



# St. John's Episcopal Church

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,  
St. John's welcomes you.

First Sunday of Advent  
10 a.m. 27 November 2022

*Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.  
"BCP" refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Tower Bells

**Voluntary ..... Savior, of the nations come, BWV 659**  
Johann Sebastian Bach

**Lo! he comes with clouds descending (Stand) .... Hymn 57**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

**Kyrie..... Hymn S 96**

### The Collect of the Day

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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

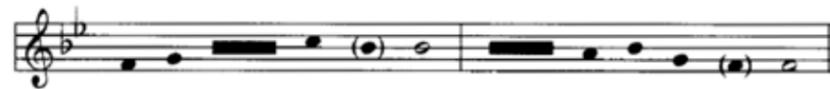
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and for ever. *Amen.*

### A Reading from the prophet Isaiah:

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning  
Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the  
Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the  
mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the  
nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and  
say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the  
house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go  
forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from  
Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall  
arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords  
into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall  
they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us  
walk in the light of the Lord! *[Isaiah 2:1-5]*

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

**Psalm 122** (*Choir sings the first verse; congregation will join for the  
remaining verses*)



- 1 I was glad when they / said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the / house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are / standing \*  
within your gates, / O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a / city \*  
that is at un/ity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the / Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the / Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of / judgment, \*  
the thrones of the / house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jer/usalem: \*  
"May they pro/sper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your / walls \*  
and quietness with/in your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com/panions' sake, \*  
I pray for / your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the / Lord our God, \*  
I will / seek to do you good."

### A Reading from the letter to the Romans:

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you  
to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than  
when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is  
near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put  
on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day,  
not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and  
licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put  
on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the  
flesh, to gratify its desires. *[Romans 13:11-14]*

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

**Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding (Stand) ..... Hymn 59**

### The Gospel

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour  
no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son,  
but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will  
be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days  
before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying  
and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark,  
and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept  
them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.  
Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will  
be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will  
be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you  
do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But  
understand this: if the owner of the house had known in  
what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have  
stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken  
into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man  
is coming at an unexpected hour." *[Matthew 24:36-44]*

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

### Children's Chapel

*Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel  
for a blessing before processing to Children's Chapel.*

**The Sermon ..... The Rev. Lonnie Lacy**

*A brief period of silence follows the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed (Stand) ..... BCP 358**

**The Prayers of the People (Kneel) ..... BCP 392**

**The Confession & Absolution.....BCP 360**

**The Peace.....BCP 360**

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory.....Zion hears the watchmen's singing**  
Johann Sebastian Bach

*If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.*

**Presentation of Gifts (Stand)..... Hymn 76, v.5**

**Eucharistic Prayer B..... BCP 367**

**The Sanctus .....Hymn S 130**

**The Lord's Prayer..... BCP 364**

**The Fraction Anthem.....Hymn S 164**

**Communion**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at St. John's. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread in your hand. You may sip the wine directly from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to dip the bread in the cup and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine for any reason, fold your arms across your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing instead.*

*If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to walk to the rail, tell a greeter, and a minister will be happy to bring Communion to you at your pew.*

**Communion Hymns..... 601, 53, 64**

**The Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel)..... BCP 366**

**Sending of Eucharistic Visitors**

*When Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.*

*Celebrant* N., we send you forth in the Name of this Congregation, to N. 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, one cup.

**The Blessing**

**“Sleepers, wake!” (Stand) ..... Hymn 61**

**The Dismissal..... BCP 366**

**Voluntary ..... Savior, of the nations come, BuxWV 211**  
Dietrich Buxtehude

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Helen Haines in thanksgiving for Mary Bruce Edmonds  
by Linda D. Carter in memory of Frank H. Carter on our anniversary*

**Welcome!**

Since 1829, St. John's Episcopal Church has sought to love Christ and our neighbors in Tallahassee and the world. Whether you are a lifelong Christian or it is your first time entering a church, welcome. We are glad you are here.

**Your Gift Makes a Difference**



**GIVING**

St. John's runs solely on the generosity of its members. Give today via the offering plate; or text STJOHNS to 73256; or scan this code with your phone to give online. You can also mail your gift to St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32301. Every gift, large or small, sustains the church you love.

**Childcare**

Free, professional childcare is provided 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. each Sunday.

**Hearing System**

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or “t” telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

**Altar Flower Dedications**

Altar flower dedications are wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John's website or contact the church office for assistance.

**Weekly Services**

**SUNDAY**

8 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite I)..... Sanctuary

10 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Sanctuary  
*service is livestreamed*

5:30 p.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Chapel

7:30 p.m.....Sung Compline ..... Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY**

12:10 p.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Chapel  
with Healing Prayer

**Parish Prayer List**

Please take this list home each week and commit to praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

**Prayers:** Julia Livingston, Marty Larson, Vonnie Davis, Robin, Joe Kraus

**The Departed:** Amy Ray, Charles Ivan Munroe, Jr., Mertie Dollar, Dean Knox

**Our Clergy:** The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; the Rev. Bill Trexler, Priest Associate; the Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, the Rev. Dcn. Mike Hall, the Rev. Dcn. Linda Liebert-Hall, Deacons

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