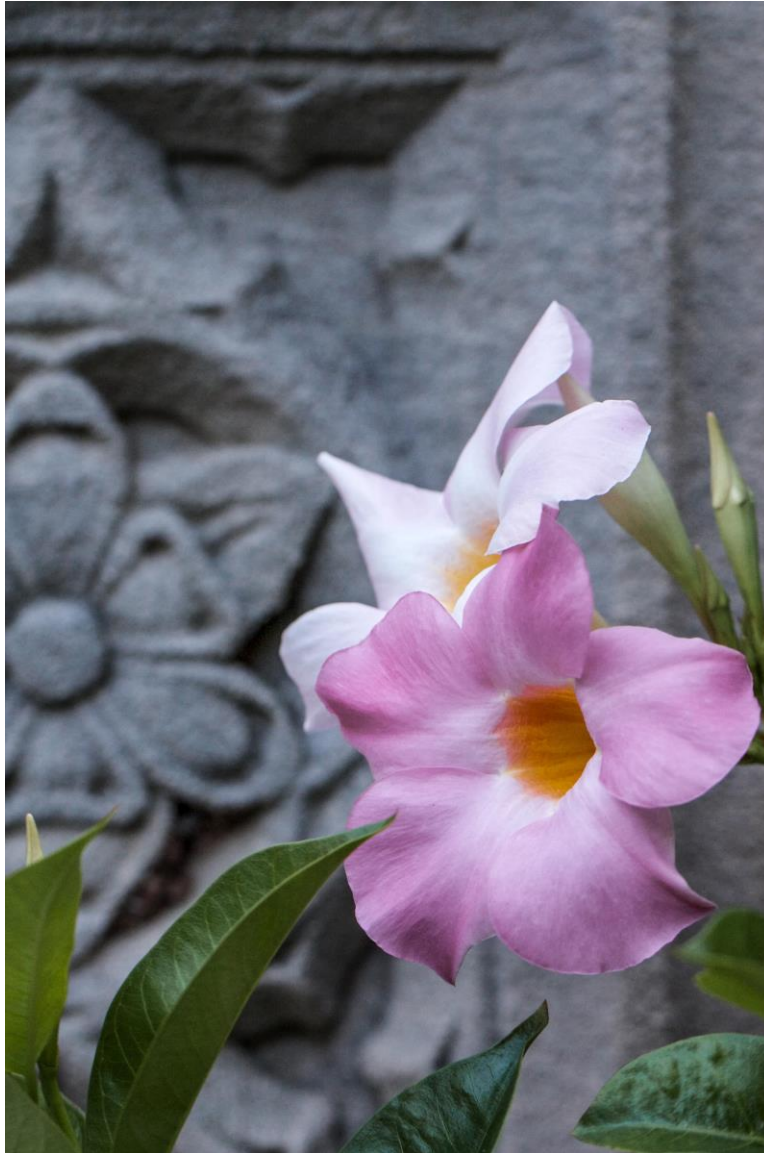


# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*October 9, 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    Aria; Pastorale from BWV 590                      Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1    Father, we praise thee, now the night is over    CHRISTE SANCTORUM  
*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



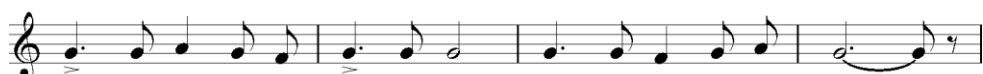
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



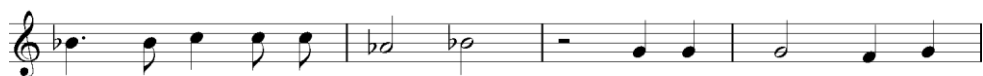
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



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. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7*

*All sit.*

**T**hese are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

*Leader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 66:1-11*

*The people say the text in **bold** and sing the Antiphon as indicated.*

The image shows a musical score for the psalm text. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Be joy - ful in God, all you lands." The word "joy" is hyphenated. The text "Be joy - ful in God," is in a regular font, while "all you lands." is in a bold font. There are musical notes and rests corresponding to the lyrics. A fermata is placed over the word "God,". The score ends with a double bar line.

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
**sing the glory of his Name;**  
**sing the glory of his praise.**
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
**because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.**
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, \*  
**sings to you, sings out your Name."**
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, \*  
**how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.** *Antiphon*

- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,  
**so that they went through the water on foot, \***  
**and there we rejoiced in him.**
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;  
 his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
**let no rebel rise up against him.**
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
**make the voice of his praise to be heard;**
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
**and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
**you have tried us just as silver is tried.**
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
**you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
 we went through fire and water; \*  
**but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

*Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

*2 Timothy 2:8-15*

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

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

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

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN No saint on earth lives to self alone

SONG 1

*All stand and sing.*

1. No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone  
2. For to this end our Lord by death was slain,

or dies a - lone, for we with Christ are one.  
that to new life he might a - rise a - gain.

So if we live, for Christ a - lone we live,  
Through sor - row on, to tri - umph Christ has led,

and if we die, to Christ our dy - ing give.  
and reigns o'er all: the liv - ing and the dead.

In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:  
In liv - ing and in dy - ing, him we bless.

we are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.  
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.

Words: J. W. Schulte-Nordholt; tr. Norman J. Kansfield

Music: *Song I*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt. *From Hymns for Church and School* 1964

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

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

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

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

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

## THE SERMON

The Reverend William Eakins

## 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

We offer our prayers for the Church and the world. We give thanks for all who answer the call to ministry, lay and ordained. Grant us the strength and courage to use our gifts to build up the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. **Good Lord, hear us.**

Help us to remember those who are persecuted or enslaved. We offer prayers for the victims of violence and oppression and for all refugees around the world. We give thanks for the well-being of the Kattoub family and for all the volunteers who are helping them make a new life in West Hartford. **Good Lord, guide us.**

Inspire us to be generous in spirit and compassionate in caring for friend and stranger alike, just as Jesus taught us. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti and Florida, especially for the students, staff and their families of St. Sauveur School in Les Cayes, Haiti and for all those in harm's way. **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Instill in us a desire to be good stewards of God's sacred Creation. We give thanks for the bounty of this earth, our island home. **Good Lord, inspire us.**

Help us to become part of the dream of God, reaching out to each other in love as children of God. Support us as we pray for those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. Today, we lift up all who are in need of prayers for healing and wholeness. **Good Lord, uphold us.**

We pray for all who have died. We commend them into God's eternal care. **Good Lord, comfort us.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things that we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son 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.*

## STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL

Nina Roselli del Turco

## THE WELCOME



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY Since by man came death (from *Messiah*)

George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

Text: I Corinthians 15:21-22

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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**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.**

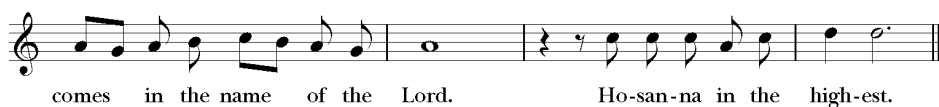
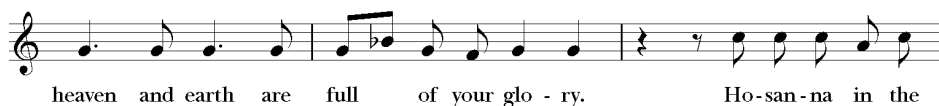
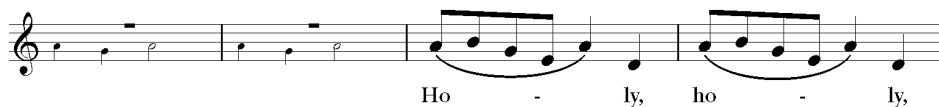
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*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



*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.**

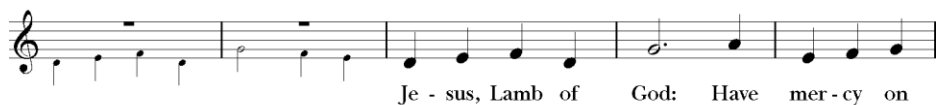
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.  
The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day.  
The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.  
God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.  
O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee,  
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley seemed destined for the life of a church musician, as his middle name was taken from Johann Sebastian Bach. He did not disappoint: in a time that English church music had become less than satisfactory, Wesley was largely responsible for raising this standard through his own work as a composer and organist. In all his music, Wesley strived for an expressive and accessible sound, as evidenced in the three works presented in today's worship. The exquisite "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace" remains one of the most-loved anthems in the repertoire.*

## 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 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
*All stand and sing.*

AZMON

### THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Larghetto; Allegro moderato from op. 6, No. 2

Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

*The Wesley family contributed three generations of master musicians to British music. John the Anglican divine and reformer, his brother Charles, the "celebrated hymn writer" (per the Grove Dictionary), and his son Samuel Wesley, who in turn was the father of Samuel Sebastian Wesley, the composer of today's communion anthem.*

*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.*

*Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Harry O. Bartlett.  
 Vestry members are on hand today to welcome you to St. John's.*

### The Participants in the Liturgy:

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Preacher:** The Reverend William Eakins

**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

**Guest Organist and Choirmaster:** Douglas Johnson

**Layreader:** John Hardy

**Ushers:** John Amamoo, Brad Babbitt, Bob Connolly, Giselle Genece, Annabel Clapp

**Healing Prayers:** Cindy Lawler

**Altar Guild:** Shirley Blean and Nancy Pederson

### At Hughes Convalescent Home:

**Layreader:** Christoph Stretz

**Musician:** Joyce Burke

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### 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.

### Those in need of healing:

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

### Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Barbara Abbott	Ned Byrd
J.P. Winston	Christine Babbitt
Brooke Whittemore	Janet Babbitt
Ben Flynn	

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

The Church in the Province of the West Indies, The Most Rev. & The Hon. Dr John Holder, Archbishop of West Indies & Bishop of Barbados

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Christ Church, Waterbury; St. John's, Waterbury; Christ Church congregation, Watertown. Young adults, young adult ministries, the Young Adult Ministry Network. The Episcopal Service Corps and the Young Adult Service Corps of The Episcopal Church. St. Hilda's House, New Haven

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A Blessing of the Animals**, in honor of St. Francis's feast day, will be **held in the Cloister Garden at St. John's today at 4 p.m.** Bring your pets and invite a friend to bring their animal companions along as well!

**Episcopal Relief in Development** is hard at work responding to the devastation of **Hurricane Matthew in Haiti**. Latest reports from Les Cayes, where the St. Sauveur School that we support is located, are that the school and headmaster's home survived the hurricane, but the area is devastated. To give to ERD's disaster relief in Haiti, visit their web site at [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org).

Starting in honor of St. Francis Sunday this week, and for the next few Sundays, St. John's is collecting **donations of premium bird seed to feed the birds who visit our Cloister Garden**. Premium seeds are preferred, as they provide the best nutrition and attract the greatest variety of birds. Look for Nyjer seeds (sometimes referred to as "thistle"), black oil sunflower seeds, or seed blends labeled "premium." Please bring in your bird seed donations on the next few Sundays or drop them to the office during the week. The birds will thank you by bringing their grace and beauty to the Cloister Garden as the cold weather moves in.

**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 <https://www.episcopalct.org/news-and-events/annual-convention/2016/> 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.

**On October 13 at 7 p.m.** in the St. John's Room, the **Women's Fellowship** invites you to a discussion on **"Wholehearted Living: Cultivating Courage, Compassion and Connection,"** based on the writing of popular author and speaker Brene Brown. **A women's retreat, "Restoring and Rediscovering Your True Self," will be held at the Simsbury Inn on Friday, November 4 at 6 p.m. to Saturday, November 5 at 12 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.

At the **Men's Bible Study**, hear the most amazing stories ever told! (And we also study the Bible.) Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. Join us!

The first **Youth Night** of the fall will be on **Friday, October 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Bring \$5 to cover pizza and be ready to join in on improv and karaoke!

**Sacred Circle** is a small group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Our meeting this month will be on **Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. John's Room. The topic is Seasons: How do these rhythms of the earth connect with the spirituality we experience in our lives? All women are welcome!

**Receptions for newcomers** will be held at two times: **Sunday, October 23 after the 10:30 a.m. service, and Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m. at the Rev. Susan Pinkerton's home.** Mark your calendars now to attend one of these receptions to learn more about St. John's and get to know some members of the St. John's community. Invitations and RSVP will go out soon. Not sure if you're invited as a "newcomer"? You are! All are welcome.

As part of her new role as Director of Pastoral and Spiritual Ministries, the Rev. Helen M. Moore invites all interested parishioners to a **new discussion group focused on dealing with loss.** The group will read Jerry Sitter's book "A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows Through Loss" together and reflect on their own experiences. An initial meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 23 at 1 p.m. in the St. John's room.** The first meeting is largely to gauge interest and discuss the group's purpose and process. Contact Helen at the church office for more information, or just plan to come to the meeting if you're interested.

Are you interested in a vital behind-the-scenes ministry? **Consider joining the Altar Guild!** Members commit to only four months per year, working with sacred vessels to prepare the altar for services and enjoying fellowship with other members. Please contact Altar Guild director Nancy Pederson (860-561-4212 or npederson218@comcast.net), or stop by the Sacristy after the 10:30 service to learn more about what we do.

As part of our effort to connect with our neighbors, we'd like to have a comprehensive, up-to-date **listing of area resources for people in need** of rent and utility assistance, food, clothing, ESL and GED classes, low-cost or free medical care, etc. **We're in need of one or more volunteers** willing to research and compile this information. This work can be done from home at almost any hour of the day, as most of the information will be available online or occasionally by phone. Once the initial resource directory is compiled, we'll need occasional help keeping the information up to date. This job will be of great service not only to our neighbors, but to church staff and volunteers who frequently hear about needs that we are unable to directly address. Contact Ellen in the office for more information if you're interested.

**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](http://www.SJParish.net), connect with us on Facebook – [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

10/9	St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals, 4 p.m.
10/13 & 10/26	Women's Fellowship Book Discussions
10/18	Sacred Circle
10/21	Youth Night with pizza and karaoke
10/23 & 10/27	Newcomers' Receptions
10/23	Discussion group on loss and spirituality
10/30	Choral Evensong sung by the St. John's Choir

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK  
OCTOBER 9, 2016 – OCTOBER 16, 2016**

**TWENTY-FIRST 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: St. Francis of Assisi
- 10:30 A.M. Choral Holy Eucharist
- 4:00 P.M. Blessing of the Animals, Cloister Garden

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10**

- 9:00 A.M. Office closed for Columbus Day/No ESOL
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

- 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
- 6:00 P.M. Choir Dinner
- 6:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13**

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Reception Room
- 7:00 A.M. AA, Hubbard Hall
- 7:00 P.M. Women's Fellowship Group, St. John's Room

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14**

- 4:30 P.M. Stretz/Hoidalen Wedding Rehearsal and Dinner
- 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 15**

- 3:00 P.M. Stretz/Hoidalen Wedding
- 6:30 P.M. Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 16**

- 8:00 A.M. Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 A.M. Adult and Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 A.M. Youth Education Classes
- 9:30 A.M. Faith Forum: St. Sauveur School in Haiti
- 10:30 A.M. Choral Holy Eucharist
- 11:45 A.M. Acolyte Training, St. John's 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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2014-16: Eleanor Barnes, Lynn Brooks, David Beers, Marki Ware

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

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