

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

August 24, 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 *Allegretto from Sonata no. 4*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*
All stand and sing.

LAND OF REST

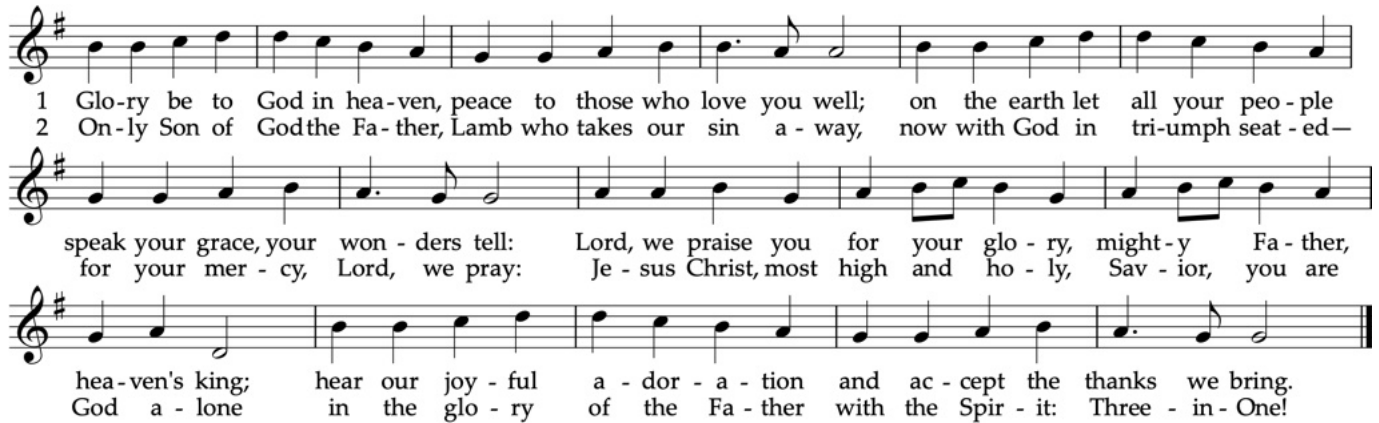
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

Jeremiah 1:4–10

All sit.

The word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 71:1–6

The people say the words in bold.

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; ***
incline your ear to me and save me.

- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
my confidence since I was young.
- 6 **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:18–29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 567 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

ST. MATTHEW

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:10–17

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

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

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set

free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit.

Todd FitzGerald

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 & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All sit.

Celebrant Holy God, our friend, as we start the new school year, we bring our hopes, dreams, fears, and joys to you so that we may feel your peace. We prepare our backpacks and supplies so that we have what we need for school. Now help us prepare ourselves for all the wonderful things in store this year. Hear now our prayers, Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Jesu, joy of man's desiring Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
Text: Martin Janus (1620–1682), tr. Robert S. Bridges (1844–1930)

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

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 sing:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav'n 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Land of Rest, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

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 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

AZMON

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Allegro maestoso e vivace *from* Sonata no. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Layreader & Chalice Bearer:** Bill Lockery**The St. John's Summer Singers****Organist:** Nick Capozzoli**Flutist:** Nancy Skeele**Ushers:** Mark & Susie Sarkisian**Livestream Operator:** Margaret Blume**Altar Guild:** Bill Lockery, Jo-Ann Sadosky**Healing Prayer Minister:** Annabel Clapp

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the wedding of Amy Manise and Edward Hohl.**

Now accepting memorial flower names/donations for 2025-2026

Most Sundays during the program year (September – June), St. John's adorns our high altar with flowers as a reminder of God's beauty and bounty, and a symbol of our praise and worship. We invite you to remember or honor a loved one by contributing to the Altar Flower Fund for the 2025–2026 program year. The name(s) of those you wish to honor will be listed in the Sunday bulletin on your specified date.

To honor or remember someone you love with a flower memorial in 2025–2026, please do one of the following:

- **Go to sjparish.net/flowers** to fill out an online Google form (please read the instructions carefully!), and send in your donation separately, OR
- **Pick up a paper altar flower form at either entrance to the church**, complete it, and return it via mail or the offering plate with your donation.

The suggested donation is \$50 for each Sunday or holiday on which you would like to honor a loved one, although any amount is appreciated. You may donate by check (written to St. John's Church with "Flowers" in the memo line) or online at sjparish.net/give-to-st-johns (choose "Non-pledge Gifts" and put "Flowers" in the memo).

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	Rob Roy	Carol
Naya	Elsa	Meghan	Paul Thaxton
Amy	Heidi	Gaylord	Frank Higginbotham
Cora	Alondra	Bonnie Evans	Peter Stanton & family
Beth	Andrew Worrell	Barbara	Stephanie
Katie	Deborah Seid	Dennis	Ann
Anne	Sam Wiley	Jennifer	Chris
Martha Babbitt	Gracie	John Murray	Stephan Christiansen
Rodrigo Castillo	Elizabeth Farmer Tillman & family	Linda	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Jim Lawler	Naomi Cipriano
Cat Gillespie	Wes Winterbottom
Stephen Roberts	Jx Eikel
Dennis Winkleblack	Freya Watt
John Swift	

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Epiphany, Southbury; St. Paul's, Southington; and for church musicians: organists, choirs and choir directors, bands, community chorister programs, and parish and diocesan committees on liturgy, music, and worship.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming activities!

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

- **Sundays in August:** Singers of all ages and experience levels are invited to sing an anthem during the 10:30 service. Meet in the church at 9:45 a.m. to rehearse.
- **NEXT SUNDAY August 31, after the 10:30 service:** Acolyte lunch and training for *current and new* acolytes. We welcome any youth in 3rd grade and up to join this ministry, including those who sing with the Choir School. Lunch provided.
- **September 7:**
 - Return to 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. service schedule
 - Staffed nursery care resumes from 9 a.m. to noon (age 6 and under)
 - Sunday School and adult education resume at 9:30 a.m.*
 - Education wing open houses at 9:30 a.m. and during coffee hour
 - Training for capital campaign volunteers after coffee hour (lunch provided)

*Beginning this fall, the primary Sunday School class (ages 3-6) will meet starting at 9 a.m. instead of 9:30. If your child can't get here at 9, that's okay! The nature of the primary curriculum allows us to welcome children arriving later.

Clergy summer schedules: Margie Baker, associate rector, will be away for much of August in New Jersey, where she serves a summer chapel in Longport. She will be back in the office on August 27 and at Sunday services on August 31. Please refrain from reaching out to Margie about non-urgent matters during her time away. Throughout the summer, at least one clergy person and other staff will be available during office hours or via our after-hours pastoral emergency line.

Did you know you can always access a live version of our parish master calendar? Whether you want to double check the time that an event is starting, or make sure there are no conflicts for a parish event you're planning, you can always see the most up-to-date version of the church calendar at sjparish.net/calendar. The calendar is also accessible from the home page of our web site: Under the "Connect" heading, "Church Calendar" is the second item listed.

Pledge statements were sent out via email on Thursday, August 14. If you have an unpaid balance on your 2025 pledge, you should have received an email with the status of your pledge payments **as of July 31**. To view your statement, just click on the email attachment. If we do not have an email on file for you, your statement was mailed. A reminder that you can *always* check on the status of your pledge by logging into your Realm profile on your computer or via the Realm Connect smartphone app and clicking on "Giving." If you have not yet set up Realm login credentials, go to onrealm.org/sjparish and click on "Sign up." On the next business day, the office will receive a message from Realm that you requested access, and will send you an email with instructions for accessing your Realm profile.

Training for current and new livestream volunteers on Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. OR Sunday, September 14 at noon. An average of 91 people watch the livestream video of each Sunday's 10:30 service — all thanks to our "Stream Team" who manage the livestream recording. We're holding two brief trainings in September as a refresher for current volunteers, and for potential new volunteers to learn more about this ministry. While volunteers need to be comfortable using a computer, this role does not require any special technical skills. If you're interested, attend one of the training sessions or contact Mary Honyotski (maryhonyotski@gmail.com), Jenn Baker (phillje0@gmail.com), or Ray Giolitto (concerts@sjparish.net).

Potluck gathering for worship volunteers, Friday, September 19 at 6 p.m. at the FitzGerald home. We're always grateful for the dozens of volunteers who contribute to our worship services, but are especially thankful now, as we look ahead to a full and exciting new program year. All ushers, layreaders, altar guild members, livestreamers, healing prayer ministers, and acolytes are invited to a casual potluck gathering at the rector's home on Friday evening, September 19. Full details are in the graphic on page 15.

BE AN ACOLYTE!

Children and youth in grades three and above are invited to lead worship as acolytes.

Training for new and returning acolytes will be Sunday, August 31 after the 10:30 service. Lunch will be provided.

Mark your calendars!
Questions? Contact Margie

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 September 7 at 9:30am
+ during coffee hour

ADULT EDUCATION

at St. John's

FALL 2025

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Celebration of Ministry w/ light breakfast
- 14 Intro to capital campaign phases & goals
- 21 The Episcopal Church 101
- 28 Presentation by our community partner schools

OCTOBER

- 5 Spiritual direction with the Rev. Nancy Wright
- 12 Intergenerational lesson on All Saints
- 19 Deep Roots, New Growth: Capital campaign update
- 26 Instructed Eucharist

NOVEMBER

- 2 Centering prayer with the Rev. Nancy Wright
- 9 "We the People" photo project with Ginny Kemp
- 16 Commitment Sunday: Fall pledge campaign update
- 23 Faith@Work #1: Speaker TBA
- 30 Advent: What are we waiting for?

DECEMBER

- 7 Advent: How are we to wait?
- 14 Faith@Work #2: Speaker TBA
- 21 The Art of Faith: Incarnation

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM IN HUBBARD HALL

Schedule subject to change. See each Thursday's e-news for updates.



St. John's annual
**Celebration of
Ministry**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
9:30 AM IN
HUBBARD HALL

Our first adult education session of the 2025-2026 program year features the annual Celebration of Ministry. Hear from St. John's leaders about some of our core ministries and how you can get involved. Bagels, muffins, fruit, coffee, and tea will be served. All parish adults are welcome!

Livestream Training Sessions

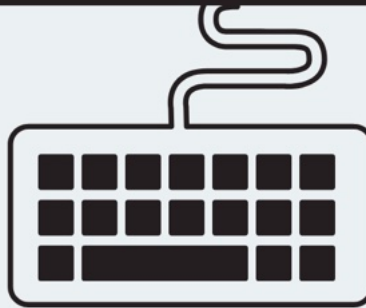
FOR CURRENT AND NEW LIVESTREAM VOLUNTEERS!

**Monday 9/8 at 6:30pm OR
Sunday 9/14 at 12pm**

Our volunteer "Stream Team" manages the livestream process on Sundays and for other major services. We invite all current livestream volunteers, as well as anyone who would like to learn more about this ministry, to attend ONE of the scheduled training sessions above. You don't need any special technical skills to run the livestream.

We will train you!

QUESTIONS? Contact Mary Honyotski (maryhonyotski@gmail.com),
Jenn Baker (philjeo@gmail.com) or Ray Giolitto
(concerts@sjparish.net)



Potluck Party

FOR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Who: The volunteers who make worship happen every week! Ushers, layreaders, acolytes*, livestreamers, healing prayer ministers, altar guild. Family members are also welcome.

When: Friday, September 19 at 6 p.m.

Where: The FitzGerald's' home (46 Ironwood Dr., West Hartford)

Why: To say "thank you" and celebrate all that you do to support St. John's worship!

**PLEASE RSVP AND SIGN UP TO BRING
SOMETHING AT
SJPARISH.NET/VOLUNTEERPOTLUCK**

*We ask that acolytes age 10 and under attend with a parent or other adult

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

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