

St. John's Episcopal Church
Georgetown Parish
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Be You. Be here. Belong.
Holy Eucharist
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 25, 2026
10:00 AM



Welcome to St. John's Church, Georgetown Parish



Please 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. Gini Gerbasi, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Laura Natta, Rector

Director of Music

Aaron Goen

Altar Guild

Patti Thorp
Tyler Van Andel

Flower Guild

Laura Ivey

Prelude

“Adagio” from Phantasie und Fuge

Friedrich Richter

Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn 376

“Joyful, joyful”

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 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.

Song of Praise Benedictus es S236 “Glory to you”

Rutter

The Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please be seated

The Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; To behold the fair beauty of
the Lord

and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore, I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper;
cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Hymn 126*"The people who in darkness walked"**Dundee***The Holy Gospel****Matthew 6:5-8,9-15,19-21,30-34**

Jesus said, "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from evil."

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

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

People: **Glory 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, Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your generosity, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. Move in us and make us 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, 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, Katie, Nick, Paula, Reuben, and Stephanie.** We pray that addiction, depression, or illness will lift from those afflicted. And we pray for all people affected by violence, war, accidents, or natural disasters.

God in your infinite mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Joy of human hearts, heal our communities, where neglect, violence, greed, and warfare increase the suffering and need of people and other creatures. We remember especially those who serve the common good, and those who serve our country at home and abroad. We pray for those who have died. In your infinite mercy, 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 to you, Comforter of all the earth, 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.

Composed late in his life, during the 1970’s, Duruflé’s “Our Father” reflects his belief that music must serve the liturgy first, not the concert hall. It draws strongly on Gregorian chant and naturally unfolds to the rhythm and inflection of the French language.

Doxology

based on Puer nobis nascitur

To God the Fa - ther, heav'n - ly Light, to Christ, re - vealed in
 earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise our
 e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise. A - men.

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.**

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so, this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

The Sanctus

James MacMillan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might. Heaven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is
he, O 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.

Setting: *St. Anne's Mass*, ©1997 Boosey & Hawkes Music Publishers, Ltd.; James MacMillan (b. 1959)

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

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 Anthem *"How lovely are the messengers"* from *St. Paul* Felix Mendelssohn

*How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.
How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.
-Isaiah 52 v. 7*

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.

Welcome & 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 347 *"Go forth for God"*

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

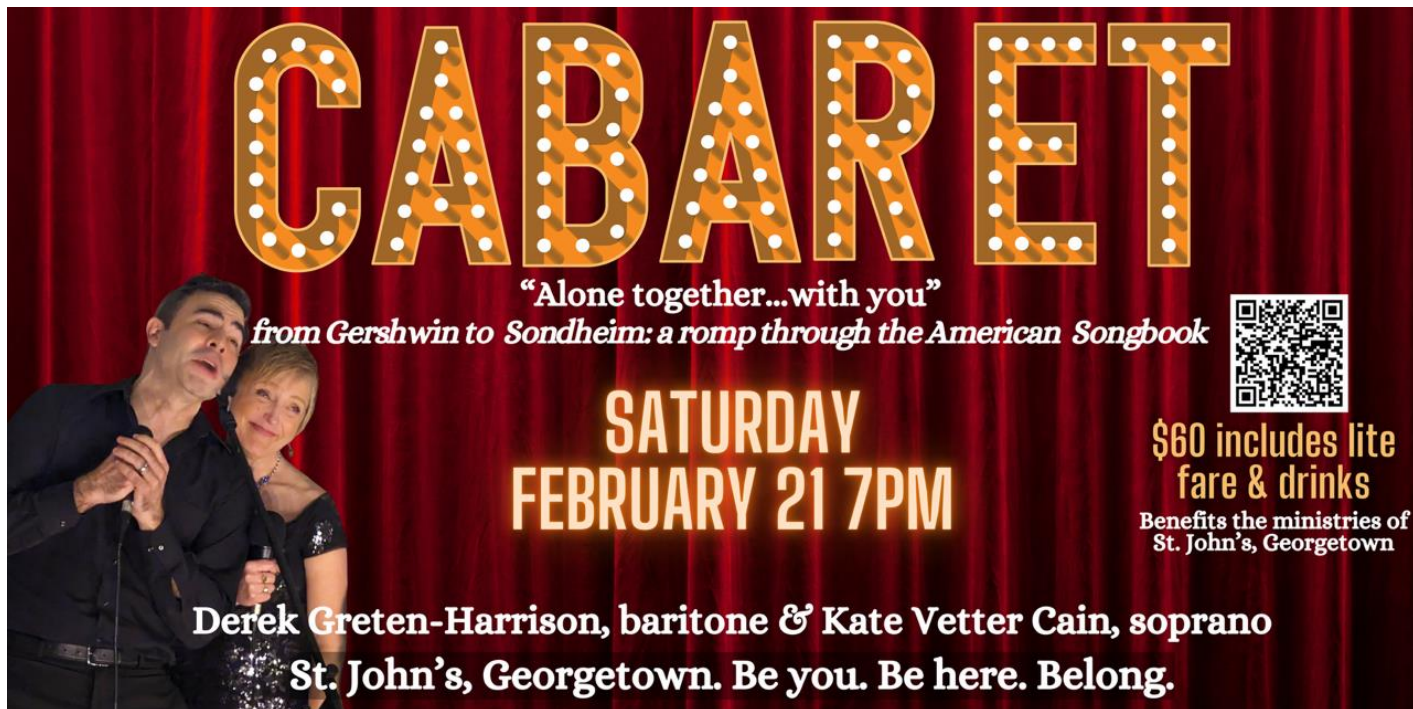
Postlude *"Little Prelude and Fugue in C"* Ludwig or Tobias Krebs

Pastoral care available. *If you or a loved one needs prayer or assistance, our clergy and Stephen Ministry are ready to help. If you are feeling worried or hopeless, or are sick, and you would like to receive communion, a visit by a clergy member or Stephen Minister can be scheduled. To arrange an in-house or virtual visit, please contact the parish office at 202-338-1796.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date for our Next CABARET EVENING!



CABARET

“Alone together...with you”
from Gershwin to Sondheim: a romp through the American Songbook

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 21 7PM**

**\$60 includes lite
fare & drinks**
Benefits the ministries of
St. John's, Georgetown

Derek Greten-Harrison, baritone & Kate Vetter Cain, soprano
St. John's, Georgetown. Be you. Be here. Belong.

The stars will come out again on **Saturday, 2/21/2025 at 6pm**, when our very own Kate Vetter Cain and Derek Greten-Harrison, (no, you don't really have to be hyphenated to sing this rep – just talented!) will bring us their new show, *“Alone Together with You.”* Our Director of Music, Aaron Goen, will accompany them. Delightful sips will be paired with a tasty feast of appetizers from Georgetown Restaurants!

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/alonetogetherwithyou/event/alonetogetherwithyou/>

SAVE THE DATE! Georgetown House Tour 2026 is April 18th!

This year's *Patron's Party* will be held on **4/15 at 630pm**.



NEW this year is a cocktail *Forum* discussion on **4/14, from 530pm to 730pm**, hosted by B&B Italia, an internationally renowned leader in the high-end design furniture field. The talk will be at their DC showroom located at 3330 M Street, NW.

The *House Tour* is from **11am – 5pm on 4/18**. Block off your calendar now and consider how you'll be involved in this annual event – one of the largest in North America and our main fundraising effort. We'll need many hundreds of baked goods for our famous *Parish Tea*, Docents and House Captains for the properties on tour, and hands galore to make it all happen. Come be a part of North America's longest running house tour – since 1931! Got questions? Please see Judy Ryan or Rev. Natta.

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:

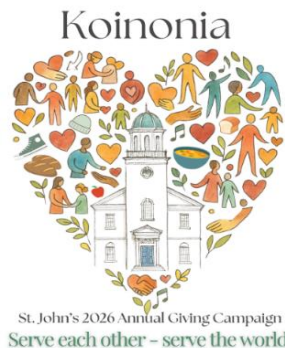
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Thus far in our Stewardship we have raised over \$222,000 in pledges for 2026.

St. John’s needs to raise \$265,000 in pledge income in 2026.

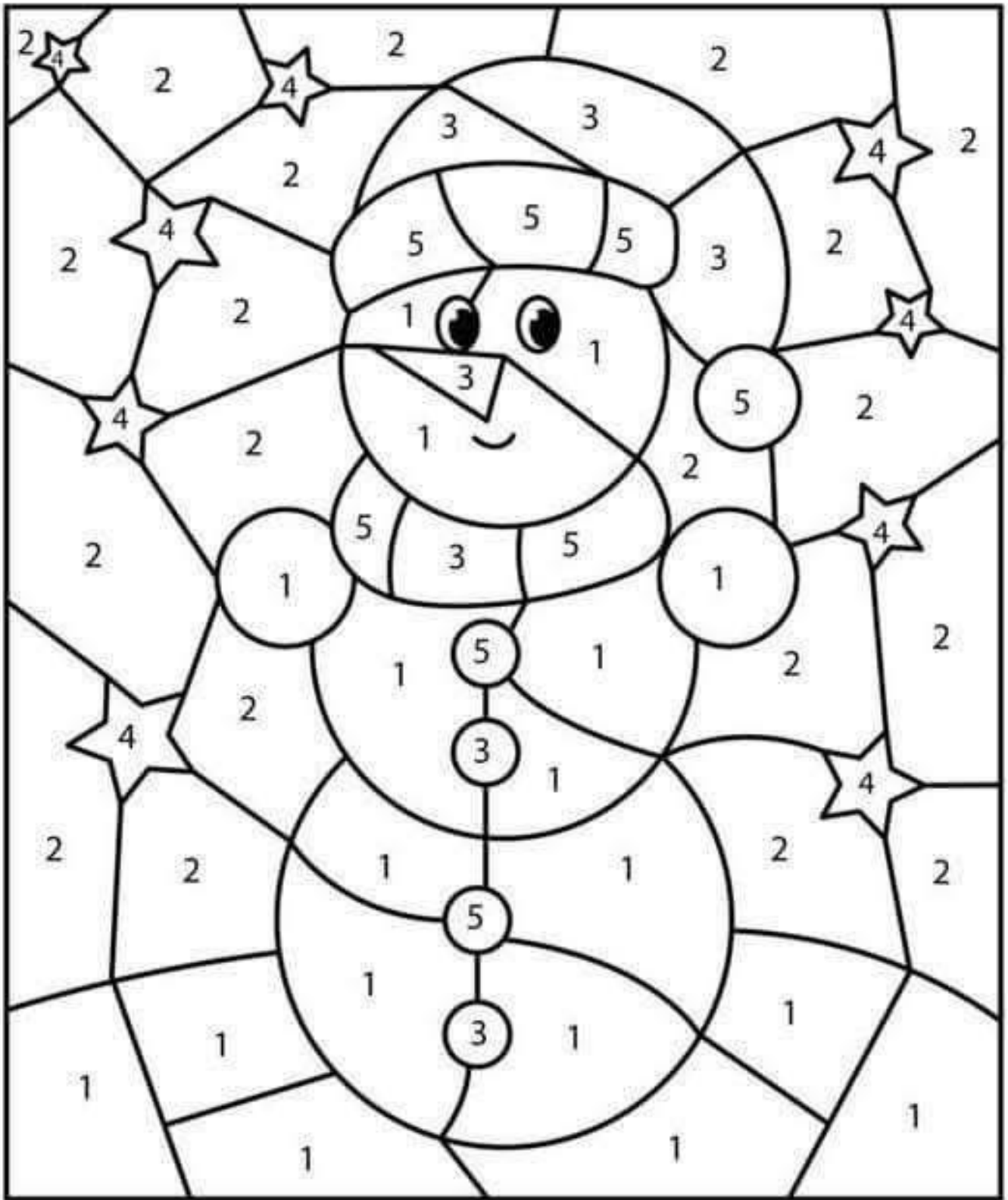
Your financial support is essential to building the St. John’s community.

If you wish to financially commit to (in any amount!) please submit your pledge up online giving to fulfill your pledge for



supporting the work of the church in 2026 online at stjohnsgeorgetown.org and set the year ahead.





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