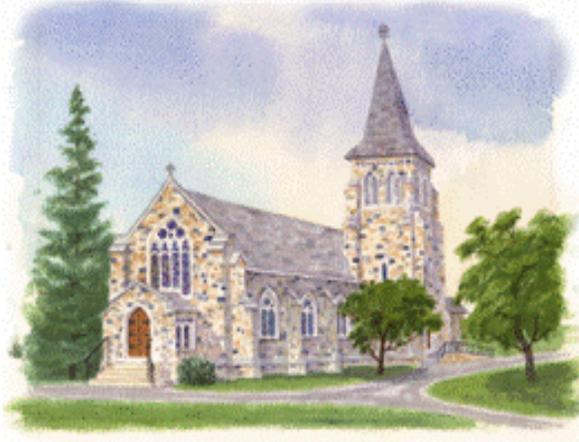


Welcome to St. John's Church



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany The Presentation of Our Lord

February 2nd, 2020

We are delighted that you have decided to worship with us this morning. We know that you have other choices on Sunday mornings. We pray that you will find in us a warm and welcoming group of Christians who seek to serve God in Christ Jesus in this place.

Thank you for blessing us with your presence this morning.

Please ask the Greeters if you have any questions or need any assistance.

A NOTICE ABOUT THE READINGS: The Scripture Readings have been removed from our bulletins at the request of the Lectors who read the lessons at our services. Copies of the Readings are included in the Friday e-blast for those who want the lessons beforehand. A brief written introduction will be included in the bulletins to help provide context for the listeners. Meanwhile, the Prayers of the People will now be read from the midst of the people. Please be patient as we ‘try on’ these new formats. Thank you.

Upcoming Christian Education Events

Sundays, February 2nd, 9:00-9:45 a.m

A Short Video History of the Anglican/Episcopal Church: Post-Colonial America

Friday Mornings starting February 7th, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus

Adult book discussion group

Fr. Hahneman, our Priest-in-Charge, will lead an Adult Class reading Jim Wallis’ new book about the Reclaiming Jesus Movement. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry wrote the Foreward. Get your book now and start reading! For more information, see the Priest-in-Charge.

PASTORAL COMMITTEE

On Saturday, February 15th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Library, Fr. Geoff, our Priest-in-Charge, will meet with all interested persons to talk about forming a Pastoral Committee, as part of his Saturday morning ‘training’ sessions. The primary ministry of this group is organizing the care and concern for members of the parish. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, mark your calendars now!

WINTER FILM SERIES

Saturday evenings in February, beginning at 6:30pm

Reverend Geoffrey Hahneman will lead an informed conversation following the viewing of popular films on Saturday evenings this winter. All interested persons are welcome to join in these discussions. Bring your own popcorn!

ASSISTING WITH THIS MORNING’S LITURGY

Celebrant	Fr. Geoff Hahneman
Music Director	Dr. Marguerite Mullee
Organist	Jon Lafleur
Lectors	Tom Hollinger (8am) Hunter Brown & Sara Coles (10am)
Eucharistic Minister	Laura Daly
Acolyte	Laura Daly
Crucifer	Bob Futh
Altar Guild	MB Witt (8am) Caroline & Richard Thompson
Greeter	Charles Dubow
Coffee Hour Hosts	Bob & Sally Futh

A RESTROOM is located at the bottom of the stairs in the Church undercroft. In the Parish House, there is a unisex restroom adjacent to the Choirmaster’s office that is more handicapped accessible and Men’s and Women’s restrooms across from the kitchen next to the Parish Office.

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Order of Worship

We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God during this morning's services. Page numbers (BCP) in the bulletin refer to The Book of Common Prayer (red book), which are located in the pews. Hymn numbers in this bulletin, and on the hymn board, refer to The Hymnal 1982 (blue book). Service Music (S- followed by a number) is found in the front half of the Hymnal and hymns in the second half. Please ask the Greeters if you have any questions or need any assistance.

PRELUDE *Two Kyries and two Andantes* A.P.F Boëly (1785-1858)

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *Christ is made the sure foundation* HYMNAL 518

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP, p. 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP, p. 323

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW BCP, p. 324

THE TRISAGION HYMNAL S102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT BCP, p. 187

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MALACHI [3:1-4]

In our Hebrew Bible reading the prophet promises that, as the day of the Lord's judgement nears, God will send a messenger to make ready the way. The priests and temple servants who say they are waiting for the Lord need cleansing and purifying most of all. Suddenly the refiner will come to the temple, and then the offerings of the people will be pleasing the Lord. On this day Christians recognize that with the bringing of the child Jesus to the temple, the time of purifying judgment has begun.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation is invited to join in chanting the psalm.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



PSALM 84 Quam dilecta!

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of / hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living / God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her / young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my / God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your / house! *
they will always be praising / you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in / you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' / way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of / springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of / water.
- 6 They will climb from height to / height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in / Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my / prayer; *
hearken, O God of / Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O / God; *
and look upon the face of you're a-/nointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own / room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the / wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and / shield; *
he will give grace and / glory;

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *Now, you may let your servant go in peace*
Canticle of Simeon, Monks of New Skete

DOXOLOGY HYMNAL 380 (*verse 3*)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II BCP, p. 340

SURSUM CORDA HYMNAL S112

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS HYMNAL S117

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP, p. 336

FRACTION ANTHEM HYMNAL S171

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

THE INVITATION

*All Baptized Christians are welcome and encourage to come forward to receive Communion,
If you do wish Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
by crossing your arms over your chest at the Altar Rail.
If you wish Communion brought to you at your seat, please notify a greeter.*

HYMNS AT THE COMMUNION	<i>Let thy Blood in mercy poured O Gracious Light (choir only)</i>	HYMNAL 313 Thomas Tallis BCP, p. 339
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
THE BENEDICTION		
HYMN AT THE RECESSION	<i>Father, we thank thee who hast planted</i>	HYMNAL 302
THE DISMISSAL		
POSTLUDE	<i>Sortie</i>	Boëly

*Please join us in the Parish House following the 10 am service
for refreshments and fellowship.*

From the Calendar of the Church Year:

February 2: The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

This Feast originated late in the fourth century in Jerusalem, where it was celebrated on February 14, forty days after the Epiphany. When December 25 was accepted in the East as the Feast of the Nativity, the Presentation was moved to February 2. Eventually, it spread to the West. Late in the seventh century Pope Sergius (687-701), a native Syria, introduced in Rome a procession with candles and the singing of the Nunc dimittis. Hence the day came to be known as "Candlemas". Earlier editions of the Prayer Book titled it "The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin", but the 1662 revision, restoring the ancient tradition, changed the title to "The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called, "The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin". Leviticus 12 tells the Old Testament background for the gospel story Luke 2:22-40. (See the Book of Occasional Services. pp. 51-53 for provisions for a Candlemas procession.)

February 4th Cornelius the Centurion

According to Acts 10:1-11:18, Cornelius was the first Gentile converted to the Christian faith. He was a citizen of Rome, a soldier in charge of a hundred men. His conversion and his baptism by Peter set an important precedent for the admission of Gentiles to the church. Nothing else is known of him except the legend that he became the second Bishop of Caesarea.



Welcome to St. John's Parish

Staff

Priest-in-Charge, Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman
Dr. Marguerite Mullee, *Music Director*
Sarah Eyre, *Parish Administrator*
Joan Burgess, *Foundation Administrator*

Vestry

David Gillespie, *Warden*; Susan McFeely, *Warden*
Joan M. Beattie, *Clerk*
Larry Littlefield, *Treasurer*
Hunter Brown, *Assistant Treasurer*

Class of 2020

Rebecca Lambert Bent, Darcy Campbell, Charles Dubow

Class of 2021

Larry Littlefield, MB Witt, Bob Futh

Class of 2022

Sara Coles, Mary Davis, Andris Kalnins,

Office Hours and Emergencies

The Parish Office is OPEN Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. If you have a pastoral issue, please call the Parish Administrator who will arrange for someone to meet your needs.

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