

St. John's Episcopal Church
Georgetown Parish
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Be You. Be here. Belong.
Holy Eucharist
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 16, 2025
10:00 AM



Welcome to St. John's Church, Georgetown Parish



We want you to know how glad we are to share this day with you! We hope you will fill out the “Welcome” card that you’ll find in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate so we can send you more information about our vibrant community. Or just scan the QR code to add your name directly to our email list!

Name Badges

Please pick up or make your own name badge as you enter the church. You may leave your badge in the bins in Blake Hall after coffee hour. Childcare is available from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the atrium. Ushers are here to assist you. We are very glad you are here!

**Sunday Service at 10am with Kids “Holy Moly” program 1st and 3rd Sundays
Contemplative Prayer on Tuesdays at 5:30pm in the Chapel of the Carpenter**

Service Participants

Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Laura Natta, Rector
The Rev. Gini Gerbasi, Rector
The Rev. Sarah Duggin, Associate Rector

Director of Music

Aaron Goen

Verger

Patti Thorp

Intercessor

Laura Scanlon

Flower Guild

Virginia Elgin

Altar Guild

Andrea Kramer

Ushers

Andrea Kramer & Kenneth Wong

Reader

Anthony Vernon

Technology

Andy Fiske

Choir

Soprano:

Carolyn Carson
Emily Franksen
Alicia Woodberry
Kate Vetter Cain

Alto:

Virginia Elgin
Derek Greten-Harrison
Margaret Huckaby
Jeanne Morin
Meghen Tuttle

Tenor:

Raymond Honeycutt
Tyler Metteer
Rexford Tester
Bryan Wells

Bass:

Mark Duer
Jim Johnson
Howard Spendelow
Jay Tuttle

Prelude

“Adagio” from *Sonata I*

Felix Mendelssohn

Processional Hymn 518

“*Christ is made the sure foundation*”

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

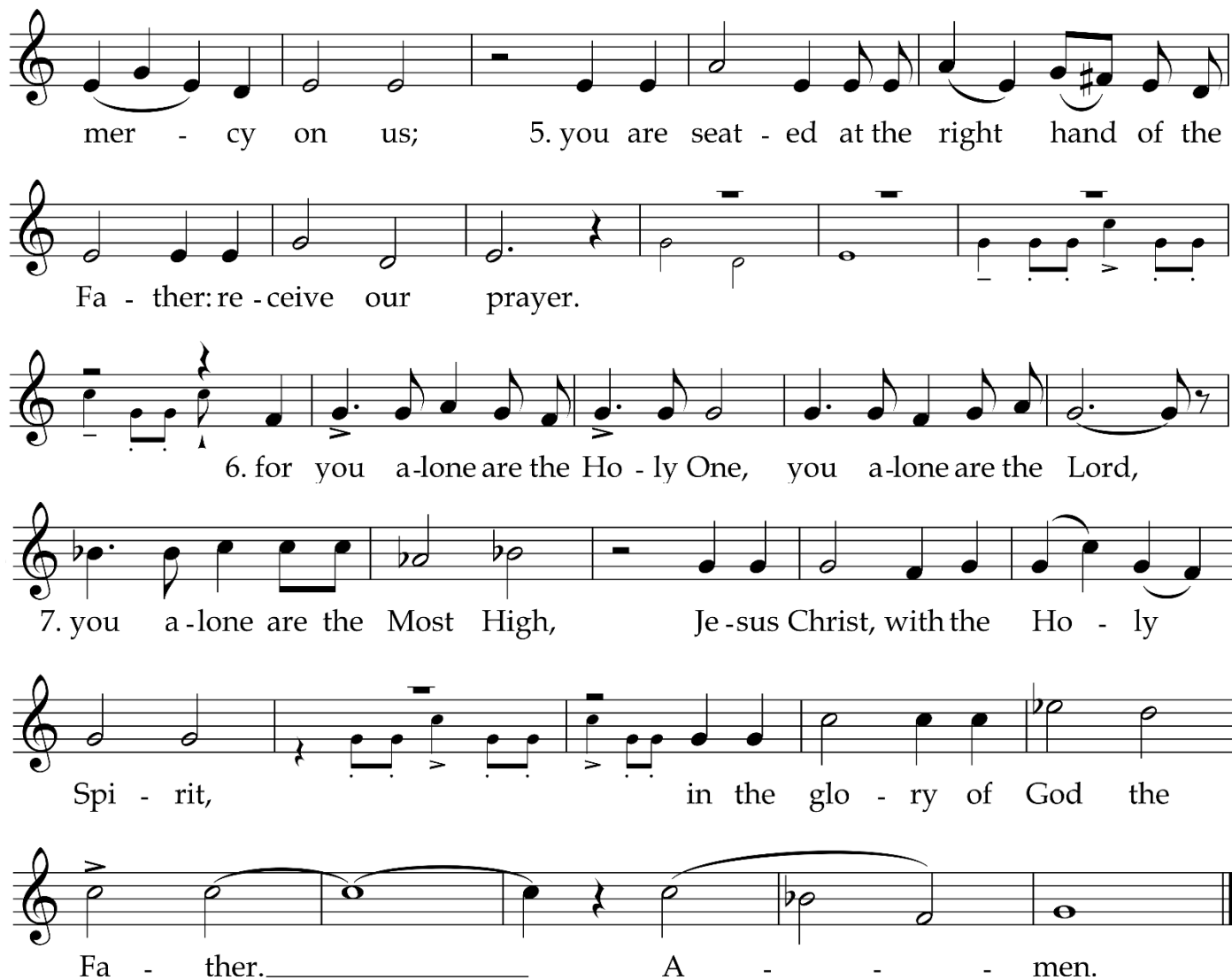
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise S278

Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well. Before they call, I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

2nd Canticle of Isaiah 278

"Surely it is God who saves me"

Ecce Deus

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples;

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Sequence Hymn 7

“Christ whose glory fills the skies”

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21” 5-19

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "

When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "

But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So, make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Laura Natta, Rector

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Nicene Creed

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Creator God, You formed us and gave us breath. You know all that we carry in our hearts and minds. Move in us and make us to see how to be instruments of love and peace in your Church and throughout the world. Let us pray together as the People of God, members of the Great Cloud of Witnesses, saying,

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, lead us to reject the dark bitterness of othering all those whom we do not understand. Enlighten all leaders of our nation and world with the wisdom of your diverse creation that together we may build a more just and inclusive society.

God in your loving mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, be present with all those in any kind of need or trouble: For those whom we know and cherish, and for our human family in this city and everywhere. Let us pray together for: **Amy, Carol, Charles, Craig, Dal, David, Ethan, Jan, Juan Carlos, Karen, Lisa, Nick, Paula, Reuben, and Stephanie.** We pray that addiction, depression, or illness will lift from those afflicted. And we pray for all people impacted by violence, war, accidents, or natural disasters.

God in your infinite mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those serving abroad and their families, and for all who have been wounded or held hostage We give thanks for all veterans & all military members for their past, present and future service. We pray for those who have died. Wrap your arms around all those whose grief will not let go. Bless all who know loss with your strength and peace.

God in your healing mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the intentions of the individuals in this community – stated now either silently or aloud. *(A moment of silence is kept)*

God, in your perfect mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a closing collect

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence



We appreciate your support! Please consider making an offering using the QR Code to support St. John's ministries.

Anthem

“Why fum'th in sight”

Thomas Tallis

Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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 our thanks and praise.

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 in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

For by water and the Holy Spirit, you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of po-wer and
 might Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

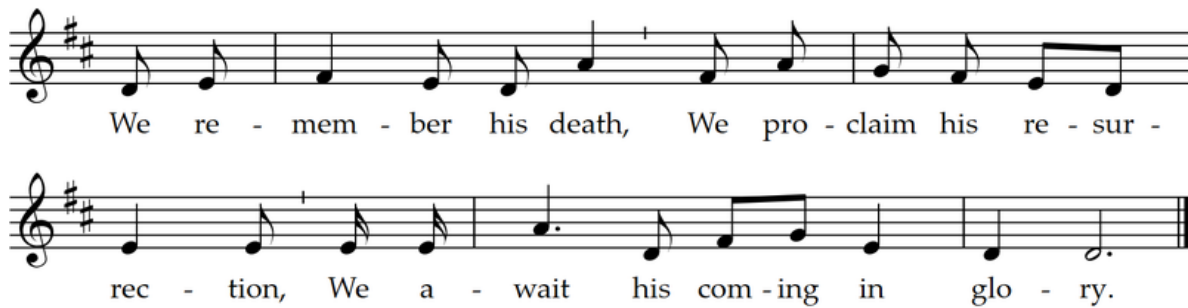
The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

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.

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,



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 forever.



And now as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread. bread.



The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the commun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and all are welcome at God's table.

Communion of the People

All those who seek a closer relationship with God in Christ are welcome to receive communion at St. John's. Communion bread will be distributed at the chancel steps. If you would like to receive wine, please sip from the cup. Please do not dip the bread in the cup. The communion minister will wipe the cup and turn it for the next person. If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of communion, please cross your hands over your chest.

Communion Music

"Locus iste"

Anton Bruckner

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Announcements

Blessing

Celebrant:

Be careful as you go out into God's creation, for it does not belong to you. Be gentle with yourself and with one another, for you are the dwelling place of the Most High God. Be alert and hesitant, for sometimes God is but a whisper. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

"Marching to Zion"



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev' - ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
we're march - ing through Em - ma - nuel's ground, we're march - ing through Em -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
ma - nuel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - full, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful ci - ty of God.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fanfare

Nicolas Lemmens

Pastoral care available. *If you or a loved one is in need of prayer or assistance, our clergy and Stephen Ministry are available to help. If you are feeling worried, sad, or hopeless, or are sick, in the hospital, or home recuperating, and you would like to receive communion at home, a visit by a clergy member or Stephen Minister can be scheduled. If you would like to arrange a home visit, or if a virtual visit or phone call is preferred, please contact the parish office at 202-338-1796.*

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Announcements

Navigating Loss, Uncertainty, Change: 2nd Session, TODAY at Coffee Hour



In these times when so much of what we knew—or thought we knew—has been challenged, many of us have named loss, uncertainty, and change as the deepest realities we’re wrestling with. Melissa Sellevaag, Director of Training of the **Wendt Center for Loss, Grief, and Healing** will lead her 2nd session on how we name, process, and live with grief and transition. These conversations are grounded in compassion and honesty, offering space for reflection, sharing, and healing within our community of faith. This offering grows directly out of our parish’s guiding question this year: **“What can we do for you?”** — a reminder that we walk this journey together, and that healing begins when we show up for one another. Please

join us! Our final workshop on **11/30** will cover moving forward and will be led by Miranda Wilson and Kathryn Wood.

All Souls Mementos

Thanks to all who brought in photos and mementos of loved ones for our celebration of the Feast of All Saints and El Dia de los Muertos. **Please pick up your items after service this Sunday, 11/16 on the altar in the organ alcove.** Blessings!

Great Patrol Thanks and Sign Up:



Thank you everyone who helped with the November Grate Patrol! *We assembled over 150 meals.* *Cameron Sherr* who rides the Grate Patrol van reported that every meal fed a hungry soul.

Thank you to *Patti Thorp, Lidia Ruiz, Rodger Streitmatter, and Carol Dawson* for assembling meals. We’re so grateful for sandwich-making and assembling toiletry kits from *Kate, Sebastian, and Nicholas Delayan, Maryam Ayromlou, Judy Ryan, Jamie Cartwright, Jocelyn Dyer, Avery Miller, and Jess Heywood* during church coffee hour. Thank you to *Bob and Eileen Wallace, Elena Fletcher, Julie and Tom Cooke, Carol Dawson, and Patti Thorp* for sandwiches and fresh fruit. And thank you to Mark Duer for ordering all the supplies from Costco! Thank you to anyone who helped and was not mentioned! **The next Grate Patrol is Monday December 8th so making sandwiches will happen at coffee hour on Sunday December 7th.**

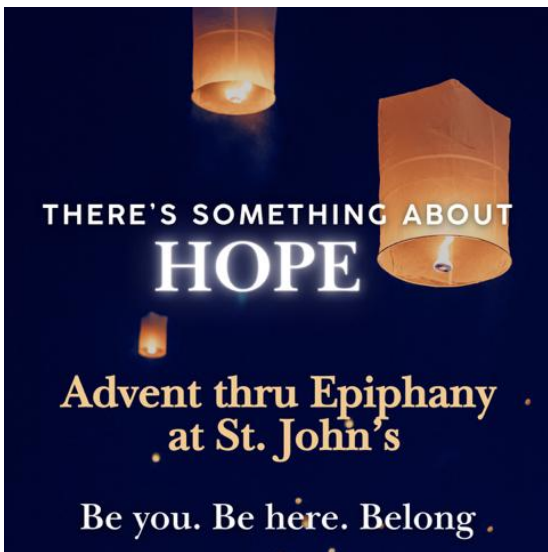
The Clergy, Wardens, and Vestry of St. John's wish to thank the following people for their pledge for the work of the church in 2026:

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**Thus far in our Stewardship we have raised over \$156,000 in pledges for 2026.
 St. John's needs to raise \$265,000 in pledge income in 2026.
 Your financial support is essential to building the St. John's community.**

If you wish to financially commit to supporting the work of the church in 2026 (in any amount!) please submit your pledge online at stjohnsgeorgetown.org and set up online giving to fulfill your pledge for the year ahead.





Need a boost to get into the Christmas spirit? **Volunteer to join our festive Bedeck, Bauble & Beautify Band on November 29th at 10:00 a.m.** We'll dress and adorn the church inside and out with garlands and bows, trim the tree, and joyously connect to all the things that signal love coming down among us at Christmas. Contact Virginia Elgin with questions: sselginmd@verizon.net.



The entire Parish of St. John's Georgetown is invited to a traditional **ADVENT WREATH MAKING** workshop directly after the service on **11/30**. All greens and supplies included!

The Hyde School Angel Tree is coming on Sunday November 23 and wrapped and tagged gifts will be due by Sunday December 14. The following week, the wagons will be filled with gifts and trundled across the street to the school.



Every year St. John's partners with Hyde-Addison Elementary School across the street to make the holidays merrier for several families of school children there. We work with the social workers to identify the families. Each child receives 3 gifts, and parents receive a gift plus a Visa gift card.

The Angel Tree will be in the Parish Hall and decorated with cards containing the name of the child and their wish. There will be a card for the parents too. This season we'll give gifts to at least 6 families. It's so easy to spread Joy: Just take a card from the tree, fill in your contacts on the sign-up sheet, and return the wrapped gift with the card attached to the church by December 14. You can brighten the holidays for a child from Hyde-Addison. Contact Ann La Porta: alaporta@yahoo.com with any questions.

Flower Donations



As we prepare to celebrate the season, we invite you to contribute to the beauty of our church this Christmas by making a donation toward Christmas flowers. Your gift helps us add flowers to enhance our worship and celebrate the joy of Christ's birth. A contribution of \$50 or more helps fund Christmas flowers as well as those Sundays with no flower signups. To donate, please use the GIVE button on our homepage: stjohnsgeorgetown.org. Donations

may be made in honor of loved ones, and their names will be included in a special listing in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

ADVENT 2024 REFLECTIONS









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