

10:00AM

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude - "Fugue" *J. S. Bach*

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn - "O Worship the King" #388 in The Hymnal

Greeting

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Gloria #S-280 in The Hymnal

Collect of the Day *printed on insert*

First Lesson - Genesis 29:15-28 *printed on insert*

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b *(to be read in unison)* *printed on insert*

Second Lesson – Romans 8:26-39 *printed on insert*

Please stand for the Gospel Procession

Gospel Procession - "O day of God, draw nigh"
(verse 1 before, 2 after) #601 in The Hymnal

Gospel Reading - Matthew 13:31-33,44-52 *printed on insert*

Sermon *The Rev. Ann Grady*

Solo - "Simple Gifts" R. Vaughan Williams *Soloist, Paul Tolly*

Please stand to say

Nicene Creed p. 358 in The BCP

Prayers of the People

Leader Spirit, help us in our weakness.
People *Intercede for us.*

The Confession p. 360 in The BCP

The Peace

Thanksgivings, Blessings and Prayer Requests

We ask what you share to be prayerful, worshipful and brief.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory - "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" #460 in The Hymnal

Doxology

Together **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Holy Communion - Eucharistic Prayer A p. 361 in The BCP

All are welcome to receive communion. Please follow the directions of our ushers. Gluten-free wafers are available; request from the Celebrant at the time the elements are being distributed.

Sanctus #S-125 in The Hymnal

Communion Hymn - "Humbly I adore thee" #314 in The Hymnal

Post-Communion Prayer p. 365 in The BCP

Blessing

Hymn - "Lord of all being, throned afar" #419 in The Hymnal

Dismissal

The dismissal will be offered by one of our clergy, with the following response:

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude - "Fugue in D" *J. S. Bach*

Next Sunday's Readings - August 6, 2017

The Transfiguration

Exodus 34:29-35 2 Peter 1:13-21

Psalms 99 Luke 9:28-36

Spend a bit of time this week looking at next Sunday's readings. It's a great way to prepare for worship and build a personal spiritual discipline of regular bible reading.

"Preparing for Sunday" on our website: www.sjec-midland.org/devotional-resources provides scripture passages, reflection and prayer resources for each week.

Vacation Bible School is 3 Weeks Away!

Passport to Peru is the theme of our VBS scheduled for **August 21-24, 6:00-8:00pm**. Wendy Thompson and Sara Philo are coordinating this event and are looking for volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact Wendy at 989-941-1709, 27winifred@gmail.com or Sara at 989-859-5394, sphilo@pdkg.com. Registration forms are available, look for the salmon colored sheets on the table in the Narthex.

Nursery Care, Children's & Youth Formation Update

Suzanne Di Piazza, *our new Director of Children and Youth Ministries*, began her service this past Monday. If you didn't catch her at church last week, please be sure to extend a warm welcome when you do meet her in worship or at the office. We also plan to have a Q&A feature with Suzanne in our August Epistle.

Until our new Director of Children & Youth Ministries has a chance to implement programs, we are only offering nursery care on Sunday mornings versus our usual range of age-based faith formation classes. We appreciate your patience as we take these important steps critical to the Christian education we offer to young families.

A+D Charitable Foundation hosts their 2nd Annual Shamrock Scramble, Friday, August 4, at Swan Valley Golf Club – 9521 Highland Green Dr., Saginaw. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. + lunch, dinner, prizes, trophies and raffles. Proceeds provide therapy/skilled nursing and hospice care/home health and social work services to un- and under-insured older adults in Saginaw, Bay, Midland, Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella and Gratiot counties. For more, contact Gretchen at (989) 249-0929.

What Can You Do for our Community BBQ?

Thursday, August 17, St. John's is hosting a Community Barbecue that will be catered by Bone Daddy's of Midland and, weather permitting, held in our garden and lawn areas.

⇒ **We're asking church members to contribute potluck desserts and drinks... look for a sign-up sheet beginning in August.**

⇒ **We'd also love a few volunteers to take turns as official "welcomers"... contact Ministry Coordinator Carol Sullivan, (989) 631-2260 or carol@sjec-midland.org.**

In addition to the award-winning BBQ fare, we'll have music, games & a bounce house. This is just one way we're "Celebrating in Community" the 150th year of The Episcopal Church in Midland. Please take the yellow half-sheet flyers found around the church, or simply share by word of mouth, and extend invites to family, friends and neighbors.



♦ **RSVP to (989) 631-2260**

Prayers for St. Andrew's Servants

This morning, please pray for the St. John's parishioners in Flint to serve a meal and deliver donated clothes to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. We also ask prayers for our Flint neighbors. We have this opportunity every 5th Sunday of a month; Oct 29 would be the next mini-mission trip... mark your calendars and consider joining.

Dow Gardens Wrap Up

797 visitors experienced Dow Gardens last Sunday, courtesy of St. John's and Holy Family Episcopal Churches. While some of these folks were familiar with this landmark, many enjoyed the gardens for the first time. Dow Gardens staff informed us that their Sunday average attendance is closer to 500 so our offer of courtesy admission, in honor of our Sesquicentennial, undoubtedly made a difference in turnout!

Thanks to all 150th Cte members, the Men's Group for help with water bottle delivery and to our ambassador-volunteers:

Carol Sullivan, Robbyn Prange, Kathy McCreedy, Bob Stoney, Pat Roush, Lisa Miller, Ken Hitch, Carole Adams, Deb Blackhurst, Faye Ebach, Betty Ujevich, Chuk Kleber, Marsha Kleber, Dave Whisler, Barb Sovereign and Alicia Watt

Last Call for Newsletter Items

If you have any items for the August Epistle (ministry happenings, thank you's, save the date announcements, photos, etc.), please get to Carol Sullivan, carol@sjec-midland.org, by August 2. *Thank you!*

Sesquicentennial History & Trivia...

Q: Guess the date & names of the first couple married in St. John's current sanctuary.

see below for answer



The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our St. John's family.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 2017



WELCOME!

It is our pleasure to have you join us for worship today. If this is your first visit, or even if you've been attending for a little while, and you'd like to learn more about us, please take a 'Welcome' card from our pews, complete & place the 'Connect' side in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters or clergy so that we can be in touch with you. Or, feel welcome to contact us using the information inside this bulletin.

For 10:00AM liturgy, please see inside.



The Coming Week	
Sunday, 7/30 9:00am - Bible Study	Wednesday, 8/2 12:00pm - Holy Eucharist
Monday, 7/31 12:00pm - AA 5:30pm - New Hope Village Board Mtg.	Thursday, 8/3
Tuesday, 8/1 10:00am - Samaritan Fund 1:00pm - Knitpickers 6:00pm - Preschool Board Meeting	Friday, 8/4 12:00pm - AA
	Saturday, 8/5
	Sunday, 8/6 9:00am - Bible Study

Anti-Racism Training originally scheduled for July 15 has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 11. More details will be available closer to November.

Our Daily Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers..... Robert Gilson, James Robinson, Sheila Nye, Teresa Oliver, Doug and Betty Kirkley, Kay Trautman, Lynn Purves, Ian Alsgaard, Phil Robinson, Rev. William Elliott, Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week ... July 30-Shelia Mesler, 31-Lisa Anne-Schartow Miller, August 1-William Kirksey, Trish Varner, 2-Linda Holder, Kurt Smith, 4-Louise White, Mark Oliver, James Glackin, 5-Virginia Nelson.

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and for the people of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, pray for Grace, Long Rapids.

In our international Anglican prayer cycle, pray for Pittsburgh - (Ill, The Episcopal Church) The Rt. Rev. Dorsey W M McConnell.

Contact Us	
St. John's Episcopal Church 405 N. Saginaw Road Midland, MI 48640 Phone 989.631.2260 Fax 989.631.4261	Office Hours Monday to Thursday ... 9am-3pm Friday ... 9am-noon Rector Hours Monday to Thursday ... 9am-5pm <i>Please call to make an appointment.</i>
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SERVING AT 8 AM

Lector Alicia Watt
 Eucharistic Minister Alicia Watt

SERVING AT 10 AM

Announcer Dave Whisler
 Greeters HJ and Lee Smith
 Ushers Bill Kent, Carol Schelb
 Acolytes Lee Smith, Bob Stoney
 Lectors Page Miller, Tessa Kent
 Intercessor Bill Kent, Pat Roush
 Element Bearers Charles Bash
 Eucharistic Ministers Bonnie Bash, Marnie Bash
 Charles and Marnie Bash
 Betsy Greenwood, Hazel Robinson

OUR VESTRY - OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Class of 2018

Faye Ebach.....835-7518 Kevin Kendrick.....839-9188
 Carole Adams.....631-0662 Bob Dennett.....486-9255

Class of 2019

Deb Blackhurst, Co-Warden.....859-3214 Ellen McVey, Clerk.....631-4169
 Pat Roush, Co-Warden631-4149

Class of 2020

Pat Wilson.....837-4066 Sara Philo.....859-5394

HEAD OF THE CHURCH - JESUS CHRIST

MINISTERS - ALL OUR MEMBERS

Clergy

The Rev. Kenneth R. Hitch
Rector

Staff

Suzanne Di Piazza <i>Director of Children and Youth Ministries</i>	Denise Isenbarger <i>Bookkeeper</i>	Charlotte Jacqmain <i>Parish Secretary</i>
Carol Sullivan <i>Ministry Coordinator</i>	Gloria Stark <i>Janitor</i>	Tim Stark <i>Sexton</i>
Mair Alsgaard <i>Organist</i>	Betsy Greenwood <i>Director of Handbells</i>	Dennis Van Koevering <i>Director of Music</i>

Our vision

*WE JOYFULLY GATHER TO PRAY, WORSHIP, LEARN AND SERVE
 AS WE SEEK TO FOLLOW JESUS, AND INVITE ALL TO JOIN US
 ON A SACRED JOURNEY OF HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION*

Our mission

LINKING LIVES IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

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Following the pattern of the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER - RITE II

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The Prayers of the People Form IV p. 388

The Confession p. 360

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Offering
*Together All things come of thee, O Lord,
 and of thine own have we given thee.*

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A p. 361

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread p. 364

Holy Communion

Post-communion Prayer p. 365

Blessing and Dismissal

*A: September 3, 1952, Groom-Wayne William Allswed,
 Bride - Carol Jeanne Pike*