



Worship

God calls us to worship Him, and we do so with joy and great majesty at St. John's.

We use the 1928 American Book of Common Prayer as our standard for community worship. We believe the old adage *Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi*, what we pray is what we believe (literally "the law of prayer is the law of faith"). Since the 1928 Prayer Book is the last American Prayer book to uphold the 450+ year tradition of Anglican Prayer Book theology, language, and form, we know that our worship is formed by 'right doctrine' that has been inspired by Scripture, and has been sanctified over the centuries by the prayerful use of the faithful.

This worship keeps us focused on the gift of God in his Son Jesus Christ, and our need to continually turn to Him for the Grace necessary to live lives worthy of our calling.

Music

St. Augustine of Hippo said, "He who sings prays twice". Music plays an integral part of our worship and identity as Traditional Anglicans, helping us to "pray twice".

St. John's has a professional choir, under the direction of Dr. Huw R. Lewis, FRCO. Working together with the clergy and people, the music ministry of the parish lifts up the heart, soul, and mind to contemplate the awesome majesty of our Good God.

Drawing deeply from our Anglican Heritage, as well as other Western Classics, the choir offers sublime anthems and Service settings, and leads congregational participation during the singing of hymns.



Additionally, special music programs are offered for the greater glory of God and the edification of His people. This includes Choral Evensongs, Special Service Settings on certain Sundays and Holy Days, and concerts by outside choirs and artists.

Christian Education

We are all called to minister to one another, to witness by word and deed that Jesus is Lord, and to be prepared to make a defense of the faith that is in us. Therefore "Sunday School" is not just for children, but for all the people of God.

We strive to tap into the natural curiosity of youth, filling them with the Love of God and a desire to serve Him as He wills. Sunday School classes currently are being held for children ages 3 to 13, and Youth Group for those in Middle and High School.



Adults are also called to continue learning. Some of the ways this is done is through home bible studies, encouraging participation in outside academic programs, and our own Adult Education Series and Bible Study on Sunday Mornings.



From the pulpit the Word of God is preached and made relevant to our daily lives, strengthening and equipping us to be "in the world, but not of the world". We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and the standard for our daily living (accomplished by His Grace!).

Outreach

A great Archbishop of Canterbury once said that the Church is the only organization that exists solely for those not yet members of it. We desire to be an outward looking people, seeking to serve others in Jesus' name. We are striving to aid others in their needs and show them the love of Christ.



Individually and corporately St. John's is involved in ministries to the homeless in the Detroit Metro Area through Mariners Inn, COTS, and aids the social service work of Crossroad Ministries.

We also are active in our support of several seminaries of the Episcopal Church, such as Nashotah House and Trinity Seminary. It is here that the future leadership is being formed and prepared.

Additionally, we are active in our support of various national church organizations that are striving to help the Church to grow in Grace, promoting the traditional Anglican Faith.

Internationally, St. John's has a relationship with the Diocese of Northern Malawi.

More personally, we at St. John's are trying to reach out to our friends and neighbors and invite them to join us as we glorify God and become His holy people.

Fellowship

At St. John's we like to be with each other, and to do things together! Whether it is a potluck after services, a talent show on Shrove Tuesday, or a pancake breakfast before the Thanksgiving Day Parade (which passes in front of St.



John's), our social fellowship is lively and enjoyable. The food is always great, and we treasure the

opportunity to get to know one another in a social context.

St. John's has seen many changes in our neighborhood since 1858. The current renewal of the neighborhood makes for exciting opportunities right outside our front door. In addition to the new housing being built, we have within walking distance the Detroit Tigers' and Detroit Lions' stadiums, The Fox Theatre, The State Theatre, The Century and Gem Theatres, and many restaurants and other venues. The nearby People-Mover station makes the rest of the attractions in downtown Detroit readily accessible.



Parish outings are frequent, such as the yearly outing to Comerica Park, where the Rector throws out the first pitch and the choir sings the National Anthem. Our

large gated parking lot next to the Church makes for easy access to St. John's events, as well as those social events that follow.

Opportunities

The Armitage Club – A monthly men's fellowship, which meets on a weeknight, for dinner and a speaker, and to organize parish events

St. Catherine's Guild - our local chapter of the Episcopal Church Women, the ECW meets regularly, usually on a Sunday Morning, to plan social and fundraising events for the parish.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew – an organization for ministry to men and boys, the St. John's Chapter of the Brotherhood meets monthly.

Daughters of the King – also a spiritually based organization, The Daughters meet monthly for prayer and study.

Youth Group – Middle and High School students meet every Sunday after the 10am Service.

Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes – various volunteer ministries during the liturgy, involving serving at the altar or doing readings during the service

Altar Guild – a ministry to prepare the sanctuary for the liturgies, and help to preserve and maintain the sacred vessels and linens.

Ushers – greeting parishioners and guests, the ushers aid in the orderliness of the service.

Sunday School teachers – we can always use help in our growing program.

Schedule

Sundays

7:30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel)
8:00am – Holy Communion (Chapel)
10:00am – Holy Communion (Church)
2nd and 5th Sundays – Morning Prayer with Communion.

9:05am – Sunday School
9:05am – Adult Education
9:05am – Bible Study
(Undercroft entrance)
after 10am Service – Youth Group

Sunday Evensong (when announced)

Weekdays in the Chapel

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
12:15pm - Holy Communion

Monday Through Friday
5:00pm – Evening Prayer

Holy Days as announced

Additional Services and Devotions are scheduled for Advent and Lent

For updates, maps, and more information, check out our website

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St. John's Today



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