

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 28, 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. 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.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Variations on Jesu, dulcis memoria

Jessica French (b. 1984)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 9 Not here for high and holy things
All stand and sing.

MORNING SONG

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.**

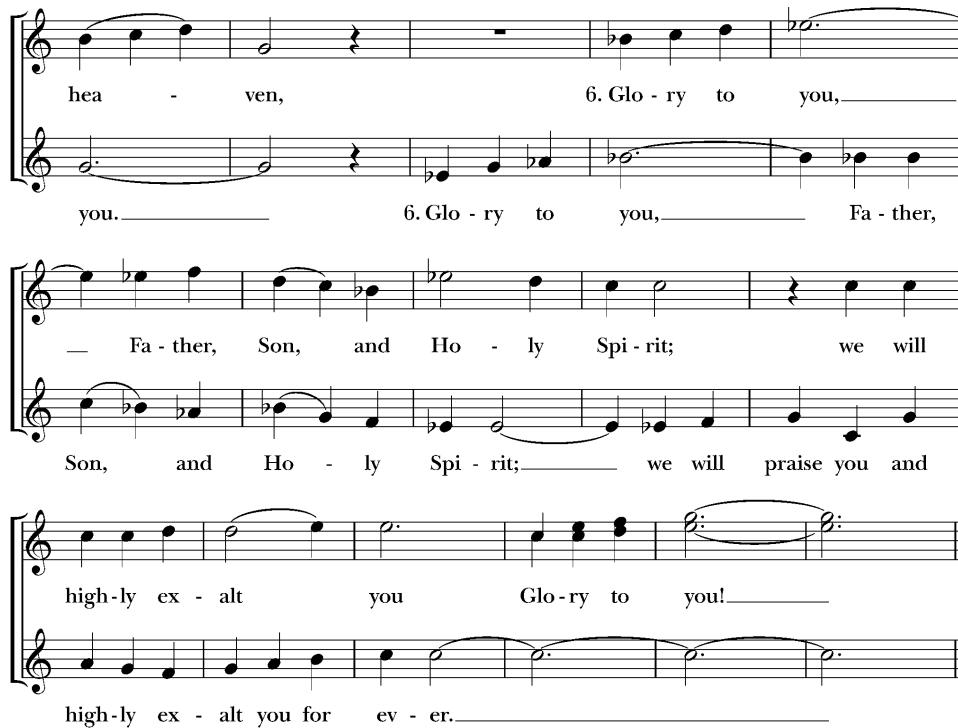
THE SONG OF PRAISE

John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
 God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
 glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
 for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
 3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
 tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
 ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -
 hold - ing the hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of
 depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to



heaven, 6. Glo-ry to you, you. 6. Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you Glo-ry to you! high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 32:1–3a, 6–15

All sit.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who

signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16

Chanted by the choir. The people sing the antiphon before and after the psalm.



I will pro- tect you, and bring you to hon - or.

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation. **Antiphon**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:6–19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced

themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 552 Fight the good fight with all thy might

PENTECOST

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:19–31

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

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

Jesus said, “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Todd FitzGerald

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 offer our prayers to God who is our hope and strength, saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church and all its people, and especially for Sean, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; our parish clergy; and all of God's people, that we may be a sign of God's love for and presence with the whole human family. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may be rich in faith, love, and good works, and go into the world with courage to make a difference in the lives of others. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who work for peace, that God's spirit will help nations overcome suspicion, find new understanding and cooperation, and bring an end to violent conflict. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For a closing of the chasm between rich and poor in our cities, nation, and the world, that we may use our time, talent, and treasure to embrace new possibilities for serving the hungry and needy. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have left their homelands in search of safety and a better life, that they may find welcome and a place to live in freedom, dignity, and peace. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those threatened by storms, fires, and floods, and for all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that God will give them the gift of new life and hope. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, that they may be escorted by the angels to dwell with God eternally. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of the prophets, hear the prayers we offer this day and entrust us with your riches from above, that we may hold them in faith and use them in serving our neighbors. Glory to you 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

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 Poor man Lazarus

African-American spiritual
arr. Jester Hairston (1901–2000)

Poor man Lazarus, sick and disabled,
dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table
dip your finger in the water;

come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

I'm tormented in the flame!
I'm tormented in the flame!
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

Rich man Divies, he lived so well.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
And when he died, he went straight to hell.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame! *Refrain*

I love to shout, I love to sing.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
I love to praise my heavenly King.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame! *Refrain*

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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, heaven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Festival Eucharist, *Craig Phillips* (b. 1961)

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 FRACTION ANTHEM

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

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, grant us peace.

Music: Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. 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 instead of receiving Communion, 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 Give almes of thy goods

Christopher Tye (1505–1572)
Text: Book of Common Prayer

Give almes of thy goods,
and turn never thy face from any poor man,
and then the face of the Lord
shall not be turned away from thee.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 317 This is the hour of banquet and of song
All remain seated and sing.

MORESTEAD

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 568 Father all loving, who rulest in majesty
All stand and sing.

WASLEBET

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Final on Jesu, dulcis memoria

Jessica French

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Seminarian: Katherine Leary

Lector & Chalice Bearer: Jo Anne Burgh

Intercessor & Chalice Bearer: Matteo Donnelly

Acolytes: Danielle Branco, Allison Mani, Alvin Mani

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist: Nick Capozzoli

Organ Scholar: Elijah Morris

Ushers: Mary Honyotski, Ryan Honyotski, Enid Oberholtzer, Don Polk, John Roche

Livestream Operator: Rosa Guzzo

Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson, Brenda Zanta

Healing Prayer Minister: Tim Goetz

Sunday School Teachers: Robert Eikel, Enid Oberholtzer, Donielle Joslyn, Jeff Verney

Nursery Staff: Nichole Segar, Livvy Lorenzo, Caroline Thaxton

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Donald Gavin.

Join us in Hubbard Hall after the service for coffee hour and to make sandwiches for clients of the Loaves & Fishes feeding ministry.

This week, coffee hour food is provided by those with last names starting S through Z.
 Next week, food will be provided by those with last names starting A through F.

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	John Murray	Chris
Martha Babbitt	Gracie	Spencer Rothman	Alberto Guzman
Linda	Jackie Harding	Rosow Family	Kathy & Pete Beynor
Jamie Blean			

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Mary Bainbridge	Jennifer Evans
Mabeline Mani	Alex Thaxton
Komi Barrow	Jenifer Hartt
Eleanor Wilcox	Betsy Rose

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Morgan Hilliard & Sam Kinney
Buffy & John Ineson

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's-Trinity, Thomaston; and youth and youth ministries, J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Weekly contemplative Holy Eucharist, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Meet in the chancel (front of the church).

Nick Capozzoli, music director, will be on paternity leave from Monday, November 10 through Monday, January 12. Congratulations to Nick and his wife Caroline Deschamps on the impending arrival of their first child! Nick will be in Montreal — his former home where Caroline still lives (for now) and the baby will be born — for the duration of his leave. While Nick is away, our organ scholar, Elijah Morris, will serve as our principal organist, and Patrick Reardon, a St. John's member and director of music at Miss Porter's School, will serve as choirmaster. In addition, two familiar faces — Ted Babbitt and Walden Moore — will play organ for Thanksgiving and Christmas services. We are so grateful to everyone who has stepped up to allow Nick to spend this valuable time with his growing family.

Upcoming Events

More information in each week's Thursday e-news and in the graphics in this bulletin.

- **Sandwich making for Loaves & Fishes** — TODAY after the 10:30 service
- **Choral Evensong** — TODAY at 5 p.m.
- **Pipes Alive! organ recital with Nick Capozzoli** — Sunday, October 5 at 12:30 p.m.
- **Forest Therapy walk** at Penwood State Park — Sunday, October 12 at 2 p.m. (10/19 rain date)
- **Introductory classes on the Episcopal Church & St. John's** — Led by the Reverend Todd FitzGerald on Sundays, October 12, 19, and 26 after the 10:30 service. Please RSVP to the church office.
- **St. John's Trivia Night** — Hosted by the youth group but open to ALL on Sunday, October 19 at 5 p.m. Pizza dinner included, with donations accepted to defray costs. Please RSVP to the church office by 10/17 so we know how much pizza to order.

EVENSONG

St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir



Sept. 28
5:00pm
St. John's
Episcopal Church,
West Hartford

Events are available
 livestreamed at
www.reddoormusic.org



MUSIC AT THE
RED DOOR



GUIDED CHRISTIAN FOREST THERAPY

Sunday, October 12, 2 – 4pm
RAIN DATE: October 19, 2 – 4pm

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 online at the address below. Space limited to 15 participants. Bring water, a foldable chair or cushion, and a snack as needed. Please no pets.

RSVP at sjparish.net/foresttherapy

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN

MORE ABOUT:

EPISCOPAL PRACTICE &
THEOLOGY?

HOW WE LIVE OUT OUR FAITH HERE AT ST.
JOHN'S CHURCH?

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, OR BECOMING A
MEMBER OF ST. JOHN'S?



Join Todd FitzGerald, rector, for a class designed for those who want to learn more about the church and explore what it means to be a part of this faith community. The class will meet on three Sundays in October after the 10:30 service; bring a bag lunch if you wish.

SUNDAYS: OCTOBER 12, 19 & 26
AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE/COFFEE HOUR
IN THE LIBRARY (2ND FLOOR)
PLEASE RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

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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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The Rev. Mary Lynn Dell	Priest Associate*
The Rev. Joseph Pace.....	Priest Associate*
The Rev. Nancy Wright	Priest Associate*

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VESTRY

Eleanor Barnes.....	Warden
Stewart Murchie.....	Warden
Tim Goetz 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