

St. John's Episcopal Church

Tallahassee, Florida

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

10:00 AM



Deep Roots. True Belonging. Abundant Grace.

This summer, we are worshipping in Alfriend Hall
while the ceiling of our historic sanctuary is being restored.

Though the setting is different, the heart of our worship remains the same.
We are glad you are here, and we invite you to settle in, lift your voice,
and join us in the joyful work of praising God together.

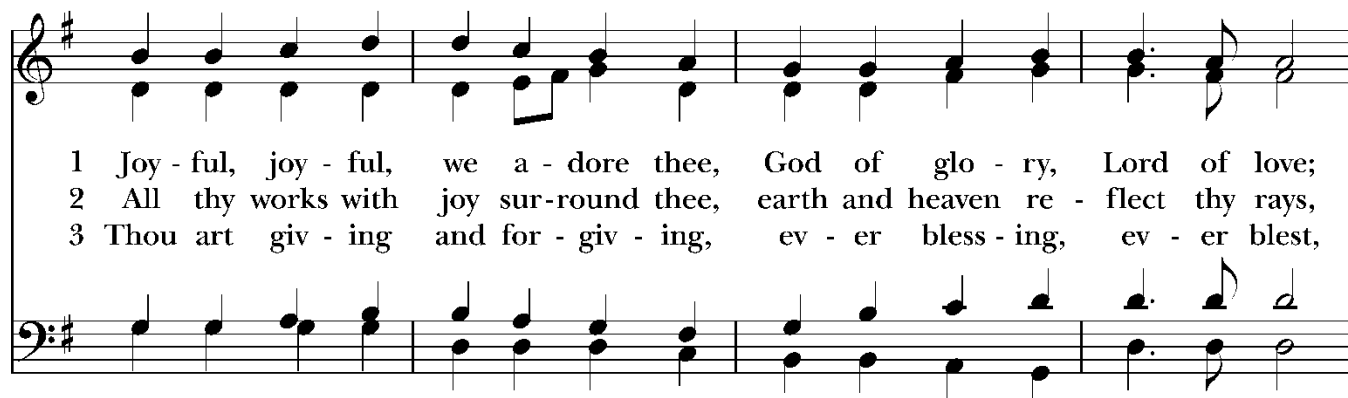
Tower Bells

Voluntary..... **Allegro** (Violin Sonata No. 21 in E minor, K304)
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

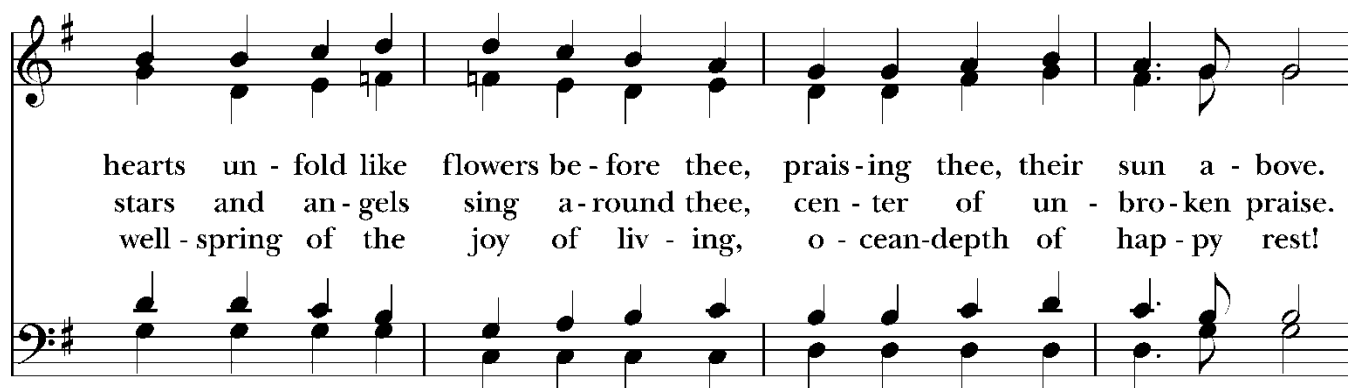
Forester Shelton, *violin* and Joe Kraus, *piano*

Opening Procession

All stand as they are able.



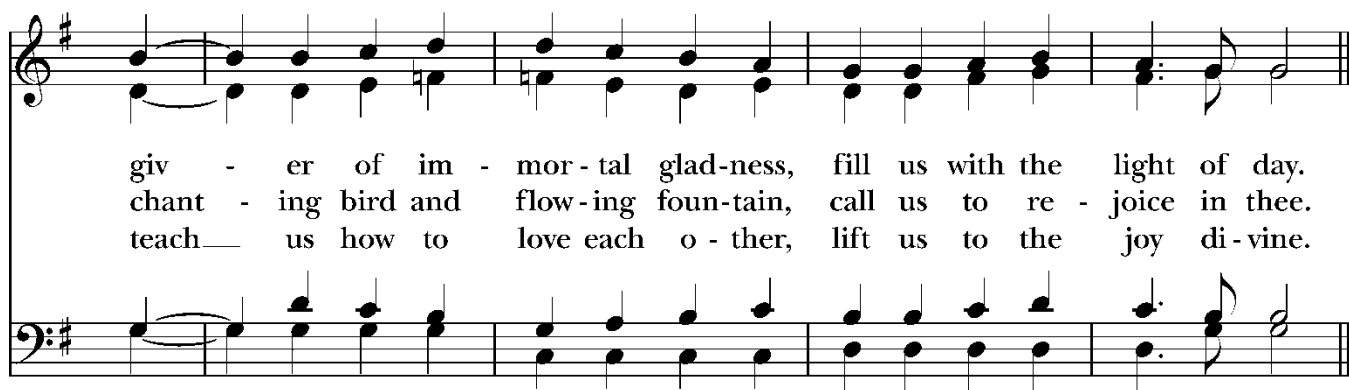
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

The people standing, the Celebrant says


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.*

The Song of Praise

Sung first by the choir, then twice by all.



Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your ma - ker, come all you peo - ple, come and praise your ma - ker,
come all you peo - ple, come and praise your ma - ker, come now and wor-ship-the Lord.

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant says

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the book of Proverbs

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

[Proverbs 25:6-7]

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

Psalm 112 *(Prayed responsively by half verse)*

- 1 Hallelujah!
 Happy are they who fear the Lord *
 and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
 the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
 and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
 the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
 and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
 the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
 their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
 until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
 and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
 they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
 they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
 the desires of the wicked will perish.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *[Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16]*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

All stand as they are able.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” [Luke 14:1, 7-14]

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

Children’s Chapel

Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather before the altar for a blessing before processing to Children’s Chapel.

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

All stand as they are able. The Celebrant and the People say

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 worshipped 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 *(Remain standing)*

At the end of each petition

Leader We offer to you, O God, a sacrifice of praise;
People we offer the fruit of our lips

The Celebrant adds the following Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies,
look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover
of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin *(Remain standing)*

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.

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.*

Collect for the Diocese

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

Announcements

Offertory

Your gift in support of St. John's makes all the difference. Give 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.



Offertory Anthem *Look who gathers at Christ's table*

Michael Corzine, arr. John Ferguson

Patricia Crispino, *clarinet*

Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping, some are laughing, some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.

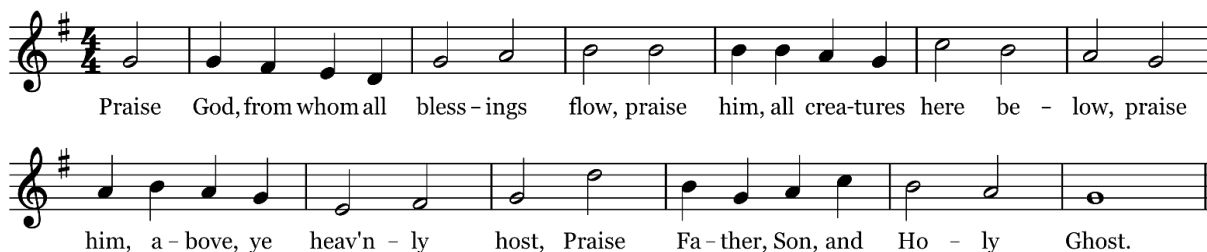
Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear.
Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt, their fear.
Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways,
but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited north and south and east and west
to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.

Text: Thomas Troeger (1945 – 2022)

Presentation of the Gifts

All stand as they are able.



The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 2 *from Enriching Our Worship*

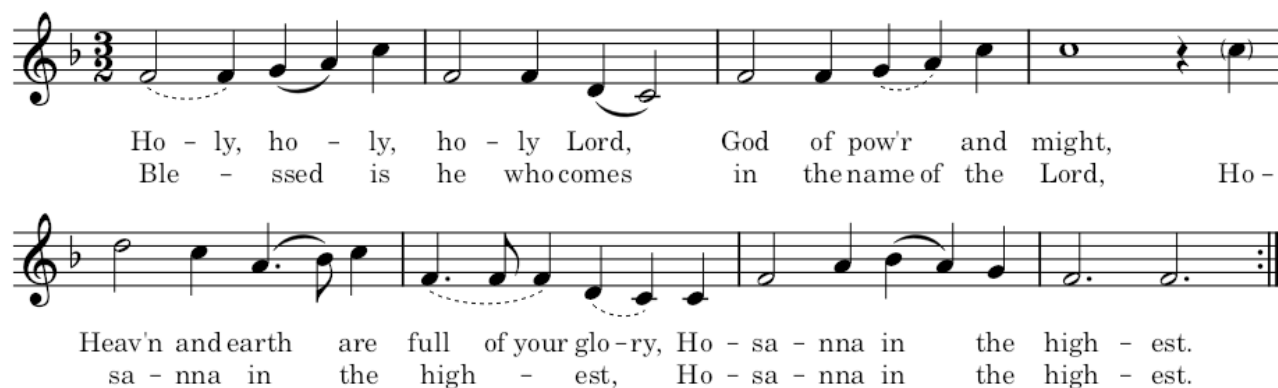
The People remain standing. The Celebrant says to the people

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 our thanks and praise.

Then the Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

Sung three times



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

The Celebrant says

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 Communion of the People

During our time in Alfriend Hall, Communion will be served at standing stations. All baptized Christians—regardless of age or denominational affiliation—are welcome to receive.

① Wait for guidance from the ushers.

At the appropriate time, an usher will invite the people in your row to rise and join the center aisle to come forward.



② Receive the Bread.

There is no Communion rail in Alfriend Hall. Instead, the priest will stand in front of the altar to give you the Bread. Extend your hands with palms open and facing up. You may consume the Bread immediately or wait to have it dipped in the Wine.



③ Receive the Wine.

After receiving the Bread, turn toward the side where you are seated. A Eucharistic Minister will offer you the Wine. You may either sip directly from the chalice or allow the minister to dip the Bread and return it to you.

④ Return to your seat.

Make your way back to your seat, sing with the congregation, or offer your silent prayers to God.

If you are unbaptized or would prefer not to receive Communion for any reason, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead. If you need Communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.

Communion Voluntary Tempo di Menuetto (Violin Sonata No. 21 in E minor, K304)
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Communion Hymns 321 – My God, thy table now is spread
568 – Father all loving who rulest in majesty
686 – Come, thou fount of every blessing

The Postcommunion Prayer *from Enriching Our Worship*

After all have received Communion, all stand as they are able, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and with one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If 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

The Priest may bless the people.

Closing Procession



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary.....A Great Event (Kinderszenen, Op. 15, No. 6)
 Robert Schumann



St. John's Chimes

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | August 31, 2025

Parish Prayer List

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

Prayers:

Diana Daktere, Paul Sawyer, Fernando, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, Elizabeth, Taylor, Celine, Bob & family, Dave, Gerry Lemons, William Irvine, Tanya Lemons, Hawthorne Ramsay

The Departed:

Wayne King, Jane Turner, Jamie Goodson, Bowen Neale

Our Clergy:

The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Leslie Roraback, Associate Rector;
The Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, Deacon; Melanie Salsgiver, Seminarian

MARKET UNDER THE STARS

On Saturday, November 22, 6-9 PM, all are invited to Market Under the Stars. Complete with twinkling lights, festive music, and purposeful holiday shopping in Eve's Garden and Alfriend Hall, this one-night-only event combines the best of the Preview Party with the best of St. John's historic Market while supporting our outreach ministries. Enjoy Chef Fran's hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and Market favorites—handmade gifts, holiday arrangements, sauces, jams, chili to-go, and sweet treats.




Tickets are \$40 in advance (\$50 after Nov. 16). Feeling generous? You're welcome to give more—or reach out confidentially to clergy if cost is a concern.

Want to help make the night shine? We would love your help setting up, hosting on the night itself, and getting the word out. Head to our website to sign up!

SCAN OR VISIT FOR MORE INFO:
saint-john.org/marketunderthestars2025



SAVE THE DATE

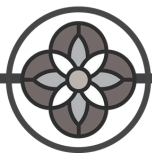
TUE 9/3	Kearney Center Donations Due saint-john.org/kearneysupplies25	
SUN 9/7	Sung Compline Begins 7:30 PM	
FRI 9/19	SALT Luncheon: FSU's Sod Cemetery 10:30 AM Killeen Hall saint-john.org/saltsept2025	
TUE 9-23	Reception Committee's Annual Meeting & Reception 5:30 PM Killeen Hall saint-john.org/receptions2025	

Pastoral Care Person of the Day

Today's Pastoral Care Person of the Day:

10 AM: Susan Jones, Nursery

Contact us: pastoralcare@saint-john.org or
call (850) 222-2636 ext. 33



Highlights

STAFF UPDATE

Thank you, David!

St. John's extends our heartfelt gratitude to David Guido, our dedicated Director of Facilities, as he prepares to conclude his service with us. Over the last year, David has poured his time, energy, and expertise into caring for and improving our church grounds, ensuring that every detail reflects the beauty and hospitality of our community. His leadership, hard work, and commitment have blessed St. John's in countless ways, and his efforts will be felt for years to come. David's last day with us will be Sunday, September 15, and we send him off with our deepest thanks and best wishes for the future.

St. John's
Lively Café

CLOSED MON.-TUE., SEPT. 1-2
REOPENS WED., SEPT. 3

WEEKLY CAFE MENU
saint-john.org/livelycafe



COMING SOON

Ecuador Ministry Updates - 9/7

Curious about what John & Caroline Allen's work in Ecuador looks like or interested in being part of it? Come to an info session on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 11:30 AM in Killeen Hall to hear what's new in Ecuador and learn about two St. John's mission opportunities to Quito in 2026.

SCAN OR VISIT FOR MORE INFO:

saint-john.org/ecuadorupdates2025



Sunday School Starts Soon

Our new year of Sunday School for children and youth begins on Sept. 7. We cannot wait to get started! Remember to register your child for this year using the QR Code below.

Sunday School for adults begins Sept. 14. We have a wide variety of classes this year, take a look and see where God may be forming you this year!

SCAN OR VISIT FOR MORE INFO:

saint-john.org/sundayschool2025-26



Weekly Formation at St. John's

If you are looking for formation during the week, we offer weekly Bible study classes and book studies, as well as contemplative lunches and an evening Centering Prayer group. You are welcome to join the classes at any time! Dates, times, and links to the Zoom classes are below.

SCAN OR VISIT FOR MORE INFO:

saint-john.org/weeklyformation2025-26



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Labor Day: Campus Closed Lively Cafe Closed	11:30 AM The Knitters	12:10 PM Healing Service	7 AM Men's Bible Study 11:30 AM Contemplative Lunch 12 PM The Good Book	12 PM Friday Book Study	

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This grid highlights some of the ways to get involved in life at St. John's. For event details, and weekly worship times, use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit saint-john.org/events

