



St. John's Episcopal Church
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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 & 10:15 a.m.
January 26, A.D. 2025

Welcome to worship! We pray that our time of worship will express praise and thanks to God for the gift of Christ, and help you live a more faithful and abundant life.

If you are a visitor, please know that we are delighted that you are here. We know that following the beautiful and ancient worship of the Episcopal Church is not always easy for those unfamiliar with the Anglican tradition. Please do not feel obligated to do anything but to enjoy the service reverently and expectantly.

We invite newcomers to fill out a visitor's card, found on the table in the back, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our ushers or clergy.

If you have young children, please know they are more than welcome at St. John's. Changing stations are available in the bathrooms. A nursery for children ages 3 and younger is available in Room 208 on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please see an usher to help you locate the nursery.

Please be advised that the 10:15 Sunday Service is live-streamed to St. John's web site, Facebook and YouTube accounts.

8:00 & 10:15 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

Trumpet in A major

John Stanley

Hymn 616

Hail to the Lord's anointed

Woodbird

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.**

**He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.**

**O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.**

—*James Montgomery, +1854. Paraphrase of Psalm 72. Public domain.*

Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer, Page 355

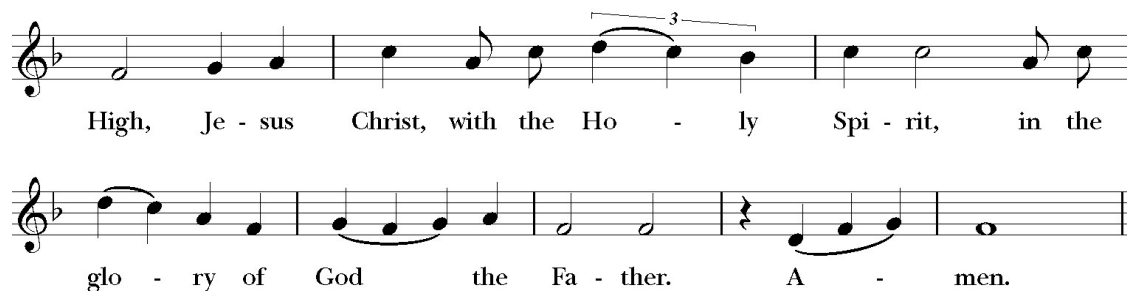
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Gloria in excelsis Setting: Robert J. Powell, +2025, Hymnal S-280 (spoken at 8:00) Page 356

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



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The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

NRSV

All the people (of Jerusalem) gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. . . . And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . . So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant* (spoken at 8:00)

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1 The heavens declare the glory of /God,*
and the firmament shows his /handiwork.

- 2 One day tells its tale to a/nother, *
and one night imparts knowledge to a/nother.
- 3 Although they have no words or /language, *
and their voices are not /heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into /all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the /world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the /sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its /course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it a/gain; *
nothing is hidden from its burning /heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the /soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the /innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the /heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the /eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for /ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous alto/gether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much /fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the /comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant en/lightened, *
and in keeping them there is great re/ward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he of/fends? *
cleanse me from my secret /faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion /over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great of/fense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your /sight,*
O LORD, my strength and my re/deemer.

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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New Testament Lesson: : I Corinthians 12:12-31a

NRSV

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,”

nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(8:00) Gospel Alleluia  Sung by all

(10:15) Hymn 632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Munich

**O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture’s page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**The Church from our dear Master received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted o’er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that o’er life’s surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.**

**O make thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.**

—*William Walsbam How, +1897, altered. Public domain.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

NRSV

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

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to

him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Peter M. Floyd

The Nicene Creed

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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: Form III

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. *Silence*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*
The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. . . . Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Absolution . . . **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

(All gathered may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.)

Birthday/Anniversary Prayer—**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they celebrate(s) another year. Grant that they may continue to grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(10:15) Children's Sermon

The Holy Communion

(10:15) Offertory Anthem *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me*

Sir Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, . . . to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for

ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. —*Luke 4:18-19, Isaiah 61:1-3, 11, King James Version*

Hymn 380, st. 3 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* Old Hundredth
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.—*Thomas Ken, +1711, public domain*

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A *The people stand.* Page 361

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . . 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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven 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.

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The people stand 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:

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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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

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Fraction anthem: Be known to us, Lord Jesus (Adapted by Mason Martens, Hymnal S-171)

Antiphon: Cantor; then All




Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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Invitation to Communion

All baptized Christians, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Please stand to receive Communion. The bread will be placed on your palm. Then you may depart or wait to receive the cup, grasping the base to guide it to your lips. If you want the minister to dip the wafer in the wine, please keep the bread in your hand, and s/he will dip the wafer and place it between your fingers or on your tongue. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would like to receive gluten free bread, please tell the priest.

(10:15) Communion Hymns

Hymn 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: **In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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Hymn 711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Seek ye first

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!**

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Hymn *Jesus, the light of the world* Elderkin
See the bright and Morning Star, Jesus, the Light of the world!
He has risen in our hearts, Jesus, the Light of the world!

Refrain:
Walk in the light, beautiful light; come where his love and his mercy are bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*

He's the lamp that lights our way, Jesus, the Light of the world!
Step by step and day by day—Jesus, the Light of the world! *Refrain*

No more darkness, no more night—Jesus, the Light of the world!
He will shine forever bright, Jesus, the Light of the world! *Refrain*
—Ken Bible and George Elderkin.

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Hymn 304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord* Land of Rest
I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known: we see, and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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Commissioning of Home Communion Visitors

When Communion is to be taken to homebound parishioners, Eucharistic ministers will be sent forth from our gathering with the consecrated bread using these words:

Deacon: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, and one cup.**

Postcommunion Prayer

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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 Celebrant may bless the people.

Hymn 527

Singing songs of expectation

Ton-y-Botel

Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band,
through the night of doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light:
trusting God we march together stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence, o'er his ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:
one the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.

One the strain the lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;
one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun:
one the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father reigns in love for evermore.

—Bernard Severin Ingemann, +1862, translated by Sabine Baring-Gould, +1924, altered. Public domain.

The Dismissal: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

If thou but trust in God to guide thee (Hymn 635)

J. S. Bach

*The aumbry light is lit to the Glory of God by **Toni Robinson**
in honor of **the Rev. Peter M. Floyd** on the **6th anniversary** of his first Sunday at St. John's and
in thanksgiving for the vestry service of **Shirley de la Canal, Erin Richardson, and Clayton Watkins.***

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God by **Bob & Nancy Nye**
in loving memory of her father, **Jerry Fulgate.***

Looking ahead to the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple, February 2
Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 24:7-10, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

PARISH LIFE at St. John's

News and Announcements

Priceless!

Each Sunday Breakfast is offered 8:45-9:45 a.m. Christian Education for all ages is offered at 9:15 a.m.

Annual Meeting of the Parish, today, 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall.

Children (age 3 to first grade) are invited to meet in the Children's Chapel. **Explorers** (grades 1-5) meet in Room 309. Both groups meet at 10:10 a.m. and join the service in the church during the Peace each Sunday.

The Way Forward Presents

Forward Facts: We are blessed to have our Labyrinth. The following suggestions may help you gain the most of your experience:

Walk with an open heart and an open mind. Walk without expectations. Every walk is different.

Remain in the center as long as you wish, then follow the path back out in the same manner.

Remember - The walk is a metaphor for your spiritual journey and/or your life's journey. **Pay**

attention to what happens to you on the labyrinth. Walk at your own pace. When you meet

others on the path, simply allow them to pass. If you wish, you may pass around others ahead of you. **"Experience your Experience."**

Remember, Release, Be Open, Return. The Way Forward meets the third

Wednesday of the month. Join

us on Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 309.

The New Year is a great time to join a choir! St. Nicholas

Training Choir, PK3-grade 2, Wednesdays, 4:30-5:00

p.m. Treble Youth RSCM Choir, treble voices grades 3-12, Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00

p.m. St. John's Choir for SATB teens and adults meets Thursdays, 6:30

p.m. Handbell choirs resume on Wednesday evenings as well.

Contact Alan Reed in the church office for information about a

choir for you or your child. Come join us!

Wednesday Night Supper!—

Jan. 29. Menu: chicken fried steak, salad, dessert. Supper is served 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers needed to host Super Bowl party for the homeless men's shelter, Sunday, February 9.

See the weekly e-ouncements for details.

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to

provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in

life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness,

or relocation. For more information, or to request a Stephen

Minister, contact Deacon Wendy Merrill.

Let Us Pray - The Intercessory Prayer Team would love to pray

for you! Fill out a prayer card from the church pews or e-mail jpdigcharlotte@gmail.com All requests are confidential.

Hagar's Basket—Prep Day, Thursday, February 13, 10:30

a.m.; Pantry Day, Saturday, February 15, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Please continue to donate hygiene items like soap, laundry

detergent, toilet paper, sanitary pads, cleaning supplies, shampoo,

and \$\$\$. More volunteers are needed at tinyurl.com/pum7zk3f

As God provides for us, we joyfully provide for others!

Want to publicize something

to the parish? Send an e-mail to communications@stje.org to

inform Jamey, Alan, and Louise, and get your information into

the bulletin, the web site, and the e-ouncements.

St. John's supports Nourish Up (formerly Loaves & Fishes)

food pantry by serving three Thursdays each month, and by

your kind donations of non-perishable food. Especially

needed are cooking oil, flour, and dried and canned beans (not

green beans). To help distribute the food, contact Louise Palmer

at Louisepalme@gmail.com

Want to help those hurt by Hurricane H el ene? Go to this

link from our diocese: <https://shorturl.at/NgnDn>

How to Receive Communion

To receive the bread alone.



To drink from the chalice, please help guide it to your lips.



To receive a blessing only (no bread or wine) or to decline the chalice.



For Intinction

Please leave the bread in your hands. The chalice bearer will take it from you dip it in the wine, and return it to you. Do not attempt to dip the bread in the chalice yourself.



To receive gluten free bread, just ask the priest.



Clerics

The Rev. Peter M. Floyd, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Senior Associate Rector
The Rev. Wendy Merrill, Deacon

Musicians

Mr. Alan C. Reed, Organist and Choirmaster
Ms. Angela Swicegood, Assisting Organist
Ms. Tracy Reed, Assistant for Children's Choirs
Ms. Madeline Seconi, Soprano Section Leader
Mr. Greg McAbee, Master of the Choirs of Bell and Chime
Mr. Jamey Graves, Parish Administrator & Music Associate

If you would like to contribute digitally to the general offering, just scan the QR code below with your smart phone.



You may also pay from our web site or mail a check to the church office.

Vestry

Fred Alexander (Sr. Warden), Brian Emigh, Mary Jane Gommel, Bill Grant (Treasurer), Kathleen Harrington, Grant Hawgood, John Horn (Jr. Warden), Suzy Johnson (Clerk), Greg McAbee (Endowment), Steve Nason, John Newton, Cindy Winslow (Pre-school board)



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