

ST. JOHN'S

E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

December 24, 2022
8:00 p.m., Carols, 7:40 p.m.



Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome and thank you for worshiping with us today! Whatever your religious background (if any) and however you have come to be here with us, we welcome you. Whether you are online or in-person, we are glad that you have found us and we invite you to return here any Sunday so that we may continue to worship with you. Please visit us on the web at stjohnsmib.org where you can also sign our Virtual Guest Book, and, if you are in-person, please use the welcome cards in the pew racks.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.*

Voluntary

A Christmas Pastiche

J. F. Davidson

Hymn 83, "O come, all ye faithful"

Tune: ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come, and be -
lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb; on - ly - be -
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav - en a - bove; glo - ry to
Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given; Word of the

hold him, born the King of an - gels; O come, let us a - dore him, O
got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
God, glo - ry in the high - est;
Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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 in excelsis

Tune: GLORIA

Glo - ry be to God on high, to all peo - ple,
Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare, Lamb of God and
Prais - es to the Ho - ly One, Prais - es sing in

peace on earth Lord of Love. An - gels, shep - herds draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le -
high - est heav'n; Grant us mer - cy, hear our prayer, Give us grace from
To the Fath - er and the Son and the Ho - ly

brate His birth. Glo - - - - - ri - a
heav'n a - bove.
Spi - rit giv'n.

1. in ex - cel - sis De - o! 2. in ex - cel - sis De - - - o!

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

All sit

Isaiah 9:2-7

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. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow

continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will

do this.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

Read in unison

***Sing to the LORD a new song; *
Sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.***

***Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
Proclaim the good news of his salvation from
day to day.***

***Declare his glory among the nations *
And his wonders among all peoples.***

***For great is the LORD and greatly to be
praised; *
He is more to be feared than all gods.***

***As for all the gods of the nations, they are but
idols; *
But it is the LORD who made the heavens.***

***Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his
presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his
sanctuary!***

***Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the
peoples; *
Ascribe to the LORD honor and power.***

***Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his
Name; ****

Bring offerings and come into his courts.

***Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
Let the whole earth tremble before him.***

***Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is
King! ****

***He has made the world so firm that it cannot
be moved; he will judge the peoples with
equity.”***

***Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be
glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
Let the field be joyful and all that is therein.***

***Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for
joy before the LORD when he comes, *
When he comes to judge the earth.***

***He will judge the world with righteousness *
And the peoples with his truth.***

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great

God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 2:1-20

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who

is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

All sit

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

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.

Prayers of the People

Form VI

All kneel, as able

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 Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Gregory, 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.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's Church, Fort Pierce and for St. Simon the Cyrenian Church, Fort Pierce.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially, *David, Luke, Jeremy, Craig, Dobson, Murray, Joel, Mack, Sergio, Ryan, Jimmy, Carl Jr., Matthew, Julian, Andrew, Jim, Brandon, Kyle, Nate, Stephen, Evan, Patrick, Clay, Ian, and Marsha.*

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially *Barbara, Jan, Bryan, Lilian, Brenda, and Joe.* *Silence*

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*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

God of peace and justice, we pray for all those who live under armed conflict in Ukraine, Sudan, Iran and other places around the world. We pray for those with power over war or peace and those

commanded to fight, for wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Holy 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 Priest stands and says

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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All stand, as able

Announcements

All sit

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

At the Offertory, carol

Sussex Carol

arr. David Willcocks

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.
2. Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty.

3. When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.
4. All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night.
"Glory to God and peace to men
Now and forever, Amen!"

All things come of Thee, O Lord.
And of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him 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 because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy

Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Tune: THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

Organ

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second line continues: D4 (half), C4 (half). The third line: B3 (half), A3 (half). The fourth line: G3 (half), F#3 (half). The lyrics are: "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. Blessed is he, is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. - - Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est. ____"

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. Blessed is he, is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. -
- - Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est. ____

Please kneel, as able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.**

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!***

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Holy Eucharist is Christ's eternal banquet, to which all adults and children are invited. If you are a baptized Christian of any tradition (and regardless of your current status in any other church) we welcome you to receive communion with this community of God's people.

The usher will indicate when it is time for your row to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew, please let the usher know and it will be brought to you. When you go forward, an usher will indicate where to kneel at the rail, then hold your hands in front of you, one on top of the other, to receive the bread.

Due to COVID restrictions, wine is by "intinction" only. No one sips from the common cup. If you wish to receive the wine, after the clergy places the bread in your hand, just hold it out for the chalice bearer, who will dip it in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer comes by, then return to your seat.

Communion Music

Whence comes this rush of wings?

Claude Balbastre

1. Whence comes this rush of wings afar,
Following straight the Christmas star?
Birds from the woods in wondrous flight,
Bethlehem seek this Holy night.
2. "Tell us, you birds, why come you here,
Into this stable, poor and drear?"
"Hastening we seek the newborn King,

And all our sweetest music bring."
3. Hark, how the Greenfinch bears his part,
Robin redbreast with tender heart,
Chants from her leafy dark retreat,"
Coo-coo-roo-coo" in accents sweet.
4. Angels and shepherds, birds of the sky,
Come where the son of God doth lie,

Christ now on earth with man doth dwell,

| Join in the shout, "Noël, Noël!"

The Post-Communion Prayer

All kneel, as able

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

Lighting of the candles:

*Please keep lit candles vertical and tilt the unlit candle into the flame.
Please extinguish your candle and return to the usher before you depart.*

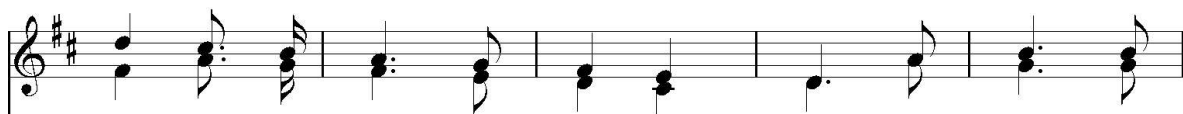
Please sing stanza two in unison

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

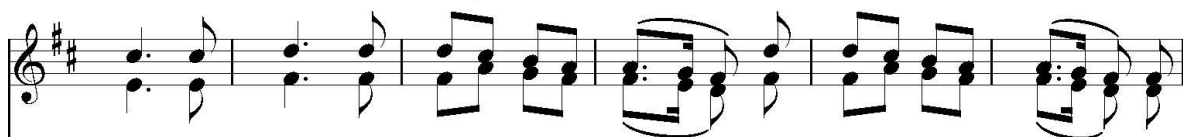
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

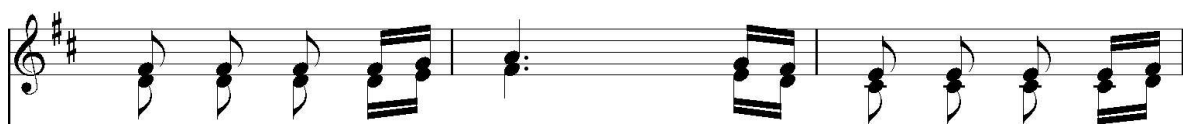
peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.



1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and



heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the newborn King!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

In dulci jubilo

J. S. Bach



THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

A Christmas Pastiche was composed to celebrate the repair of the set of organ chimes at Dr. D's Connecticut parish. A "pastiche" (from which our word "paste" derives) is a gluing together of tunes, in this case "Hark, the herald angels sing, the German *Josef Lieber, Josef mein*, the French *Il est né*, and finally, 'Joy to the world.'"

A number of years ago Mark Schweizer, founder of the St. James Music Press, concocted a setting of the Ordinary using familiar carol tunes. We use two of his settings, which work exceptionally well for the Christmas season which we usher in tonight.

The "Sussex Carol" is a Christmas carol popular in Britain. The text was discovered and written down by Cecil Sharp in Buckland, Gloucestershire. The tune to which it is generally sung today is the one Ralph Vaughan Williams wrote down from Mrs. Harriet Verrall of Monk's Gate, near Horsham, Sussex (hence "Sussex Carol") and published in 1919. We hear Sir David Willcocks's widely-used setting this evening.

We frequently hear carols that refer to the animals in the stalls (*The Friendly Beasts*, to which tune we sing tonight's *Sanctus* is one of the very best) but almost never about the birds who might have been present as well. Dr. D. has combined this charming carol with a French Noël tune to which the 18th century French composer Balbastre has provided us with delightful organ variations.

In dulci jubilo (Latin for "In sweet rejoicing") is a traditional Christmas carol. In its original setting, the carol is a text of German and Latin dating from the Middle Ages. Subsequent translations into English, such as J. M. Neale's arrangement "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" have increased its popularity. J. S. Bach's chorale prelude based on the tune is traditionally used as the final voluntary for the Service of Lessons and Carols of King's College, Cambridge.

VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John's! Following the 10 a.m. Sunday service we offer nibbles, coffee and bottled water in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please call the Church Office at: 321-254-3365. And if you wish to know more about this church or to be included on our weekly and newsletter mailing lists, please call the office or email us at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

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FAMILY PROMISE: We can always use new volunteers for this important outreach. Hosting is expected to begin soon. Please speak to Lee Steininger or Ben Kendall for details.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- Christmas Day Festival Worship**
Sunday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m., Rite I
No Christian Ed. Resumes Jan 8, 2023.
- Festival of Lessons and Carols**
Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, 10 a.m.
No Christian Ed. Resumes Jan 8, 2023.

Epiphany, Festival of Light
Friday, Jan 6, 2023. 7 p.m.
With other area churches.

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S: Let Dr. D know that you'd like to be a part of the music in the parish. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. There are no auditions; all that is necessary is an ability to read

music and a willingness to be faithful.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Jan 1
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks	A. Weeks
Ushers	L. Fletcher J. Bond	J. & S. Hamilton	J. Miller B. Chernault
LEM	K. Oas	R. Huffman	D. Miller- Caldwell
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
Audio/ Visual	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

SUNDAY CONCERTS continue Sunday, Jan 15, with the Penny Creek Band. Picnic served at 5:00 p.m. and concert begins at 5:30. In the park, weather permitting (in the hall in case of rain). Bring lawn chairs or blankets and invite your friends for a great time!

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

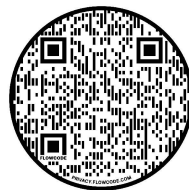
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Studying the Book of Joah, in-person and online. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Live Stream for the Zoom link. No class Dec. 25 or Jan. Class resumes Jan 8.

YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: (Middle and High School) meets in the parish hall at 9 a.m. No class Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. Class resumes Jan 8.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS for the month of December has been designated for Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry, serving the needs of the community in our own backyard. This is the same food pantry that receives the non-perishable foods

we collect and deliver to them monthly. For more information visit their website at wholenesstofreedom.org. Contributions in the blue or lilac envelope, or marked for Outreach will go to the food pantry.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21, Psalm 8



Christmas Poinsettia Memorials 2022

Christmas Flower Memorials are given
to the glory of God and . . .

In loving memory of Toni Steininger, Bob Randall, and Genie Abuzzo, by Lee and Nancy Steininger

In thanksgiving for St. John's Choir, by Dr. Jerry and Rev. Susan Davidson

In thanksgiving for Fr. Eric; and in loving memory of Irving and Julie Highland, by Terry and Mary Highland.

In thanksgiving for my St. John's Family and the generations of my own family whose reverence and service to God instilled the same in me, by Laure Bennett.

In loving memory of Ann D. Smith & Michael C. Smith by Carl E. Smith.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sat (12/24) Christmas Eve Worship, 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, In-person and livestream. Carols, 7:40 p.m.
- Sun (12/25) Christmas Worship, Rite I, In-Person and livestream, 10 a.m.
- Wed (12/28) Choir Practice, 7 p.m. in the choir loft.
- Fri (12/30) No TGIF Men's Bible Study, La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 8 a.m.
- Sun (1/1) No Christian Education. Returns 1/8/23.
Festival of Lessons and Carols, 10:00 a.m. In-person and livestream.

All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

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