

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN GARRETT COUNTY
WORSHIPPING AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
the episcopal diocese of maryland
10 A.M. ♦ OCTOBER 4, 2026

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 405

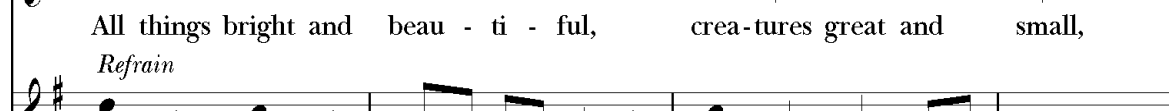
All things bright and beautiful

Descant

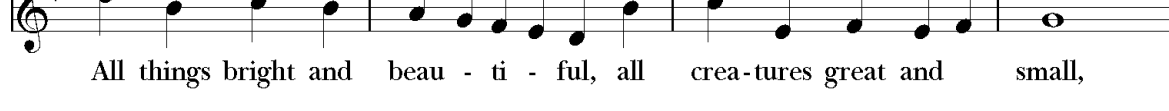


All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain



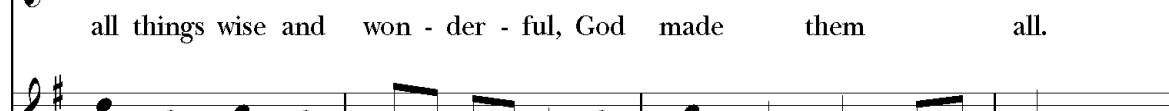
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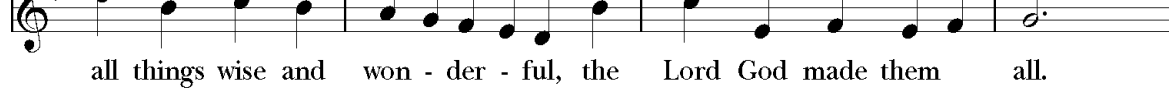


all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958),
desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant We have come together to rejoice with God the Creator at the wonderful creation around us. O God, you love all things that exist: and despise none of the things which you have made, for you would have made nothing you didn't love. You spare all things, for they are yours O Lord who loves the living, for your immortal Spirit is in all things.

People **Let us sing to the Lord a new song: a song for all the creatures of the earth.**

Celebrant Let us rejoice in the goodness of God shown in the beauty of little things.

People **Let us marvel at the little creatures who are innocent in God's sight.**

Celebrant Let us extol God's handiwork in the complexity of their lives.

People **Let us not be haughty or proud,
too full of ourselves to praise the Lord of little things.**

Celebrant Let us rejoice in the other worlds sublime and mysterious that God has made:

People **The world of earthworms burrowing in the ground;**

Celebrant The world of skylarks soaring above us;

People **The world of foxes playing around their dens.**

Celebrant Let us hear the divine rejoicing throughout the whole earth;
"the earth is mine and the fullness thereof."

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

PSALM 104:24, 27B-30

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. When you open your hand they are filled with good things. When you hide your face they are dismayed; when you take away their breath they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your Spirit they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

People **Help us to wonder, Lord to stand in awe;
to stand and stare; and so to praise you
for the richness of the world You have laid before us.**

Celebrant God of the universe all creatures praise you:
the sun setting on the lakes, the birds flying upward toward the heavens;
the growl of the bear, the darting of the stickleback;
the purring of the cat, the wide eyes of the tiger;
the swift legs of the cheetahs, the dance of the hare;
the lapping of the dogs, the descent of the dove.
God of a thousand ears the music of your creatures
Resounds throughout creation and in heaven a symphony is made.

People **Help us to wonder, Lord to stand in awe;
to stand and stare; and so to praise you
for the richness of the world You have laid before us.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11:6-9

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together, and the lion shall eat straw like an ox. The suckling child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

People **Christ in all things:
restore our senses
and give us again
that experience of joy
in all created things.**

Celebrant Christ in all things:
in the waves breaking on the shore;
in the beauty of the sunset;

in the fragrant blossom of Spring;
in the music that makes our hearts dance;
in the kisses of embracing love;
in the cries of the innocent.

People

**Christ in all things:
restore our senses and give us again that experience of joy in all created things.**

There follows a period of silence

Celebrant

Immense God, help us to know the littleness of our lives without you;
the littleness of our thoughts without your inspiration;
and the littleness of our hearts without your love;
you are God beyond our littleness yet in one tiny space and time
you became one with us and all those specks of dust you love for all eternity;
enlarge our hearts and minds to reverence all living things and in our care
for them to become big with your grace and signs of your kingdom.

People

**Heavenly dove descend on us we pray
and in your flight reunite our sinful wills
to your heavenly will so we may soar upwards
and see the smallness of ourselves amid the
vastness of your unfolding creation. Amen.**

Celebrant

We look forward with all your creatures to the wonderful consummation of all things
in Christ when death and pain shall be no more and the whole earth shall unite with
those in heaven and praise your name saying:
Worthy are you our Lord and God to receive glory and honor and power for you
created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

People

**God of manifold blessings, source of all that is good and true and holy,
raise us up to see the world through your eyes
alive with your Spirit and touched by your creative hand;
and may the blessing of this wonderful God
Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be upon us
now and forever, Amen.**

Pentecost #1- Gospel Acclamation

L. DeLauder

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Rush-ing fi - re, spi - rit of God fill us with hope, mer - cy, and

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1.

truth. Wind and flame guide us to ask, "What are we here to do?

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Light em - brace us, fill our hearts! Be our source of ev - ver - las - ting

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2.

"What am I here to do?

2024

All standing,

THE GOSPEL:

MATTHEW 11:25-30

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants: yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. DR. JOHN P. REARDON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Let us pray with the whole church and in the words of its saints, poets, and theologians for all those who struggle against the abuse of animals and for the rebirth of compassion in our hearts. Every creature is by its nature a kind of effigy and likeness of the eternal wisdom.

Silence

Leader Almighty God, we pray for grace to perceive your creative hand in all things.

Lord in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We praise you, O God, for your glory displayed in all the creatures of the earth. For all things exist only as seen by you, only as known by you.

Lord in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Help us, O God, to be full of praise for all your creatures.

Lord in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Surely we ought to show kindness and gentleness to animals for many reasons and chiefly because they are of the same origin as ourselves.

Lord in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Increase in us O God, a sense of fellowship with all your creatures. Help us to walk humbly and tread gently on your good earth.

Lord in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader What is a charitable heart? It is a heart which is burning with a love for the whole creation...a heart which can no longer bear to see or learn from others of any suffering, even the smallest pain, being inflicted on a creature. Almighty God, we pray for loving, sensitive hearts towards all your creatures.

People Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Leader Help us, O God, to set animals free from our own cruelty and greed.

People Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader I was early convinced in my mind that true religion consisted in an inward life, wherein the heart doth love and reverence God the Creator and learn to exercise true justice and goodness not only to all people but also toward the creatures of the earth. Dear God help us to recover humility in our relations with animals and to realize that it is the vocation of the strong to be gentle.

People Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader It must be remembered that we are required to practice justice even in our dealings with animals. Almighty God, help us to deal justly with animals, living without wantonness and promoting kindness.

People Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Leader Almighty God, we give thanks for all those who have gone before us and given us examples of courage, mercy, and faith.

People **Lord of all life, your creation groans in travail awaiting the glorious liberty of the children of God; by your Spirit help us to free creation from its bondage, to heal its pain and obtain that liberty which is your gift to all creatures. Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

*Animals are now brought to the front of the church and they are blessed individually by the priest.
After all are blessed, the following prayer is said:*

Celebrant Heavenly Father, your Holy Spirit gives breath to all living things; renew us by the same Spirit that we may learn to respect what you have given and care for what you have made, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **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.*

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 We thank you, Lord, for the beauty of this earth, our island home. We thank you especially for this place in which we live; for our lakes and our forests, our farmland, and the life which flourishes here. Guide us in the care of all you have given us, especially in our care of each other. You have given us much, and for that we are grateful. And so we join with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, evermore praising you, and singing:

HYMN 858 (WLP)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

The people remain standing

Celebrant: Spirit of the living God be upon us.

People: **And all the creatures of the earth.**

Celebrant: Let us be filled with the Spirit of thanksgiving.

People: **And let all creation praise you.**

Celebrant: Yours, Holy Father, is the Word spoken at the beginning through whom all things came to be; this is the Word, source of all creation, who gives life to all creatures; this is the Word that became enfleshed in history, speaking to us through flesh and blood and in works of love; this is the Word that became our suffering, nailed on a tree for our liberation; this is the Word that still speaks through your Spirit; invites us to love and care for all creatures. All creation is united and is perfected in the same Word spoken through all Eternity.

By the power of God's spirit may the Word which became flesh become to us, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the night before he suffered to heal us all, Christ, the incarnate Word, took bread and said to his disciples, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Then he took the cup of wine 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."

In this act, all creation is spoken for by the Word; everything existing is offered to the Father and not one crumb of the gift of life is lost or falls away. Holy Father, the Word you have become has set us free to love, forgive and care; let us now, with these gifts of bread and wine, live our freedom for the sake of all creatures and in your name minister to them as your Word ministers to us.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **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)

1. In re - mem - brance of me,
2. (In re -) mem - brance of me,

1. eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re -
2. heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re -

1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is
2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

1. done. In re - in, Let him in.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is the Lord's table. All are welcome here.

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 51 (VOICES)

Loving Spirit (vs 1 and 4)

1 Lov - ing Spi - rit, lov - ing Spi - rit, you have chos - en me to be;
2 Like a mo - ther you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own.
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me. Teach me the dis - cern - ing eye.
4 Friend and lov - er in your close - ness I am known and held and blest:
5 Lov - ing Spi - rit, lov - ing Spi - rit, you have chos - en me to be;

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
Feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
Hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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

THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Blessed are you our God, Ruler of the universe, who causes bread to come forth from the earth. May your blessing be upon this bread and the bread of those who cannot be in this place, that they may in Spirit share the love and belonging of this community with all. **Amen.**

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 liturgy for today was created from *Animal Rites; Liturgies of Animal Care*, by Andrew Linzey,
Published by Pilgrim Press

HYMN 99 (LEVAS)

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood, Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

1. right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But
 2. chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, My
 3. whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, he
 4. Him be found; Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -

1. whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 2. an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the so - lid Rock, I stand, All
 3. then is all my hope and stay.
 4. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Words: Edward Mote (1797-1874)

Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

st. john's episcopal church

announcements

october schedule changes

We will be holding Thursday Morning Prayer at St. John's this week due to the bee situation at St. Matthew's. We will also be holding church at St. John's next Sunday to avoid the parking issues associated with the Autumn Glory car show.

all saints' day

Sunday, November 1 is All Saints' Day, the day of the church year when we celebrate the Blessed Company of All Faithful People. This Blessed Company consists of all people of God - those who have gone before, those who are in the present, and those who are yet to come. On this day it is customary to remember those friends and loved ones who have gone on to their new life in the Lord.

If you would like to have a person or people remembered, email the name or names to Julie. We will read those names on Sunday, November 1st during the Prayers of the People for those who have died. Please submit your names by Tuesday, October 27th.

episcopals

EpiscoPals is held in the St. Matthew's Parish Hall on the third Sunday of each month at **5:30 pm**. The next gathering will be held on **Sunday, October 18th**. All in attendance are asked to bring a covered dish of their choice to share. This will be a time to socialize with each other over a shared meal. We want to foster the opportunity for our church family to stay connected and for relationships to grow outside of church services and volunteering with our ministries. We feel it is particularly important to preserve this connection during this time of transition.

stephen's table

We served **88 meals** at our September supper! Our next meal will be served on **Thursday, October 22nd from 5-6:30 pm**. 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.

fall session of house church

House Church meets again on **October 7th**. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7:30pm at the Ludwig home at 101 F Street in Mt. Lake Park. This session will be led by Linda Eisenhart and will be a study of **Mere Christianity** by **C. S. Lewis**. The tentative schedule, which is subject to change, can be found in the e-news. All are welcome to join at any time!

it's in the bag

It's in the Bag has resumed its weekly packing of more than 300 bags of food. Volunteers will meet each Wednesday at 11 am at St. John's.

seekers

The Seekers are always 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 the church.

nearly new

The store is always looking for volunteers. The store creates a lot of income for St. Matthew's ministries. The store is open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10AM - 2PM, and during Stephen's Table each month from 5pm - 6:30pm.

If your teen needs to earn service learning hours, they can do so through volunteering at the store. (Anyone under 16 years of age must have a parent or other adult with them throughout their shift.)

If you are interested in lending a hand, you can show up when we are open, or you can:

Send an email to nearlynewcrew@gmail.com, or Contact **Kathy Zimmer** by cell at **412-287-7483** or by email at kathyzimmer24@gmail.com, or Contact **Maryn Fisher** by cell at **240-409-6845** or by email at mhffisher@comcast.net, or Contact **Julie Hartman** in her office at **301-334-2510 ext. 3** or by email at: julie@episcopalgarrett.org

ministers of today's service

Celebrant:	Rev. Dr. John P. Reardon
Reader:	Leslie Roper
Chalicer:	Leslie Roper

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:

episcopalchurchingarrettcountry@gmail.com

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Nancy Ihloff; Madalyn Hoffeditz; Megan Morin; The Manning Family; Marshall Stacy; Sharon Pyle; Butch Virts; Arwana Schoemer; Roberta Seward; the Hodge-Williams Family; Don Loomis; Frances Sharpless; Mary Jane Fike; Bernie Ferguson; Michael Marine; Sylvia Pritts; Kathy O'Connor; Mary Ely; Smith Lantz; Sarah Reed; Barb Riley; John Jorgensen; Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Jen Virts; Amy Harmon; Kim Lovett & Family; Mary Ann Kunst; Michael Null; Margaret Russ; Jack Skeen; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

(Silence)

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Ascension, Westminster; All Saints', Frederick; Christ Church, Columbia.

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

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

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, addiction, and economic and environmental injustice.

Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Linda Ludwig Baker; Diane Burns; Lexie Byrne; Betty Jane Cook; Laurie Cornett; Carolyn Germain; Larry Glatt; Regina Ray; Stephanie Hawtof & Kevin Rissell; Kolby Hefner; Dan Jonson; Madeline Meister; Elon O'Connor; Brenda Rathgeb; Kat & Matt Rayner; 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 at St. Matthew's, or use the form on our website at www.episcopalgarrett.org. When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the livestream at 10 a.m. on our YouTube channel.

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.

upcoming church schedule

October 11th	Autumn Glory	St. John's
October 18th		St. John's
October 25th		St. Matthew's
November 1st		St. John's
November 8th		St. Matthew's
November 15th		St. John's
November 22nd		St. Matthew's
November 29th		St. Matthew's

Sunday, October 4th - St. John's

10 am **Puppy Church** & Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School downstairs
Coffee hour in the fellowship room
immediately following the service

Thursday, October 8th - St. John's

7:30 am Moning Prayer with Reserved Sacrament

Sunday, October 11th - St. John's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School downstairs
Coffee hour in the fellowship room
immediately following the service

sunday 10 am schedule

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November 29th	Holy Eucharist Rite II	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/Morning Prayer w/RS

Friday & Saturday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

monthly

third Sunday

5:30 pm EpiscoPals (**October 18th**, SM Parish Hall)

next-to-the-last Thursday

5 - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table (**October 22nd**)

monthly

6 pm Vestry/Advisory Board meeting - SM (**10/15**)

The Episcopal Church in Garrett County

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Bishop of Maryland

The Rev. Anne Byrne-Deitch
Assistant Priest for Christian Formation, St. Matthew's

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Julie Hartman
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Junior Warden, St. Matthew's

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