

Plenty Good Room

Saint John's Episcopal Church

November 28 and 29, 2026

The Prelude *Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme* *J.S. Bach*

The Processional Hymn *The King shall come when morning dawns* *The Hymnal 1982,* **73**

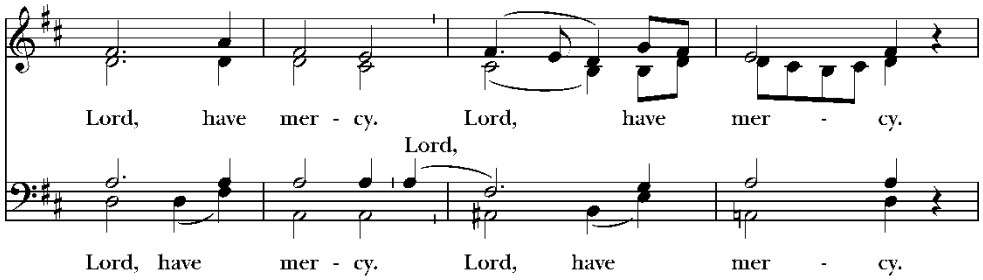
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

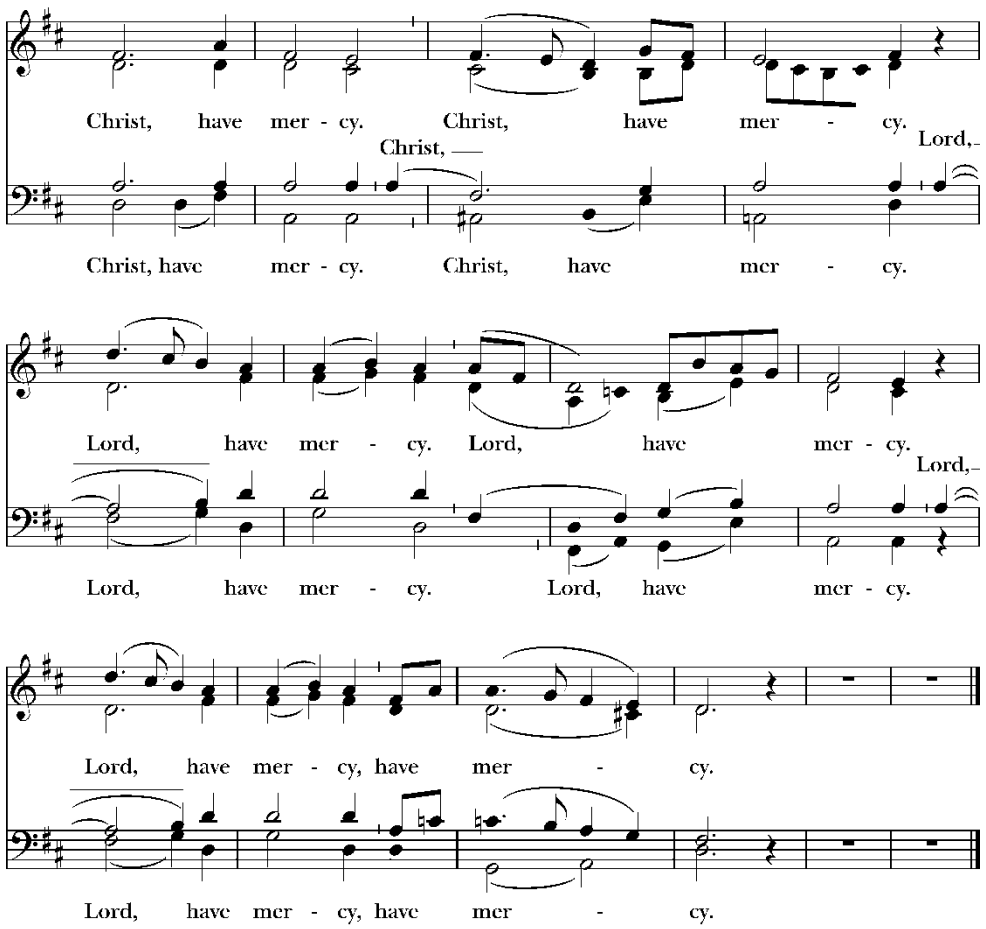
The Celebrant may say

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.**

The Kyrie *5pm said*
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

The Kyrie *9:30am sung* *The Hymnal 1982,* **S-96**





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

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson **Isaiah 64:1-9**

The Hebrew Bible lesson presents a contrite plea to God for merciful justice. The prophet recalls earlier times when the Lord's presence made the very mountains quake. Now the people have sinned grievously and are suffering for their wrongs. They can only pray that the Lord will remember them as God's children. God's creatures, and temper divine anger.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

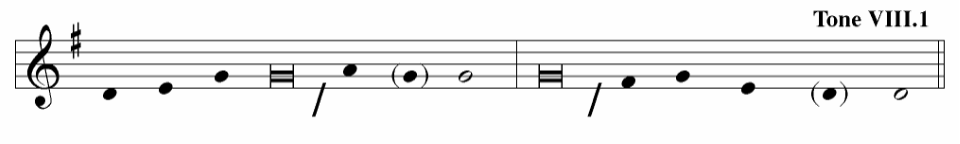
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Response 80:1-7, 16-18, *said in unison at 5pm, sung at 9:30am* *Qui regis Israel*

This psalm is a lament and a plea to the Lord, the shepherd of Israel, that God will turn away diving anger and restore the people.



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph / like a flock;*
Shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh.*
stir up your strength and / come to help us.

3 Restore us, O / God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD / God of hosts,*
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers / of your people?

5 You have fed them with the / bread of tears;*
you have given them / bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our / neighbors,*
and our ene/mies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O / God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your / right hand,*
the son of man you have made / so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn a/way from you;*
give us life, that we may call / upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD / God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

The Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

In this reading Paul greets the new disciples in Corinth, telling them of his gratitude to God on their behalf and offering comfort and assurance. Because they are sanctified in Christ, these converts, together with those everywhere who call upon Jesus, have a vocation as saints. They are rich in spiritual gifts. Trusting in a faithful God, they wait for the great revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Gradual Hymn *How firm a foundation* *The Hymnal 1982,* **637**

The Gospel **Matthew 13:24-37**

Then, all standing, as able, and facing the Gospel,

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

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon **The Rev. Alan R. Hesse**

The Nicene Creed *Enriching our Worship 1*

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 our Bishop Julia, for our rector Alan. For all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in God's Church.

I ask for your prayers of thanksgiving for those we remember in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Parishes of the Alewife Deanery: **Church of Our Saviour** (Arlington), **St. John's Church** (Arlington), **Order of St. Anne & Bethany House of Prayer** (Arlington), and **The Standing Committee, Brotherhood of St. Gregory.** *Silence*

We remember those on our prayer list: We pray for healing and wholeness for Amy, Mary, MaryAnn, Cheryl, Marilyn, John, Alan, Mia, Jimmy, Jim, Lily, Catherine, Ann, Regina, Gerry, Herb, Al, Shaun, Ellie, Michael, Harper, and Hugh. Have compassion for those who suffer from any grief or trouble. I invite your prayers and petitions either silently or aloud. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. I invite your prayers and petitions. *(Pause)* Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. I invite you to name your blessings silently or aloud. *(Pause)*

Deacon or Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

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 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 Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

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 *all stand as able in mind or body.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Anthem *The grain is ripe*

The Doxology

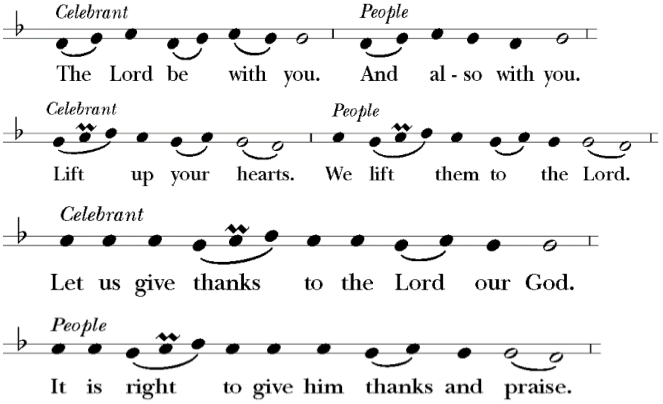
Offertory Prayer at 5pm: ***All things come to Thee O Lord and of Thy own have we given Thee.***

Offertory Hymn at 9:30am

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!



The Holy Eucharist
Eucharistic Prayer B



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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, *The Hymnal 1982,* **S-130**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant 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,

Celebrant and People
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 [_____ and] 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. ***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 Fraction Anthem *said at 5pm* *The Hymnal 1982,* **S-164**

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

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's table.

If you would rather receive a blessing rather than receiving Holy Communion, simply cross your arms. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms when the minister comes to you following the bread and wait for the words "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."
If you are not able to join us at the communion rail, please indicate to an usher you would like to receive, and we will bring communion to you.
Gluten-free wafers are available. Please dispose of your communion cup as you exit, near the first pews on the piano side or in the chapel.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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 Benediction

Welcome, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations and Announcements

The Recessional Hymn *Rejoice!, rejoice, believers* *The Hymnal 1982,* **68**

The Dismissal

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude *"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us* *J. S. Bach*

Liturgical Note: Introduction to the readings come from Fredrick Borsch's "Introducing the Lessons of the Church Year, 3rd Edition" Morehouse 2009.

Announcements

STEWARDSHIP: Please place your pledge card in the pledge box, plate at a service, drop it in the mail, or email the office with your pledge intent. All pledges are confidential. We know you work hard for your money and are grateful for your promise to support the ministry of St. John's. **Our Mission:** St. John's is a community called by Christ to grow spiritually and make known God's love through word and deed in our congregation and in the broader world. **Stewardship has been extended by 2 weeks. Please have your commitment in by December 13th.**

CHRISTMAS FAIR: St. John's Christmas Faire takes place in the church on Friday, Dec. 4 from 5pm until 8pm, and on Saturday, December 5, from 10am until 3p. There is still time to bake, donate to raffle baskets (deadline Dec. 1), and drop off gently used Christmas decorations. Bring your friends and family, shop for handmade crafts, live wreaths, Christmas cookies and baked goods, enjoy live music, and have lunch in the Café. Santa will be present!

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT OFFERING: We have an amazing outreach opportunity this holiday season. St. John's Outreach ministry will offer a Christmas Giving Tree for those in our Sandwich community who are in need. We have reached out to the schools and town departments. They have responded with families, seniors and homeless individuals that we can help this holiday season.

1) Please pick a tag or two.
2) Purchase the item on the tag
3) Please attach the tag to your unwrapped gift
4) Place under the Giving Tree by December 15th

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us." 1 Cor. 9:11

**One school has a special request for gift cards from Walmart, Target or Amazon by November 30th. Thank you in advance for trying if you can, during this busy week, to bring a gift card on Sunday to honor this request.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: St. John's Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to visit Sandwich shut-ins or those who live alone. The effort is part of the Friendly Visitors program of the Sandwich Council on Aging. It only takes one hour a week to bring joy and companionship to a Sandwich resident. If interested, please contact Bill Mills at 508-509-2062 or wmills110@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS ON THE RUN: You are invited to the home of Deb and Herb Roberts on Saturdays and Sundays, between November 14th and December 12th for this year's "Christmas on the Run" Open House, a benefit for the American Legion, and St. John's Church. The address is 14 Yearling Run Road, Bourne. Hours are 12pm-5pm. Suggested donation is $10.

COFFEE MUGS: St. John's Coffee mugs make a great Christmas gift and are available for purchase at $9.50. See the office if you are interested.

November 28 – December 5, 2026

Saturday, November 28
9:30am AA, Undercroft
5pm Healing Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, November 29
9:30am Healing Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
Sunday School; Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

Monday, November 30
10am Al-Anon, Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 1
10am AA, Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 2
10am Funeral Service for Stephen Elkins
2pm Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall

Thursday, December 3
8am Christmas Fair set up, Kitchen and Hall
10am AA, Undercroft
6:30pm AA, Undercroft

Friday, December 3
5pm-8pm Christmas Faire

Saturday, December 4
10am-3pm Christmas Faire
11am Lasit group singing in Church
5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 5
9:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist and Sunday School; Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

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The Calendar Dates to Notice

Christmas Faire: Friday, Dec.4 – 5pm-8pm AND Saturday, Dec. 5 – 10am-3pm
Thrift Shop Volunteers Luncheon, Dec. 14, 12:30-2pm, Parish Hall

Christmas Services: Christmas Eve 4pm, Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist
Christmas Eve 7pm, Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ with Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day 9:30am Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ with Holy Eucharist

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Serving This Weekend

Celebrant: The Reverend Alan R. Hesse
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lillian Woo and Charlie Diana
Lectors: Jann Czarnetzki and Deb Roberts
Musicians: Misao Koyama and Choir
Altar Guild: Judy Cohen, Jann Czarnetzki, Dee McLaughlin, Wendy Nevins, Sharon Therriault, and Teddy Hibbard
Ushers: Alan Carlson and Mary Howe
Hospitality: Fr. Al and Tim Orwig

Welcome to St. John's!

Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member,
please know that there is a warm welcome for you here!

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice, and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian.

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office, parishadmin@StJohnsSandwich.org

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