

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 25, 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 Prelude on *Forest Green*

Richard Purvis (1917-1992)

From 1947 through 1971, Richard Purvis held the position of Organist and Master of Choristers at Grace Cathedral, where he helped to form a cathedral school for boys. Upon his retirement from Grace Cathedral, he continued to compose, teach and give recitals into his 70s. He died on December 25, 1994, at the age of 81. He left a legacy of more than 200 works and an uncounted number of choristers, students and satisfied listeners. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and his 7 Choral Preludes, including this work, were composed while he was in a foxhole under enemy fire.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

WOODLANDS

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. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

All sit.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16**Sung by the choir, the people singing the Antiphon as indicated.*

Anglican Chant by Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)



You are my re-fuge and my strong-hold, my God in whom I put my trust.

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

*Antiphon**Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which

you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 705 As those of old their first fruits brought

FOREST GREEN

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

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

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

Jesus said, “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Helen M. Moore

The children are invited forward for a brief message by the preacher before the sermon. They will then be led to the education wing for the Word Alive program and will return at the Peace.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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. 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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

All **I pray for peace between countries.
I pray for people to reach out to other people with the hand of generosity
and not to be unkind but to care;
Not to argue but to open up discussion;
To be a friend and not fight or bully;
To accept others' nationalities and not to be racist.
To look for the good in other people
and not find fault in others;
Not to be bewitched by money
but to give to the poor;
Not to use religion as a weapon
but to use it as a support and actual faith.
And finally, not to hate
but to forgive and love.
Amen.**

Prayer written by Catarina Mesquita-Reynolds, age 9

Celebrant Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers, come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

In the 1930s and '40s, Brooklyn-born and Paris-trained Aaron Copland produced orchestral ballets such as Billy the Kid, Rodeo, and especially Appalachian Spring, which illustrated his firm belief that American composers should write on American themes. To aid him in fashioning a uniquely "American" sound, the definition of which is still argued by musicologists today, Copland extensively researched nineteenth-century musical Americana such as minstrel-show songs, traditional ballads, children's songs, political campaign tunes, and Revivalist hymns such as Zion's Walls. Copland sets Zion's Walls—a gathering-song which first appeared in the 1855 tune-book Sacred Harp—as alternately raucous or contemplative, but always heartfelt.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**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.**

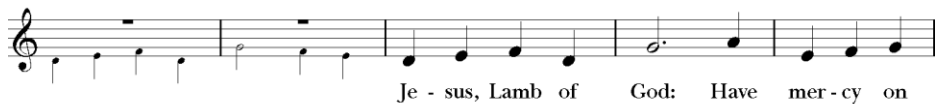
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



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.

Healing prayers are offered at the font immediately after receiving communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Teach me, O Lord

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Elizabeth Proteau, alto soloist

Text: Psalm 119: 33-38

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.
 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire.
 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.
 O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.
 O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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 552 Fight the good fight with all thy might

PENTECOST

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

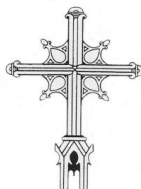
The minister dismisses the people and they respond, Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY Procesi3n Alegre

Garry Cornell (b. 1940)

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 Ginny Kemp.*



The Participants in the Liturgy:**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend Helen M. Moore**Layreader:** David Beers**Acolytes:** Gus Murchie, J.P. Evans, Kiley Murphy, Claire O'Brien**Ushers:** Geoffrey and Karan Emerick (Team Leaders), Jack Barnes, David Beers, Ben and Ellen Flynn, Joel and Beth Grieco, Wes Winterbottom**Healing Prayers:** Buffy Cech**Altar Guild:** Shirley Blean and Janet Willard**At Hughes Convalescent Home:****Layreader:** Jeff Verney**Musician:** Helen Hughlett*Readings from Holy Scripture are reprinted courtesy of the American Bible Society.**Hymns used by permission of OneLicense, No. A-724992.***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.

Séminaire 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.

Those in need of healing:

Stephen Bepler	Paul Hamer	Kristen Zeleny	Jay	Nancy
Sydney Clemow	Andrew Lee	Chas	Jim	Seamus
Kim Green	Janet Ray	David	Laurie	Susan
Carol Grieco	Katherine White	Bill	Matt	

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Manuel Aguiar	Lindsey Carlisle	Eleanor Wilcox
Mary Bainbridge	Tony Erdman	

Those who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this week:

Jim and Ginger Manise
Sam and Ann Newbury

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church in Wales and The Most Rev. Dr Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Llandaff

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Christ Church, Trumbull; Grace Church, Trumbull; and Trinity, Trumbull. Children and children's ministries; Rhythms of Grace and other ministries for children with special needs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for **Choral Evensong, featuring the St. James's Choir, tonight, Sunday, September 25 at 5:00 p.m.** Experience the beautiful, ancient custom of closing the day with graceful readings, prayer and music.

An informational meeting for **middle and high school students** will take place **today after the 10:30 service**, in the St. John's room. All middle and high school students are invited to learn more about the Youth Leadership Council and plans for the year. The **acolyte training and lunch** that was previously scheduled to happen concurrently with this meeting has been **cancelled** and will be rescheduled.

Men's Bible Study: Strong Coffee, Stronger Message is now meeting weekly **on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.** in the Reception Room. Join us!

Long-time parishioner **Ralph MacIntyre, Jr.**, died on Tuesday, September 20. A funeral service was held on Saturday, September 24 at the Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home.

We are in need of volunteers to regularly drive the Kattoub family to and from Charter Oak Elementary (2 miles). The Kattoubs, the Syrian family whom we are cosponsoring with St. James's Church, will start formal ESL classes there this week. Arabia and Jana will be attending morning classes Monday - Thursday, and Anas and Arabia will be attending evening classes Tuesday and Thursday. If you would like to help out by providing transportation for ESL classes, please email Jessica Henning (jess.henning@gmail.com) with your general availability. If anyone is interested in serving as a transportation coordinator, but does not want to drive, please let Jess know.

First Baptist Church's *Cinema and the Sacred* movie series begins on **Saturday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m.** at First Baptist, 90 North Main Street, West Hartford. The series explores faith and culture by showing a film followed by a community conversation. Popcorn and beverages are provided. Additional movie dates are November 5 and December 3.

The **Schweitzer Organ Competition Winners Concert**, featuring Monica Czausz and Adrian Brinkley, will be **Saturday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m.** at St. John's. This annual concert honors the winners of a national competition designed to encourage young organists and enhance organ education. A \$20 donation is suggested and a reception will follow.

All are invited to attend a "**A Day in the Life of St. John's**" next Sunday, **October 2 after the 10:30 a.m. service** in the Reception Room. Meet the clergy and lay leadership as we describe who we are, and how we worship, grow in faith, and come together in fellowship. While this presentation will be of particular interest to newcomers, all are welcome! Lunch will be provided. Please **RSVP to the church office** by September 30.

Please come to an all-parish dinner on **Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m.** (note corrected time) to celebrate the many gifts we share. Several parishioners will share ways that St. John's is changing lives as we serve God and our community. We are blessed in many ways and have much to be thankful for. A buffet dinner will be served and childcare will be provided. **Please RSVP to the church office** by Friday, September 30. (Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee)

Do you like kids? Are you looking for a way to contribute to our community? Would you like to be involved with one of our Community Service Partners? **Grace Academy is in great need of an adult to help with their Robotics Club.** Don't worry –you don't need to be a robotics expert! Grace has someone who can provide technical expertise, but they need a volunteer to help with club presentations and preparing for a robotics competition. The time commitment is from now through mid- to late November, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., one to four days a week (the club meets more often as the competition nears). To learn more, contact Julia O'Brien as soon as possible at 860-231-9266 or jpowellob@comcast.net.

Save the Date! Women's Fellowship Group Retreat: "Restoring and Rediscovering Your True Self" at the Simsbury Inn on Friday, November 4 at 6 p.m. to Saturday, November 5 at 1 p.m. Our agenda will include collective and individual prayer and reflection as well as use of the beautiful facility and grounds. Special room rates are reserved for our group starting at \$149/night. Please call the hotel directly to reserve your room (860) 651-5700.

Sign-up to provide a Coffee Hour this Fall. Opportunities are being taken quickly, so hasten to Hubbard Hall and find the sign-up sheet.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/25	Choral Evensong sung by the St. James's choir
10/1	Schweitzer Organ Competition Winners Concert
10/2	"A Day in the Life of St. John's"
10/8	Talcott Mountain Hike
10/9	St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals
10/30	Choral Evensong sung by the St. John's Choir

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 2, 2016**

NINETEENTH 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: Worship Around the World – Bill & Hope Eakins
- 10:30 A.M. Choral Holy Eucharist
- 11:45 A.M. Youth Leadership Council & Acolyte Training, St. John's Room
- 12:00 P.M. Healing Prayers Ministry Meeting, Reception Room
- 5:00 P.M. Choral Evensong sung by St. James's Choir

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 9:00 A.M. ESOL Class
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting, St. John's Room
- 7:00 P.M. Vestry Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 9:00 A.M. ESOL Class
- 9:30 A.M. Mad Singers
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel
- 8:00 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Reception Room
- 7:00 A.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 6:30 P.M. Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 2

- 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: St. John's Youth Pilgrimage to Scotland
- 10:30 A.M. Choral Holy Eucharist
- 11:45 A.M. "A Day in the Life of St. John's," Reception Room

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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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2015-17: Courtney Bass, Jan Hickcox, Heather Simson, Wes Winterbottom

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

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

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