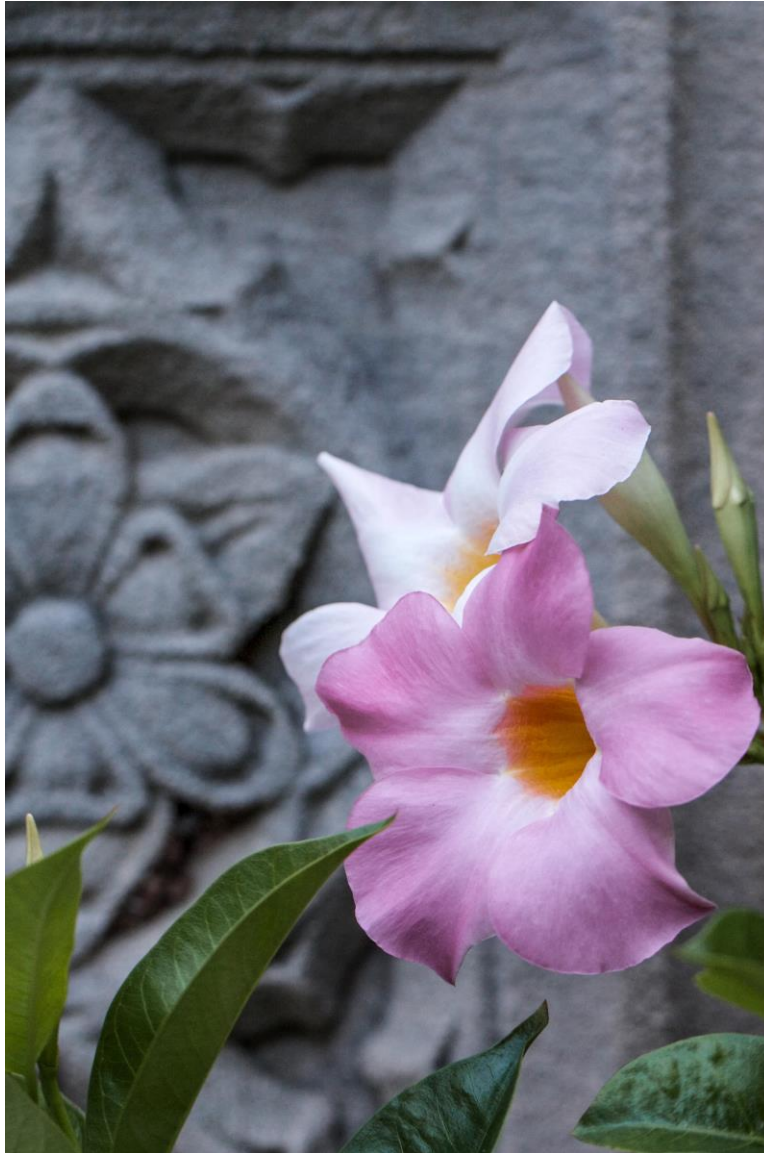


# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*October 30, 2016*

*10:30 a.m.*

## *Welcome to Saint John's*

We are very pleased to have you with us. If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable, and stay for coffee following the service. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please sign our guest book or fill out a card, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found, here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available as is nursery care. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or with any other request. Again, welcome.

## *The Season after Pentecost – Ordinary Time*

The photograph of the flowers, both stone-carved and real, that graces our front cover was taken by parishioner Ginny Kemp. This lovely image from our Cloister Garden reflects both our rock solid faith and our blossoming hope in Jesus Christ's promise of new and eternal life.

The Episcopal Church follows a liturgical calendar that helps us keep holy time and brings order to our lives through Scripture readings and prayers. The calendar includes various feasts and seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and Easter. In the fall we observe the liturgical season of "Ordinary Time." The term "ordinary" does not mean mundane or common. Quite the contrary. The word is from the Latin word for "order." We count in ordinal numbers the number of Sundays and weeks in this season, until late November when we begin all over again with the season of Advent, the beginning of a new church year.

No matter the season we know that God is with us, always and without end. For that we continue to give thanks. We do that best as we gather together each Sunday to offer God our praises, prayers and thanksgivings in this beautiful sacred space of St. John's. Again, welcome. We are glad you are here.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Sonata II in C minor Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
Grave – Adagio – Allegro maestoso e vivace

*Mendelssohn was a skilled organist, and during his visits to Britain, gave a number of well-received organ recitals. These often included the improvisations for which he was famous. His sonatas take on his improvisatory style, as well as the lyric "songs without words" character for which he is well known. After the Mendelssohn organ sonatas were publicly released, Robert Schumann described them as "intensely poetical, ... what a perfect picture they form."*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 546 Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve SIROË  
*All stand and sing.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4*

*All sit.*

**T**he oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"

and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 119:137-144*

*The Psalm is chanted by the choir, with the people singing the Antiphon at the end.*

Anglican Chant

by Herbert Hall Woodward (1847-1909)

Your com - mand - ments are my de - light, O LORD.

- 137 You are righteous, O Lord, \*  
and upright are your judgments.
- 138 You have issued your decrees \*  
with justice and in perfect faithfulness.
- 139 My indignation has consumed me, \*  
because my enemies forget your words.
- 140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, \*  
and your servant holds it dear.
- 141 I am small and of little account, \*  
yet I do not forget your commandments.
- 142 Your justice is an everlasting justice \*  
and your law is the truth.
- 143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, \*  
yet your commandments are my delight.
- 144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; \*  
grant me understanding, that I may live.

*Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

*2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12*

**P**aul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 640 Watchman, tell us of the night

ABERYSTWYTH

*All stand and sing.*

*The children will be led to the education wing for the Word Alive program and will return at the Peace.*

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 19:1-10*

*Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**esus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Helen M. Moore

THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**W**e 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. 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*A period of silence is kept.*

Come, most loving and merciful Lord; so touch the hearts and spirits of those present here, and those present through our online ministry, that our eyes see only your magnificent presence and unceasing love. Lord, in your goodness, **hear our prayer.**

Help us, O God, in our self-preoccupation and self-absorption to be so transformed by your love that we're open to the true experiences of others and the joys and sorrows of the world around us. We pray especially for those recovering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti and the Carolinas. We hold in prayer the people of Aleppo and Mosul, that they may soon know peace. Lord, in your goodness, **hear our prayer.**

So fill us with your Holy Spirit, that the untruths of our daily lives may be revealed. May we by grace find and follow you in both the light and the shadows of our days. Lord, in your goodness, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation enabled to fulfill your purposes. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us, O Christ, to be satisfied with what we have and remember always those who don't have enough. May we reach out so that those who are empty might be filled. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of those who suffer, be present in your goodness with those who are ill, and by the help of your power, transform sickness into wholeness, and sorrow into joy. Lord, in your love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, praying especially for the repose of the soul of Darin McCrea. May they go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your love, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* O God, you have made us in your image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on all we have asked, in silence and aloud, and work through our needs to accomplish your perfect purposes on this earth. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## A STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL

Tim Goetz

## THE WELCOME

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY Treasures in heaven

Joseph Clokey (1890-1960)  
Text: Matthew 6:19-21, 7:7-8

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven 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.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

Music: *William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.*

*All remain standing or kneel.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

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

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on  
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

*Title:* The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei  
*Music:* Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* 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.

*Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.*

*If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.*

*To request healing prayers, proceed to the baptismal font in the back of the nave immediately after receiving communion.*

### THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Ubi caritas

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

*Gjeilo writes about this work: "The first time I sang in a choir was in high school; I went to a music high school in Norway and choir was obligatory. I loved it from the very first rehearsal, and the first piece we read through was Maurice Duruflé's Ubi caritas. It will always be one of my favorite choral works of all time; to me, it's the perfect a cappella piece. So when I set the same text myself a few years later, it was inevitable that the Duruflé*

*would influence it, and it did. While Duruflé used an existing, traditional chant in his piece, I used chant more as a general inspiration, while also echoing the form and dynamic range of his incomparable setting of the text."*

THE COMMUNION HYMN 301 Bread of the world, in mercy broken

RENDEZ A DIEU

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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

*The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.*

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 539 O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling

TIDINGS

*All stand and sing.*

THE DISMISSAL

*The minister dismisses the people and they respond, Thanks be to God.*

THE VOLUNTARY Sonata II in C minor: Fugue

Felix Mendelssohn

*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

*Vestry members are on hand today to welcome you to St. John's.*

*This morning's greeter is Jeff Verney.*

**The Participants in the Liturgy:**

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Preacher:** The Reverend Helen M. Moore

**Layreader:** David Beers

**Acolytes:** J.P. Evans, Margaret Babbitt, Teddy Babbitt, Morgan Babbitt

**Ushers:** Geoff & Karan Emerick (*Team Leaders*), Ben & Ellen Flynn, Wes Winterbottom, Matthew Ciscel, Nazra Ali

**Healing Prayers:** Paul Shaker

**Altar Guild:** Shirley Blean and Audrey Walker

**At Hughes Convalescent Home:**

**Layreader:** Carol Sonne

**Musician:** Naomi Cipriano

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**Today's altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Stephen J. Raffay, Alice Kuehne, George Kuehne, Buena Pomeroy, and Eloise W. Martin.

**All are welcome to coffee hour immediately after the service.** Thank you to the Biondi family for hosting today. We have some open dates for coffee hour hosting in late November and December. Please sign up for your preferred date on the sign-up sheet in Hubbard Hall.

**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in armed services, and for all victims of war and violence. The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur, Les Cayes, Haiti. Séinaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti. Residents of the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford, and the Hughes Convalescent Home. Our postulant, Stacey Kohl, our aspirant, Michael Corey, and our missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher. All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**The repose of the soul of Darin McCrea.** *Give to the departed eternal rest; let light perpetual shine upon them.*

**Those in need of healing:**

Dorothy Kagan	Jim Tracy	Janet Ray	Kathy	Chas
Jim Evans	Kim Green	Susan	Jay	Nancy

**Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:**

Douglas Montas	Christine Doty	Charlotte Needham	Jack Taylor
Colin Gillespie	Morgan Roche	Trig Cooley	

**Those recently married:**

Courtney Lincoln and Scotty Hicks

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Francine & Stephan Christiansen    Nina & Duccio Roselli Del Turco  
Paul & Carrie Fraipont

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Diocese of Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury) and the Rt Rev. Nicholas Dill.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic, St. Matthew's, Wilton. All permanent deacons; the Deacons' Council.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The St. John's Choir will sing a service of **Choral Evensong tonight, October 30, at 5 p.m.** Evensong is a service of hymns, readings, and music that offers us the opportunity to gather and spend time in prayer, while listening to and participating in music selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. Please join us — you'll be glad you did.

St. John's provides regular financial support to **St. Sauveur School in Les Cayes, Haiti**—a coastal city that was heavily damaged in Hurricane Matthew. While the school survived, repairs will be needed, and area residents who lost their homes are turning to the school for shelter and food, thus taxing the school's meager resources even further. From now through Sunday, November 20, St. John's will collect monetary donations from parishioners, earmarked for hurricane relief for St. Sauveur. To donate, write a check to St. John's with "Haiti hurricane relief" in the memo (that part is important!), and put it in the offering plate or send it to the office. In mid-November, St. John's will forward the amount collected to the school. This donation will be in addition to the annual funds we have committed for school operations and scholarships.

Would you like to know more about how Episcopal Relief and Development responds to disaster like the hurricane in Haiti? All are invited to attend a **free workshop on ERD's U.S. disaster response program, at St. John's on November 5, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Lura Steele, ERD's Training Coordinator, and St. John's own Mike Corey

will cover the basics of the disaster program and how individuals and parishes can be involved. Register online at <http://ow.ly/rJnB305BxDG>.

**Food pantry in urgent need of donations!** Our food pantry collection takes place the first Sunday of each month — that's next Sunday, November 6. Donations are delivered to the United Methodist Church on Farmington Avenue in Hartford. Ongoing needs are cereal, rice, spaghetti sauce, beans, pasta, peanut butter, tuna fish, soup, etc.

**Heavyweight paper grocery bags** are also desperately needed for people to carry food out. Thank you for your generosity!

**This year's Diocesan Convention includes a Sunday service, on November 20 at 10:30 a.m.**, with sermon from the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Our St. John's choir will be one of three "core choirs" providing service music. Registration for Sunday is free to all attendees, but requires advance registration (including for choir members). To register, go to <http://ow.ly/iwXk305Bvvs> and click on "Register for Sunday only" (all family members must be registered as individuals, but the system allows one person to register everyone in their party). St. John's will still hold regular services that morning for those who cannot attend the Convention worship service.

**The 2016 St. John's Christmas Festival will be Saturday, December 3 in Hubbard Hall.** We are in need of a Table Coordinator for the Jewelry & Accessories Table as well as the Christmas/Wreath Making. Please contact Joellen Weidenmiller and Karen Licht via e-mail if you are interested or know someone who may be able to help — [j.weidenmiller@gmail.com](mailto:j.weidenmiller@gmail.com) and [karen\\_licht@yahoo.com](mailto:karen_licht@yahoo.com).

**Men's Bible study is held every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.** in the Reception Room. Almost always less sweaty than the gym! Join us!

**Life almost always involves some form of loss**, whether it involves work, relationships, aging, health, or death of a loved one, to name a few. Author Jerry Sittser says loss does not have to be "the defining moment" of our lives, but our response to loss can be. It's not about what has happened TO us so much as what God can enable IN us. Please join the Rev. Helen M. Moore for a three-week session on "A Grace Disguised." If interested, please contact her at 860-331-1127 or [helen@sjparish.net](mailto:helen@sjparish.net), naming day and time most suitable for your schedule.

In her role as Director of Pastoral and Spiritual Ministries, the Rev. Helen M. Moore offers **private pastoral counseling or spiritual direction** sessions. Get in touch with her to discuss how these practices might support you in your relationships, work, and faith journey. An Episcopal priest for almost 25 years, Helen earned two master's degrees from Harvard University and did Ph.D. studies in clinical pastoral psychology at Boston University. She has served as interim rector or dean in eight different parishes around the country, including St. Paul's, Ground Zero. You can reach Helen by cell phone (860-331-1127) or e-mail at [helen@sjparish.net](mailto:helen@sjparish.net).

Watch your mail for a letter from the wardens including goals for the **2017 stewardship campaign** and a card to fill out to confirm your pledge to support St. John's mission and ministries next year. Please return your pledge card on or before November 13. Printed contribution statements for 2016 will be available in the next couple of weeks. Please make plans to fulfill your 2016 pledge by December 31. If your circumstances have changed and you are unable to fulfill your pledge, please let one of the clergy or treasurers know; these conversations will remain confidential.

Do you know a middle or high school student looking for volunteer opportunities to fulfill service hour requirements, or just to contribute to their community? Olivia Mitchell, a Hall High School senior, has organized a **Teen Volunteer Fair at Conard High School on November 17, 6 to 8 p.m.** as her Girl Scout Gold Award project. Organizations including the Noah Webster House, Celebrate West Hartford, Hear Here Hartford, and more will be on hand to link area students with volunteer opportunities appropriate for their age and availability.

The Spiritual Life Center at the Holy Family Monastery, 303 Tunxis Road, will hold a **series of workshops exploring the connections between art and spirituality**. The Rev. Deb Moyer will use a variety of art forms, including sketching, journaling, photography, and painting, to lead participants in guided meditation and reflection. Sessions are on 11/11, 11/18, 12/2 and 12/9 from 10 a.m. to noon, and you may attend one or several. Go to [www.spiritlifectr.org](http://www.spiritlifectr.org) for more information.

**The women's retreat previously scheduled for November 4 and 5 has been cancelled.**

**Keep up with St. John's online!** Join our email list to receive our weekly e-blast, which will alert you to events, where you can help, pictures and more! Check out our website at [www.SJParish.net](http://www.SJParish.net), connect with us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/StJohnsWestHartford](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsWestHartford), and follow us on Instagram at [www.instagram.com/st.johnswhtfd/](http://www.instagram.com/st.johnswhtfd/)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

10/30	Choral Evensong sung by the St. John's Choir
11/6	All Saints' Day
11/13	Stewardship Sunday/2017 Pledge Ingathering
11/20	Diocesan Celebration Eucharist
12/3	Christmas Festival

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK  
OCTOBER 30, 2016 – NOVEMBER 6, 2016**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- 8:00 A.M. Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 A.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 A.M. Youth Education Classes
- 9:30 A.M. Faith Forum: Medicine, Mortality and Mercy, Part 2
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal for Evensong
- 5:00 P.M. Choral Evensong

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31**

- 9:00 A.M. ESOL Classes, Education Wing
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting, St. John's Room
- 6:30 P.M. GED and Citizenship Classes, Education Wing

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

- 9:00 A.M. ESOL Classes, Education Wing
- 9:30 A.M. Madsingers
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal and Theory Classes
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel
- 6:00 P.M. Hartford Family Institute, Library
- 8:00 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Reception Room
- 7:00 A.M. AA, Hubbard Hall
- 6:30 P.M. GED and Citizenship Classes, Education Wing

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel
- 6:00 P.M. Refuge to Recovery, Reception Room
- 6:30 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

- 9:00 A.M. Episcopal Relief & Development Workshop, Hubbard Hall
- 10:00 A.M. Companions of the Holy Cross, Library
- 6:30 P.M. Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall

**ALL SAINTS DAY, NOVEMBER 6**

- 8:00 A.M. Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 A.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 A.M. Youth Education Classes
- 9:30 A.M. Faith Forum: Jonathan Daniels
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning

5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Christian Education at 9:30 a.m. September – May

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2014-16: Eleanor Barnes, Lynn Brooks, David Beers, Marki Ware

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2016-18: Mike Corey, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

## SAINT PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church

Lay leaders: Victoria Crosta – text: 860-478-6524; Melissa Render – text: 860-983-4606