22nd Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. 25 October 2026

We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
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

Prelude ..... **Allegro con Spirito**
Trumpet Concerto in E-flat major S.49
Johann Hummel
Nate McNamara, trumpet

Allemande
Partita No. 2 in D minor BWV 1004
J. S. Bach
Stephanie Bonev, violin

The Church's one foundation *(Stand)* ..... **Hymn 525**

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

The Presider 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.*

Song of Praise ..... **Hymn S 236**

The Collect of the Day

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

The Presider continues

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Children's Chapel *(9:00 a.m. only)*

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

A Reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

[Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18]

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

Psalm 1 *Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Gerre Hancock*

1 Happy are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand
upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

A Reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. *[1 Thessalonians 2:1-8]*

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

How lovely is thy dwelling place *(Stand)* ..... **Hymn 517**

The Gospel

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet?'"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions."

[Matthew 22:34-46]

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

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

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

The Prayers of the People *(Kneel)*

At the end of each petition

Leader Show your servants your works, O Lord,
People and be gracious to us.

The Presider offers a concluding collect.

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

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory..... ***If ye love me***
Philip Wilby

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 432, v.4**

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Eucharistic Prayer A ..... **BCP 361**

The Sanctus *(Sung by all)* ..... **Hymn S 125**

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

Fraction *(Sung by all)*.....**Hymn S 154**

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Approach the altar in a double line via the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the Bread in your hand. You may sip from the common cup or allow the minister to dip the Bread in the Wine for you. If you prefer a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. If coming forward is difficult, tell an usher and a minister will bring Communion to your pew.

Intercessory prayer is available during Communion at the rear of the nave near the baptismal font; trained ministers offer brief, confidential prayer and anointing for comfort, healing, or strength.

Communion Voluntary..... **Adagio**
String Duo No. 1 in G Major, KV 423
W. A. Mozart

Stephanie Bonev, violin
Curtis Barker, viola

Communion Hymns **336, 605, 686**

The Postcommunion Prayer *(Kneel)*..... **BCP 365**

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

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

Presider *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.

Invitation & Blessing.....**The Rev. Kevin Kelly**

The Offering of Our Pledges to God

After the blessing, all who feel so led may bring their sealed pledges forward and place them on the altar as an act of worship before departing to the celebration luncheon.

Join us after each service for our Celebration Luncheon!

Buffet lines and dining tables, including mobility-friendly seating are in Alfriend Hall.

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St. John's runs primarily 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 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 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.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept and north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a 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

7:45 a.m. ..... Holy Eucharist (Rite I) ..... Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. ..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Sanctuary
service is livestreamed

11:15 a.m. ..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Sanctuary

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

WEDNESDAY

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

5:30 p.m. ..... Evensong ..... Chapel
Sung by the Choristers

Parish Prayer List

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

Prayers: Ray, Maryann, Rick & Kathy, Jim, Michael Gillman, Jeff, Earle, Lisa, Jim, Thurman Roddenberry, Ozzie Blanton, Josh, Joan & family, Mary & Cliff, Christina Posillico & family

The Departed: John Smith

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Ven. Jeanie Beyers, Archdeacon; The Rev. Melanie Salsgiver, Deacon and Seminarian; Michael Stewart-Meza, Jonathan Jackson, Postulants for Holy Orders