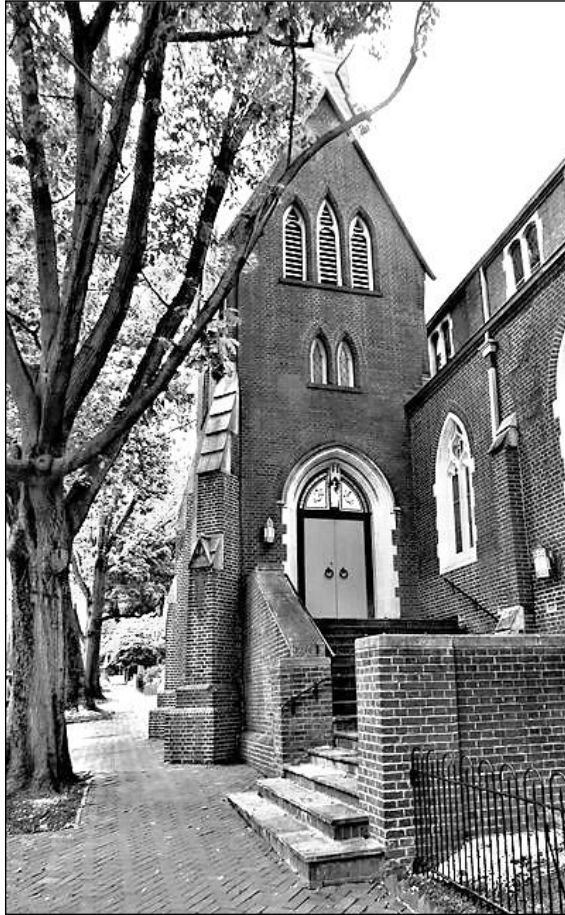


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
OCTOBER 26, 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 *Andante Cantabile* Alexandre Guilmant

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *I sing the almighty power of God* **HYMNAL 398**

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.

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: Joel 2:23-32 *(please be seated)*

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
 I will repay you for the years
 that the swarming locust has eaten,
 the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
 my great army, which I sent against you.
 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
 and praise the name of the Lord your God,
 who has dealt wondrously with you.
 And my people shall never again be put to shame.
 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
 and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
 And my people shall never again
 be put to shame.
 Then afterward
 I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
 your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 your old men shall dream dreams,
 and your young men shall see visions.
 Even on the male and female slaves,
 in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
 I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of
 smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and
 terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall
 be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as
 the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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

PSALM 65

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, *
 O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
 they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
 the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
 you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *
 the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
 for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
 with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
 and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
 and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
 and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
 let them shout for joy and sing.

THE EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

How firm a foundation

HYMNAL 637

(sing vs. 1&2 before the Gospel Reading; vs. 3 after the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14 (*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.*

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joe Pritchett

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form IV *(please kneel as you are able)*

BCP 388

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 Church of the Good Shepherd, Hawk Run; The Church in Wales; 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, Cheryl and Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Collin, Eileen Waite, Denise Chandler, Shirley Parmer, Erin Heintzinger, Phyllis Shearer, Ann Marie, Karlah Gibbs, 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, especially Tammy Metz, 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 flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Virginia Barley Rainey,
H.L. Wyatt Rainey and Petra Barley by their families.*

THE OFFERTORY *Treasures in Heaven* Joseph Clokey

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.

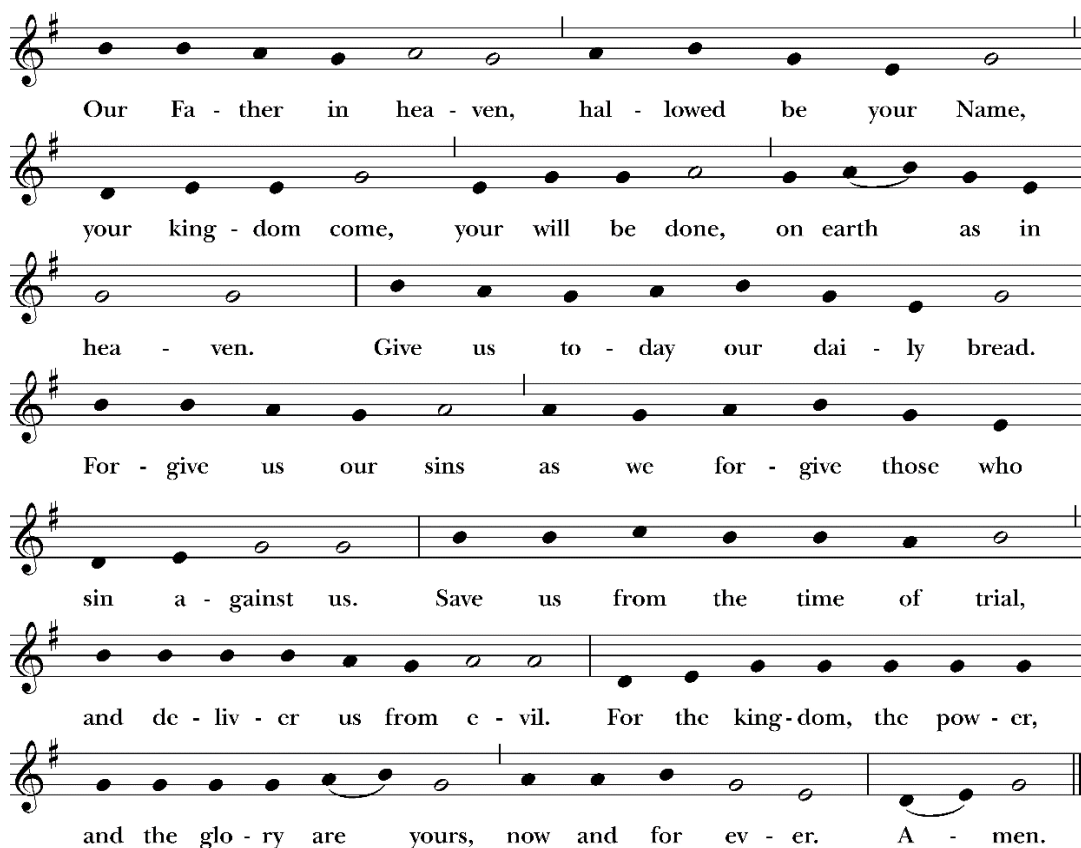
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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,



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	<i>Blest are the pure in heart</i>	HYMNAL 656
	<i>Lord Jesus, think on me</i>	HYMNAL 641

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

<i>Celebrant</i>	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.
<i>People</i>	<i>We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.</i>

POST COMMUNION PRAYER	BCP 365
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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	<i>O Jesus, I have promised</i>	HYMNAL 655
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THE DISMISSAL

<i>Celebrant</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!</i>

POSTLUDE	<i>Fugue in F</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
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All Saints' Day Sunday, November 2 One Service at 9:00 a.m.

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!

St. John's Traveler Letter:

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

Dear Pastors Amanda and Joe,

Croeso cynnes o Gymru! Guess where I am? Welcome from the land of one of the most confusing languages of all - Wales. You'll often see the country name spelled Cymru, but the linguistic rules here shift the spelling to Gymru if the name follows one of several prepositions. It's probably much easier to learn if you're born into it, than occasionally visiting as I am this week. That said, it's a beautiful country and the church has an intriguing history. I'm visiting St. David's Cathedral in Pembrokeshire, in the southwest corner of Wales, which is one of the oldest pilgrimage sites in all of Great Britain.

St. David is the patron saint of Wales, and many churches here are named for him. He's a central figure in the history and current culture of Wales, but little is actually known about his life. He was born sometime in the 500's or early 600's. Legend has it that he's a nephew of King Arthur. It is recorded, though, that he was a captivating preacher. Paintings and stained glass windows often depict him delivering a sermon in which the crowd was so large that many couldn't see or hear him. The Spirit responded by raising the earth beneath him so that he was on a hilltop in the center of them, and then a white dove descended from above to alight on his shoulder. It was clearly a sign from God that this man was someone to listen to. He is remembered to this day as having taught us to "be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do."

"Gwenewch y pethau bychain mewn bywyd" - "Do the little things in life" is a well known maxim here in Wales to this day. As we approach All Saints Day next week I hope you'll say a prayer for the saints of history that inspired you as you read about them, and you see the saints around you who continue to do so.

Blessings always,
John Traveler

THIS WEEK 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
1:00 PM Education for Ministry

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

5:00 PM Stewardship Committee

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Rector's Day Off

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 AM Fall Clean Up (Betty Finney
AIDS Memorial)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

All Saints' Day!

9:00 AM Joint Worship Service
10:00 AM Breakfast & Annual Meeting
1:00 PM Education for Ministry

FALL CLEANUP AT THE BETTY FINNEY MEMORIAL GARDEN

- Fall Cleanup and planting of Tulip bulbs at the Betty Finney Memorial Garden. Saturday, November 1 from 9:00 a.m. -12 noon. Help is needed. Corner of Water and W. Lemon Streets. Need more information? See Dave Martin.

FOYER'S GROUP - The Daytime Foyer Group will meet again at 1:00 p.m. on November 5. This month we will meet at Southern Market and everyone is invited to join us. Questions? Contact Sue Heilman. No need to RSVP.

FOYER GROUPS ARE UP & RUNNING BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JUMP ABOARD!

Foyer Group members met for a light supper in September and we proudly announce that we have FIVE operating groups! Here is the best part...IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN! Don't sit home, sad, thinking you missed out! Call Gretchen Walden at 540-817-9013 or email at gretchdw@gmail.com and she will connect you with a group!

CROP WALK – Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Crop Walk! \$240 in donations were collected and shared with CWS and the Food Hub!

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.

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