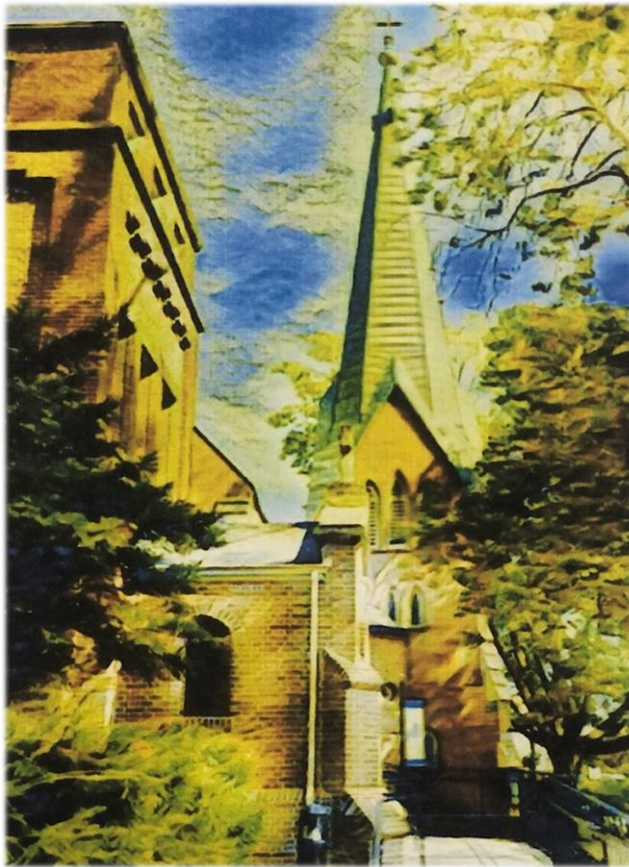


**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
SEPTEMBER 15TH 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 after the service. 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. 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*). At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table. We pray you experience the love of God through our worship and fellowship.

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 *Waldeinsamkeit* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

OPENING HYMN *Awake my soul and with the sun* **HYMNAL 11**

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(please remain standing as you are able)* **BCP 355**

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY **BCP 355**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GLORIA *Glory to God* **HYMNAL S-278**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a *(please be seated for the readings)*

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-8

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.

- 5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *
 I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
 for the LORD has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
 my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
 in the land of the living.

THE SECOND LESSON: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken

HYMNAL 523

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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)*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM I

BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all people, we pray for Prince of Peace, Gettysburg, and The Church of Nigeria; let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; Amanda, Jen, and Stacey, our clergy; and Emma, our seminarian; let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, especially Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces; let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,
let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it;
let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering,
especially 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, Mary and Chuck Byrely, John,
Sylvia, Maggie, Sandy Patrone, Sharon Maloney and Rick Trenary;
let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and
captives, and for all who remember and care for them. For our friends at home, especially
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; let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray
to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,
let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach,
let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one
another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your
will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through 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 the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

The spacious firmament

Joseph Haydn

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

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

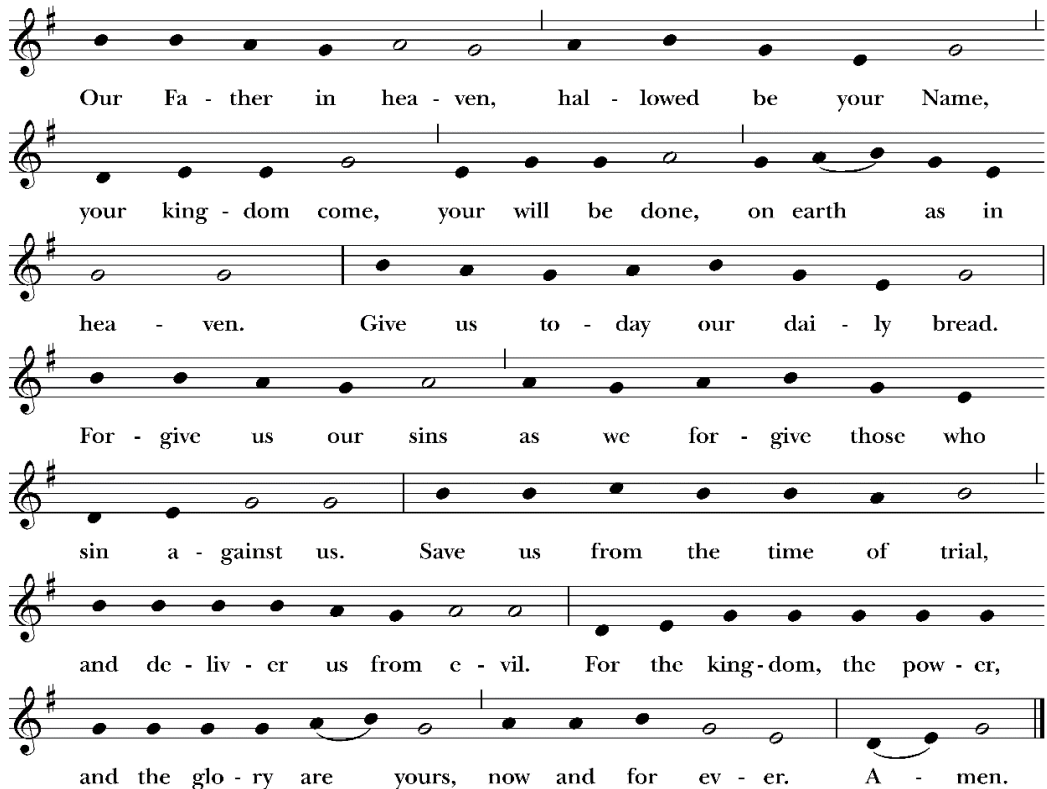
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMNAL S-149

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 c - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 365

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

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. 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, please let an usher know and we would be happy to bring communion to you!

COMMUNION MUSIC

*God Be in My Head
Take up your cross*

Sir Walford Davies
HYMNAL 675

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
People We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 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

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

The Church's one foundation

HYMNAL 525

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

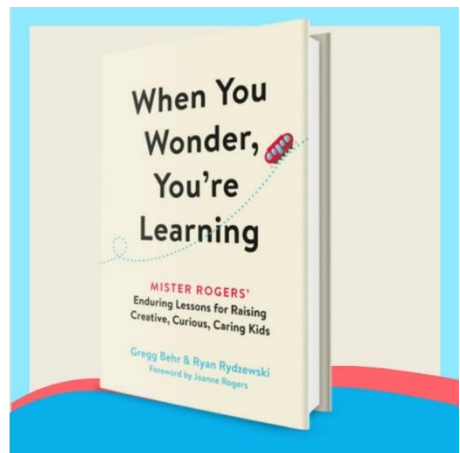
Celebration

Colin Mawby

ADULT FORMATION – ALL PARISH READ! WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL

When You Wonder, You're Learning Mister Rogers' Enduring Lessons for Raising Creative, Curious, Caring Kids (or in our case, disciples!)

Fred Rogers' ministry has transformed entire generations, and his teachings continue to inspire. Join us on Wednesday evenings in the parish hall for a light supper and discussion based on Mr. Rogers' life-giving work. This class is open to everyone! Copies of books are available in the back of the parish hall or order your own on Amazon. *We will explore Chapter 2 on September 18!*



St. John's Traveler Letter:

Connecting to our siblings in Christ across the world

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Pastor Amanda,

Greetings! I'm back in Nigeria, and happy to be writing to you from Aba, the hometown of one of my favorite football clubs, Enyimba F.C. They're off to a good start of the season - Go Elephants! Also, the people here are pretty stoked about the Nigerian athletes' accomplishments at the Paralympics in Paris. The team is coming home with 7 medals, and Folashade Oluwafemiayo broke her own world record in women's power lifting. As she approached the lifting platform she visibly prayed asking for God's help, and then bench pressed 368 pounds! That's equal to me and a friend.

There is an active social justice campaign afoot here. Last week the Stand, Speak, Act Advocacy Network held a Sensitization Rally to raise awareness of and call for an end to gender based violence against women and girls. It was wonderful to see so many men participating in this, pointing out that it isn't just up to women to defend themselves, but it's men's role to be responsible in their actions. Some were carrying signs that read "The wellness of every gender matters!" and "Love shouldn't hurt." A proverb says "Wisdom cries out in the street; in the square she raises her voice." That's happening here.

Being here reminds me of visits with a favorite uncle who had political views completely opposite from mine. The Anglican Church in Nigeria is a leading member of GAFCON, and it openly criticizes the US Episcopal Church for ordaining women and LGBTQA clergy, but it is doing good work as it sees best for a membership of over 18 million folks. It's important that we all keep talking, and I'm glad to be welcomed here in spite of our differences.

Blessings to you always,
John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee hour follows each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:30 AM Property Committee
12:00 PM Vestry Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:30 PM Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

12:00 PM Healing Service
5:30 PM Parish Wide Book Study
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Clergy Day Off

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 AM Community Breakfast

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

AA: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
NA: Mon., Weds. & Fri. at 12:00 PM
NA: Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30 PM

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

COFFEE HOUR: We are looking for help in hosting our coffee hour after each service on Sunday morning. You can choose to do both in one day or pick one that works best for you. You can also team up with a friend to do them! We will give you a walkthrough of the kitchen and help you your first time, and there is always someone in the parish hall that knows the kitchen and is more than willing to help. Food should be very simple - maybe some fruit or veggies and a few treats, nothing elaborate! Coffee is provided by the church. If you have questions, please contact Karen DiPace karen.dipace@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for considering this very important ministry to our church! Sign up online (go to www.stjohns-lancaster.org) or in the Parish Hall!

NURSERY: We are thrilled to welcome our new Nursery Attendant, Danielle Hill. Danielle recently moved to Lancaster from Southern Virginia and is excited to join our community! Please give Danielle a warm welcome when you see her. We now only need one additional volunteer in the nursery on Sunday mornings, please help by signing up on our website or on the bulletin board in the nursery! Thank you!

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

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Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden, Penn Glazier

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