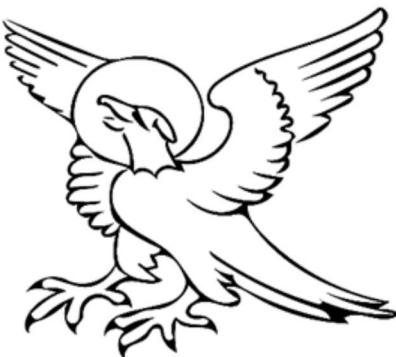


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# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Fourth Sunday  
after the  
Epiphany***

Sung Eucharist ~ 10 a.m.  
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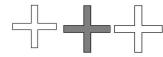
Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

# Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist

*We acknowledge that we gather at St. John's on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*



*This service is video recorded, streamed, and broadcast. By attending this service, you are agreeing to appear on video in our on-line worship offering through St. John's website and Facebook pages.*



*Hymns are from the **blue** Common Praise hymnbook unless otherwise indicated.*

*Today's service can be found on page 185 of the **green** Book of Alternative Services (**BAS**) located in the pew-back in front of you.*

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Prelude – "Sheep May Safely Graze" (Bach)**

**Announcements**

**Processional (Opening) Hymn**  
**439 – "Blest Are the Pure in Heart"**

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**Children's Talk**

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**The Gloria**

*Sung as printed here.*

PRAISE

**365 Glory to God on High**

1 Glo - ry to God on high, and peace to all on earth.  
2 Our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 You on - ly are the Lord. You on - ly are most high.

We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, our heaven - ly King,  
the sac - ri - fi - cial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,  
You on - ly are the ho - ly one, Lord Je - sus Christ.

We give you praise, al - might - y God and  
have mer - cy Lord. Be - side the Fa - ther and with  
And now you reign with Fa - ther and with

Fa - ther blessed in glo - ry bright.  
hand en - throned, now hear our prayer.  
Spir - it one in glo - rious light.

## **Collect of the Day**

Living God,  
in Christ you make all things new.  
Transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

**Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told

you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 15

Tune 620

Lord, who may dwell within your house  
Or on your holy hill?

Those who do good and speak the truth,  
Whose lives are blameless still;

Who have no guile upon their tongues  
Nor harm their neighbor's life,  
But honor those who fear the Lord  
And turn away from strife;

Who do no wrong, but keep their word  
And seek no bribe or gain;  
All those who do such things shall live  
And safe from harm remain.

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand

signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation



hal - - le - lu - jah, hal - - le - lu - - jah,  
hal - - le - lu - - jah!  
See the day of God ap - pear!

## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 5:1-12**

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**

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## **Prayers of the People**

**All:** Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: look on your Church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for our diocese, that we may receive a faithful servant, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anthem**

**"I Am the Light of the World"**

**Confession and Absolution****191****p.****The Peace****192****p.**

*People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

**Offertory Hymn*****Holiness*****385 – "Worship the Lord in the Beauty of**

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Prayer over the Gifts**

God of steadfast love,  
may our offering this day,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
renew us for your service.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen.****Eucharistic Prayer 3****p. 198****Sanctus and Benedictus (sung)**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might  
Heaven and Earth are full of Your Light.  
Glory to You our God.

Blessed is He, Blessed are we, Blessed are all who come.  
Hosannas ring, Archangels sing,  
Blessed are all who come.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might  
Heaven and Earth are full of Your Light.  
Glory to You our God.

### **The Lord's Prayer (sung)**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
Your kingdom come;  
Your will be done  
On earth, as in heav'n.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours;  
Now and forever.  
Amen.

### **Breaking of the Bread 6**

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Celebrant: We break the bread of life,  
And that life is the light of the world.

**All:** **God here among us,**  
**light in the midst of us,**  
**bring us to light and life.**

### **Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)** Sung as printed here.

O lamb of God that ta - kест a - way the sin of the world, Have  
mer - cy u - pon us. O us. O lamb of God that  
ta - kест a - way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

## Communion

*All who are baptized are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine of Holy Communion. At the Greeter's direction, please make your way to receive the elements if you wish to. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

## Hymns during Communion

**474** – “*Jesus, Where're Your People Meet*”

**498** – “*How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place*”

**52** – “*O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near*”

## Prayer after Communion

Source of all goodness,  
in this eucharist  
we are nourished by the bread of heaven  
and invigorated with new wine.  
May these gifts renew our lives,  
that we may show your glory to all the world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**

**Doxology**

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**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn –**

**537 – "In the Cross of Christ I**

***Glory*"**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude –**

**"In Dulci Jubilo"**

**(Bach)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2025 tax receipts** - These are now available at the back of the church, sorted alphabetically. Please note that the Envelope Secretary will be mailing out some receipts for some visitors and persons who made memorial donations to the church. Thank you.

**Candlemas Evensong** – Please join us for an afternoon of music and song with St. John's Choir, this afternoon, ***Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 4.00pm.***

**Monday Night Bible Study** – The current study of the book, "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor is winding down. It has been such a meaningful study. Barbara Brown Taylor has a gentle yet pointed way of using real life examples in challenging our faith. Now onto the next study more directly connected to the Bible. It will be of the book, Romans for Everyone, Part 1: 20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide, Chapters 1-8 by N. T. Wright. Meetings are on Zoom at 7.15pm on Monday nights. Everyone is welcome! Please let Laura in the Church office know if you are interested. Any questions, please ask Sue Norman at 613 283-5053. Hope to see you ***February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026***, at the first meeting!

**Annual Vestry Meeting** – Our Annual Vestry Meeting will take place **on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, following the 10.00am service.** Wardens, Dan and Lois, ask contributors to submit reports for the Vestry circular to the parish office **by Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Electronic submissions (**not pdf**) would be most appreciated. A template for submissions can be provided by contacting the Parish Office ([stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com](mailto:stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com)).

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**Games Night** – The next Games Night will be held on ***Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5.30pm***, and we will be doing a Potluck feast (bring along something tasty to share with the group). The meal will be followed by various games and/or crafts. Mark your calendars and join us for some fun! Donations are always welcome.

**Parish Administration – Vestry** – Pat Lee, Dan Willis and Lois Arkell are accepting nominations for Parish Council, Synod and the Deputy People’s Warden positions. Please speak with them about these opportunities to participate in parish administration **before Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Elections will take place at the Vestry meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, following the 10.00am service.

**BBBS Lanark County Bowling Fundraiser** – The Holy Terriers are ready to raise money and bowl for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County 2026.

Sign up sheets for bowlers and pledge sheets are at each of the entrances to the church. If you would like to raise pledges yourself, please talk to Terry Dillabough or call the office to get a pledge sheet. Bowling to take place in the ***afternoon of Saturday February 28th 2026***, at Gratton Lanes, conveniently located at the Chambers Street Shopping Centre.

**2026 Offering Envelopes** – The 2026 weekly giving envelopes are now at the back of church, sorted alphabetically. If you do not see your name or I have missed someone, please let me know. As well, there are extra boxes of envelopes if you or someone you know would like a set. – Tammy Mulrooney, Envelope Secretary.

**Choir** - For those of you that love music, take the opportunity to join the Choir. Practices are held ***Friday and Saturday mornings at 10am***. For further information or to sign up, please contact Wendy at: [w.wearl@hotmail.com](mailto:w.wearl@hotmail.com).





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Altar Guild: Terri Marsden & Ila Bennett

Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl

Readings for next Sunday, Feb 8, 2026 ~

IS 58:1-9a; PS 112:1-9,(10); 1 COR 2:1-12; MT 5:13-20

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Friday 9 a.m. – 12 noon

### **Weekly Liturgies**

Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.\* – Wednesdays 10 a.m.  
\*Sunday School offered at 10 a.m. from September – June

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