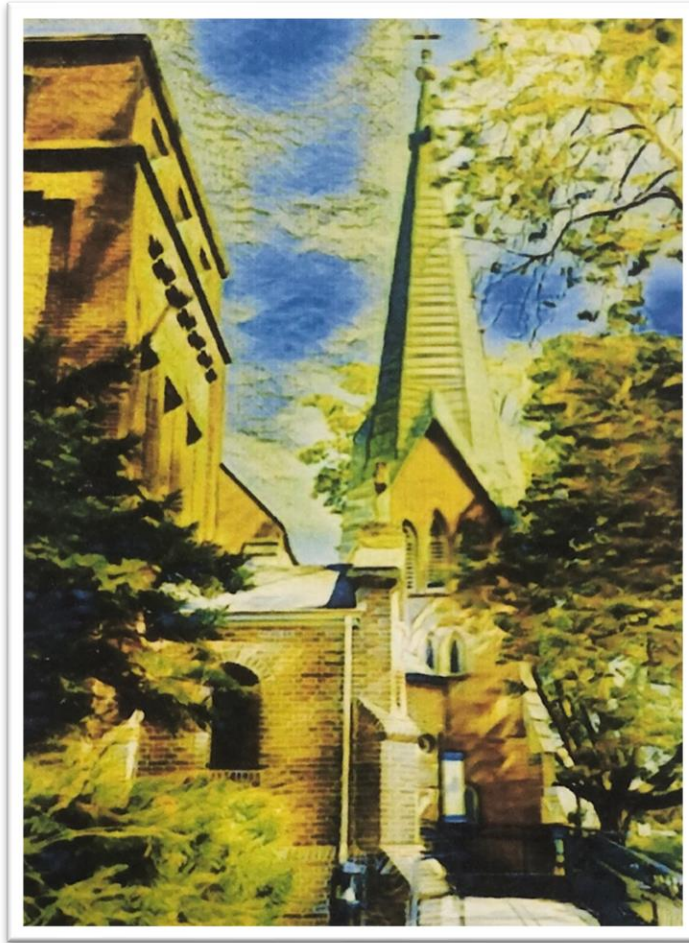


THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 10:15 A.M.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church. We believe strongly in our mission statement to Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our Rite II service comes from the Book of Common Prayer and is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With acolytes and processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

TO THOSE WHO MAY BE NEW OR ARE VISITING

We are so glad you are here! Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have or please ask a neighbor in the next pew. Restrooms can be found on the other side of the Parish Hall. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the courtyard. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the Parish Hall. Thank you for being here!

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES SURVEY

Please fill this out if you have an interest in learning more about the various ways that you can participate in ministry at St. John's. For a brief description of all the areas of ministry, feel free to access the 2023 Ministries Catalog by using the QR code included here. When using this document, there are many links to our parish website, local organizations, and national organizations. In the survey, each category of ministry links to that section of the 2023 Ministries Catalog.



THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement, you would like the clergy to share, please fill out the form on our website or let the office know no later than Thursday.

PRELUDE	<i>All the Way My Savior Leads Me</i>	Adam Mason
Words by Fanny Crosby		Tune by Robert Lowry

Robert Lowry (March 12, 1826 – 25 November 1899) was an American preacher who became a popular writer of gospel music in the mid- to late-19th century. His best-known hymns include "Shall We Gather at the River", "Christ Arose!", "How Can I Keep from Singing?" and "Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus". Born in Philadelphia, Lowry studied at the University at Lewisburg and entered the Baptist ministry in 1854. During the following 45 years he held a number of pastorates in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Between 1869 and 1875 he combined his pastoral work with a professorship in rhetoric at his alma mater, and later served as the University's chancellor. From 1868 he acted as hymnals editor to Biglow and Main, the country's leading publisher of gospel and Sunday School music; under his supervision more than 20 hymnals were produced by the firm, many of wide and enduring popularity.

OPENING HYMN	<i>Come, ye thankful people, come</i>	HYMN 290
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OPENING ACCLAMATION	<i>(please remain standing as you are able)</i>	BCP 355
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<i>Officiant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<i>And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.</i>

<i>Officiant</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
<i>People</i>	<i>There is one hope in God's call to us;</i>
<i>Officiant</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
<i>People</i>	<i>One God and Father of all.</i>

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 16:2-15 (*please be seated*)

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Praise the Lord

HYMN 484

Verses 1 before the Gospel Reading; Verse 2 after the Gospel Reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 301

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Presenters *I present Margaret Loomis Lamb to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Presenters *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Presenters *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer *I do.*

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer *I do.*

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer *I do.*

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?
People *We will.*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People *I will, with God's help.*

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

BCP 305

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

Margaret, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Margaret, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized by saying together,

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Helen Lilley Everts by Molly Moyer.*

THE OFFERTORY

*Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
Dan Siewart, baritone*

William Dawson

William Levi Dawson (September 26, 1899 – May 2, 1990) was an American composer, choir director, professor, and musicologist. Of African American heritage, William Dawson was born in Anniston, Alabama. In 1912, Dawson ran away from home to study music full-time as a pre-college student at the Tuskegee Institute under the tutelage of school president Booker T. Washington. Dawson paid his tuition by being a music librarian and manual laborer working in the school's Agricultural Division. He also participated as a member of Tuskegee's choir, band and orchestra, composing and traveling extensively with the Tuskegee Singers for five years; he had learned to play most of the instruments by the time he completed his studies in 1921.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

HYMNAL 376, vs. 3

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 God thanks and praise.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might* **HYMNAL S-129**
 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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMNAL S-149

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
 hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
 For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
 sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 365

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. For the wine, you can receive by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping your wafer into the separate intinction cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. When finished, please exit to your right. Gluten free wafers are also available.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*In the cross of Christ
When I survey the wondrous cross*

HYMN 441
HYMN 747

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body.
People *Because we all share one bread, one cup.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Holy God, send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken

HYMN 522

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Go Forth in Peace

Humphrey Turner

*Just as the Prelude is meant to quiet our hearts and prepare us for worship,
the Postlude is meant to ignite our spirits in reflection of the service
and prepare us to go out into the world and share what we have experienced.*



 **St. John's
Music Department**

Ring with the
Handbell Choir!

Performing at Christmas
and Easter, we rehearse on
Thursday nights at 7PM!

Contact Doug Beach at montythread@gmail.com

DISCERNING THE MINISTRY OF VESTRY

MYTH

Vestry meetings last for at least five hours and go well into the middle of the night.

FACT

We respect your time and value productive and fruitful meetings. Monthly meetings last no longer than two hours max.

MYTH

There is weeping and gnashing of teeth on the vestry, people fight constantly.

FACT

Every year, the vestry establishes a shared covenant to which we all abide by. We value relationships over "positions." Our ministry is collaborative, prayerful, and spirit led. We share a common mission: to serve the best interests of the parish.

MYTH

In order to serve on vestry you need to know everything there is to know about the Episcopal Church and be the best Christian in the world.

FACT

Vestry members must be confirmed members in the Episcopal Church, committed to regular worship, and open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

MYTH

All the vestry does is complain & argue about money.

FACT

The vestry has oversight of the well-being of the church and yes, that includes the finances, the buildings and grounds, and the assets. Vestries are also visionaries, creative thinkers, encouragers, and strategic planners.

Serving on the vestry is both an honor and a privilege. If you have a heart for St. John's, if you are invested in the future of our congregation and want to be a part of casting a vision for what lies ahead please email amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org. Vestry nominees will be accepted through October 15 with elections taking place at our annual meeting on Sunday, November 5. We are also accepting names for our St. John's Delegation to Diocesan Convention for 2024. Please consider representing our parish next year by submitting your name to Amanda+!

St. John's Traveler Letter:

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Amanda,

Dia duit! This delightful phrase is a traditional Gaelic greeting, which is pronounced dee-ah gwit and means "God be with you." Today I am in Dublin, Ireland, the capital city of the "Emerald Isle." This breathtakingly beautiful country is an island nation of five million people on Europe's far western edge. It is a land of rich history and legends, fairytale castles, lush green hills, craggy cliffs, remote islands, and leprechauns, of course!

Ireland also has a long history and tradition of Christianity. In fact, many people that believe St. Patrick and his companions brought Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century. There are many myths and legends about St. Patrick, who is known as a patron saint of Ireland, but little is known about him. According to legend, St. Patrick used the three leaflets of the shamrock to teach new believers about the Holy Trinity. If you have been to Ireland, you may have noticed that the country does not have any native snakes – and St. Patrick may be the one to thank! He allegedly banished all snakes into the sea, a symbol of banning evil from Ireland. Today I visited and worshipped at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin. This now grand cathedral began as a wooden church back in the 1200s. I was in awe of thinking of all those who have worshipped in this space before me and who will do so after I leave. I felt a very deep connection with my brothers and sisters in Christ in this stunningly gorgeous place with ceilings that nearly reach the sky. I was amazed to learn that worship and singing have occurred here every day since 1432.

Ireland is full of arts and culture, and I have enjoyed discovering tucked away bookstores and majestic libraries. Yesterday I visited the library at Trinity College, which was created in 1712. The library has thousands of books, and one of the most famous is the Book of Kells, a ninth-century Gospel manuscript. I also delighted in attending Riverdance, a traditional Irish music and dance performance, and I rested well after a meal of Irish stew, full of lamb, potatoes, and onions, and delicious soda bread. I might need a few walks on Ireland's many nature trails now! I am very grateful to experience the history, culture, and warmth of this beautiful land. Ireland has faced its share of troubles, including some tough economic times and political violence in the 20th century, but its people are resilient. I will close with an Irish prayer for you and our St. John's family. "May God give you, for every storm, a rainbow, for every tear, a smile, for every care, a promise, and a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share, for every sigh a sweet song, and an answer for each prayer."

Your friend, John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee Hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School for ALL
10:15 AM Holy Baptism &
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:00 PM Stewardship Committee

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

12:00 PM Healing Service
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM J2A Class

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
10:00 AM Worship Committee
2:30 PM Food Pantry
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Rector's Day Off

8:00 AM Blessing of the Badges

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Coffee Hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School for ALL
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

AA: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
NA: Mon., Weds. & Fri. at 12:00 PM
NA: Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30 PM

FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED!

Friends, our Food Pantry is feeding more people every week and we need your help! We are always in need of food donations, particularly canned tuna, canned chicken, cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce and spaghetti. Donations can be placed in the basket in the back of the church or in one of the red carts. In addition, financial contributions are extremely helpful as we are trying to purchase as much bulk food at a reduced price as possible. Checks can be made out to St. John's Episcopal Church with "Food Pantry" in the memo line. Thank you for helping us feed the hungry and love our neighbors!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please sign up on our website, www.stjohns-lancaster.org or on the signup sheets in the Parish Hall to host a coffee hour or assist in the nursery!

WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

OUR MINISTERS

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The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan, Diocesan Bishop

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Drew Dorgan, Webb Cook,
David Rutledge, Heather Trenary, and Sue Heilman

STAFF

Douglas Beach, Minister of Music & Communications
Dana Sanborn, Bookkeeper
John Knouse, Property Manager
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