



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.

****Please silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices
before the start of the service. Thank you.****

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The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Year A

Christ the King

Rite II – Holy Eucharist & Hymns – November 26, 2023 – 10:15 AM

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional

The Hymnal, #460

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Jesus Christ our Lord



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
* 2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
* 5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scep - ter his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

Celebrant
People

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

Gloria

The Hymnal, S280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed

them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

Jubilate Deo

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you **lands**; *
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a **song**.
- 2 Know this: The Lord himself is **God**; *
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his **pasture**.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
 go into his courts with **praise**; *
 give thanks to him and call upon his **Name**.
- 4 For the Lord is good;
 his mercy is **everlasting**; *
 and his faithfulness endures from age to **age**.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal, #382

1 King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

2 Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee;
and the cream of all my heart,
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is in this poor sort
to enroll thee;
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Nathan Carr

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 for Ingathering of Pledges

On this Ingathering celebration, marked by thanksgiving and offering, let us give thanks to God for the gifts of this life, and ask for God's blessing of abundance in the areas where we seek to offer service in the world, saying, "Lord, we give thanks to you."

For the gift of the church, that it may always be growing in generosity through offering and prayer, so that its members and its mission transform the world to have hearts of gratitude,

Lord, we give thanks to you.

For our nation, for all nations in the world, and for all those in authority and governance, that you may transform these powers and principalities so they would be stewards of gratitude, beacons of justice, and participants in the work of restoration throughout the world,

Lord, we give thanks to you.

For the care of all of creation, the earth and all that is in it, that we would receive the offerings of this day with hearts abounding in thanksgiving, remembering that in giving out of what we have we always return to God what comes out of God,

Lord, we give thanks to you.

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For the peace which passes all understanding that accompanies all the causes and concerns that have no advocate, the blessedness that extends to the margins that feel mostly lonely, and the love that reaches all who suffer and are in any trouble,

Lord, we give thanks to you.

For the forgiveness we receive when we are not good stewards of our gifts, the grace offered during seasons when we have cared more for self-preservation than the common good, the compassion bestowed when we let hardness of heart take over our desire to follow Christ,

Lord, we give thanks to you.

For the gift of eternal life poured out upon all who put their trust in you, for those who are known to you in creation and prayer, and for the saints and angels who accompany us interceding on our behalf, and for those we love but see no longer.

Lord, we give our thanks to you.

For the specific concerns of this church community, and all the causes that will be served through the ministries of St. John's Episcopal Church, which we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts
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The people are invited to name:

- *the ministries supported by this community the causes for which they give thanks*
- *any challenges weighing on their hearts*
- *the ministries supported by these annual pledges.*

We offer these concerns and causes to God, entrusting their work and flourishing to God alone,

Lord, we give thanks to you.

For the blessings of our lives, the joys we receive that remind us of God's love for us, especially the thanksgivings we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts(*silence is kept*) In our gratitude, we pray:

Lord, we give thanks to you.

For these annual pledges, that you would continually nourish the church through this ministry's call to prayer, spirituality, and supporting the many callings in the church that are brought to fruition through a spirit of love, generosity, gratitude, and thanksgiving, we pray:

Lord, we give thanks to you.

God, we thank you that you have called us today into a spirit of generosity, both in prayer and in action. Bestow upon us the remembrance that you gave of yourself so that we could know you, be nourished by your wisdom, and so that we would follow you into self-sacrifice. In this time of our giving, fill our hearts

with not the memory of our loss, but the awareness of what we have gained through giving some of what we have away. Send us out with hearts of gratitude that encourage others to join with us to love and serve others, both in our communities and throughout the world. We ask all this in the sure and certain hope of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whose presence is worth our thanksgiving alone. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
**in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Celebrant may add sentences from scripture.

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

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Blessing Prayer

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.

Offertory

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

The Offertory Anthem

My Eternal King
St. John's Choir

Jane Marshall

*My God, I love Thee;
not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not*

Must die eternally.

*Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace.*

*Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ,
Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n,
Or of escaping hell;*

*Not with the hope of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me,
O ever-loving Lord!*

*E'en so I love Thee, and will love,
And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God.
And my Eternal King
Amen*

Doxology

The Hymnal, #380 (Verse 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.
Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

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

Agnus Dei

The Hymnal, S163

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

We Share the Gifts of God

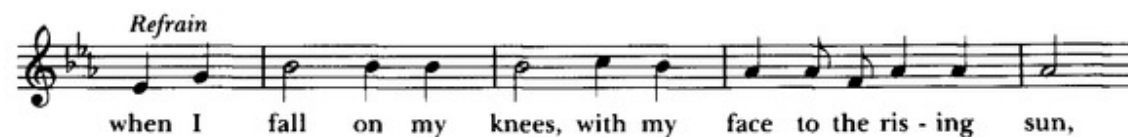
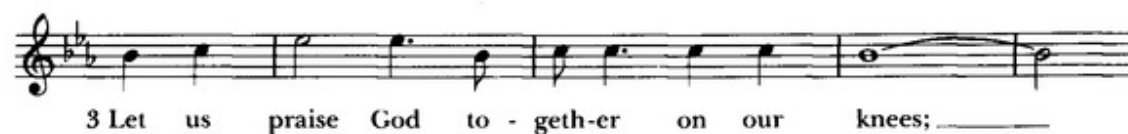
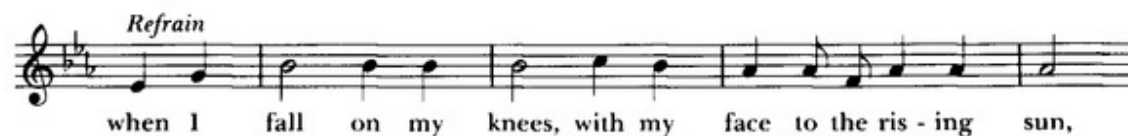
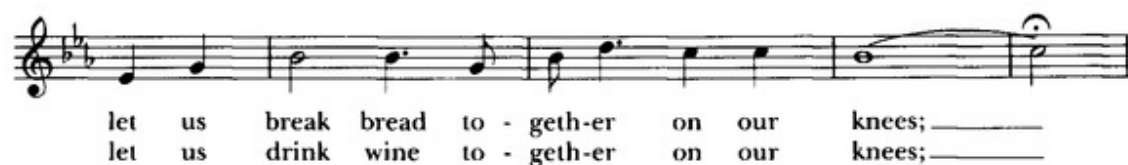
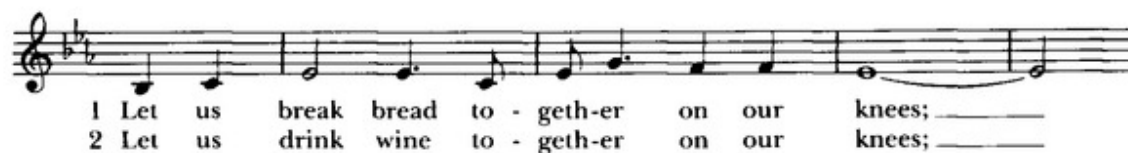
Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal, #325

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Holy Eucharist



Words: Afro-American spiritual

Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. David Hurd (b. 1950)

10 10 with Refrain

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Sending Out of the Lay Eucharist Visitors

Celebrant or Deacon: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

Recessional

The Hymnal, #494

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began,
and ye, who tread where he hath trod,
crown him the Son of man;
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

3 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed over the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

4 Crown him of lords the Lord,
who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light,
where saints with angels sing
their songs before him day and night,
their God, Redeemer, King.

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King, to whom is given,
the wondrous name of Love.

Crown him with many crowns,
as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for he is King of all.

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God

Postlude

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Audrey	Sarah Kramer	Kathleen Rhodes
Steven Barnes	Jean Ledet & Chad	Rob, Ruthie and
Beverly Bradley	Dixon	Samuel
Bob	Denys Lenets	Adrienne Robertson
Braiden	Kara Lynn	Sahar
Lewis Honor Carr	Ron Marlett	Scott Salladin
Nancy Carr	Tony Marruchella	Seth
Sue Collins	Mary	Betty Sinclair
Sir Michael Dawson	Leland Mayo	Family of Kenneth
Stephanie Dunham	Betty & Delbert Millican	Sosna
Dru	and Ryan Lightfoot	John Steward and
Ed	Trish Morgan	Lee DeWitt
Sharon Ellington	Christina Morris	Martha Steward
Jim Freeman	Paul Mosier	Nancy Steward
Tom Freeman	Deborah Nelson	Susan
Myrna Gowman	Joy Nelson	Sydney and Troy
John Greiner	The Nichols Family	Ed Tebow
Steve Hammontree	Pam	Sarah Tracy
Aimee Hanneman	Babette Patton	Tyler and Dru
Dr. J	Patty	Donna Walters
Jack	Penny	Mary Jo Watson
Jessica	Peter	Pat Westervelt
Judd	Monte Pratt	Gordon Welch
Drew Kolb	Mathew Reynolds	Will
		Ginny Wynn

Altar Gifts

The Altar Guild has begun the preparations for Advent. The greening of the Church will be following the service on the Second Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 10. At a later time, they begin placing poinsettias at the altar, starting with two large pink poinsettias and eventually a large display of red, pink and white poinsettias on the altar, surrounding the creche with Mary and Joseph.

Birthdays This Week

27 – David Jackson
1 – Elizabeth (Liz) Pearson
2 – Kevin Watson

Anniversaries

1 - Ben & Aimee Hanneman

Remaining November Services and Events

TODAY, November 26, following morning worship – Advent Event on front lawn

Evening Prayer – 5:30 Wednesday, Nov 29

Thursday, November 30, 5:30 pm -- Feast of St Andrew the Apostle

Today, Sunday, November 26 is the final day of our stewardship campaign. If you still wish to make a pledge to St. John's, please fill out the form in this bulletin and place in the offertory plate.

Don't miss the Annual Advent Event on this lawn today. We look forward to a fun day to make our Advent wreaths for our home Advent worship. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

We are continuing Bake Sales with proceeds going to an important new ministry. We are raising funds to purchase an adult-sized changing table. **Please help us raise these funds** by bringing your favorite baked goods to sell and/or purchasing some goodies when you are here on Sundays.

Our Christmas outreach project is our annual collection of food for the St. James Food Pantry. This year we are collecting boxed stuffing, instant mashed potatoes and instant gravy packets to help complete **50 holiday meals for their patrons.** There will be a bin ready for donations in the Narthex through Sunday, December 10.

Forms for donations toward Advent Flowers and Christmas Eve Music will be included in your bulletin starting Sunday, December 3. Please complete the form and place it in the offertory plate. Your contribution will be listed on the Christmas bulletins.

Treasurer Needed! The Bishop's Committee has opened **nominations for a treasurer (or two)** who might wish to serve as the overseer for the finances of the church. It requires a **4-6 hour per week commitment (2-3 if working as partners)**, with some additional hours at the beginning and end of each year. A person with knowledge and experience of working with accounts payable and receivables, easy payroll management, and preparation of financial reports to the BC monthly and annually is the ideal candidate. There will be training offered with advisors at the ready during the year. **Please talk with Fr. Nate or Ron Pierce if interested in taking on this position, vital in the life of the church.**