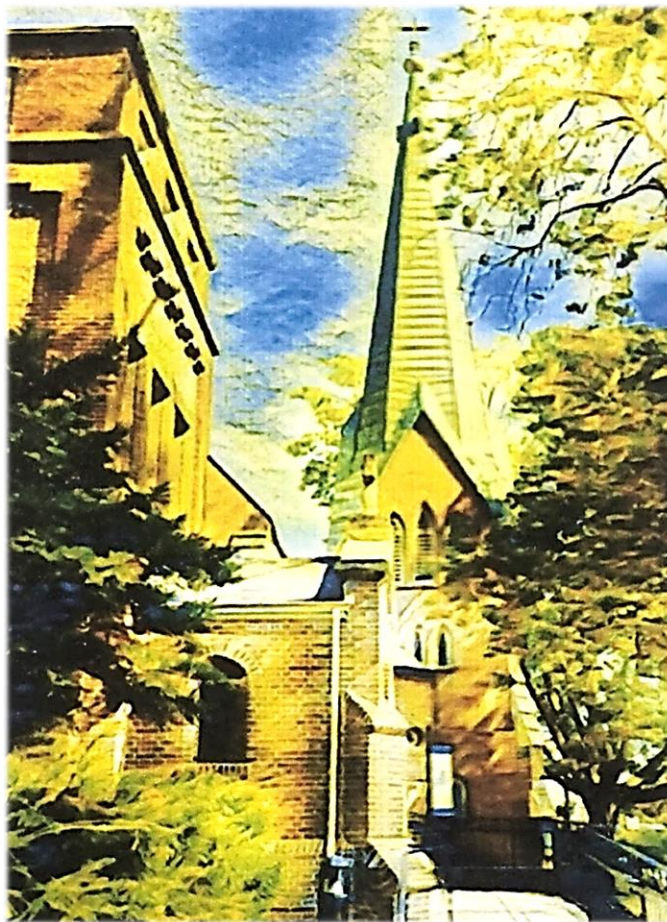


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
APRIL 21ST 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.

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 – just look for the red signs. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist between and after each service in the Parish Hall. For those with small children, a nursery is available every Sunday, however our youngest members are always welcome in worship. Thank you for being here!

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.

The hymns we sing in worship are from one of two books found in your pews: 1982 Hymnal (the red book, the S stands for Service Music and is found in the front of the hymnal), or Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP, which is the green book).

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: THE POWER OF WARMTH AND LIGHT

During the 50 great days of Easter, we are embarking on the public phase of our Capital Campaign! To date, we have received \$749,161 in pledges and gifts towards our \$1.2 million dollar goal. The Capital Campaign Steering Committee and Vestry are thrilled at the progress we've made thus far as we seek to be faithful stewards of this sacred space. A brand-new HVAC system, new lighting in our sanctuary, and the restoration of our windows is vital to our mission and ministry. Please consider joining us in this worthy endeavor. Our hope is to have all pledge cards in by Pentecost on May 19. More information can be found in the brochures in your pew, along with pledge cards. To learn more, check out our website at <https://stjohns-lancaster.org/cc24/>.

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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Robert J. Hughes
William Bradbury

Tune: SWEET HOUR

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

PROCESSIONAL

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

HYMNAL 450

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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.*

A SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to you

HYMNAL S-236

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 222

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 4:5-12 (*please be seated for the readings*)

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *The King of love my shepherd is* **HYMNAL 645**
st. 1-2 before the Gospel reading; st. 5-6 after the Gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(written by the Capital Campaign Prayer Team)*

Gracious Lord, guide us as we strive to add our unique light to the radiant glory of the body of Christ. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our own Bishop; Amanda, Jen, and Stacey, our clergy; and Emma, our seminarian. We give thanks for the light that radiates through our diocesan and Anglican siblings especially Trinity Episcopal Pro Cathedral, Williamsport; and The Anglican Church of Australia.

Help us to inspire local, national, and world leaders toward enlightened policies. We pray for the light and warmth of your love to inspire the hearts and minds of Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor.

Enliven our efforts to be good stewards of the facilities entrusted to us by our forebears, and of the environment in which we live, so that future generations may continue to serve and worship in a place of light and beauty.

Lead our work in offering our members, neighbors, visitors, and all seekers a spiritual home filled with warmth and light. 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.

Support us in determining how best to offer a warm embrace to all who are homeless, needy, hurting, lonely, or facing any other difficulties. We pray especially for Pat Pankey, Jeannie Zeller, Kent Strickler, Glenda Broad, Don Doolittle, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Matt Patterson, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Rich Hartley, Justice Deleo and family, Richard Anderson, Ruth and George, Andrew Wright, Twari, Jen, Caroline, Mary, Karyna, and Darya.

Kindle in us the fire of your love as we remember the departed and offer a place of comfort and solace to all who are bereaved.

At this time, we invite your own prayers of thanksgiving or intercession silently or aloud.

Celebrant Generous God, thank you for always hearing our prayers. We give you thanks for the inspiration this sacred space offers and for the community that gathers here. We remember those who came before us and pray that we may be good stewards of all entrusted to our care. Through the enhancement of our sacred space, we pray that strangers may become friends and the light and warmth of your love may be experienced by all. We ask this in the name of the One who makes all things new. *Amen.*

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

THE SANCTUS *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.* **HYMNAL S-129**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

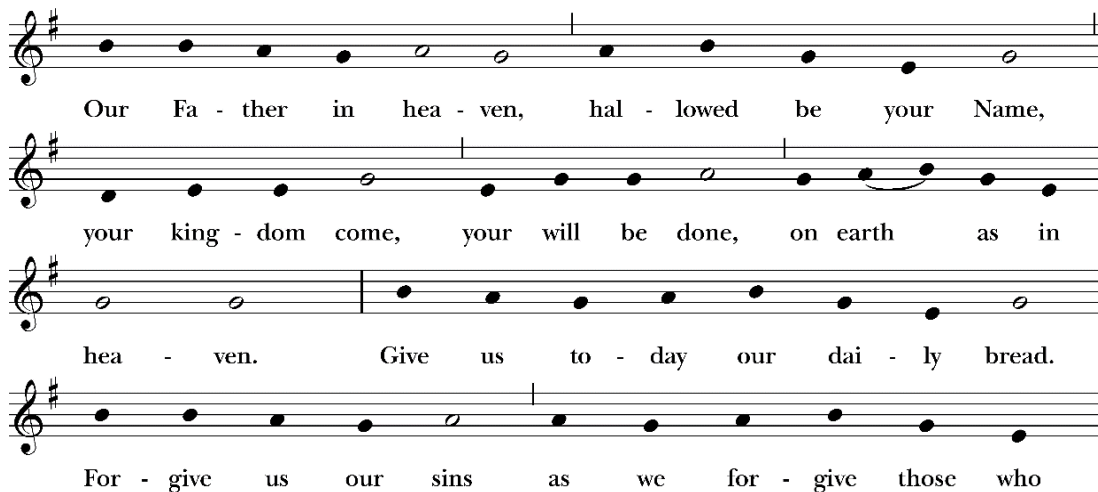
Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.
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

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

*Love's redeeming work is done
 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

HYMNAL 188
HYMNAL 343

SENDING FORTH OUR 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 *(please rise in body or spirit)*

BCP 365

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 BLESSING

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia, alleluia!

HYMNAL 191

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

Ancient of Days

Thomas Chesterton

Tune: ANCIENT OF DAYS

J. Albert Jeffrey

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 Pastor Amanda,

G'day, mate! After a delightful visit to New Zealand, I have found my way to the rugged beauty of Australia. Australia is the sixth-largest country in the world, and it is also a continent. The country's landscape includes seaside towns and bustling coastal cities, where most of the population lives, mountain ranges that get more snow than the Swiss Alps, and the famous, remote Australian outback, which has a mix of stunning natural beauty and desolate areas that seemingly stretch beyond the horizon. It has been a delight to see animals such as kangaroos and koala bears, which exist only in Australia!

I have spent most of my time exploring Sydney, the capital of the Australian state of New South Wales and home of the famous Sydney Opera House. Sydney is also Australia's largest, oldest, and most-populated city. Just like in New Zealand, it is autumn here because Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere, and the weather is cool and brisk. Sydney is on Australia's East Coast, and the city embraces the arts, nature, and wildlife. Today, I explored the Bondi to Cooee Coastal Walk, where I enjoyed stunning views of the ocean, beaches, and sandstone cliffs.

Yesterday, my new Australian friends invited me to a "barbie." I wasn't quite sure what to expect, but I quickly learned that "barbie" is what the Aussies call a barbecue! Australians are warm and friendly, and I was delighted to talk with people from so many different cultures and nationalities at the neighborhood barbie. Australia is home to people from around the world, and I was fascinated to learn from my friends that nearly 30% of the people who live in Australia are from other countries and that nearly 50% of Australians have a parent who was born overseas.

I hope you'll keep this magical place and all of its people in your prayers. You may have heard news reports of two major outbreaks of violence in Sydney this month alone, and these events have rocked the normally peaceful city. I pray that all those who are impacted by violence around the world find healing, safety, and peace.

Blessings to you and our St. John's family this Easter season. My travels throughout the world continue to remind me that we are all one family, connected through and by the love of God.

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
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
12:00 PM Vestry Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 22

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:00 AM Election Day Bake Sale
1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

12:00 PM HEII with Healing
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
2:30 PM Food Pantry

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Rector's Day Off

1:00 PM AIDS Memorial Garden
Cleanup
5:00 PM The Philadelphia 11

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

7:30 AM AIDS Memorial Garden
Cleanup
11:00 AM Funeral for Paula Wolf

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Coffee Hour to follow each service

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

A CELEBRATION TO SEND OFF DOUG!

Sunday, April 28th is Doug's last Sunday with us as Music Director and Minister of Communications. Please join for a festive celebration in worship and a special coffee hour after the 10:15 a.m. service!

AIDS MEMORIAL GARDEN CLEANUP AND PLANTING

On Friday, April 26 at 1:00 PM or Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 AM, volunteers are invited to lend a hand at the Betty Finney AIDS Memorial Garden as we do some planting and tending! Thanks for helping us spruce up the garden as we prepare for blooming season!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP FORMING!

A Bible study group will begin meeting on Mondays at 7 PM in the parish hall starting on May 6. We'll be reading Holy Imagination by Judy Fentress-Williams. The book is subtitled, A Literary and Theological Introduction to the Whole Bible. We look forward to a time of good discussion and fellowship lasting no longer than an hour and a half. If you'd like to learn more about the study group please contact Rich Garon, 703-477-5431 or rich@richgaron.com. Amazon has books on hand.

The Power of Warmth & Light



ST. JOHN'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: THE POWER OF WARMTH AND LIGHT

One of the things I love most about St. John's is how expansive the community is that gathers here. This sacred campus is buzzing with activity 7 days a week and numerous groups meet here for their own ministries. 7 different Support Groups gather here, 6 days a week. This is what the leader of the Saturday AA meeting had to say,

"It's ironic that your Capital Campaign is called The Power of Light and Warmth; we love the space off your courtyard – filled with light and warmth! And one of the steps in the 12-step recovery program is "being open to a higher power" – people gain power over their lives by coming to an AA meeting.

This is the 3rd location for our group, but the first time we feel like we are in a real relationship with St. John's. Thank you for offering a place of warmth and light!"

A VERY CURIOUS HISTORY

Did you know that for the first several years of St. John's history, services were held in the Undercroft and not in the church? Did you know that two of the twelve disciples are MIA in Mary's window? Wonder which two they are?

Come and join us for a guided tour of our beautiful church and campus and take a brief dip into our history as we embark on our Capital Campaign: The Power of Warmth and Light. Tours will occur TODAY and on April 28 between the services, and all are welcome.

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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David Rutledge, Maggie Knox-Lee

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