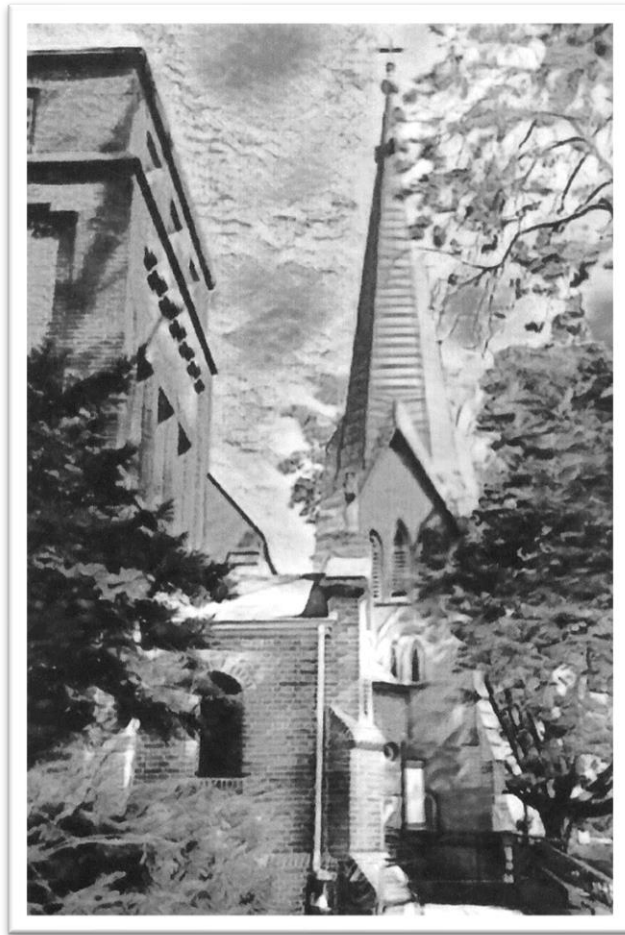


**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**  
**JESUS CHRIST**



**HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, August 4<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, which 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** *Voluntary in C* Anon., 18<sup>th</sup> century England

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* **HYMNAL 522**

**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** *Glory to God* **S-280**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST LESSON:** Exodus 34:29-35 (*please be seated*)

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 99:5-9**

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

**THE EPISTLE:** 2 Peter 1:13-21

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

*People Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*Hope of the World*

**HYMNAL 472**

*vs. 1&2 before the Gospel reading, vs. 3-5 after the Gospel reading*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 9:28-36 (*please rise in body or spirit*)

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they

were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

**SERMON**

MARY HINKLE

**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, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Mary, Collin, Liz Kryder Reid, Polly Ann Brown, Carolyn, Lynn Hayford, Dani Myers, Jay & Sophia, and Bart Smallwood.

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 nations, 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 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Philipsburg, and The Anglican Church of Kenya. 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.

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

*Celebrant* God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; 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

*Be Thou My Vision*

Solo, arr. Richard Walters

### THE DOXOLOGY

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

**HYMNAL 380 v.3**

### 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. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. 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 am the Bread of Life* Solo, arr. Betty Pulkingham  
*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* **HYMNAL 470**

## 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.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Take My Life, and Let it Be*

**HYMNAL 707**

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

## POSTLUDE

*My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

Dundee  
Arr. Edwin T. Childs

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Although it seems as if the schools have just recently closed for summer break, the staff are thinking about starting up! Some teachers will be moving to another grade level, another building, or returning to what they left behind during their scurry to start a well-deserved vacation.

St. John's is ready and anxious to support the staff at our neighborhood Robert Fulton Elementary School. As in the past we honor these teachers with a cheer, pat on the back, and an armload of fresh supplies for their start up. At the annual Kick-Off luncheon, they are gifted with classroom supplies, donated by us, as appreciative neighbors.

Think about an empty teacher desk when choosing appropriate items. Nothing is wrong! Contact Sue Martin with questions at [mdsmartinduncan@aol.com](mailto:mdsmartinduncan@aol.com).

### Suggested Items:

- Sharpies
- Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Staplers
- Calculators
- Kleenex Boxes
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Stickers
- Post-Its



## 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,

"Jambo" from the nation of Kenya! Isn't "jambo" a wonderful word? It means "hello" in Swahili, one of the two official languages of this beautiful East African state. English is the other official language, and I was so surprised to learn that there are over 60 dialects in Kenya!

I have spent most of my time in Nairobi, Kenya's capital and a major hub for trade and finance in East Africa. Nairobi is a very cosmopolitan city where many people from all over the world live. Kenyans are known for their hospitality and kindness, and I was grateful to experience it firsthand. My new friend Esther and I worshipped today at All Saints Cathedral in Nairobi, which dates back to 1917, and the congregation truly reflects Kenya's rich social, political and economic diversity. The grand sanctuary, with its tall arches and stained-glass windows, is a national monument registered in the National Museums of Kenya. The Cathedral's theme for this year is "Be ye transformed." I know that my travels have transformed me, and I am truly grateful.

I have learned so much about Kenya! When you had your cup of coffee or tea this morning, there's a very good chance that it came from Kenya, which is a leading exporter of these products. Did you know that Kenya is one of the world's largest exporters of flowers including roses, lilies, and carnations? Kenya is also home to some of the best long-distance runners in the world. In fact, Kenyan athletes have won over 100 Olympic medals in track and field events!

Visiting the Masai Mara National Park in southwestern Kenya was an experience I will never forget. I went on a safari, where I saw lions, cheetahs, giraffes, elephants, wildebeest, hippopotamuses, and so many other beautiful animals among the grassy plains and rolling hills. The Kenyans are very focused on conservation efforts and protecting wildlife, and I was humbled by the beauty of God's handiwork.

Please keep this wonderful country and its people in your prayers. Alongside the country's natural beauty, kindness, and hospitality, many are in need here. Many people suffer from the effects of climate change and face food insecurity, and widespread poverty exists. Young people often leave Kenya to find jobs abroad and send money home to support their families. Nairobi has also been the site of many recent protests over government tax hikes and allegations of corruption.

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

Your friend,  
John Traveler

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

### TODAY

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
10:15 AM Lemonade Time  
10:30 AM Yard Give Collection

### MONDAY, AUGUST 5

4:30 PM TLC Meeting  
6:00 PM Ministries Council  
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry  
2:30 PM Food Pantry  
5:00 PM Executive Comm. Mtg.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

12:00 PM Healing Service

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

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

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

*Clergy's Day Off*

7:00 AM Yard Give

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

7:00 AM Yard Give

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
10:15 AM Lemonade Time

**POWER PACKS** - Fulton Elementary and St. John's are looking for distribution volunteers to assist with the 24/25 school year Power Pack Program on Wednesdays. Typical distribution times are two hours long sometime between 3 and 6 p.m. Fulton has reached out to St. John's inquiring of our availability to receive the packs, set up distribution, and hand packs to the families assigned to our potential location. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry opportunity, please contact the church office at [office@stjohns-lancaster.org](mailto:office@stjohns-lancaster.org). Thank you!

**COMING IN AUGUST** - We will be having three Sunday morning adult forums about ending gun violence. Different forum topics to include: Updates from The Rev Anne Flynn about diocesan wide activities, Bryan Miller from Heeding God' Call to End Gun Violence with Statewide news, and our very own Sue Heilman will facilitate (with your help) erecting the t-shirt Memorial to the Lost on our campus. Please consider joining us. Specific dates forthcoming.

## 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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Drew Dorgan (*Sr. Warden*), John Modene (*Jr. Warden*), Charles Wear (*Treasurer*),  
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  
Br. David, Maggie Knox-Lee

## STAFF

Mark Herr, Minister of Music  
Dana Sanborn, Bookkeeper  
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