St. John's Episcopal Church
Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 22, 2026 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Nun danket alle Gott* J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #492 *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness* FINNIAN

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day *insert*

Presider The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 *insert*

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo* *Tone VIII.1*



1 *Be joy*ful in the LORD, áll you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his / presence ẃith a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himsélf is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep / of his pásture.



3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his cóurts with praise; *
give thanks to him and / call upón his Name.

4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlásting; *
and his faithfulness en/dures from áge to age. *[Ant.]*

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23 *insert*

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #609 *Where cross the crowded ways of life* GARDINER

Verses 1 to 3 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.
Verses 4 and 5 will be sung after the reading.

The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 *insert*

Presider The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

The Sermon The Rector

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Baptism

The Presider says The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The parents and godparents stand and present the candidates as the people remain seated.
We present Davys Sumner Harwood to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
We present Arwen Ivy Harwood to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider asks the parents and sponsors the following questions:
Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents and Sponsors **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Sponsors **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Sponsors **I renounce them.**

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents, and Sponsors **I renounce them.**

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Sponsors **I renounce them.**

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Sponsors **I do.**

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Sponsors **I do.**

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Sponsors **I do.**

The congregation stands and the Presider addresses them.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All respond **We will.**

Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Preside Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says
Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water
Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
The Presider blesses the water.

The Baptism
Each Candidate is presented to the Presider, who then baptizes with these words:
Presider I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen!**

The newly baptized is marked with the sign of the cross with Chrism, with these words:
Priest You are sealed with the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
People **Amen!**

The Presider prays over the newly baptized, and then presents a candle lit from the Paschal Candle. All then join in praying the St. John's Baptismal Prayer.

St. John's Baptismal Prayer
People **Bless we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, the parents of these children, and give to them and to all in whose charge they may be the spirit of wisdom and love: that their homes may be to them an image of thy kingdom, and the care of their parents a likeness of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.
People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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

All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries The Rector

Offertory Hymn #460 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* HYFRYDOL

During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithe.ly. Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.

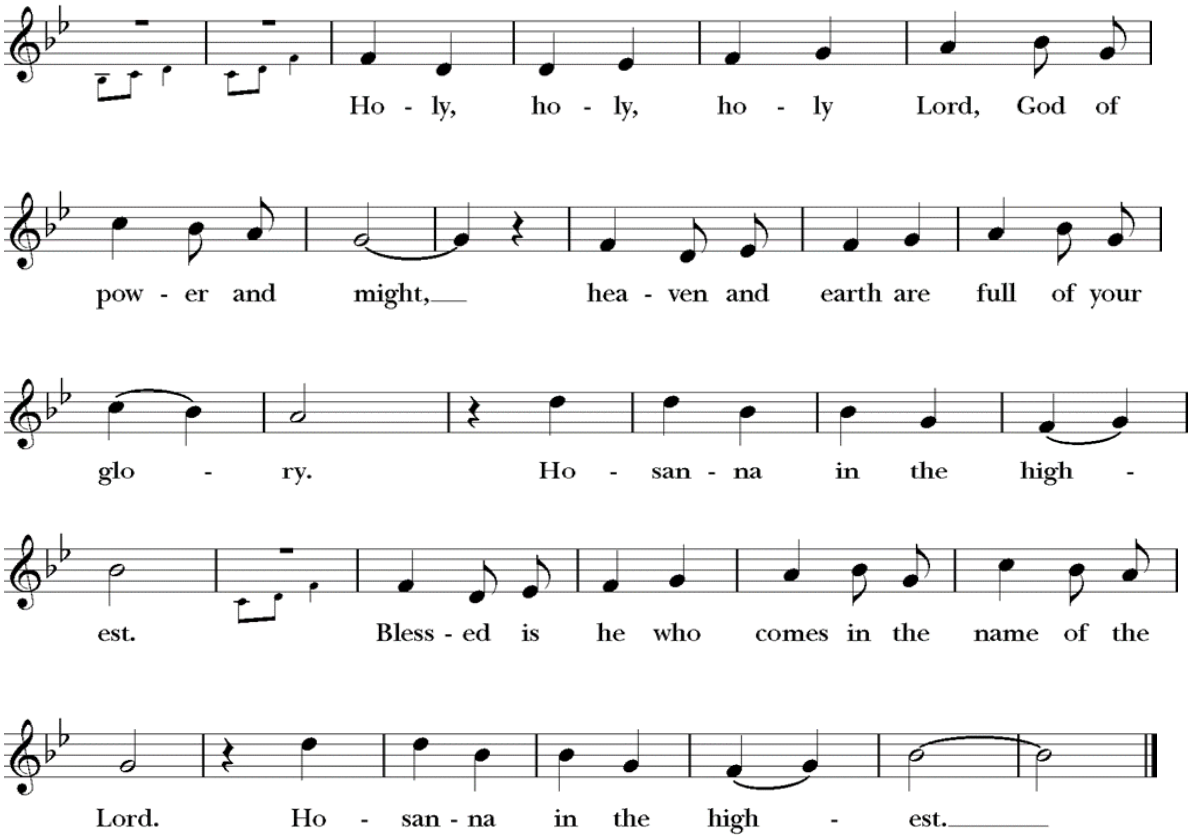
The Holy Communion

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words
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.

The Sanctus S-127



The Presider continues to give thanks, and invites all to join in

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues praying, concluding with

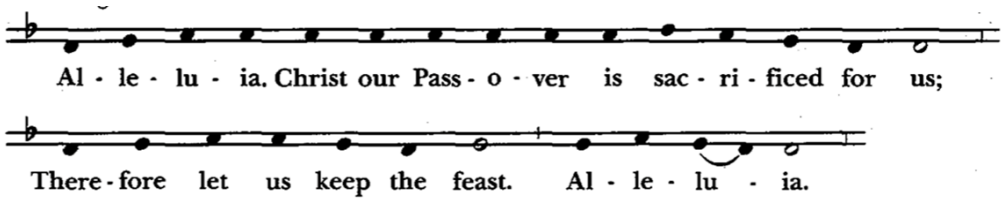
Presider All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine.

Communion Anthem

O Jesus, I have promised — William Walker (1809-1874)
Wash , O God, our sons and daughters — B.F. White (1800-1879)

Junior Choir Anthems

'Tis the gift to be simple — Shaker Hymns, arr. Steve Finch
I will give thanks — Philip Dietterich

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand as able.*

Presider Let us pray.
People **Almighty and everliving God,**
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #397 *Now thank we all our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr* Johannes Schrenk (c. 1880/1890-?)

Ministers Serving Today:
The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector
Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director
Julianne Gearhart, Vestry Person of the Day
Augusta Fry and Duncan Holbrook-Smith, Readers
Shannon Fry, Intercessor
Joanne Graziano and Robin Moody, Ushers
Robin Moody, Altar Guild

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Saint John's! We hope that you can join us for **Coffee Hour** after the service in the Parish House—just through the door in the corner of the Sanctuary and down the ramp.

Today we welcome Davys and Arwen Harwood to the household of God! Congratulations to Davys and Arwen, and to their parents Caryn and Lou.

We are wrapping up our fall **Stewardship Campaign**. So far we have received six new pledges for 2027, as well as many continuing and increased pledges. If you plan to submit a pledge for 2027 but haven't done so yet, you can leave a pledge card in the plate today, or can fill out the online pledge form using the QR code or the link in New & Notes.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 1: Pizza and Carol Singing, 5:45pm
Saturday, December 12: Lessons and Carols, 5pm
Sunday, December 20: Christmas Pageant
Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve (4pm service)
Friday, December 25: Christmas Day (10am service)