

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.**

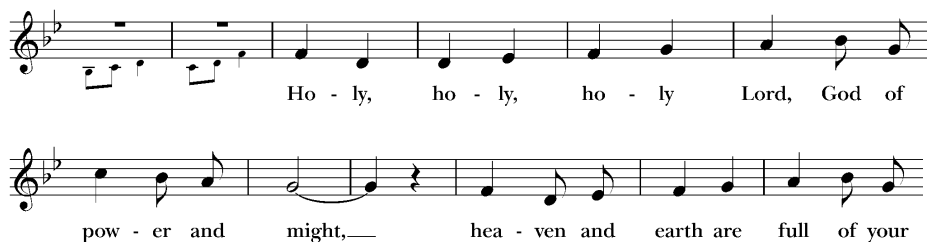
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices as we say:

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: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

All remain standing or kneel.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw the world to himself yet we were heedless for his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 Take this bread, share this wine. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteer, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.

THE 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 529 In Christ there is no east or west

MCKEE

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren

Dieterich Buxtehude

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Layreader: Jane Harris

Organist: Nick Capozzoli

Ushers: Geoff Emerick, Julia O'Brien

Livestream Operator: Ray Giolitto

Altar Guild: June Aziz, Buffy Ineson, Brenda Zanta

Healing Prayer Minister: Jo-Ann Sadosky

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, those serving our country in the armed services, and 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	Joyce Flynn	Wendy
Virginia Skeele	Sue	Rachel Boccio	Bob Norton
Grant Loevenbruck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joan Ackley	Joseph
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Sarah Carroll
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Jon Nelson	Greg Highland
Hale Walkoff	Jeff Lewis	Ned	Rachel
Rod Farrell	Miranda	Roger	Lucas
Hillary Lord	Allison and Family	Daniel Zoltan	Amy Bittinger
Helen Rosen	Linda	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	William Bittinger
Nick Willke	Jacob Latranica	John Scott	Mike
Wayne Gollenburg	Tom Tata	Eric Zoltan	Rick
Uncle Rich Alpin	Timothy Foga	Elizabeth Myers	Richard Myers
Tracie O'Brien	Shoemaker Family	Carole Buttner	Carol
Naya	Elsa	Rob Roy	Paul Thaxton
Amy	Heidi	Meghan	Frank Higginbotham
Cora	Alondra	Gaylord	Peter Stanton & family
Benjamin Mabrey	Andrew Worrell	Bonnie Evans	Stephanie
Beth	Deborah Seid	Barbara	Ann
Katie	Sam Wiley	Dennis	Chris
Anne	Molly's Family	Sherry Haller	Arielle Haller
Jennifer	Martha Babbitt		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Margie Baker	Mark Sarkisian
Kiley Murphy	Stuart Carlisle
Michael Wells	Jon Mansolf
Jenn Hill	Jordan Kinsky

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Margaret & William Smith
 Joanna & Andrew Worrell
 Susie & Mark Sarkisian
 Seirra Fowler & Alan Rich

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Ann's, Old Lyme; Grace, Old Saybrook; Good Shepherd, Orange; and for Camp Washington staff, board, counselors, and campers.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming activities!

More details about these events are on the following pages and also in the weekly e-newsletter.

- **June 28, 8 to 10 a.m.:** Forest therapy with the Reverend Nancy Wright at Penwood State Park
- **June 29, 10 a.m.:** Education Wing open house
- **July 12, 9 to 11 a.m.:** Forest therapy with the Reverend Nancy Wright at Penwood State Park

We love to see you, but please call (or email) first!



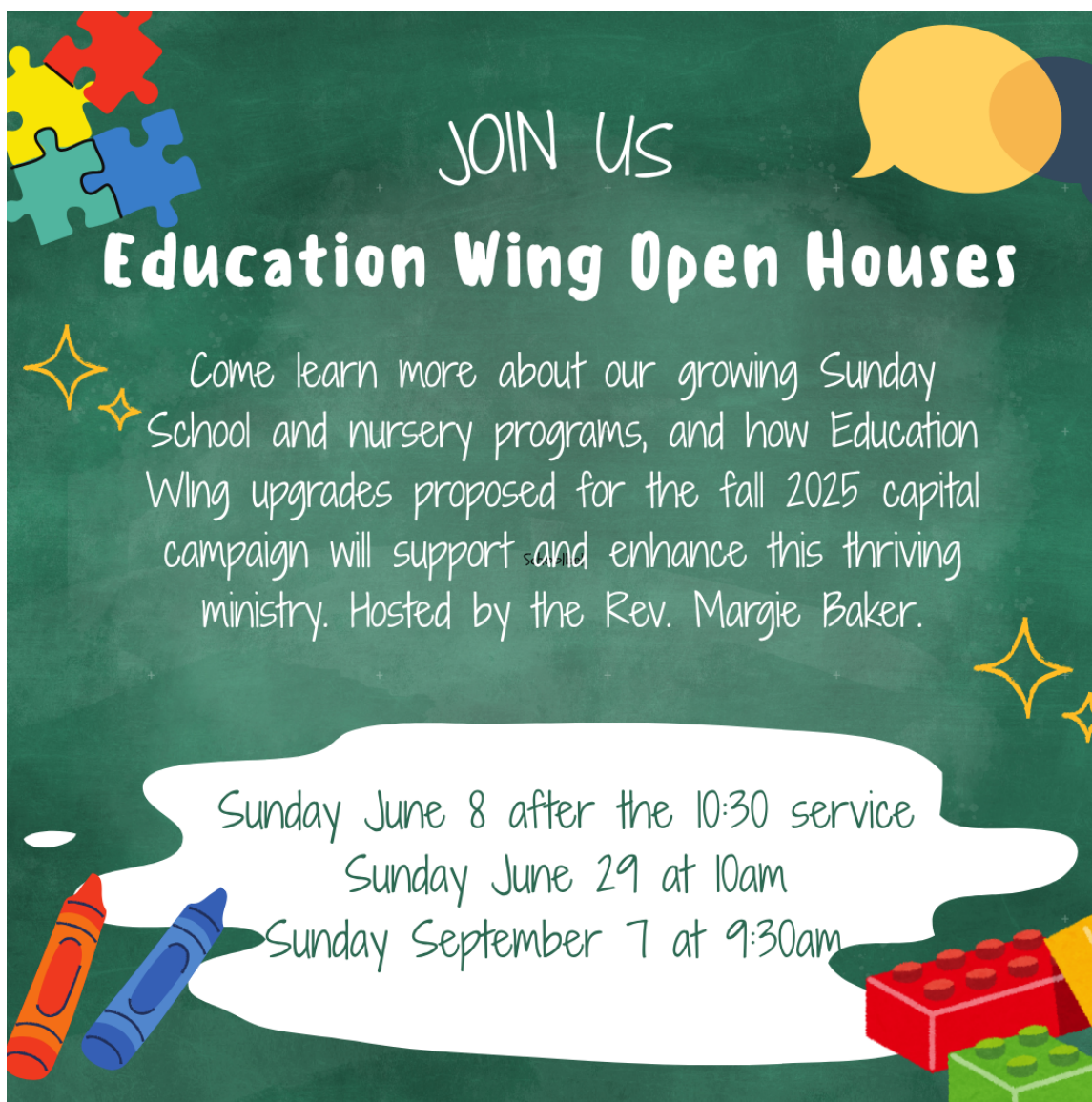
If you need to stop by the church during office hours, please call or email ahead of time to be sure someone will be available to let you in. Ours is a small staff operating out of a big building! We are not always in a place where we can hear the doorbell, some days there are only one or two staff on duty, and occasionally we close the office because no one will be on-site. Reaching out ahead of your visit is particularly helpful during the summer due to staff vacation schedules, but it's a good practice year-round. Thank you!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS (through 8/29):

9am to 2pm, Monday through Friday

PROGRAM YEAR OFFICE HOURS (resume 9/1):

9am to 4pm, Monday through Thursday; 9am to 2pm, Friday



JOIN US

Education Wing Open Houses

Come learn more about our growing Sunday School and nursery programs, and how Education Wing upgrades proposed for the fall 2025 capital campaign will support and enhance this thriving ministry. Hosted by the Rev. Margie Baker.

Sunday June 8 after the 10:30 service
Sunday June 29 at 10am
Sunday September 7 at 9:30am

GUIDED CHRISTIAN FOREST THERAPY

Saturday, June 28: 8am - 10am OR
Saturday, July 12: 9am - 11am

Penwood State Park
Bloomfield, CT

"You didn't come into this world. You came out of it, like a wave from the ocean. You are not a stranger here." - Alan Watts

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow..." - Jesus in Matthew 6:28

Based on Japanese forest bathing, forest therapy has holistic health benefits—mental, emotional physical, spiritual. A group walk in the woods with a guide offers inspiration, energy, and a sense of well-being.

Join St. John's Priest Associate the Reverend Nancy Wright for a two-hour program that includes a brief meditation, short nature-based exercises, conversation, and tea. The goal is for participants to feel lighter and more relaxed after this time together.

Please RSVP to Nancy for one of the two Saturday dates. Space limited to 15 participants per session. Bring water, a foldable chair or cushion, and a snack as needed. Please no pets.

RSVP to Nancy Wright at NWright@nesynod.org

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9 a.m.: Holy Eucharist in the Cloister Garden

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist in the church (also livestreamed)

STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net)	Rector
The Rev. Margie Baker (margie@sjparish.net).....	Associate Rector
Ellen Painter Dollar (ellen@sjparish.net).....	Director of Operations & Communications
Dwight Latif (dwight@sjparish.net).....	Sexton
Nick Capozzoli (nick@sjparish.net)	Director of Music
Peggy O'Toole (peggy@sjparish.net)	Financial Administrator
Christa Rakich	Organ Artist-in-Residence*
Ralph Valentine.....	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus*
The Rev. Rebecca Bourret	Priest Associate*
The Rev. Mary Lynn Dell	Priest Associate*
The Rev. Joseph Pace.....	Priest Associate*
The Rev. Nancy Wright	Priest Associate*

**These positions are non-stipendiary.*

VESTRY

Eleanor Barnes.....	Warden
Stewart Murchie.....	Warden
David McCary and John Wilcox.....	Treasurers

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

2024–26: Lauren Mascola, Stacey Samuel Bannon, Brenda Zanta

2025–27: Kim Byrd, Matteo Donnelly, Susan Fay, Jeff Verney