



St. John's Episcopal Church

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REBUILDING THE CHURCH,
REVIVING THE SOUL,
RENEWING OUR CALL.



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

IN OUR 290TH YEAR

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I - *PAGE 3*
10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II - *PAGE 8*

Today's Readings

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"



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St. John's Altar with our new blue hangings. Photo credit - Anne-Clark Cromwell

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church

Page numbers on the right side of this leaflet refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymn numbers are on the left side; numbers preceded by 'S' are from the Service Music at the front of the Hymnal.

Please stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Acclamation and Response

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Restore us, O Lord God of Hosts;

People: *Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

Celebrant: Will you not give us life again,

People: *That your people may rejoice in you?*

Celebrant: Show us your mercy, O Lord.

People: *And grant us your salvation.*

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

The Liturgy of the Advent Wreath

Reader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

Reader: At that time John the Baptist came to the desert of Judea and started preaching. "Turn away from your sins," he said, "because the kingdom of heaven is near!" John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about when he said, "Someone is shouting in the desert, 'Prepare a road for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!'" (Matthew 3:3-3)

Reader: We light this candle to remind us of the last of the prophets, John the Baptist, who called all people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. He asked us all to search our own hearts, and rid ourselves of the dark things that keep us from God and from each other.

The second candle is lit.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Today's readings are found on page 2.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 16 *(Please read responsively by whole verse.)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

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

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

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Gospeller: 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.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The people kneel or stand.

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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)*

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The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Prayer of Humble Access

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Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.

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.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of the Christ who is to come.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

8:00 Service Participants

Celebrant & Homilist

The Reverend Eric Bash

Adult Acolyte & Chalice Bearer

Jim Poehling

Reader & Intercessor

Pat Cline

Usher

Ed Bolling

Karen Poehling



HOLIDAY MARKET

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
3673 MAYBANK HIGHWAY



**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8TH
1130AM TO 3PM**

GIFT IDEAS FOR EVERYONE
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
CHILI, CORNBREAD, AND
HOTDOGS



St. John's
Episcopal Church
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2025 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

61 Pledges Received So Far

\$294,784

Total Pledged as of December 4

THANK YOU! for your support of St. John's Episcopal Church. Since July 2022, we have been engaged in a massive rebuilding effort here at St. John's, which will continue. Each of you is an integral part of this very special time in the life our parish. Thank you!



Follow the QR code to make a pledge.
Pledge forms are available in the church office
or contact Anne-Clark at 843-974-5593.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR DECEMBER 8, 2024

Celebrant: As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who will lead us with joy in the light of his glory, saying: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ, let us pray.

People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place; let us pray.

People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, let us pray,

People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth; for all who serve at home or overseas in the military, or in mission or outreach work, and their families. Let us pray.

People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: For those at greatest risk among us; for those who are lonely or feel rejected, for those in prison, and for all who are hungry or homeless; let us pray.

People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: For this community in all our joys and in our sorrows; for those among us in special need, especially Carlton Morrow, Wills Allen, John Martin, Buddy Hawkins, Ann Guettner, Paige Weikle, Bryan Warf, Bev Jenkins, Janice Pearce, Lindie Grimbball, David Spelce, Judy Phelps, Frank Morris, Doug Howell, Jeremy Adcox, Gabriel Kalskett, Ethel Morrow, Wade Todd, Heather Harper-Troje, Kasey Bolling, Martha Ford, Clayson Smith, Peter Madsen, Ben Shelton, Mike Knapp, Bill Moore, Kenny Rhea, Darrel Hieber, Max Harbin, Max Mahaffe, Mark Seery, Jessie Oliver, Virginia Stewart, Peggy Gervais, and The Reverend Chris Huff, Let us pray.

People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for all the blessings in this life, especially for Jason Dennis Hirth and Hudson Handy Church, grandsons of Sheila and Bill Church. Let us pray.

Intercessor: For all those who have gone before us. Let us pray.

People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Advent Altar Frontal is given by :

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gervais and Dr. and Mrs. William C. Carter in memory of Dorothy Sams Gervais

The Altar linens were given by:

Doug Hardman – Fair linen set – In memory of Carol Jenkins Hardman

Jeff Bailey - Fair linen – in memory of Betty Neal

Judith Bratton – Fair linen – in memory of Antoinette Louise Balzano Kirby

Other linen pieces were given by:

Jo Vroon – In memory of Howard M. Vroon

Rich Gomez – In memory of the Gomez Family

Barbara Gilchrist – In memory of Reverend John Ernest Gilchrist

Sally & Stan Macdonald – In gratitude for finding St. Johns

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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Prelude

Please stand

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Lionel Rogg, Johannes Brahms

Introit

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Michael Praetorius

Processional Hymn

When the King shall come again

Tempest adest Floridum

1. When the King shall come again,
all his pow'r revealing,
splendor shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing,
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated.
This is God's redemption day
longingly awaited.
2. In the desert trees take root,
fresh from his creation;
plants and flow'rs and sweetest fruit
join the celebration.
Rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth;
mountains, greet the morning!

3. Strengthen feeble hands and knees,
fainting hearts be cheerful!
God, who comes for such as these,
seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes, see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping.
4. There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean
Walks the road to Zion.
Ransomed people, homeward bound,
all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned;
share in his rejoicing!

THE WORD OF GOD

The Acclamation and Response

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Restore us, O Lord God of Hosts;

People: *Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

Celebrant: Will you not give us life again,

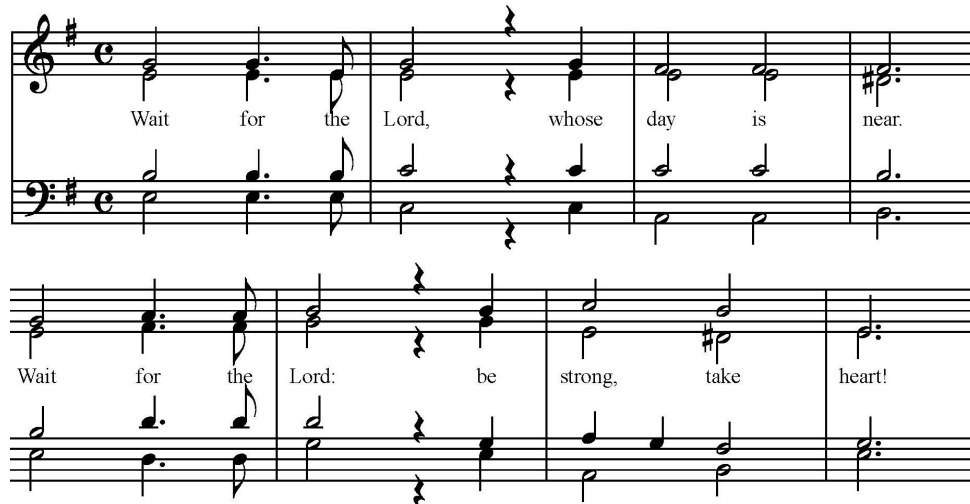
People: *That your people may rejoice in you?*

Celebrant: Show us your mercy, O Lord.

People: *And grant us your salvation.*

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*



The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

Today's readings are found on page 2.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16 (Metrical)

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| 1. Blessed be Israel's Lord and God,
For he has come and freed his own;
He sent a mighty savior born
Of David's house and for his throne. | 3. He swore this oath to Abraham,
To set us free from hostile might,
To worship him, free from all fear,
Holy and righteous in his sight. |
| 2. He promised through his prophets once
To save us from our foes' intent;
He promised to show mercy and
Recall his holy covenant. | 4. And you, my child, shall now be called
The prophet to prepare his way,
To teach salvation to his own
By putting all their sins away. |
| 5. In the compassion of our God
The heavenly dawn shall bring release,
To shine on those who dwell in fear
And guide us in the way of peace. | |

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People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

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(460)

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

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Confession of Sin and Absolution

The people kneel or stand.

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The Peace

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Announcements and Welcome

The Liturgy of the Advent Wreath

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The second candle is lit.

A Liturgy for the Dedication of the Altar Linens; Frontal; Pulpit and Lectern Paraments; and Advent Chasubles and Stoles

Curate: You shall make holy garments for Aaron, for glory and for beauty. Clothe your ministers with righteousness:

People: *Let your people sing with joy.*

Rector: Let us pray.

O God, you revealed your Son clothed in majesty and glory: Accept these chasubles and stoles for the use of the clergy of your Church, that, being clothed with humility as they minister to you, they may show forth his eternal splendor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Curate: This is the offering which you shall receive from the people: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet cloth, and finely woven linen. O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness:

People: *You are clothed with majesty and splendor.*

Rector: Let us pray.

O glorious God, all your works proclaim your perfect beauty: Accept our offering of these linens paraments. Grant that they may adorn this sanctuary and show forth the glory of your Son, whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Bless the hands that gave, designed, and created these sacred ornaments and cloths, and those whose memory we honor. We give special thanks for the St. Brigid's Sewing Guild of this parish. We pray and offer all to you, O Lord: in the name of the +Father, and of the +Son, and of the +Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Offertory

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Comfort, comfort

arr. John Ferguson

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Puer Nobis

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise

him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.*

Sanctus & Benedictus

Land of Rest (304)

*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. Hosanna in the highest.*

The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues.

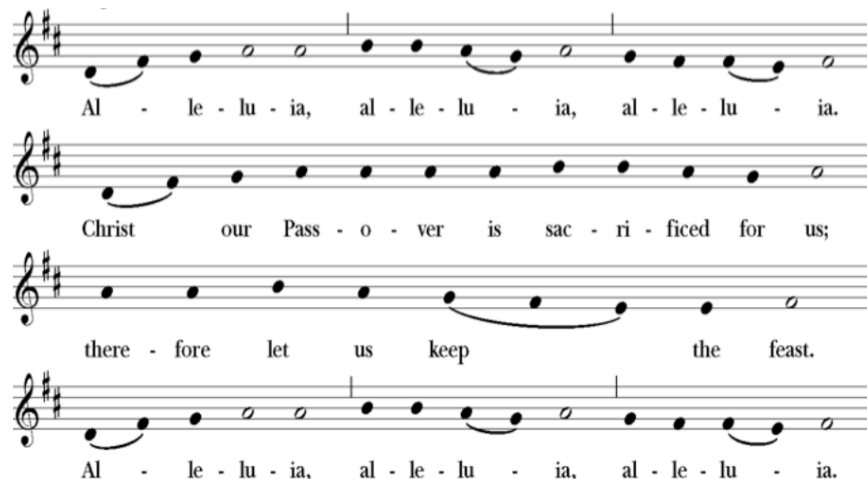
The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

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Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

David Hurd



Invitation to Communion

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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.

Agnus Dei S164

Franz Schubert

The Communion of the People

The congregation is invited to sing the Communion Hymns.

Communion Hymn

Steal Away

arr. Edward C. Deas

1. My Lord calls me,
He calls me by the thunder;
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here. **[Refrain]**
2. Green trees are bending,
Poor sinner stands a-trembling;
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here. **[Refrain]**
3. Tomb stones are bursting,
Poor sinner stands a-trembling;
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here. **[Refrain]**

4. My Lord calls me,
He calls me by the lightning,
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here. **[Refrain]**

Refrain:

Steal away, steal away,
steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here!

Communion Hymn

The Jesse Stem

St. Stephen(73)

1. Waiting now, great advent's call.
Searching life amid the small.
Come, Lord Jesus, all in all.
2. Judging too, our advent theme.
Naming all that is unclean.
King of angels, prophet's dream.
3. Choosing still our advent right.
Chasing darkness into light.
Sun of nations, shining bright.
4. Working out this advent rule.
Praying now, our season's school.
O Great Teacher, welcome Yule.
5. Living now, our advent rests.
Passing through all wintry tests.
Lord of Lords, at Mary's breast.

After Communion, the Celebrant says let us pray.

The Postcommunion Prayer *(said together)*

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The Blessing

Processional Hymn 66

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of the Christ who is to come.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Stuttgart

Peter Pindar Stearns



10:30 Service Participants

Celebrant

The Reverend Calhoun Walpole

Homilist

The Reverend Eric Bash

Music

Anne Warf
St. John's Choir

Verger

Anne Norton

Readers

Nancy Kupersmith
Leonard Kupersmith

Chalice Bearers

Lucy McAfee
Jamie Downs

Intercessor

Bettie Tullis

Acolytes

Henry Tierney
Alana Harvey
Penny Pfeningner

Ushers

Bob Norton
Mike Harvey

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Henry, Lauren, & Joe Tierney

Thank you to St. Brigid's Sewing Guild members:
Maureen Ray, Anne Norton, Liz Schwartz, and Sue Cromwell

Please see a member of the guild if you'd like to join.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Make a Christmas gift of poinsettias or decorations for the church in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for someone special this season.

Please complete the form below.

You may include as many names as you like.

Forms will also be available in next Sunday's bulletin and
Guerry Hall this week.

Please return the form before December 18th to ensure that your memorial is included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Bulletins.

In memory / thanksgiving of: (Please Print)

Given by: _____

Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to St. John's and include flower fund in memo line. You may also mail this form to:

St. John's Episcopal Church

P. O. Box 423

John's Island, SC 29457



CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

Join the St. John's Children's Christmas Pageant on
December 22nd during the 10:30am service.

If you would like your child to participate,
please contact

Anne Norton at annenorton4@gmail.com or
Kristin Middleton at kmiddleton@stjohns1734.org

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15th - 8:00am & 10:30am

(Dedication of Seafarers' Boxes during the 10:30 service. Bring your boxes!)

The Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 22nd - 8:00am & 10:30am

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th - 4:00pm - Grace Chapel - The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord

(Music and carols will begin at 3:30pm)

Tuesday, December 24th - 6:00pm - St. John's - The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord

(Music and carols will begin at 5:30pm)

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th - 10:00am - The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, December 8

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00am - 12:00pm - Nursery Open
9:15am - 10:15am - Adult Forum
10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:30am - 3:00pm - Holiday Market

Monday, December 9

10:30am - Book Study with the Rector
12:00pm - Noonday Prayers

Tuesday, December 10

8:00am - Tuesday Bible Study
10:30am - Centering Prayer
12:00pm - Weekday Eucharist
12:30pm - 1:30pm - Community Luncheon
6:30pm - AA Meeting
7:00pm - Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

9:30am - Gravestone Cleaning
12:00pm - Noonday Prayers
1:00pm - Wednesday Bible Study

Friday, December 13

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

Next Sunday, December 15

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

Monday, December 16

10:30am - Book Study with the Rector

Tuesday, December 17

8:00am - Tuesday Bible Study
12:00pm - Weekday Eucharist
12:30pm - 1:30pm - Community Luncheon
6:30pm - AA Meeting
7:00pm - Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, December 18

9:30am - Gravestone Cleaning
1:00pm - Wednesday Bible Study



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.

Parish 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 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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We continue to grow the library of reflections and sermons on our YouTube channel. Please go to

youtube.com/@st.johnsepiscopalchurchsc1734

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 Or Maureen Ray at

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

annewarf@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 or 828-273-7592.

Weekday Eucharist Tuesdays at Noon

Join us on Tuesdays at noon for Holy Eucharist in the church followed by a community luncheon.

Wednesday Bible Study

For more information, contact Beth Gibbs:

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 in the LaRoche

Building behind Guerry Hall next to the church. We

have a class for the big kids and separate activities for the little ones.

Flower Guild

If you are interested in being a part of the Flower Guild, please contact Bonnie Branham

BonnieHowellBranham@gmail.com

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.

Nametags

If you are in need of a nametag, please contact

Karen Poehling at 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 Thursday of each month in Guerry Hall at 1:00pm.

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

COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

~ Sunday, December 22nd during the 10:30 service - Christmas Pageant

Book Study with the Rector



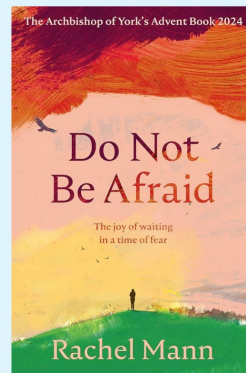
The Rector's Book Study meets Monday mornings at 10:30 in Guerry Hall. Beginning Nov 25, the group will be discussing Claire Keegan's *Small Things Like These*, winner of the Orwell Prize and shortlisted for the Booker Prize. It is a lovely little book and perfect for Advent. Copies are \$16 and will be available in Guerry Hall.

Insights from our Advent Book.

"In a place beyond the shore of safety, I glimpsed aspects of creation usually hidden from me, and received such reassurance."

"Waiting on the Lord is also about seeking to dwell ever more deeply in the Lord who is life in all its fullness."

Advent Book for All



Do Not Be Afraid: The joy of waiting in a time of fear.
By Rachel Mann

All in the parish are invited to read this daily devotional during Advent. The author writes: "Waiting can be full of joy...Waiting can be beautiful and, at least sometimes, it takes us to the heart of the holy."

Join us Sundays at 9:15 in Walton Hall on December 8, 15, and 22 to discuss further. Copies are \$15 and available in Guerry Hall.

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.

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.

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.

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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