

10:00AM

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude - "How Deep, How Broad, How High" *arr. David Johnson*

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn - "Rejoice, ye pure in heart!" #556 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 - Revelation 7:9-17 *printed on insert*

Psalms 34:1-10,22 *printed on insert*

Second Lesson – 1 John 3:1-3 *printed on insert*

Please stand for the Gospel Procession

Gospel Procession - "For thy dear saints" #279 in [The Hymnal](#)
(verses 1 & 2 before, and 3 & 4 after)

Dedication of the Gospel Book *printed on insert*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:1-12 *printed on insert*

Sermon *The Rev. Kenneth R. Hitch*

Choir Anthem "Break Forth into Song" *Allen Pote*

Please stand to say

Nicene Creed p. 358 in [The BCP](#)

Prayers of the People

Leader We bless, O Lord,
People *Your praise is ever in our mouths.*

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 - "For all the saints" #287 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.**

Blessing of Pledge Cards

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-130 in [The Hymnal](#)

Communion Hymn - "Let saints on earth" #526 in [The Hymnal](#)

Post-Communion Prayer p. 365 in [The BCP](#)

Blessing

Hymn - "Ye watchers and ye holy ones" #618 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 - "Sine Nomine" *arr. Healey Willan*

Tim Stark's Retirement Party - Next Sunday, Nov. 12

A chance to show appreciation for Tim's 20+ years of faithful service to St. John's.... Fellowship time following next week's 10am service.

Children and Youth Formation News

All children in grades 1-5 are welcome to join us for **Religious Formation** every Sunday (9-9:50 am) in the lower Level. Look for the room where an easel is in the hallway that says Welcome!

Preschool and Kindergarten class will now meet during the 10:00 am service. Please connect with Suzanne for more information.

Join Us for Midland's Santa Parade - November 18

Midland's Santa Parade takes place on Saturday morning, November 18. The youth group (teens and leaders) would like to represent SJEC, along the parade route, by passing out hot cocoa and small bags of Christmas treats. Exact location to be determined. We could use a few 'elves' to help in this endeavor. If you are interested in helping, please connect with Suzanne. Thank you!

Advent Wreath Workshop

All are welcome to attend an Advent Wreath making workshop, in the Activity Room, on Saturday, December 2nd at 2:30pm. We will finish so that you may attend the Bell Choir Concert at 4:00pm. Everything you'll need to make an Advent wreath for home use will be provided. The metal frames, candles and greenery have all been purchased. There will be a free will offering at the door. If you would like to help prepare the cut greenery, please connect with Suzanne. Our plan is to have folks return the metal frames, after the season, to be used again Advent 2018. Thank you!

Anti-Racism Training This Saturday

This Diocesan training will be held here at St. John's this **Saturday, November 11, 2017**. Registration begins at 9:00am, session concludes at 4:00pm. Cost of the session is \$10, continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch are included. To sign up for this training, please call the office at 989-631-2260 or e-mail Office@SJEC-midland.org.

"Lift Your Voice In Harmony" - Next Sunday

Harmony Diversity Choir and Bella Voce Women's Choir perform

St. John's hosts this inaugural joint concert November 12 at 3:00 PM.

The choirs will perform classic & contemporary tunes, such as Lennon's "Imagine," Simon's "The Sound of Silence," Cohen's Hallelujah," and the ever-popular "God Bless America" – with audience participation! This first collaboration between Perceptions and Midland Center for the Arts is free & open to the public; donations accepted at door.

Classical Bells Concert—December 2 at 4:00 PM

St. John's hosts Classical Bells, "Michigan's Premier Handbell Ensemble" for a Christmas show next month. These seasoned professionals, led by artistic director, Darlene Ebersole, perform in concerts nationwide including with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan Opera Theater. A donation of \$10 is suggested for those attending the performance at St. John's.

An Invitation

Tomorrow, Monday, November 6, a group of St. John's men will meet at 8:00am at big Boy for breakfast and conversation. Join us!

Attention Worship Servers

It's time for the new Server Schedule. Please submit the dates you are not available for December 3 through February 27 to Karen Newhouse, kbnew40@yahoo.com by November 12.

150 Trees for 150 Years - Last Call!

The fall planting window is soon closing, but we still have tree vouchers to give away so pick yours up or encourage others. St. John's office hours are **Mon–Thu 9a-3p, Fri 9a-12p**. See October Epistle for additional details.

Women Journeying Together

On Thursday, November 2, we began our Advent study, *Because of Bethlehem*, a DVD study with Max Lucado. Lucado's gentle but faithful style invites us to go beyond the busyness and noise of Christmas and discover "what's the big deal about the baby in the manger" and why I care. We meet at 1:00, in the Activity Room downstairs. A book to accompany the DVD will be available for purchase. Women of all ages are invited to join us as we look forward to Advent & Christmas – Thursdays, 1:00-~2:30PM, in the Activity Room, Nov. 2 -Dec. 7. Questions? Contact Marnie Bash, mpbash@ameritech.net.

AGO (American Guild of Organists) presents: the annual Kent Dennis recital on Sunday, November 12 at 7:00 am at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Featured recitalist is Dr. Adrienne Willy. Free will offering will go toward scholarship fund.

The Coming Week

Sunday, 11/5
 9:00am - Bible Study
 9:00am - ACT Handcrafts sale

Monday, 11/6
 12:00pm - AA
 6:00pm - Preschool Board Meeting

Tuesday, 11/7
 10:00am - Samaritan Fund
 10:00am - Ecumenical Women's Bible
 1:00pm - Knitpickers

Wednesday, 11/8
 10:30am - Women's Bible Study
 12:00pm - Holy Eucharist
 2:15pm - Prayer Centering
 7:00pm - Finance Committee

Thursday, 11/9
 10:00am - Love Knots
 1:00pm - Women Journeying Together
 5:30pm - Bell Choir
 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 11/10
 10:00am - Daughters of the King
 12:00pm - AA

Saturday, 11/11
 9:00am - Anti-Racism Training

Sunday, 11/12
 9:00am - Bible Study
 11:00am - Farewell Reception for Tim
 11:00am - Youth Ministry
 12:00pm - Women's Honor Choir

Our Daily Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers..... Alicia Watt, Emmy Bork, Cynthia Kinnear, Betty Kirkley, Sarah Kempself, Nicole Kempself, Karen Englert, Molly Young, Teresa Oliver, Kevin Di Piazza, Shelia Nye, James Robinson, 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 anniversaries this week Ed and Helen Srodes.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week November 3-Carol Sullivan, 6-Joey Blackhurst, 7-Bonnie Hayward.

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and for the people of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan pray for our partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In our international Anglican prayer cycle pray for Tungoo - Myanmar, The Rt. Rev. Saw Wilme.

Next Sunday's Readings - November 12, 2017 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Psalm 78:1-7 Matthew 25:1-13

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,

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Office Hours

Monday to Thursday ... 9am-3pm
 Friday ... 9am-noon

Rector Hours

Monday to Thursday ... 9am-5pm
Please call to make an appointment.

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

SERVING AT 8 AM

Lector.....Betsy Greenwood
 Eucharistic MinisterBetsy Greenwood

SERVING AT 10 AM

Announcer.....Bill Kent
 Greeters.....HJ and Lee Smith
 Ushers.....Woody Hurley, Bill Kent
Lee Smith, Dave Whisler
 Acolytes.....Josh Thompson, Tessa Kent, Karen Newhouse
 Lector.....Deb Blackhurst, Hazel Robinson
 Intercessor.....Deb Blackhurst
 Element Bearers.....Betty Schartow, Carol Schelb
 Eucharistic Ministers.....Roger Bryant, Bob Estabrook
Karen Newhouse, Hazel Robinson

OUR VESTRY - OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Class of 2018

Faye Ebach.....835-7518 Carole Adams.....631-0662

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
 Susan Rye.....642-3407

HEAD OF THE CHURCH - JESUS CHRIST MINISTERS - ALL OUR MEMBERS

Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Catherine Waynick
Bishop

The Rev. Kenneth R. Hitch
Rector

Staff

Suzanne Di Piazza
Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Denise Isenbarger
Bookkeeper

Charlotte Jacqmain
Parish Secretary

Carol Sullivan
Ministry Coordinator

Gloria Stark
Janitor

Tim Stark
Sexton

Mair Alsgaard
Organist

Betsy Greenwood
Director of Handbells

Dennis Van Koevering
Director of Music

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

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 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.



8:00AM

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

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The Nicene Creed p. 358

The Prayers of the People Form IV p. 388

The Confession p. 360

The Peace

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

Blessing of Pledge Cards

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