

SAINT JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

A Parish of the Anglican Church in North America

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JESUS CHRIST – HEAD OF THE CHURCH

The Very Rev. David F. Klein, SSC, Rector and Dean

The Rev. Randall Foster, Assistant

The Rev. Canon Robert W. Bosworth, Jr., PhD., SSC, Ret'd, Associate

Mr. Alan Potts, Organist/Choirmaster

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



10:00 am 1928 BCP

December 25, 2021

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Welcome from the Rector

Greetings on behalf of our vestry leadership and the people of St. John's.

St. John's is a community of faith formed and nurtured by its worship, love, and Christian service. St. John's Church was founded October 1924. Our current sanctuary was built in 1953.

We work hard to articulate the historic faith of Anglican Christianity and practice the liturgical customs and traditions of the historic Book of Common Prayer. St. John's is driven by a love for Jesus Christ, fidelity to Holy Scripture, to sacred Tradition where the historic faith was birthed and formed and to the continual pursuit of Truth guided by divine revelation.

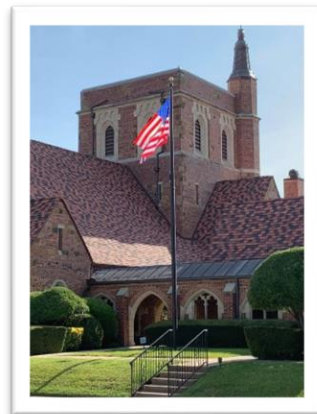
We use the **Book of Common Prayer 1928** at 7:30 am Wednesday morning in the chapel (followed by breakfast at the Old Neighborhood Grill, 1617 Park Place Avenue), 6:00 pm Saturday afternoon, and 8:00 am Sunday morning. On Sunday morning 9:00 am we use the **Book of Common Prayer 2019** and at 11:15 am the **Book of Common Prayer 2019** "Traditional Rite".

Our **Mission Statement** reads: *"With God's grace, St John's Church is seeking to be a welcoming community living the Christian faith, dedicated to the work of Jesus Christ, through reverent worship of Almighty God, exercising daily prayer, providing fellowship, Christian formation, and outreach, that by faithful stewardship we will take the message of Christ into the world through our daily lives."*

St. John's is a Parish of the Anglican Communion, the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) and the Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Fort Worth. Our Bishop is the Right Reverend Ryan S. Reed, SSC, D.D.

God bless you for being with us this morning.

Fr. David F. Klein, Rector
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1928 Book of Common Prayer

Opening Prayers

The Lord's Prayer	<i>Kneel through the Kyrie</i>	67
The Decalogue or Summary of the Law		
Kyrie eleison		
The Prayer for Sanctification through God's law		
The Collect of the Day	<i>See next page.</i>	

The Word of God

<i>Please be seated for the hearing of God's Word.</i>		
The Reading of the Holy Gospel	<i>Stand</i>	
Sermon	<i>Sit</i>	
The Nicene Creed	<i>Stand</i>	71
Offertory Sentence		

The Presentation of Oblations and Preparation of the Altar

Prayers for the Church and her mission in the world	<i>Kneel</i>	74
Confession of sin and Absolution		
The Comfortable Words		
The Sursum Cordia		
The Sanctus		
The Prayer of Consecration	<i>Kneel</i>	80
The Lord's Prayer		
The Prayer of Humble Access		
Agnus Dei		
<i>Reception of Holy Communion</i>		
Prayer of Thanksgiving	<i>Kneel</i>	83
Blessing of the Church		

The Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant says to the People.

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant offers the following prayer.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons from Holy Scripture

First Reading – Isaiah 62:6-12. On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: “I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.” Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 The LORD is King; let the earth be glad. *
Indeed, let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him; *
righteousness and judgment are the foundation of his throne.**
- 3 There goes a fire before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings gave light to the world; *
the earth saw it and was afraid.**
- 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens have declared his righteousness, *
and all the people have seen his glory.**
- 7 Confounded be all those who worship carved images, and who delight
in false gods; *
worship him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion heard of it and rejoiced, *
and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of your judgments,
O LORD.**
- 9 For you, LORD, are most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 O you who love the LORD, see that you hate the thing which is evil; *
the LORD preserves the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from
the hand of the ungodly.**
- 11 A light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.**

Reader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People: *as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.*

Amen

New Testament – Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

All standing, the Priest reads the Gospel,

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to

St. Luke 2:15-20 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon Please be seated.

The clergy and staff of Saint John’s

wish you and your family a

Merry Christmas and

a Happy New Year!

PARISH NEWS

Weekly News for the Family and Friends of St. John's Church

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MEMORIALS & PRAYER

MEMORIALS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF ALMIGHTY GOD...

- † **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** – Christmas Flower Memorials.
- † **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - Christmas Flower Memorials.
- † **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** – given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of her granddaughters, Meagan Watson and Madison Deaver by Trish Williamson.
- † **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** – will ring on the 28th in loving memory of Alvin Glen Cearley by Kendall and Marty Smith; on the 31st in loving memory of Betty Jo Williamson by Trish Williamson; and on the 1st in loving memory of Jack Fry by Olga Fry.
- † **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Felicia, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Ron, Vivian, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie, Marie, Terry... Mary & Becca, Vicky, Becky, Joni & Chelsea, Michael, Kerri & Jennifer.
- † **THE MINISTRY OF THE FORT WORTH PREGNANCY CENTER**
- † **THE CHILDREN AND STAFF AT COOK MEDICAL CENTER**
- † **MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS:** Dr. Kate Stevens, Dr. Chris Stevens, Dr. Will Lowe, Dr. Thomas Truelson, Dr. Mariana Yager, Becky Fry, Allysa Slaughter, Renee Lavelle, Abby Blakely, Bryan Blakely, Christy Merritt, Robyn Virden, Dr. Jeff Paetz, Grace Beaupré, Fr. Bob Bosworth, Ph.D, and Mallory Parkey.
- † **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Sandy.
- † **FOR THOSE TRAVELING:** The Lange Family
- † **BIRTHDAYS:**
- † **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Brian and Larue Perkins (26); Jorge and Sondra Lopez-Aguado, Stan J. and Jo Young (28); William and Denise Porter (29); Joe and Mary Sue Coffman, Gihan and Priyanthi Warnesuriye (30); Donald and Monty Muennink (31); Wes and Claire Phelan, Dick and Juane Reed, Nuwan and Rangi Warnesuriye (1).

Visitors' Information

Visitor's Card

Help us get to know you! Please fill out a Visitor's Card, located at Pews and place it in the Offering Plate or hand it to one of the clergy.

Hospitality

"Coffee Hour" is after the 9:00 am mass.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer cards are in each pew for your prayer needs. To access the parish prayer chain, email the office@stjohnsfortworth.com or call 817-927-5341.

Counseling Office

Fr. Bob Bosworth, Ph.D. Pastoral Associate is on staff as a licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor for individual, marriage, and family counseling. Hours are Tues and Fri 10am-7pm and Sat 10am-4pm. Appointment required. Call 859-475-4475 or visit: Dr-Bosworth.com

How to Join St. John's?

If you are Anglican or Episcopalian and wish to join St. John's, we will process a letter of transfer. If you are from a denomination, we will let you know when the next Inquirers Class begins. If you are not yet baptized, please see Fr. Klein.

Low-Gluten Hosts

St. John's offers low-gluten (less than 0.01%) communion wafers on request.

If you are gluten intolerant, please speak with the clergy.

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Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed for Lunch

12:00—1:30 PM

Worship Services and Rites

Sat Vigil: 6:00 pm Lady Chapel.

Sunday Morning: 8:00, 9:00, 11:15,

Wed Morning: 7:30 am Lady Chapel.

Our Vestry

Sr. Warden - Tom Ward 2022

Jr. Warden - Gerald Gregory 2023

Clerk - Rusty Wood 2023

Vestry Members: Jacob Belk 2023, Bob Hampton 2024, Don Lange 2024, Erik Leaseburg 2022, Jason Merritt 2024, Donnie Muennink 2022, Christina Pavlovsky 2024, Sarah Stringer 2022, Patrick Wells 2023.

Treasurer

Bob Hampton

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Gerald Gregory

Jason Merritt

Tom Ward

Next Vestry Meeting in Guild Parlor
is Tuesday, **DEC 28** at 7:00 PM.

Current Announcements

Receiving the Precious Blood of Christ.

The Chalice has been restored to receive the Precious Blood of Christ by either intinction or directly from the chalice. *One chalice* is reserved for intinction. A *second chalice* is for drinking from the chalice directly.

If you want to receive by intinction please keep the sacred host in your open hand and the chalice-bearer will take the host and dip a small portion of it carefully in the Precious Blood and place the host on your tongue.

If you want to receive directly from the Chalice after consuming the host the chalice-bearer will gently guide the chalice for you.

Of course, you are always invited to receive just the host alone. When at the Altar rail, after receiving the host cross your arms and the chalice-bearer will move to the next person.

HEALTHY PROTOCOLS

Please remember that you can wear a mask when at St. John's for worship and activities. Please use sanitizing

stations and protocols for receiving from the chalice. Follow common sense. Stay safe! Stay healthy!

Reopening of the Nursery: We want to re-open the nursery. *The nursery attendants we had before the pandemic were with us faithfully for over 30 years.* With their retirement we are now looking for replacements.

CGS Atriums open for preschool – 5th grade after the 9:00 am service. **After you receive Holy Communion, please bring your child(ren) to the atrium!**

Teen Formation open for 6th grade through high school after the 9:00 am service. **Brianna Wilcox, Jacob Belk and Patrick Wells.** Class will meet in the Green Room.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: “**The Prophet Joel.**” Fr. Klein is leading a study on prophets of the Old Testament on Wed 9:30-10:30 am. Please join us!

Choir and Bell Rehearsal: Practice is on **Thursdays. 6:00 pm is bell choir and 7:00 pm is chancel choir.** Join us. **Alan Potts**

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE. In today's Christmas Mass we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered into the world. As Christian stewards we allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share

Christmas Season Schedule

The Twelve Days of Christmas

The First Sunday of Christmas, Dec 26, 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

January 1, 2022 NO VIGIL MASS

The Second Sunday of Christmas, Jan 2, 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

The Feast of the Epiphany, Jan 6, 10:00 am in Chapel

his love with us that we might reflect that love out to others. We are the “shepherds” and heralds of Christ’s Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. HIMSELF! Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God and live with humility.

CHRISTMASTIDE SUNDAY SERVICE HOURS. During the twelve days of Christmas on **Sunday, December 25** we celebrate the Holy Eucharist at **10:00 am in the Lady Chapel.** On **Sunday December 26 and January 2** we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at **8:00 am in the Chapel** and **10:00 am with the choir.**

PLEDGE CARDS. Just a reminder about Pledge Cards. We have about 50% turned in. The vestry is starting to prepare the budget for next year.

Service Rota

Sat, 10:00 AM Christmas Day

Clifford Bronson – Altar Server
Clifford Bronson - Reader

First Sunday after Christmas:

Dec 26

Sun, 8:00 AM

- Altar Server and Chalice

Sun, 10:00 AM

- Acolyte

- Acolyte

Donnie Muennink - Chalice

Steve Sparks - Chalice

Dorian Johnson- Reader

Deborah Baptiste – Prayers

George Joe – Usher

Bill Kendall -Usher

Vestry: Gerald Gregory and Donnie Muennink.

Second Sunday after Christmas:

Jan 2

Sun, 8:00 AM

- Altar Server and Chalice

Sun, 10:00 AM

David Leaseburg- Acolyte

Lucas Smith- Acolyte

Clay Slaughter - Chalice

Tom Ward - Chalice

Kendall Smith - Reader

Tom Ward – Prayers

Bill Kendall – Usher

-Usher

Vestry: