



# St. John's Episcopal Church

JOHN'S ISLAND - WADMALAW ISLAND  
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REBUILDING THE CHURCH,  
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RENEWING OUR CALL.



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

IN OUR 290TH YEAR

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## Today's Readings

### Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church*

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*Please stand.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Acclamation and Response

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Celebrant:** This is the day which the Lord has made. Alleluia!

**People:** Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### The First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

*Today's readings are found on page 2.*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 133

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
when brethren live together in unity!

2 *It is like fine oil upon the head  
that runs down upon the beard,*

3 Upon the beard of Aaron,  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 *It is like the dew of Hermon  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.*

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:  
life for evermore.

### The Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Gospeller:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People:** *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

### The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**The Homily**

*A period of silent reflection is kept.*

*Please stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

*The prayers can be found on page 7.*

**The Peace**

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

**People:** And also with you.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory****The Great Thanksgiving**

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**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with thy spirit.*

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People:** *It is meet and right so to do.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

**Sanctus and Benedictus**

**Celebrant and People:** *(said together)*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts:  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*The people kneel or stand.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

**The Lord's Prayer** *(said together)*

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**

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

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

**Prayer of Humble Access**

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**Invitation to Communion**

*To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. Having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing.*

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, alleluia! Go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!



***Service Participants***

**Celebrant**

The Reverend Callie Walpole

**Reader & Intercessor**

Felicity Myers

**Adult Acolyte & Chalice Bearer**

deRosset Myers, Jr.

**Usher**

Ed Boling

Karen Poehling



Pastoral Care Coordinator  
Peggy Gervais

It is with great pleasure that I announce a new ministry position here at St. John's. As our ministries and congregation continue to grow, our pastoral care needs are growing. I am pleased to announce that Peggy Gervais will be serving as our Pastoral Care Coordinator. This is a volunteer position, and one that will help to ensure that you all are taken care of in a proper way. Peggy is already doing a marvelous job overseeing our flower delivery ministry. She will oversee our Public Prayer List and will work with Caroline Sinkler who manages our Private Prayer List. She will also help me to be informed of pastoral details.

Thank you for letting Peggy know of pastoral needs as they arise—matters such as upcoming surgeries, recent diagnoses, deaths in the family, and the like. I, of course, certainly want to hear from you, as ever, but if you might also let Peggy know of such occurrences, then we can be doubly sure to be in a proper position to respond. In other words, such a reminder for the priest is always a good idea! Additionally, the scope of our pastoral ministry in the parish is expanded. I am grateful to Peggy for accepting this call.

Yours,  
Callie

Following are a few words from Peggy Gervais:

I grew up in mid-South Carolina and graduated from the University of South Carolina with a BS degree in Nursing and moved to Charleston. I have worked in a variety of medical settings for many years. My husband, John Gervais, and I have two grown children and three grandchildren. Over these many years I have learned to love the smell of pluff mud and salt air. I have been an animal lover and tree hugger for as long as I can remember.

Peggy may be reached at: 843-830-4504 and email: [pbgervais@aol.com](mailto:pbgervais@aol.com)



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Join us on

Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 10:30am

for youth confirmation and  
the visitation of the Bishop of South Carolina,  
The Right Reverend Ruth Woodliff-Stanley



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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR APRIL 7, 2024

**Celebrant:** As we are gathered as Easter people we are greeted by our risen Prince of Peace in our times of certainty and our times of doubt: let us offer prayers to God for the life of all the world, saying; Glory to you, O living God.

**Intercessor:** May the light of the world shine upon us and through us so that all may know the saving power of your love; for Ruth, our Bishop, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for all who minister in Christ and for all the holy people of God; for St. Philip's in Denmark, SC and Voorhees University and for The Episcopal Province of Alexandria. We pray.

**People: Glory to you, O living God.**

**Intercessor:** May the peace which surpasses all understanding be known throughout the world; for all world leaders, for our nation and its people, for all who serve at home or overseas in the military, mission or outreach work. We pray.

**People: Glory to you, O living God.**

**Intercessor:** May the Risen Christ be an abiding presence with all those in danger and need: with all prisoners and the oppressed, with the hungry and homeless; and with all of those suffering from violent acts of war and aggression. We pray.

**People: Glory to you, O living God.**

**Intercessor:** May the Lord of life know and hear our thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life. We pray.

**People: Glory to you, O living God.**

**Intercessor:** May the great Physician of our bodies and souls be near us and with all whom we love; for those in special need; for: Carlton Morrow, Wills Allen, John Martin, Tiffany Maser, Buddy Hawkins, Ann Guettner, Paige Weikle, Bryan Warf, John Davis, Bev Jenkins, Janice Pearce, Joyce Williams, Lindie Grimball, David Spelce, Judy Phelps, Richard Foster, Frank Morris, Jeremy Adcox, Peter Madsen, The Reverend Len Williams, and The Reverend Chris Huff. We pray.

**People: Glory to you, O living God.**

**Intercessor:** May Jesus, the resurrection and the life, be with all of those who have died and those who mourn; We pray.

**People: Glory to you, O living God.**

**Celebrant:** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who has freed us from all fear and doubt through the gift of your peace. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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**Prelude** *Christ lay in the bonds of death* Johann Pachelbel

*Please stand*

**Processional Hymn 191** *Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heaven-ward raise* Lux eoi

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Acclamation and Response

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Celebrant:** This is the day which the Lord has made. Alleluia!

**People:** Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

**Gloria S 280** *Gloria in excelsis* Robert Powell

### The Collect for Easter Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

### The First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

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**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 133 (Metrical)** Franconia

1. When brethren live at peace,  
At peace in unity,  
Behold how good a thing it is,  
A pleasant thing to see.

2. It is like fragrant oil  
Which glistens and runs down  
On head and beard, on Aaron's beard  
And collar of his gown.

3. It is like Hermon's dew  
That falls on Zion's him,  
For there the Lord has promised life  
And gives his blessing still.

### The Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*



**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31**

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**The Homily**

*A period of silent reflection is kept.*

*Please stand.*

**The Apostles' Creed (metrical)**

Hyfrydol

We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being  
all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Savior,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
One in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.

**The Prayers of the People**

*The prayers are found on page 7.*

**The Peace**

*Please be seated.*

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem**

*O sons and daughters*

Alice Parker

*Please stand.*

**Presentation Hymn**

*Doxology*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

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**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.*

**Celebrant and People:**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel or stand.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

**The Lord's Prayer** *(said together)*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

**Fraction Anthem**

*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus*

Jack Warren Burnam

*Fine Verses*

— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor, then all*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing —

*All repeat Antiphon*

ia, is the com - mun-ion of the Bod - y of Christ.

**Invitation to Communion**

*To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. Having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing.*

**The Communion of the People**

*The congregation is invited to sing the Communion Hymns.*

**Communion Hymn 204** *Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain*

Noel nouvelet

**Communion Hymn 307** *Lord enthroned in heavenly splendor*

Bryn Calfaria

*After Communion, the Celebrant says let us pray.*

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *(said together)*

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn 205**

*Good Christians, all rejoice and sing*

Gelobt sei Gott

**The Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, alleluia! Go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!

**Postlude**

*Christ lay in the bonds of death*

J.S. Bach



**Service Participants**

**Celebrant**

The Reverend Callie Walpole

**Assisting**

The Reverend Chris Huff

**Verger**

Anne Norton

**Readers**

Joe Tierney

Jane Charles

**Intercessor**

Beth Gibbs

**Chalice Bearers**

Lucy McAfee

Stacy Sims

**Music**

Anne Ward, Organist

St. John's Choir

**Acolytes**

Henry Tierney

Branch McAfee

Trace McAfee

Porter McAfee



# ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

## Today, Sunday, April 7

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:00am - 12:00pm - Nursery Open  
9:15am - 10:15am - Christian Formation  
10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## Tuesday, April 9

10:30am - Centering Prayer  
12:00pm - Weekday Eucharist  
1:00pm - Sauntering Prayer  
6:30pm - AA Meeting  
7:00pm - Al-Anon Meeting

## Wednesday, April 10

8:00am - Early Birds Bible Study  
10:00am - Spanish Story Time  
10:30am - Gravestone Cleaning  
11:00am - Staff Meeting  
1:30pm - Wednesday Bible Study  
3:00pm - Farmers Market

## Friday, April 12

10:00am - Zumbini  
6:30pm - AA Meeting

## Next Sunday, April 14

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:00am - 12:00pm - Nursery Open  
9:15am - 10:15am - Christian Formation  
10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II - Bishop Visitation & Confirmation

## Tuesday, April 16

12:00pm - Weekday Eucharist  
1:00pm - Sauntering Prayer  
6:30pm - AA Meeting  
7:00pm - Al-Anon Meeting

## Wednesday, April 17

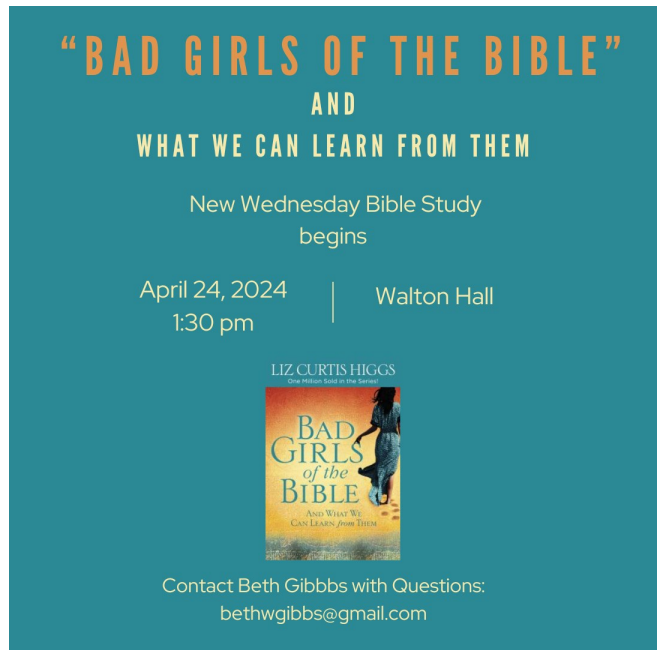
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10:30am - Gravestone Cleaning  
10:45am - Staff Meeting  
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3:00pm - Farmers Market



Early Birds  
Bible Study

led by Clark Cromwell and Tom Gibbs

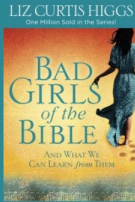
Tuesdays at 8:00 AM  
Beginning April 10th  
in Walton Hall



**"BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE"**  
AND  
WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM

New Wednesday Bible Study  
begins

April 24, 2024 | Walton Hall  
1:30 pm



Contact Beth Gibbs with Questions:  
bethwgibbs@gmail.com

## **ST. JOHN'S NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Prayer Needs**

If you would like to add anyone to the public prayer list (with their permission) please contact

Peggy Gervais at pbgervais@aol.com

To add a name to our Private Prayer list please contact

Caroline Sinkler via call or text at 843-693-7758.

### **Church Directory**

Looking to connect with other parish members? We are in the process of developing a church directory through our new platform called Realm. To gain access to our directory you will need to create an account in Realm. Anne-Clark in our church office is ready to assist you with registration. Please contact her via email at [acromwell@stjohns1734.org](mailto:acromwell@stjohns1734.org) or by calling 843-974-5593



### **Online Giving**

Have you seen our new online giving program?

You can create an account to set up recurring donations and use our free app. If you'd like account-level access, please contact the church office. We'll then email you so you can get started today.



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and subscribe and explore Lessons from the Angel Oak, Sermons and other seasonal reflections.

### **Altar Guild**

If you are interested in being a part of the Altar Guild, please contact Anne Norton at

[annenorton4@gmail.com](mailto:annenorton4@gmail.com) Or Maureen Ray at

[drstevenray@comcast.net](mailto:drstevenray@comcast.net)

### **Choir**

Are you interested in singing in our choir? Please meet

Anne Warf in the church after the 10:30 service

or contact Anne Warf at (215)530-8360

[annearf@gmail.com](mailto:annearf@gmail.com)

### **Centering Prayer**

Centering Prayer every Tuesday from 10:30- 11:30 am.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact

Vance Mann: [hvancem@icloud.com](mailto:hvancem@icloud.com) or 828-273-7592.

### **Weekday Eucharist Tuesdays at Noon**

Join us on Tuesdays at noon for

Holy Eucharist in the church.

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

For more information, contact Beth Gibbs:

[bethwgibbs@gmail.com](mailto:bethwgibbs@gmail.com) or 843-870-7540

### **Adult Sunday School**

The Adult Class meets in Walton Hall.

Coffee 9:15am Class 9:30

### **Sunday School for the Little Ones**

Join us each Sunday at 9:15 am as Lucy and Thomas

McAfee and friends lead us through our school year.

This class meets in the LaRoche Building

behind Guerry Hall next to the church.

### **Flower Guild**

If you are interested in being a part of the Flower Guild,

please contact Anne-Clark Cromwell

[acromwell@stjohns1734.org](mailto:acromwell@stjohns1734.org)

### **Ushers**

Men, women, & couples are welcome to serve as ushers during our services here at St. John's and Grace Chapel.

If you are interested in becoming an Usher please

contact Bob Norton at [rlnorton1029@gmail.com](mailto:rlnorton1029@gmail.com).

### **Nametags**

If you are in need of a nametag, please contact

Karen Poehling at [karenheiman@me.com](mailto:karenheiman@me.com)

### **Text Giving**

It's the easiest way to make a donation to St. John's.

Just text STJOHNS1734 to 73256

*Standard text message and data rates may apply.*

### **Outreach Meeting**

1st (1pm) and 3rd (5:30pm) Thursday of each month in

Guerry Hall. Please come and bring your ideas to help

St. John's Episcopal Church grow in our community.

All are welcome. For more information contact Clark

Cromwell at [ccromwell@stjohns1734.org](mailto:ccromwell@stjohns1734.org)

## **COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S**

**Sunday, April 14**

Confirmation Sunday with  
The Right Reverend Ruth Woodliff-Stanley  
10:30 AM

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**Saturday, May 4**

World Labyrinth Day Observation at 1:00 PM

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**Sunday, May 19**

The Day of Pentecost  
Covered Dish Picnic following the 10:30am service.

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### A Health Update from our Priest Associate

A message to all you faithful people who have kept me and Kimmie in your prayers, especially as it pertains to my diagnosis of pancreatic cancer back in September:

Good News! While chemo has been a rough ride, it has worked beautifully—so much so that the cancer in my pancreas, as well as liver, are no longer visible in my latest CT scans. Twelve rounds of chemotherapy, with all its attendant and indiscriminate side effects, have taken their toll, namely, neuropathy in my extremities and eyes, as well as debilitating fatigue, changes in taste and other senses, as well as my gut. There is also a malaise, or fog, in my brain that causes word loss and other syntax problems in speech. I understand now what cancer patients mean when they call it a battle!

As with all cases of cancer, those who are sick and those who care for them ask for physical healing (and rightfully so). And yet there has been another goal for my life: Life for believers is so much more than the avoidance of death; Jesus set for us the example that real life, larger life—the glorious life of resurrection—only comes through death. And so I truly only want God's will for me. But it is no small thing to be told that your cancer has disappeared. It is truly miraculous. And now, therefore, comes what I believe to be a shift in the focus of our prayers.

I now begin a new drug in pill form that specifically targets my tumors and keeps them at bay. It is designed for those who have a mutation in the BRCA gene, which I have. It is what made me more susceptible to pancreatic cancer in the first place, but also makes my cancer quite responsive to platinum-based chemotherapy. The new pill is a less brutal and more targeted drug, designed to maintain the diminished state of my tumors beyond a few months, which is typical, to a few years, or perhaps even longer. While my oncologist has had success in using this breakthrough drug against other types of cancer, this is the first time that he has tried it in someone who has pancreatic cancer.

And here is where your prayers now come in. With God's help, you have been instrumental in beating this cancer back to almost nothing, literally. We want to keep it that way for as long as possible. My body has a chance now to recover from the side effects of chemo. And let's pray that any side effects from the pills are minimal.

We received this news on Good Friday, but have been reluctant to share it until we could confirm it with my oncologist today. As Jesus said to the lepers, "Go show yourselves to the priests/doctors." And as they went on their way they were cleansed. --Luke 17:14

Thanks be to God, and thanks to you, His servants, who have joined us on this unexpected journey. Happy Easter! "On our way rejoicing!"

Chris

## ST. JOHN'S WELCOMES YOU

**We are glad you are with us today.** If you are new to St. John's, please fill out the visitors card below. Here is some information that you may find helpful.

**Welcome:** All are welcome to receive communion. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. Having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

**Help:** If you need assistance at any time, our ushers are happy to help.

**Handicapped Parking:** Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot. A handicap ramp serves the entrance of the church and church office.

**Children:** All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

**Activity Bags:** Bags are located in the back of the church for children to use in the pew during the service. Please return when the service is over.

**Nursery:** The nursery is open on Sundays from 9:00am - 12:00pm in the LaRoche Building behind Guerry Hall next to the church.

**Sunday School:** Join us Sunday at 9:15am as Lucy and Thomas McAfee and friends lead us through our school year. This class meets in the LaRoche Building behind Guerry Hall next to the church.

**Nametags:** Nametags are available. If you would like one printed for you, please contact Karen Poehling at karenheiman@me.com

### Weekly E-Newsletter

Get the latest St. John's news sent straight to your inbox! Use the QR code to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter and be up to date on all the exciting things happening at St. John's Episcopal Church.



## Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Please fill out this contact information card and drop it into the offering plate or give it to one of our greeters. You may also use the QR Code to scan and fill out our google doc instead. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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