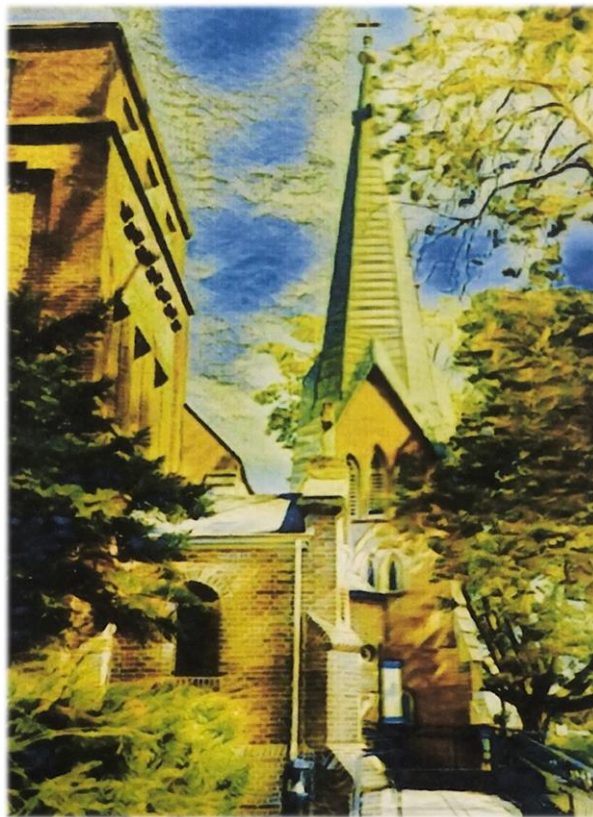


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MASS OF CREATION



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
OCTOBER 27TH AT 10:15 A.M.

*As we continue to grow as a parish, a way to offer hospitality is to wear your nametag.
If you do not have a name tag, please let the office know, we would love to get you one!*

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 10:15 a.m. 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.

A word about the “Mass of Creation” which we will use during October and November: Each year, the ecumenical church celebrates the “Season of Creation”, culminating with the Feast of St. Francis, on October 4th. For us, the Blessing of the Animals takes place on that same day. Through the month of October, in our Sunday School classes, Adult Forums, and with the choir in worship, we remember that we are now in a “season of prayer and action” for the “protectors of our common home”. Our worship will be guided by the work of Marty Haugen’s “Mass of Creation”, which remembers St. Francis and his ministry and through musical settings of St. Francis’ prayer/poem, “All Creatures of our God and King.”

*Please stop by the chapel and Atrium to see various icons/artwork of St. Francis.
A special Adult Forum will also take place each Sunday in October at 9:00 a.m.
in the All Purpose Room. Please join us!*

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

Reflections on the Spirit

Arr. Joel Raney

OPENING HYMN

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

HYMNAL 410

OPENING ACCLAMATION (please remain standing as you are able)

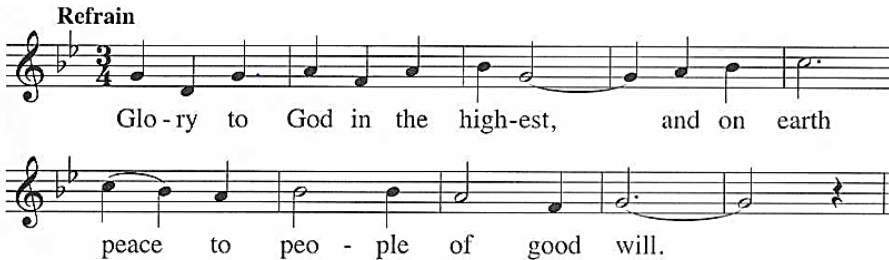
Officiant Reveal among us the light of your presence
People that we may behold your power and glory!

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 (the congregation sings the refrain; the choir sings the verses)



1. We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. *(Refrain)*

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. (*Refrain*)

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. (*Refrain*)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-9 (*please be seated for the readings*)

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

*Verses 1&2 sung before the gospel reading; verses 3&4 after the gospel reading***THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 10:46-52 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

SERMON

THE REV. JEN TRENARY

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 III *(please kneel as you are able)*

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, especially Church of the Good Shepherd,
Hawk Run and The Scottish Episcopal Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop;
Audrey, our diocesan Bishop; Amanda and Jen, our clergy; and Emma, our seminarian;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe,
our President; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and we pray for those serving in
the Armed Forces;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Pat Pankey, Kent Strickler, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Collin, Liz Kryder Reid, Eileen Waite, Sandy Patrone, Andrew Wright, and Alex Dyakiw;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

For this congregation, for those who are present and those who are absent, 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;
That they may know your presence.

Give to the departed, eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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 *How Can I Keep from Singing* Robert Lowry/Shoff

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 II

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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again he gave thanks to you, 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.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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 hath taught us, we are bold to sing,



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name; thy
king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es,
as we for-give those who tres - pass a- gainst us; and
lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours
now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Jesus Loves Me
Amazing Grace

William Bradbury
HYMNAL 461

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.

BENEDICTION

Prayer of St. Francis

Helen Litz

THE BLESSING

May the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world; 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

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

HYMNAL 429

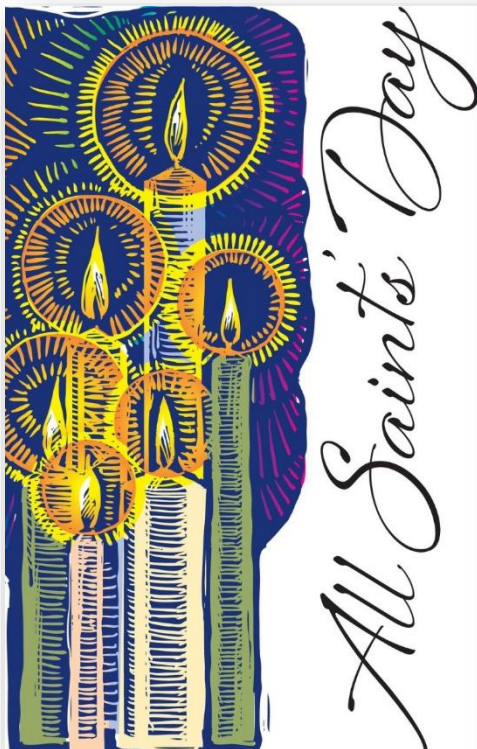
THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude

Paul Fey



*Sunday,
November 3*

Join us for a festive joint celebration at 9:00 a.m. as we remember the saints who have gone before, break bread with the saints among us, and gather as a parish family for our annual meeting!

*Breakfast and our annual meeting
will follow the service.*

St. John's Traveler Letter:

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

Dear Pastor Amanda,

This week I travel north to Scotland, which is the northern third of Great Britain including 790 surrounding islands. I arrived thinking that language may be less of a barrier in connecting with the people of Scotland considering English is the main language, but I admit the Gaelic dialect makes it tricky to follow along. Nevertheless, the visit has been delightful and filled with a multitude of lakes (lochs) as well as the beauty of the mountains in the Highlands. Although I arrived in Glasgow, the capital of Scotland, I wished to make it a point to travel to the geographic center of Scotland, the village of Newtonmore in the district of Badenoch. A quaint number of nearly 1,100 inhabitants, the Newtonmore village is renowned for having a local *shinty* team - a team sport similar to field hockey and from the roots of Irish hurling but where you can only hit the ball when it is in the air. I feel as if the Knouse family would have great fun (and perhaps a few injuries) participating in shinty. Newtonmore also has 132 wildcats throughout the village. It is not as dangerous as it sounds, this Wildcat Experience is a community art project and these cats were designed and painted by the residents and can be found on rooftops, in trees and gardens, even in the lake.

If you are on social media, you know Highland cattle (specifically miniature Highlands) had had their moment this past summer, with their shaggy faces and horned heads. They are cuties and are associated with Scotland but they are not the national animal of Scotland...can you guess what is? *Unicorn!*

As exciting and humbling as my travels may be, often the trek can be lonely. My connection in Scotland throughout its seven dioceses and the college of bishops led us to share about the comfort of prayer. The following, shared by the Scottish leadership, especially as a traveler, come at just the right time and I thought you might find it worthy as well:

“For many Prayer is a daily, moment by moment, experience of talking to, listening to, and being with God. **Talking** to God, because our natural impulse is to share, to express the joys and sorrows we all know; **listening**, by opening our hearts to God's voice and guidance in scripture, silence and through other people. Simply being with God, in a relationship where **words aren't always needed and sitting in God's presence is enough.**”

This experience of God in prayer not only renews our lives and the life of the Church. It also makes us fellow travelers with people of faith of many different traditions and gives us a language of spirituality we can share when “faith” can so often seem to divide.”

Be Well,
John

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee hour to follow each service

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

12:00 PM Healing Service
2:00 PM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Clergy Day Off

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00 AM AIDS Memorial Garden
Cleanup

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

All Saints' Sunday!

9:00 AM Joint Worship Service
10:15 AM Parish Breakfast and
Annual Meeting

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TIME CHANGE: We're moving from Monday evening to Wednesday afternoon. Our group will next Wednesdays at 2 PM in the Parish Hall. We've had great discussions and fellowship since we started in May as we've moved through the Old Testament. We're using Judy Fentress William's, "Holy Imagination" as our jumping off point into our discussions, but the most important part of our study is reading the Bible. No need to be a Bible scholar, just a love for the overall message the Bible conveys. For further information contact Rich at rich@richgaron.com.

POTLUCK LUNCH & PUMPKIN CARVING: TODAY AT 11:30 AM

All are invited: children, youth and the young-at heart! Bring a dish to share. We'll eat immediately following the service and then we'll carve & decorate pumpkins together.

EFM IS COMING TO ST. JOHN'S! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Education for Ministry is a unique, four-year, small-group formation program based on study and practice in theological reflection. In content, it essentially mirrors the core curriculum at an Episcopal seminary. It will begin at St. John's in January 2025. We are beginning to enroll participants now. Come to a learning session between Sunday services 9:15 a.m. on November 10th to learn more.

FOOD PANTRY – Want an easy way to make a difference? Drop off your egg cartons, plastic grocery bags, and newspaper bags to help the Food Pantry! We greatly appreciate the help!

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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Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden, Penn Glazier

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