



GOOD MORNING & WELCOME

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

The Rev. Nathan Carr – Vicar

The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate

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The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost – Year A

Rite I – Holy Eucharist – July 2, 2023 – 10:15 AM

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional

The Hymnal, #717

National Songs

717

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my
no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy
all the trees sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal
lib - er - ty, to thee we sing; long may our

fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,
and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;
tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take;
land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895)
Music: *America*, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie

The Hymnal, S91

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X)
Christ have mercy upon us. (3X)
Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X)

Gloria

The Hymnal, S204

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 13

Usquequo, Domine?

- 1 How long, O Lord?
will you forget me for **ever**? *
how long will you hide your **face** from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after **day**? *
how long shall my enemy triumph **over** me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my **God**; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in **death**;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed **over** him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have **fallen**.
- 5 But I put my trust in your **mercy**; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving **help**.

6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me **richly**; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most **High**.

The Second Lesson

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

National Songs

719

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
 and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt.
 Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903)

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward

of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev William Font

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

**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 of God, Light of 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 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 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

Form VI

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence may be kept.
Leader and People say together

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Celebrant may add sentences from scripture

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Irving Berlin

The Hymnal, #380 (verse 3)

720

National Songs

1 O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,
 2 O thus be it ev - er, when free - men shall stand

what so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,
 be - tween their loved homes and the war's des - o - lat - tion!

whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - il - lous fight,
 Blest with vic - tory and peace, may the heaven - re - scued land

o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?
 praise the Power that hath made and pre - served us a na - tion!

And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air,
 Then — con - quer we must, when our cause it is just,

gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
 and this be our mot - to, "In God is our trust."

O — say does that star - span - gled ban - ner yet wave
 And the star - span - gled ban - ner in tri - umph shall wave

o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
 o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Words: Francis Scott Key (1779-1843)

Music: *National Anthem*, source unknown, ca. 18th cent.

Irr.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 340

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

**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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

The Hymnal, S158

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

We Share the Gifts of God

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal, #318

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

3. I have no help but thine; nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

2. Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

4. Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God!

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

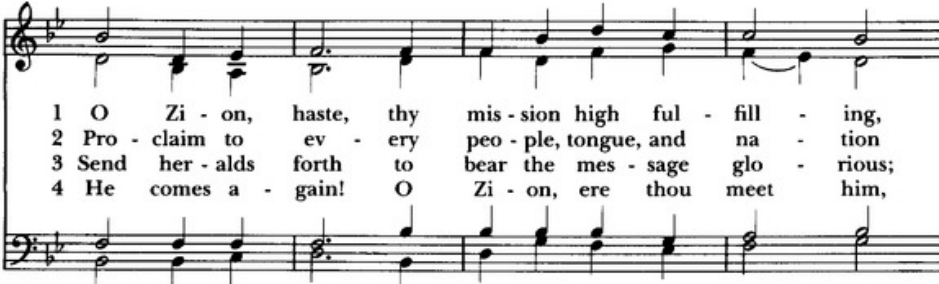
Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

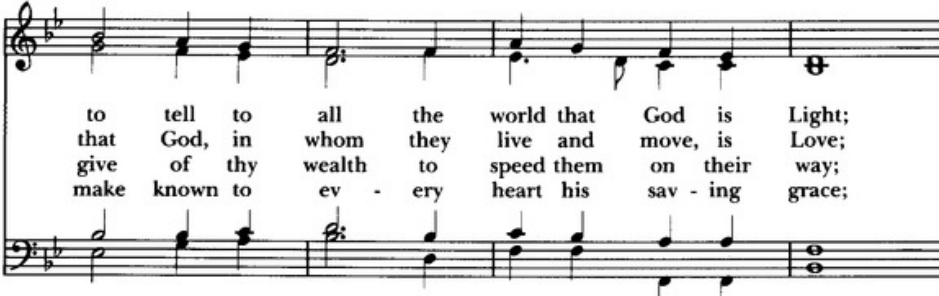
The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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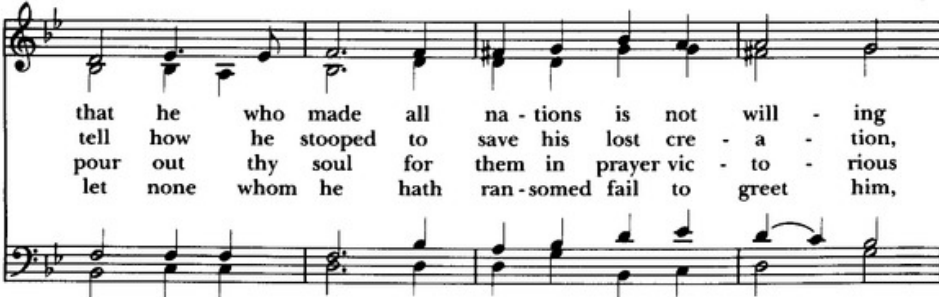
The Church's Mission



1 O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 3 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
 4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Bob	Denys Lenets	Mary Anne Reed
Beverly Bradley	Jean Ledet & Chad	Mathew Reynolds
Braiden	Dixon	Kathleen Rhodes
Lewis Honor Carr	Kara Lynn	Rob, Ruthie and
Stephanie Dunham	Tony Marruchella	Samuel
Ed	Leland Mayo	Adrienne Robertson
Sharon Ellington	Betty & Delbert Millican	Betty Sinclair
Joyce Ezell	and Ryan Lightfoot	Family of Kenneth
Jim Freeman	Trish Morgan	Sosna
Tom Freeman	Paul Mosier	John Steward and
Myrna Gowman	David Nelson	Lee DeWitt
John Greiner	Joy Nelson	Martha Steward
Steve Hammontree	The Nichols Family	Nancy Steward
Jean Inge	Pam	Ed Tebow
Jessica	Babette Patton	Donna Walters
Judd	Patty	Sarah Tracy
Sarah Kramer	Priscilla and Ron Pierce	Mary Jo Watson
	Monte Pratt	Ginny Wynn

Altar Gifts

Today's flowers and candel are given by Patsy Williams in celebration of the birth of our nation, independence, freedom and peace.

If you would like to donate towards flowers in memory or honor of someone close to you, please call Nancy at the church office. Suggested donation for the altar flowers is \$50, or \$10 for the sanctuary candle.

Birthdays This Week

- 2 – Andy Ferguson
- 2 – Kim Jackson
- 3 – Duke Jones
- 4 – Melva Carney
- 4 – John Greiner
- 5 – Aaron Mooney
- 5 – Nathan Carr
- 7 – Claire Dowling

Anniversary This Week

- 3 – Danny & Cathie Gauntt

Announcements

Wednesday, July 5, at 5:30 – First Wednesday Eucharist in Mary Chapel

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, August 27 – photos will be taken for the online directory. Mark your calendars for this important weekend event. **Jason Pierce (son of Ron and Priscilla) has volunteered his time, talent and treasure to take family photos for our directory.** "Family" is defined by your own family's dynamic – single, couples, couples with children, singles with children, etc. Photos will be taken both before and after the Sunday Eucharist.

In the meantime, we are still gathering and confirming membership information that you want included in your family's listing. If you haven't completed the **Church Directory Information form, you will find them on the table in the Narthex. Please complete the form and leave it in the basket provided.**

In the Narthex, you will find several other items of interest on the front table. Weekly Pet Blessing flyers to post or give to others, candles for your pleasure, and confirmation certificates for our January confirmands.

Several announcements will be made in the Fab Friday – BC Clark donation, information about the state of homelessness in OKC, an announcement of the Grace Church Yukon fundraising coming up soon, and information about the EFM class and how to get involved. **All the news on St John's can be found in the Fab Friday weekly newsletter.**