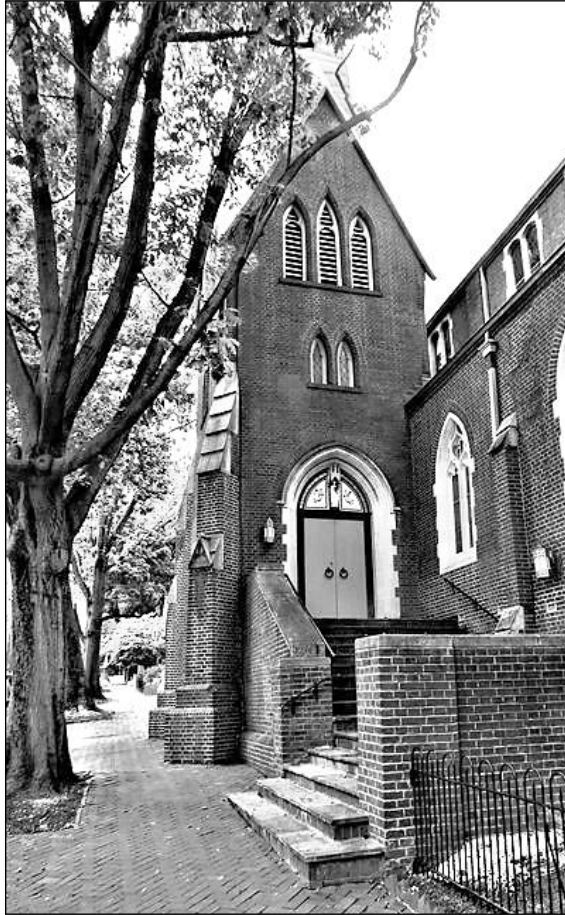


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
NOVEMBER 9, 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.

TODAY'S PREACHER –ORDAINED ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATE, ROB KAZEE

I am delighted to share the pulpit with Rob Kazee, our preacher for today. Rob and his wife, Jane, have been attending St. John's for a while now and Rob facilitated our Lenten Retreat last year. Rob has 30 years of experience as an ordained elder in The Church of the Nazarene offering pastoral care and leadership development in the United States, Romania and Italy. Rob has been married to his wife Jane, a retired nurse, for 36 years. They moved to Lancaster in May of 2023 and to Lititz in July of this year.

Rob delights in spending time with his granddaughter, loves travel, swims daily, and enjoys getting lost in the pages of a good novel or a book on contemplative spirituality. Rob has earned a Bachelors of Music in Music Education as well as a Masters of Divinity, with emphasis in international ministry.

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 *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* Robert J. Powell

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *The God of Abraham praise* **HYMNAL 401**

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Haggai 1:15b-2:9 *(please be seated)*

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high

priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:1-5,18-22

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

THE EPISTLE: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Hosanna to the living Lord!* **HYMNAL 486**
(sing vs. 1&2 before the Gospel Reading; vs. 3 after the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38 *(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.*

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Rob Kazee

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 St. John's, Huntingdon; The Church in the Province of the West Indies; 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, our seminarian. 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, Ann Marie, Karlah Gibbs, Kathy Dodge and Family, 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

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Ippolitnof-Ivanof

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.

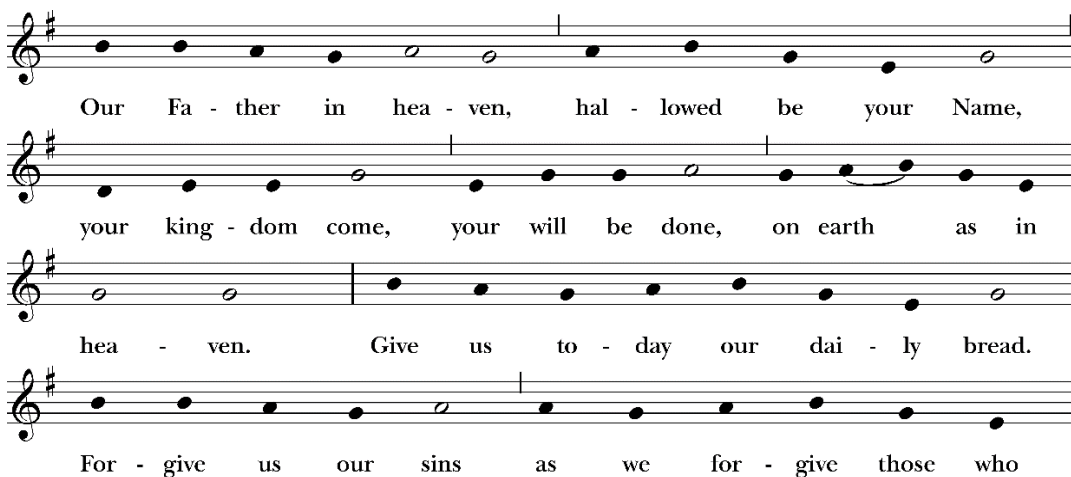
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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.

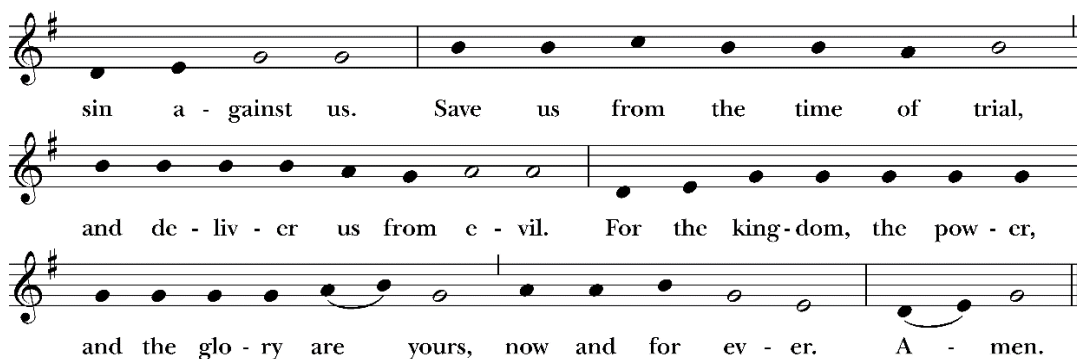
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

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



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 *For the bread which you have broken
Shepherd of Souls refresh and bless*

HYMNAL 341
HYMNAL 343

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

Eternal Father, strong to save

HYMNAL 608

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

Melita

Wayne Wold

St. John's Traveler Letter:

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

Dear Pastors Amanda and Joe,

I hope this message reaches you in time to include in the Sunday bulletin – most service is down. I spent a few days earlier this week in western Jamaica which took a direct hit from Hurricane Melissa last week. There's no power, water, and very little food. Entire neighborhoods – full of kids going to school, parents going to work, and people going about their day just a couple weeks ago – no longer exist. Furniture, toys, and clothing are everywhere, either from the wind or from being laid out to dry because everything is water-logged.

Hurricane Melissa was the strongest storm ever to hit Jamaica, with winds of more than 180 miles per hour and up to 16 feet of seawater forced onto land as storm surge. It will take years for people to get their lives back together, if they do at all. Some will never be reunited with their loved ones. It's hard to be here with so much suffering.

The smoky smell and sound of jerk chicken and saltfish crackling on outdoor grills wafted through the open stained glass windows at St. Matthew's Church, where I prayed earlier today. Western Jamaica seems a world away from Kingston, the capital, which was spared much of the storm. Even so, the hurricane was on everyone's mind, and everyone seemed to know someone affected. At a church service earlier this week, people have already started collecting food and clothing donations. The Church was planning on sending volunteers to help rebuild later today.

I asked one of the parishioners how he felt, given the destruction in his country. I expected some tears, maybe, and worry about what comes next. Quite the opposite. "We are Jamaicans," he said. "We are the strongest people in the world."

For those looking to contribute to Hurricane Melissa relief efforts, check out episcopalrelief.org.

Blessings always,
John Traveler

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY



TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

WHAT TYPE OF FOOD ITEMS ARE THE GREATEST HELP

- *Peanut Butter*
- *Canned tuna, chicken & other meats*
- *Cereal (cold or hot)*
- *Rice (1 or 2lb. bags)*
- *Pasta sauce (can or plastic jar)*
- *Dry Pasta - boxes or bags*
- *Canned soup*
- *Black, red or Kidney beans(cans)*
- *Canned fruit and vegetables*



LEARN MORE:
stjohns-lancaster.org

ABOUT OUR FOOD PANTRY

- Over 12,000 people have been served so far this year
- Over 3,000 of those people are children
- It costs over \$35,000 per year to operate the Food Pantry
- The Food Pantry is completely operated by volunteers



WAYS YOU CAN GIVE FINANCIALLY

- Extra Give Extravaganza on November 21!
- Donate anytime, from anywhere on our website!
- Drop off or send a check to St. John's: 321 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster PA 17603

DROP OFF LOCATION:

**321 W Chestnut St.
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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee hour to follow each service

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Rector's Day Off

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00 AM	Fall Cleanup!
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Coffee Hour to follow each service

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

YOUTH WREATH SALE

It's time to order your Christmas greens and flowers. Proceeds benefit the J2A pilgrimage fund! Orders are due by Nov 16th and will be available for pick up in the Becker house on Sunday Nov 30th. If you need to make other arrangements for pick up just let me know.

Order forms can be dropped off at the office, given to our youth leaders, or to Karen DiPace. You can also email your orders to me at karen.dipace@gmail.com. Be sure to note any envelopes or checks with 'J2A wreath sale'. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

ADULT FORUM – COMMUNAL PRAYER

Throughout the month of November, we will explore communal prayer and the various forms we use each Sunday in worship. Using the Book of Common Prayer as our guide, we will discover the depth and breadth of the Prayers of the People. Join us in the All Purpose room at 9:15 AM.

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE: LIVES REMEMBERED: FUTURES RECLAIMED

November 20th is the annual International Trans Day of Remembrance. St. John's will hold a simple candlelight vigil in honor of the International Trans Day of Remembrance in our courtyard on Thursday, November 20th at 6pm, led by TLC. Please join us!

GREENING OF THE CHURCH – DECEMBER 6

The greening of the campus will take place on Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 AM. If you would like to get into the Christmas Spirit by hanging wreaths and garland outside of St. John's, please join us for the festivities! Thanks, Janice & Kevin Henry

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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