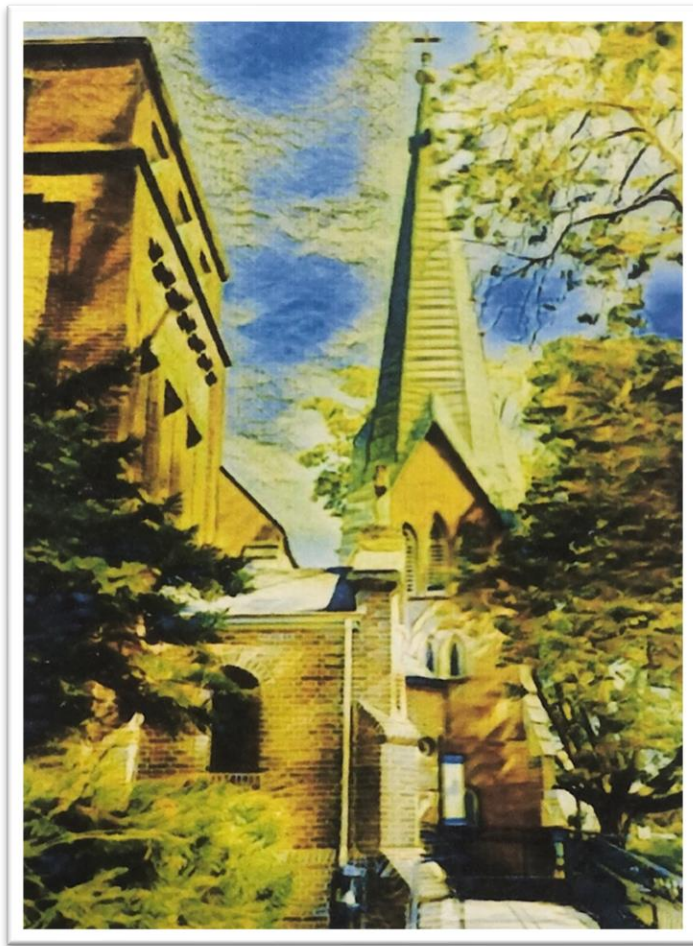


# THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II  
NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:15 A.M.

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## 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 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you to those who have submitted their 2024 pledge cards! To date, 53 members have pledged for a total of \$260,938. Our 2024 goal is \$425,000. If you haven't submitted your card yet, please do so as soon as possible so the vestry can move forward with 2024 plans! Thank YOU for sharing your ABUNDANCE!



# 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.*

## INTROIT

*God Bless America*

The Wesley Singers

## OPENING HYMN

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore.  
2. Je - sus, the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3. His King - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come

Re - joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more;  
when He had purged our stains, He took His seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
to gath - er all His saints to their e - ter - nal home:

lift up your heart! Lift up your voice; re-joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** (*please remain standing as you are able*)

**BCP 355**

*Officiant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*          *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**BCP 355**

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**

**HYMNAL S-278**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST LESSON:** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (*please be seated*)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

### **PSALM 78:1-7**

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

**THE EPISTLE:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*Eternal Father, strong to save*

**HYMN 608**

*Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel Reading; Verse 3 & 4 after the Gospel Reading*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:1-13 (*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, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE NICENE CREED (*please rise in body or spirit*)

BCP 358

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. (*pause*)  
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.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; in the Diocesan and Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for St. John's, Huntingdon; and The Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola; for our Bishops, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; for our clergy, Amanda, Jen, and Stacey; and for our seminarian, Emma; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces; Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for Michael Stank, Pat Pankey, Jeannie Zeller, Kent Strickler, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella & Colleen, Matt Patterson, Michael Yoder, Kevin, Judy Modene, Angie Stamm, Andrew Gilpin, Jesse Rutledge, Ann Marie, Ralph Thomas, Cheryl and Rhoda, Nicholas Lester, Brittany Mease, and Maria Sauder. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. We pray for our friends at home especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove, Carole Humphrey, Darlene Bentley, and Peggy Zuke. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Christopher Lechowicz. Pray for those who have died.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



## CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

*People* Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

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

*People* *And also with you.*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE OFFERTORY

*I Hear Music in the Air*

Ryan Murphy

### PRESENTATION HYMN

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

HYMNAL 376, vs. 3

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

*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** *Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult*  
*Teach me, my God and King*

**HYMN 550**  
**HYMN 592**

## 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.  
*People* We, who are many, are one body 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

*How firm a foundation*

HYMN 637

## 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

*God of Our Fathers*

George W. Warren



The advertisement features a central white background with the text "EXTRAGIVE™" in large, bold letters, where "EXTRA" is orange and "GIVE" is grey. To the right of the text is a QR code. Below the main text, it says "NOVEMBER 17TH" in a yellow box, followed by "To benefit St. John's Food Pantry!" in orange. At the bottom, the website "www.extragive.org" is written in grey. On the left and right sides of the central text, there are images of shelves stocked with various food items, including cans of soups and boxes of cereal.

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## St. John's Traveler Letter:

### *Connecting to our siblings in Christ across the world*

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:

Saudações - Greetings from Maputo, Mozambique. The prayers today include the province of Mozambique and Angola, which is the youngest of all the 42 Anglican Provinces. When you look at a map, you'll see that these two countries are on opposite sides of the African continent, with many countries in between, and may wonder why they are combined as a province when they aren't geographic neighbors. Their common link is that the prominent language in each is Portuguese. There are several other church provinces whose primary language is Portuguese, and these are known as the Lusophone churches. A recent gathering in Brazil of the Lusophone Network of churches stated the vision of their combined ministry in the words of Miguel de Cervantes: "A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is the beginning of reality." The Communion acknowledged the combined dream of Portuguese speaking Anglicans in southern Africa and formed this province in 2021.

That gathering in Brazil of the Lusophone Network developed a creed that is poignant for the people of this beautiful but poor nation of Mozambique. I'd like to share it with you:

We believe in God;  
We believe in the power of poor people,  
In the audacity of those poets,  
In the boldness of the prophets,  
In the inspiration of the artists  
We believe in Jesus,  
we believe in humility to serve;  
In the courage to transform,  
in the joy of celebrating,  
In the respect of the differences,  
in the bread for the whole table,  
in comfort for every sorrow.  
We believe in the Spirit,  
we believe in the hope of starting over;  
In the beauty of the gesture of solidarity,  
in fairness to all oppression,  
in compassion before pain,  
In love, divine-human gift. Amen.

May you and all God's people have the audacity of poets, the boldness of prophets, and the inspiration of artists.

Blessings always – John Traveler

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

### TODAY

*Coffee Hour to follow each service*

### **The Holiday Bazaar**

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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:00 PM Caring Ministry

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry  
2:30 PM Food Pantry  
4:00 PM Finance Committee

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

*Saving Lives: Ending Gun Violence*

12:00 PM Healing Service  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 PM J2A/Middles Class

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting  
2:30 PM Food Pantry  
6:30 PM Men's Gathering  
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

*Rector's Day Off*

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 AM Community Breakfast  
at First Reformed

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
12:00 PM Vestry Meeting



### **THE TREE THAT WAS**

A large sycamore tree located along Chestnut St. was removed several weeks ago. What is left is a large stump. You can estimate the age of that tree by looking at the cut surface of the stump. How old do you believe that tree was? A contest!

A box has been prepared along with small orange tags to record your name and guess. Only one tag per person. Find the box on the counter ledge in the parish house. Be sure to record your guess by Sunday, November 26. Winners will be revealed in early December.

**WREATH SALE** – Don't forget to pick up an order form to purchase your holiday greens this year! Forms can be found in the back of the church and in the Parish Hall. Orders are due by November 19<sup>th</sup>!

## **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**

All Baptized Members

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

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## **VESTRY**

Mary Waskowicz (Senior Warden), Leslie Morgan (Junior Warden),  
Nick DiPace, Andy Welaish, John Modene  
Liz West, Ted Loose, Kathy Kyper

## **DELEGATES REPRESENTING ST. JOHN'S AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

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

## **STAFF**

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