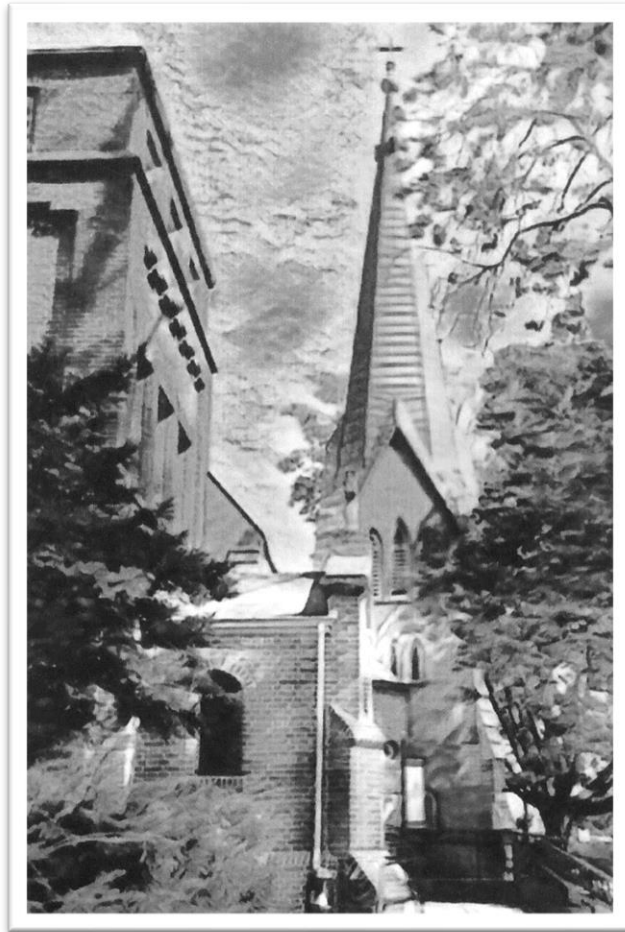


**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**TRINITY SUNDAY**



**HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 26<sup>th</sup> AT 9:00 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.

### **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 after the 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**

Throughout the summer, we will gather as one for worship each week at 9:00 A.M. For our Sunday worship we will be using *Enriching our Worship*, a supplemental liturgy commissioned by the Standing Committee for Liturgy. *Enriching our Worship*, or EOW, is part of an ongoing process of listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church through the diverse experience of those who gather to worship. Our musical selections come from one of two resources: The 1982 Hymnal (*the red book, the S stands for Service Music and is found in the front of the hymnal*) and *Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP, which is the green book)*. We pray you experience the love of God through our worship and fellowship.

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## 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** *Variations on Holy, holy, holy* Piet Post

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!* **HYMNAL 362**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** *(please rise in body or spirit)*

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

**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** *Holy, Holy, Holy* **S-280**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 6:1-8 (*please be seated*)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 29**

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**THE EPISTLE:** Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

*People*                      *Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*Holy Father, great Creator*

**HYMNAL 368**

*vs. 1 & 2 before the Gospel reading, vs. 3-4 after the Gospel reading*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 3:1-17 (*please rise in body or spirit*)

*Celebrant*              The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from

above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**SERMON**

THE REV. JEN TREARY

**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** *(The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)*

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. We pray especially for our friends at home 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. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them. We pray for Pat Pankey, Jeannie Zeller, Kent Strickler, Glenda Broad, Don Doolittle, Doug Smith, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Matt Patterson, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Mary, Collin, Gene Grubb, River Leo, John Labat, Jesse Rutledge, and Max McAllister.

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nation's especially Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor.

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and the kingdom. In the diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer we give thanks for Calvary Chapel, Beartown, St. James Episcopal Church, Muncy, and The Church of the Province of Central Africa. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

*Celebrant* God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voices; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfill now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,



the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the  
grace of 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 Christ be always with you.  
*People* *And also with you.*

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**THE OFFERTORY** *How shall I sing that majesty* Kenneth Naylor

**THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;* **HYMNAL 380 v.3**  
*Praise him, all creatures here below;*  
*Praise him above, ye heavenly host;*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Enriching our Worship: Prayer 1**

*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.*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation 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.*

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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with St. John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

## **THE INVITATION** *(from the Iona Community)*

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while, you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

*The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. The wine is administered in two chalices: the common cup for drinking and the intinction cup for dipping your wafer into the wine. 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. Gluten free wafers are also available. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please let an usher know and we would be happy to bring communion to you!*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*I bind unto myself today*

**HYMNAL 370**

## **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**

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

*Fantasy of Nicaea*

Piet Post

**OUR GRADUATES!**

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Greyson Padraic Way is a graduating from Hempfield High School and is set to embark on a cinematic journey at McDaniel College, fueled by his passion for storytelling. As an Eagle Scout, he brings a sense of adventure and leadership to his studies, while his upcoming pilgrimage to Ireland promises to enrich his cultural perspective. When he's not making waves as a lifeguard at Millersville Lions Club pool, Greyson anchors Hempfield Happenings, showcasing his diverse talents and dedication to community engagement.



James Ray Williams III is graduating from Penn Manor High School on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. He is enlisting in the United States Navy and will begin his training this summer.



Kylie Stone graduated from West Virginia University in Dec '23. She graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in criminology and a dual minor in Political Science and Women Studies. She is employed as a case manager at Pennsylvania Counseling Services.

### **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,

After being in Canada last week I feel as though I'm on the other side of the world now, and indeed I may be. I'm writing to you from the shores of Lake Malawi in the Republic of Malawi. A rather long and narrow country, this is part of the Anglican Province of Central Africa that includes Botswana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. They tell me this freshwater lake is the fourth largest in the world, and it includes an amazing variety of fish. There are also hippopotamuses here! I may have to come back to get one for Christmas. :-)

The church in Malawi has a fascinating history, which I can only briefly summarize in a short letter. The first Anglican missionary was Bishop Charles MacKenzie, who came here in 1861 at the request of the famous Dr. David Livingstone. These two Scots followed their calling to eliminate the African slave trade (Livingstone) and welcome all people of all colors to worship together (MacKenzie). I encourage you to read more about the work they did here. Today nearly three fourths of the population are Christian, and there seems to be little of the violent ethnic or religious divides that plague other African countries. While relatively peaceful, Malawi is also one of the poorest countries in the world. It's estimated that the average income for many Malawians is just over \$2.00 / day. There are some governmental programs and several multinational NGOs that are working to reduce this extreme poverty, primarily by assisting with educational opportunities for girls. Economists have learned that one of the best ways to eliminate poverty is to help more girls and women to learn to read and write. The women will then lead their families and villages in more sustainable vocations.

This evening, I am visiting with my new-found friends, and I am learning about their game of Bawo. Have you played Mancala? Bawo is sort of similar. It's played with a wooden board of four rows of eight cups in which you move, and take your opponent's, marbles. Although so far mostly they're taking my marbles - all in good fun. We're leaving the wet and rainy season here, so there is much in bloom as we go into Summer. Very similar to Lancaster, I presume. Enjoy the season.

Blessings always,  
John Traveler

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

### TODAY

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
10:15 AM Fellowship Hour  
6:00 PM J2A Class

### MONDAY, MAY 27

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

### TUESDAY, MAY 28

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

12:00 PM Healing Service  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MAY 30

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

### FRIDAY, May 31

*Rector's Day Off*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
10:15 AM Fellowship Hour

### GRATITUDE DINNER

Please join us on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate our Children and Youth Ministries! Invitations have been sent and are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions or didn't receive an invitation, please email [amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org](mailto:amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org) or call the church office. We look forward to celebrating our teachers, youth leaders, and nursery volunteers with you!

### PARKING FOR SERVICES

One of the blessings of being a downtown parish is the countless neighbors and opportunities to build community we have right outside our doors. And one of the curses is the PARKING! St. John's is fortunate to have a small parking lot off Mulberry Street. If you do not have mobility issues, would you please help us love our neighbors who do by parking on the street or in the parking garage? With only a few parking spots available, it's important to make sure they are reserved for those most in need! Another great way to eliminate the parking issues is to carpool, plus it's good for the environment! Thanks for helping!

## 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

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Molly Moyer (*Secretary*), Nick DiPace, Andy Welaish, Liz West, Ted Loose,  
Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden, Penn Glazier

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

Pam Loose, Webb Cook, Emma Di Pace  
David Rutledge, Maggie Knox-Lee

## STAFF

Mark Herr, Minister of Music  
Dana Sanborn, Bookkeeper  
John Knouse, Property Manager  
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