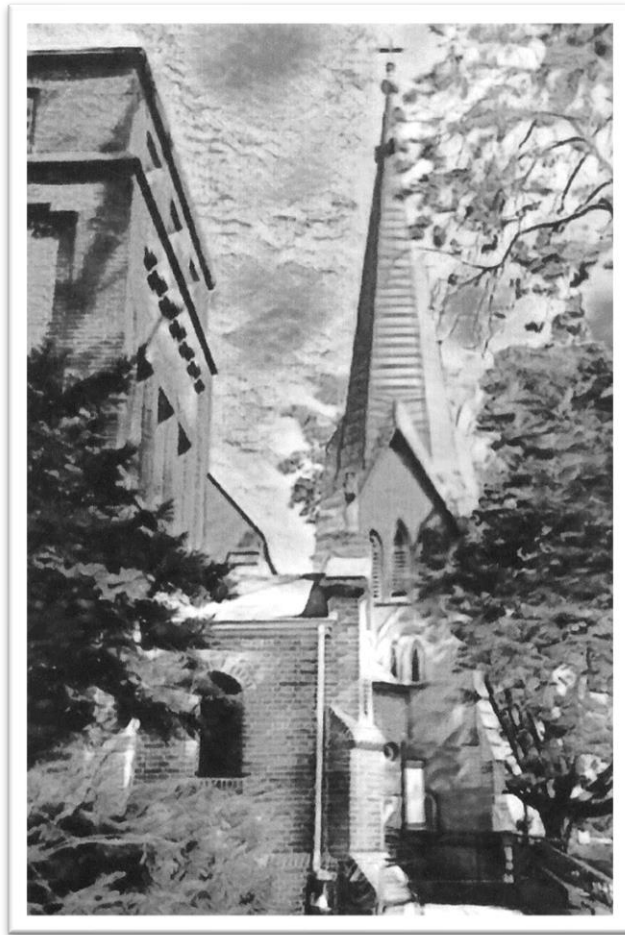


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP
SUNDAY, August 25th AT 9:00 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 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.

THE FIRST LESSON: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (*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: “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.”

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

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:15-22

- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE EPISTLE: Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYMNAL 460

vs. 1&2 before the Gospel reading, vs. 4&5 after the Gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:56-69 (*please rise in body or spirit*)

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have

spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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 (*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,
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,
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, Eileen Waite, Bart Smallwood, Kenan Cowling, Maria Sauder, Eamon
Nelson, Mary & Chuck Byrely, John, Sylvia, and Maggie.

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. James Episcopal Church, Bedford, and The Anglican Church of Mexico. 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 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY *Laudate Dominum Omnes Gentum*
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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,* **S-125**
 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.

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

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine
O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

Arr. by Gary Lanier
HYMNAL 660

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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

HYMNAL 556

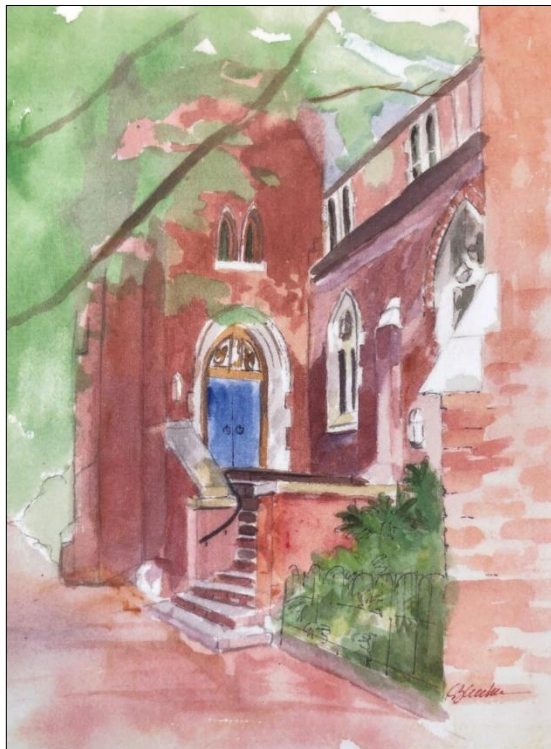
THE DISMISSAL

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

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

GLENN FISHER, FLUTE

Glenn Fisher earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from (what is now) West Chester University in Pennsylvania. He also holds a Master's Degree in Performing Arts Management from New York University. Professionally, Glenn worked in Marketing with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, followed by three decades in public broadcasting management in Minneapolis/Saint Paul and Dallas. Glenn has studied flute with former New York Flute Club President Harold Jones at Westchester Conservatory of Music, Hal Graham at NYU, and with Eastman School of Music graduate Linda Chatterton. He has been soloist and first chair flutist with the Inver Hills Community Band in Minnesota and currently plays frequently in several churches in the Berks County area.



HOMECOMING SUNDAY!

September 8 at 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

Please join us for our annual Homecoming Celebrations! On September 8th, we will return to two worship services! Come for worship and stay for fellowship.

Our 8:00 a.m. service is for our early risers. Using the Rite I liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer, this service connects us to our roots through timeless prayers and the holy sacrament.

Our 10:15 a.m. Rite II service 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.

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,

Hola from our neighbor to the south! I am writing to you from Mexico, and what a delight to be in this picturesque nation with whom we share a 2,000-mile border.

Exploring all that Mexico has to offer would take months, perhaps even years. It is the third largest country in Latin America, and the geography ranges from rugged, desert-like lands in the north to mountains in the heart of the country and rainforests in the east and the south. Mexico is also known for its rich cultural history and sophisticated Amerindian civilizations. In the sixteenth century, Spain began to colonize the country, and Mexico eventually won its independence in 1821. Many Mexicans today have mixed Indian and Spanish ancestry.

I began my stay in Mexico City, the bustling capital in the center of the country. Did you know that Mexico City has 170 museums? It is second only to London, which has 200. My favorite museum so far has been the Frida Kahlo Museum, which is known as the Blue House, where I learned so much about one of Mexico's most renowned female artists of the 20th century. From Mexico City, I traveled by bus four hours north to Guanajuato, a city in central Mexico with a rich history of silver mining and beautiful colonial architecture. I delighted in the narrow and winding cobblestone streets, brightly colored buildings, churches, theaters, and colonial-style mansions. Guanajuato is surrounded by mountains, and the city became a United Nations World Heritage Site in 1988. Residents are busily preparing for the International Cervantino Festival, which takes place every fall and features musicians, artists, & performers from around the world.

On Sunday, I worshipped at St. Paul's San Miguel de Allende, an Anglican church that was originally founded as a mission in 1959. I was delighted to meet Bishop Alba Sally Sue Hernandez, who is the rector and in 2021 became the first woman elected a bishop within the Anglican Church of Mexico. St. Paul's is active in the community with ministries that reach out to underserved children through sports and English and Spanish lessons and other initiatives that loan medical equipment to residents in need. I was also delighted to learn about the close partnerships between the Anglican Church of Mexico and the Episcopal Church in the United States. For example, both churches work together to respond to the human crisis around migration and natural disasters.

I have been so fortunate to see the beauty and richness that Mexico offers. At the same time, I am deeply saddened by the poverty, high crime rates, and dangerous conditions that some of our siblings face in large part because of the drug trade. Nearly 40% of Mexicans live in poverty. Please keep our friends in your prayers. My travels have shown me that there is so much more that unites than divides us as neighboring countries.

Your friend – John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:15 AM Lemonade Time
10:30 AM Adult Forum

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

12:00 PM Healing Service

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Clergy's Day Off

11:00 AM Jeannie Zeller's Funeral

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

11:00 AM Peter Plaxa's Funeral

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

COMING IN AUGUST - Today, Rev Anne Flynn from our diocese will share what's happening in Central PA on this topic. Please join us with your thoughts and questions. Please also pick up the Bishop's Letter with QR codes on the back, to learn about bill proposals already on the dockets in PA and DC. It is in the Atrium and downstairs by the elevator.

****NEEDED** - A few cooks and servers for a weekly community meal on Tuesday evening, September 24, to supplement the All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team (ALERT) group. Work with Episcopalians from other churches from the Lancaster Convocation. Meal is served from the First Reformed Church on the first block of East Orange St. from 5 to 6pm. Preparation of the meal starts at 3pm. Servers need to be present before 5pm. Clean up after the meal. See Dave Martin for questions and sign up.

EGG PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP! - We are running low on egg cartons (6 or 12 egg sizes) to process the 30 dozen eggs we receive as a donation from Westfield Egg Farms each week. From now until the end of September, we hope you can share your extra egg cartons with us. They can be placed in the Food Pantry basket in the atrium or the red wagons. We appreciate your support.

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.

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