

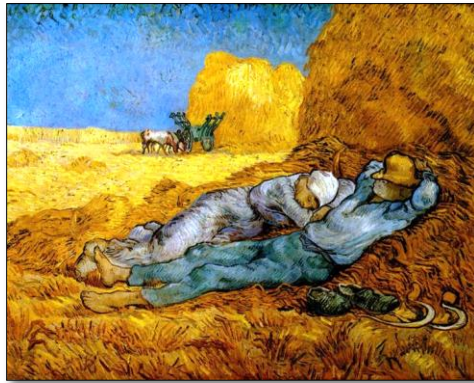
**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL  
& AFRICAN PALMS USA**

**THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PROPER 11**

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

**8:00 & 10:30am**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**



Noon, rest from work (after Millet) ~ *Vincent van Gogh*

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# Welcome to St. John's Church

*We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us.*

*If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish.*

*If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.*

*If you have questions, email us at [welcome@stjec.org](mailto:welcome@stjec.org)*



## **Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service**

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy some fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

## **Children are welcome at all services**

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

**The Nursery is open from 8am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.**

## SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S

8am	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9am	<i>Adult Forum: Book &amp; discussion group in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9am	<i>Choir Rehearsal in the undercroft Choir Room – Summer Break</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall - Summer Break</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>
12-1pm	<i>Middle &amp; High School Youth Group – Summer Break</i>
12-1pm	<i>Hand Bell Choir – Summer Break</i>

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: Priere a Notre-Dame

Boellmann

*The people stand.*

Opening Hymn 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

*Descant*

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter  
 bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.  
 help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

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.**

8:00AM

Gloria

BCP, pg. 356

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.**

10:30AM

Glo-ry be to you, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ.

Glo-ry be to you, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ.

Text: Taizé Community, 1978  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*People are seated.*

## 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Reader        A READING FROM THE PROPHET SAMUEL

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king

said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

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

**PSALM 89: 20-37**

20 I have found David my servant; \*  
    with my holy oil have I anointed him.  
21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
    and my arm will make him strong.  
22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
    nor any wicked man bring him down.  
23 I will crush his foes before him \*  
    and strike down those who hate him.  
24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
    and he shall be victorious through my Name.  
25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
    from the Great Sea to the River.  
26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
    my God, and the rock of my salvation.'  
27 I will make him my firstborn \*  
    and higher than the kings of the earth.  
28 I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
    and my covenant will stand firm for him.  
29 I will establish his line for ever \*  
    and his throne as the days of heaven."  
30 "If his children forsake my law \*  
    and do not walk according to my judgments;  
31 If they break my statutes \*  
    and do not keep my commandments;  
32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod \*  
    and their iniquities with the lash;



33 But I will not take my love from him, \*  
nor let my faithfulness prove false.  
34 I will not break my covenant, \*  
nor change what has gone out of my lips.  
35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: \*  
'I will not lie to David.  
36 His line shall endure for ever \*  
and his throne as the sun before me;  
37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \*  
the abiding witness in the sky.' "

## EPHESIANS 2:11-22

Reader A READING FROM SAINT PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN  
EPHESUS.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the

Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

*The People stand*

Sequence: Hymn 693

Just as I am, without one plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
 \* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
 here for a season, then above:  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

**THE SERMON**

The Reverend Henry P. McQueen

**THE NICENE CREED**

**BCP, pg. 358**

**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**

**Form III BCP, pg. 387**

**Deacon**      Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**People**      **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
 humbly serve you;  
**People**      **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially  
 Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe.  
**People**      **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
 Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People**      **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People**      **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People**      **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**People**      **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People**      **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

We pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray especially for **Gemma, Chris, Blaine, Roberta, Brenda, Harry, Tim, Mary, Joseph.**

The priest offers a concluding collect.

## CONFESSIO/ ABSOLUTION

BCP, pg. 360

Deacon      Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People**      **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant      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.**

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



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## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

**BCP, pg. 367**

*The people stand*

People            The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

People            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant continues*

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

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*

8:00AM

**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.**

10:30AM

Sanctus S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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,

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

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, in the language closest to our hearts, 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.**

**Vater unser im Himmel,  
geheiligt werde dein Name;  
dein Reich komme;  
dein Wille geschehe,  
wie im Himmel so auf Erden.  
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.  
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,  
wie auch wir vergeben unsern  
Schuldigern;  
und führe uns nicht in  
Versuchung,  
sondern erlöse uns von dem  
Bösen.  
Denn dein ist das Reich und die  
Kraft  
und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.  
Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**8:00AM**

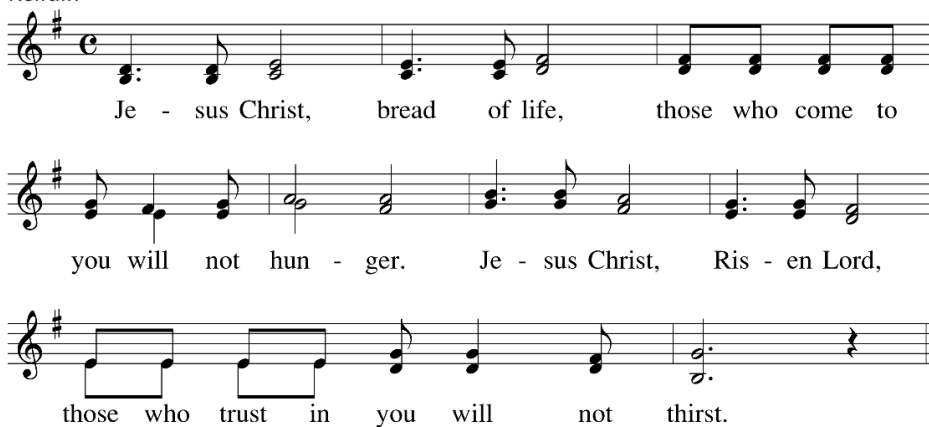
**People** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**10:30AM**

Fraction Hymn:

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain



Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to  
you will not hun - ger. Je - sus Christ, Ris - en Lord,  
those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: John G. Taizé Community  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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## The Gifts of God for the People of God

*This is God's table; communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both kinds, bread, and wine, or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. For health reasons, we do not intinct (dip) the bread. To receive a blessing cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.*

*The people are seated*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Deacon: In the name of God and 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.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*The people stand.*

*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.**

### The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 567

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to  
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,  
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,  
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed  
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the  
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be  
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er  
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - cd  
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.  
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.  
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt. Music: *St. Matthew*, from *Supplement to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708.

## DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Regent Square

Higgins

## TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

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*Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name, please contact the office at [accounting@stjec.org](mailto:accounting@stjec.org).*

*In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*

Gemma  
Chris Sr.  
Blaine Baldwin  
Roberta Ridenour  
Brenda Goodman  
Harry Brooke  
Tim Wittig  
Mary Persinger  
Joseph Sears



*Today's Altar Flowers are given by Maureen Cook in memory of*

*PETER JOHN CHEUNG*

*Beloved Son, Partner, Brother, Uncle*

*If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*

## LOOKING AHEAD

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### Sunday, July 21

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am
- Casserole Club at 12:00pm
- Movie Night - Encanto at 4:00 pm

### Sunday, July 28

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am

### Monday July 29 - Friday August 2

- Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30pm

### Sunday, August 4

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am

### Sunday, August 11

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am

**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS ~ MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9AM TO 2PM**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER... AND VOLUNTEER!**

**"Cast Members"** - Cast Members help lead activities, teach crafts during craft time, help with dinner meals set-up and clean-up, and help with set-up and tear down for the evening. Please contact Mo. Shivaun if you are interested in volunteering as a "Cast Member". **Cast Member Training scheduled for Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:15am.**

**Meal Sign-Up** - Please see Friday's Bell Tower for Vacation Bible School meal sign-up. Review the food items needed for VBS meals and sign up. Some of the food will need to be prepared prior, and some brought uncooked the day prior and prepared on-site.

**CASSEROLE CLUB** Gather TODAY with other mourners at the Casserole Club gathering at 12pm in the Parish Hall. This is an informal, come-as-you-are, safe assembly of people joined by their experience of deep loss. Drop-ins welcome!

**GUPPY GULCH** An ALL Church Splash Outing | Monday, September 2nd from 9:30 to 4:45pm at Guppy Gulch, 95 Guppy Valley, Delta, PA 17314. Guppy Gulch is a 15-acre freshwater reservoir with inflatable slides, climbing walls, a zip line, a rodeo pier, paddleboards, and jungle-gyms for kids and adults to enjoy. There are picnic areas and a snack shack. Cost is \$27 per person, \$10 for a non-swimmer, payable to St. John's (Guppy Gulch on memo line) or through the church website. This s is an ALL CHURCH outing, and friends are welcome to join the group. We have reserved only 60 spots. See Friday's Bell Tower to sign-up.

**PANTRY** Food Pantry needs for this week include: Beef Stew | Taco Kit | Stuffing Mix | Chef Boyardee (single serve) Canned Black Beans | Sardines | Cereal (large) Spaghetti Sauce.



## 9 DAY JOURNEY TO ENGLAND Secure your Place Now

St. John's is embarking on a nine days pilgrimage NEXT fall to explore our Anglican roots. The tour is set to begin on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in London, with a return date of Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We begin in London and travel through Canterbury and Oxford as well as the surrounding area. Over the course of the nine days we learn about, and see, where St. Augustine first brought Christianity to the area around Canterbury. The trip cost is estimated to be \$2,755 per person which covers - lodging, most meals covered on location starting with dinner on arrival day through breakfast on the final day, an experienced guide, and ground transportation. Excluded from the cost is - airfare, travel insurance, lunches, laundry services, and any additional expenses. As there are **only 20 slots available**, and we have begun planning, we ask that you fill out and return the form below. In order to secure one of the 20 slots available, a deposit of \$100 per person payable [WWW.STJEC.ORG/Give](http://WWW.STJEC.ORG/Give) or by check (St. John's - Canterbury on the Memo Line). Questions? Speak with or email Fr. Henry.

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I WILL definitely be joining the trip to England

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