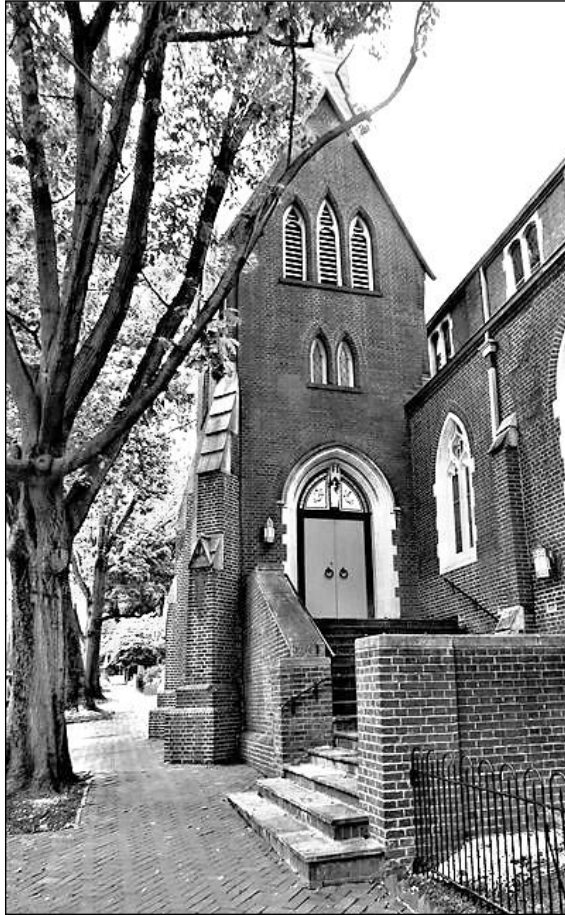


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
OCTOBER 12, 2025 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. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the Parish Hall. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the restrooms. 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. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our Wednesday healing service at 12:00 P.M. is an invitation to lay before God the people and situations in need of healing. This service, using the Book of Common Prayer and other resources, is grounded in healing prayers, anointing with holy oil, and the sharing of the sacrament. The service is short enough to accommodate lunch breaks yet full enough to transform hearts.

Every Thursday at 9:00 A.M. Brother David leads Morning Prayer in the Mary Chapel. This quiet, contemplative service is open to all and is a wonderful way to begin one's day. The service lasts about 20 minutes.

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 by noon on Wednesday.*

PRELUDE *Lobe den Herren* Jan Bender

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Praise to the Lord* **HYMNAL 390**

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

Officiant 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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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: Jeremiah 29:1,4-7 *(please be seated)*

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:1-11

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

THE EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *O Bless the Lord, My Soul* **HYMNAL 400**
(sing vs. 1-3 before the Gospel Reading; vs. 4 & 5 following the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19 *(please remain standing as you are able)*

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Paul's, Harrisburg; The Church of the Province of Uganda; and Grace Church, Allentown, our "sibling parish". God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; Amanda and Joe, our clergy; and Emma and Kim, our seminarians. God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Donald, our president; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces. God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially our friends at home; we pray for Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Sandy Grove, Peggy Zuke, Peggy Buscher, and Teresa Sullivan. Grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Sandra Gilpin, Cheryl and Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Collin, Eileen Waite, Denise Chandler, Shirley Parmer, Erin Heintzinger, Phyllis Shearer, Ann Marie, Sandy Patrone, Marshall, Leslie Tahsler; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled;
and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.*

THE CONFESSION

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
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.*

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our
Lord 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 Lone Bird

Marty Haugen

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: Eucharistic Prayer A**

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

HYMN S-129

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.

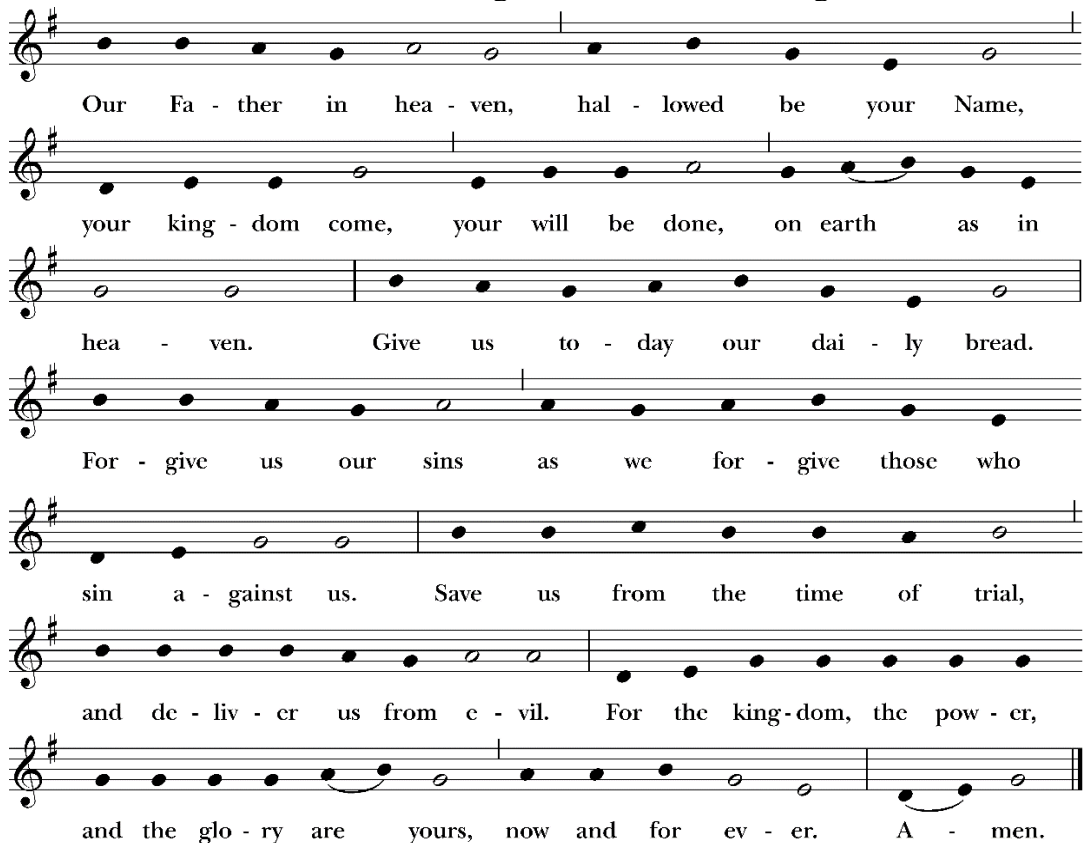
Christ will come again.

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 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. 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 of Mercy, God of Grace
All Who Love and Serve Your City*

HYMNAL 538

HYMNAL 571

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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

HYMNAL 397

THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant
People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott

Johann Walther

Being with God: Contemplative Prayer and Meditation in the Christian Tradition



A Four-Week Series at St. John's

Join at 9:15 a.m. in the All Purpose
Room beginning Sunday, October 5th

Be still and know that I am God. Ps 46:10

DISCERNING THE MINISTRY OF VESTRY

MYTH

Vestry meetings last for at least five hours and go well into the middle of the night.

FACT

We respect your time and value productive and fruitful meetings. Monthly meetings last no longer than two hours max.

MYTH

There is weeping and gnashing of teeth on the vestry, people fight constantly.

FACT

Every year, the vestry establishes a shared covenant to which we all abide by. We value relationships over "positions." Our ministry is collaborative, prayerful, and spirit led. We share a common mission: to serve the best interests of the parish.

MYTH

In order to serve on vestry you need to know everything there is to know about the Episcopal Church and be the best Christian in the world.

FACT

Vestry members must be confirmed members in the Episcopal Church, committed to regular worship, and open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

MYTH

All the vestry does is complain & argue about money.

FACT

The vestry has oversight of the well-being of the church and yes, that includes the finances, the buildings and grounds, and the assets. Vestries are also visionaries, creative thinkers, encouragers, and strategic planners.

Serving on the vestry is both an honor and privilege. If you have a heart for St. John's, if you are invested in the future of our congregation and want to be a part of casting a vision for what lies ahead please email amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org or speak to a current vestry member. Vestry nominees will be accepted through October 26 with elections taking place at our annual meeting on Sunday, November 2. We are also accepting names for our St. John's Delegation to Diocesan Convention for 2026. Please consider representing our parish next year by submitting your name to Amanda+!

St. John's Traveler Letter:

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

Dear Pastors Amanda and Joe,

Greetings this week from Kampala, the capital and largest city in Uganda. It sits on the northern shore of Lake Ukerewe, although most people today know it as Lake Victoria. It was renamed in 1858 in honor of England's Queen Victoria by John Speke, who was sent here on expedition in search of the headwaters of the Nile River. Uganda has been at the center of trade and discovery and conflict since long before the English and the Anglican Church arrived, though. Traders from the east travelled through to the Mediterranean. Conquerors invaded from the north. People of different faiths and cultures came to this rich and fertile land, either passing through or staying, mixing their immigrant traditions with those of the indigenous local folks. One of the tasks of the English expeditions in the mid 1800's was to attempt to end the active slave trade of the region, and missionaries of the Anglican Church assisted in that, bringing our worship traditions that proclaim respect for all people.

Today Uganda has a democratic government, although it's not without controversy and problems, and extreme poverty. Approximately 40% of the people get by on less than \$1.50 a day. I was able to meet up with the staff of World Bicycle Relief, which provides bikes to families wanting to get their children to school to improve literacy, aid workers going to see people in need of healthcare, and folks delivering their garden produce to the market or involved in other small businesses. They say it's not a bike, but a tool for economic development. One of those they've helped is Millicent Mukwezi who sells clothes in Kampala's sprawling Owino Market. Interestingly, most of the clothes she sells are second-hand clothes from America. Do you know that a lot of the used clothes you donate to organizations like Goodwill are shipped here. Millicent and others buy them by the kilo / pound, and resell them by the item. They're usually of better quality at a lower price than new clothes they can get locally. I saw an \$80 Adidas sweatshirt in almost new condition for \$16. So when you see photos of young children in really poor places wearing a sweatshirt that's just like the one you used to have, it may in fact be it! We live with worldwide ties that are economic, cultural, and spiritual. I'm glad you're including these good people of Uganda in your prayers today. Let's hold each other close to our hearts.

Blessings always,
John Traveler

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM	Sunday School
10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
1:00 PM	Education for Ministry

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Office Closed

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
9:30 PM	Staff Meeting
2:30 PM	Food Pantry

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Rector's Day Off

Diocesan Convention

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Diocesan Convention

9:00 AM	Community Breakfast
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

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
12:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
1:30 PM	Education for Ministry

THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY – BECOME A COFFEE HOUR HOST! Every Sunday, following worship, we gather in the Parish Hall for conversation and fellowship. Those conversations are possible thanks to coffee hour hosts. This vital ministry can be done by anyone! Please consider signing up for a week so that our holy fellowship can continue. All that is required is a few snacks, putting on the coffee, and providing a friendly face behind the counter! We're happy to show you the ropes if you are new to this ministry. Sign up in the Parish Hall today!

There is a **MAKERS MARKET** display table in the Parish Hall. Please check it out to see if you can contribute or volunteer in any way. There are informational forms and sign-up sheets on the display table to assist you. Thank you!!

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

Tuesday, November 4th is Election Day here in Pennsylvania. As usual, St. John's will be hosting a bake sale since we are a polling place. Please **mark your calendar** if you plan to contribute any baked goods. More information will be coming!

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

The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector
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Penn Glazier, Mary Huber, Bruce Waskowicz, Sarah Jones

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