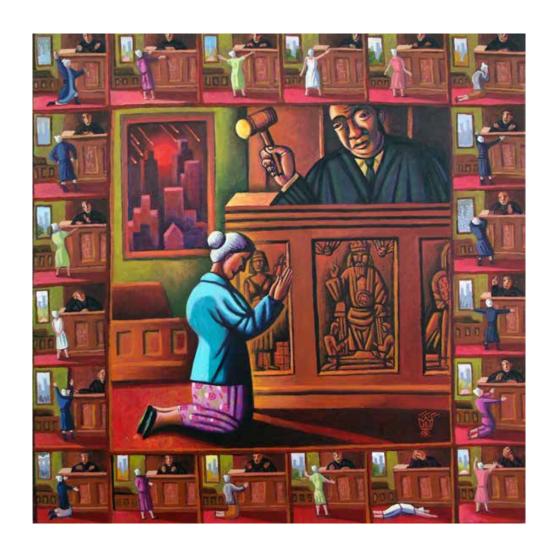
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN GARRETT COUNTY WORSHIPPING AT St. John's Episcopal Church the episcopal diocese of maryland 10 A.M. \$\rightarrow\$ October 19, 2025

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Women's Group of St. John's in thanksgiving for the restored health of The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.

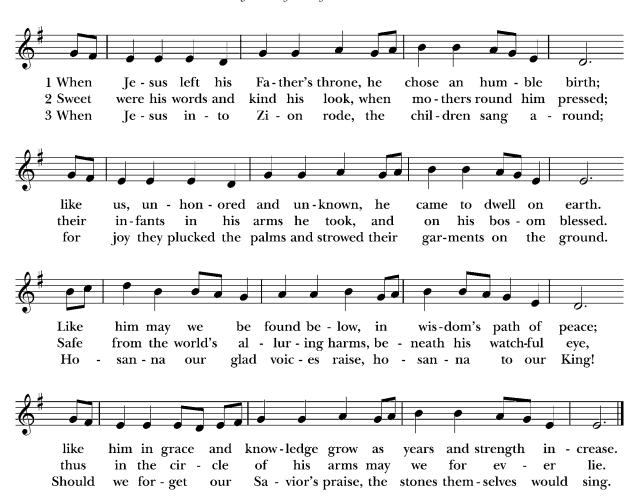
Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

Hymn 480

When Jesus left his father's throne



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: *Kingsfold*, English folk melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The people standing,

Celebrant I see you.

People We are here.

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

Hymn of Praise 115 (LEVAS)

Spirit of the living God



Words: Daniel Iverson (1890-1977)

Music: Daniel Iverson

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON:

JEREMIAH 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM 119:97-104 On

Quomodo dilexi!

Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.

I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste! * they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your commandments
I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

THE SECOND LESSON:

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

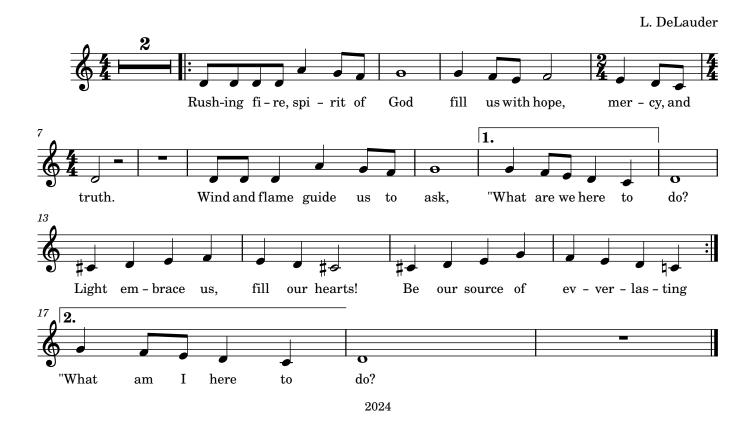
Reader

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People

Thanks be to God.

Pentecost #1- Gospel Acclamation



All standing,

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."' And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

All stand for

THE NICENE CREED

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 worshiped 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Emmanuel, Cumberland; St. George's, Leader

Mt. Savage; St. James', Westernport.

We also pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops

and other ministers.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Episcopal Church.

People For all who serve God in his church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially for Chip Lee; Nancy Leader

Ihloff; Liam Wallace; Madalyn Hoffeditz; Megan Morin; Marshall Stacy; Sharon Pyle;

Butch Virts; Roberta Seward; the Hodge-Williams Family; Don Loomis; John &

Brenda Rathgeb; Frances Sharpless; Laura Tasker; Walt Tasker; Ron Peterson; Michael Marine; Bonnie Winters; Kathy & Elon O'Connor; Mary Ely; Karen Wooddell; Smith

Lantz; Barb Riley; John Jorgensen; Hugh & Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave

Arnold; Mary Ann Crawford; John Amato; Michael Null; Gene (Kim) McGill; Bernie

Ferguson; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

This week's family prayers are for Sam & Tina Dick and extended family; Heidemarie Spisso; Reeve & Jane Vanneman; Bonnie Dixon; Madalyn Hoffeditz; Larry & Patty

Shipe; and Pat Mullinix.

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our and People

sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by

your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and

glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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**.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ

Parish Life

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

Please stand as the Offering is brought to the Altar Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this

hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Holy, holy, holy Lord



The People stand or kneel

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and

People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_______ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and

People AMEN.

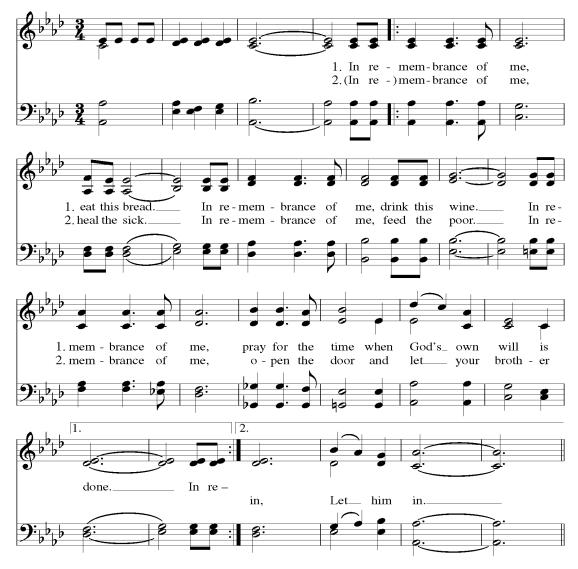
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say, Celebrant and

People

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.

Fraction Anthem Hymn 149 (LEVAS)



All here are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may receive the bread only, if you prefer. After consuming the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. You may also "intinct" by dipping the bread into the chalice. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

Post-Communion Hymn 742 Loving Spirit (v 1 and 4)



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Music: Onnti die, melody from Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, 1631; harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895).

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and

People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7. Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.

Music: Seek Ye First, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

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THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

announcements

stephen's table

Our next meal, a lasagna supper spearheaded by Dave Faber, will be served on **Thursday, October 23rd from 5 pm - 6:30 pm**. The Ropers will be out of town at that time, so please consider lending a hand if you are able. If you can help in any way, contact **Kip Senholzi** at **kwsenholzi@comcast.net**, or simply show up and have some fun with us! The **Nearly New** will be open during this time, also.

seekers

The Seekers will meet again for Friendsgiving after church on **November 9th**. Ther kids are welcome to bring friends for the meal! The Seekers are still collecting **non-perishable food** to replenish the food pantry at the Oakland Town Hall. They fill the pantry at least twice per month. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to church with you.

it's in the bag

It's in the Bag provides weekend meals to more than 350 of our area's youngest and most at-risk children across all of Garrett County's elementary schools, head start, and early head start programs. Volunteers meet each Wednesday at 11 am at St. John's throughout the school year to pack and deliver bags to the schools.

If you are interested in volunteering for this vital and rewarding ministry, contact **Linda Eisenhart** at <u>LLeisenhart@gmail.com</u> or show up on a packing day.

upcoming church schedule

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October 26th	St. Matthew's
November 2nd	St. John's
November 9th (Seekers)	St. Matthew's
November 16th	St. John's
November 23rd	St. Matthew's
November 30th	St. Matthew's

episcopals

There are no EpiscoPals scheduled at this time. If you would like to host an available month, let Julie know. EpiscoPals is held on the third Sunday of each month at 6PM. You are always welcome to use the St. Matthew's parish hall to host.

nearly new

The Nearly New is always in need of volunteers. We can always arrange for work days outside of the normal shop hours should anyone be interested in helping sort through donations to free up some much needed space. Even if you only have a day here and there when you can help, we could use it!

If you are interested in lending a hand, please let us know in one of the following ways:

Send an email to nearlynewcrew@gmail.com

Contact **Kathy Zimmer** by cell at **412-287-7483** or by email at **kathyzimmer24@gmail.com**

Contact **Maryn Fisher** by cell at **240-409-6845** or by email at **mhffisher@comcast.net**

Contact Julie Hartman in her office at 301-334-2510 ext. 3 or by email at: episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com

ministers of today's service

Officiant	Rev. Dr. Chip Lee
Reader	Mike Voelkel
Chalicist	Carol Voelkel

prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 ext. 3 or email your request to:

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Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Chip Lee; Nancy Ihloff; Liam Wallace; Madalyn Hoffeditz; Megan Morin; Marshall Stacy; Sharon Pyle; Butch Virts; Roberta Seward; the Hodge-Williams Family; Don Loomis; John & Brenda Rathgeb; Frances Sharpless; Laura Tasker; Walt Tasker; Ron Peterson; Michael Marine; Bonnie Winters; Kathy & Elon O'Connor; Mary Ely; Karen Wooddell; Smith Lantz; Barb Riley; John Jorgensen; Hugh & Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Mary Ann Crawford; John Amato; Michael Null; Gene (Kim) McGill; Bernie Ferguson; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

(Silence)

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We also pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Episcopal Church.

For relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

For all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, economic and environmental injustice and addiction.

Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Jeff Arnold, Linda Ludwig Baker; Lexie Byrne; Joseph R. Clark, Sr., Dave Culler, Susie Culler, Carolyn Germain, Kathleen Gibbs, Larry Glatt, Amy Harmon, Stephanie Hawtof & Kevin Rissell; Kolby Hefner, Samantha Hodge-Williams; Dan Jonson, Smith Lantz, Kim Lovett & Family, Madeline Meister, Brenda Rathgeb, Kat & Matt Rayner, Paula and David Seaman, Kip Senholzi, and Gavin Tasker.

also

Little ones have a place at St. John's! Our Sunday school is downstairs. Ask anyone for directions.

Stay in touch with us digitally!

To receive the Parish E-news, please add your name, address, phone number, and email address to the guest register just inside the door of the narthex, or use the form on our website home page at www.episcopalchurchingarrettcounty.org. When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the livestream at 10 a.m. on the 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of the month.

In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will send an email to our address list announcing the change.

Please note that we delete addresses that report as nonexistent and cause our emails to bounce back. Make sure you add episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com to your computer's address book to ensure that our email does not end up in your spam folder.

Sunday, October 19th at St. John's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 10 am Sunday School downstairs

Coffee hour in the fellowship room immediately following the service

Thursday, October 23rd at St. Matthew's

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II - The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee

Sunday, October 26th at St. Matthew's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

10 am Sunday School upstairs in the parish hall

Coffee hour in the chancel immediately

following the service

sunday schedule

October 26 St. Matthew's November 2 St. John's November 9 (Seekers) St. Matthew's November 16 St. John's November 23rd St. Matthew's November 30th St. Matthew's December 7th St. John's December 14th St. Matthew's December 21st St. John's December 28th St. Matthew's

weekly

1st and 3rd Sunday at St. John's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 10 am Sunday School downstairs

2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday at St. Matthew's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

10 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall

Wednesday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

11 am It's in the Bag Packing at St. John's

Thursday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

Friday & Saturday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

monthly

third Sunday

6 pm EpiscoPals (none scheduled at this time)

next-to-the-last Thursday

5 - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table (October 23rd)

monthly

12 noon Seekers - parish hall (November 9th)

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