



Welcome to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist! Whatever brought you here today is a good thing and we want you to know that you are always welcome here. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion, and you are invited to spend some time in fellowship following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

**Holy Eucharist Rite II
December 15, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent**

8 and 10:15 a.m.

Nursery - 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Chilton Hall Room 1

Sunday School
Children Education, 9:15 a.m., Chilton Hall, Rm 2

We Care About You!

We are pleased to offer communion visits if you are not able to join us. Please contact the office if you would like to schedule a Eucharistic visitor. Fr. Tim and Deacon Chuck are available round the clock for pastoral needs. Their phone numbers can found in the Church Directory or by calling the office. Our Daughters of the King prayer ministry team welcomes prayer requests on St. John's website. Our office number is **623-582-5449** and our e-mail address is info@stjohnsaz.org.

READINGS

First Reading	Judges 13:2-7, page 229
Psalm	Psalm 115:9-15, BCP page 758
Second Reading	1John 3:1-3, pages 1381-1382
Gospel	Luke 1:46-56, page 1202

Altar Flower Dedications

For the Glory of God

MUSIC 10:15 A.M. - JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR

<i>Entrance Hymn</i>	The Word
<i>Kyrie</i>	Missa Emmanuel
<i>Sequence Hymn</i>	Breathe
<i>Offertory</i>	I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever
<i>Sanctus</i>	Missa Emmanuel
<i>Sung Amen</i>	Missa Emmanuel
<i>Lord's Prayer</i>	Joyful Noise Lord's Prayer
<i>Fraction</i>	Missa Emmanuel
<i>Communion</i>	Whispering Hope
<i>Recessional</i>	Amazing Grace
<i>Dismissal</i>	God has Spoken

Angel Tree

Please return all Angel Tree gifts by Wednesday, December 18. For more information, speak with Dan Basche at 602-439-3594.

U2Charist to Return December 22nd!

Back by popular demand, St. John's will host a second U2Charist. That's right, we had so much fun the first time around that we've decided to do it again: this time on a Sunday! Fr. Tim will join the St. John's Praise Band, and we will sing songs by the rock band U2 in place of our traditional hymns on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, at 10:15. Come sing, dance, and pray as we celebrate the Eucharist together with the music of U2. The milk can will make an appearance, and we will once again collect funds for Christmas gift cards for our friends at US Vets. Let's rock together on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. It's a beautiful day!

Christmas Eve Services: December 24 at 5 and 8 p.m.

Glory to the Newborn King! That's right, Christmas is right around the corner! Join us as we celebrate Holy Eucharist together at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Invite your friends and family to join us as we sing Christmas hymns, pray together, and rejoice in the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Following Holy Communion, we will sing Silent Night surrounded by candlelight. Keep the "mass" in Christmas this year by joining us for Eucharist at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at St. John's! As is true every year, our Christmas Eve services will begin with caroling. Our 5 p.m. service will be a little less formal and our 8 p.m. service will follow the liturgy for Midnight Mass. Please let Deacon Chuck know if you are willing to serve as a liturgical minister.

Christmas Poinsettia Dedications

Poinsettia dedications sign-up sheets are on the podium next to doors of the Sanctuary. Please make a \$20.00 donation for the poinsettias. Donations can be made online, click other and then when asked type in Poinsettia, by check or cash please write poinsettia in the memo line or on the blue envelopes found in the pews, (don't forget to write your name on the blue envelope.) For more information, contact the office.

St. John's Office Holiday Hours

The church office and food pantry will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's. We will reopen Tuesday, January 7th. There will be no Wednesday service on December 25 or January 1.

St. John's Closet Thrift Store will be closed Friday, December 27 and Saturday December 28. The thrift store will reopen Friday, January 3.

Women Unlimited Christmas Cookie/Treat Exchange

Saturday, December 21, 11:00 - 1:00, Parish Hall.

Back by popular demand, 2nd Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange is coming up on Saturday December 21st. We will play games, laugh, eat and exchange treats and white elephant gifts. Please bring 3 quarters for a lively game of LRC. Pack your exchange treats in packages of six, for easy pickup, and plan to wear Christmas fun attire. There is a sign-up sheet, in the parish hall to let us know how many will attend. All Ladies and friends are invited. Your hostesses, Ellie Calcagni and Nancy Young.

Carols and Cocoa, Saturday, December 21 at 6 p.m.

Need a festive outing to get into that Christmas spirit? Well then, you're in luck! St. John's will host Caroling and Cocoa on Saturday, December 21 at 6 p.m. on the patio. We will have fire pits and heaters to keep us warm, and we will have hot drinks (including that seasonal favorite, hot cocoa!) and snacks. Want to bring an instrument to play along? Great! Bring your favorite Christmas clothing and your best singing voice and spend a fun evening with Jimmy Diaz and company here at St. John's. All are welcome!

Save the Date! 40th Anniversary Dinner January 18th

We will pray, dine, and have fun together as we reminisce about our 40 years together! The dinner will take place in the Parish Hall. A donation of \$5 will be requested simply to hold your spot and so we know how much food to provide. It will be a wonderful celebration.

Faith Through the Arts Art Auction, Saturday, February 22,

Faith Through The Arts (FTTA) will be hosting an art auction February 22 to support the Capital Campaign. What we need from everyone now is framed pictures/paintings that you may be tired of, want to change out, a Rembrandt sitting in your closet you want to donate, etc. We are also looking for art pieces for our silent auction that will be held at the same time. This would include hand made pottery items, hand turned wooden bowls, small “artsy” items you are willing to part with, etc. We ask that you bring these to the church, label them FTTA and leave them in the library where a FTTA member will pick it up and store it for the auction. More information will be given as we draw nearer to the February 22 date, but mark your calendars now cause we need EVERYONE to join us for a fun evening event!!!

Your Taxes Can Help Build a House!

(Please note you do not have to itemize your taxes to be eligible)

Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona, a Christian-based organization, builds simple, decent and affordable homes in partnership with families in need. In 2024, Arizona taxpayers can get a dollar-for-dollar tax credit of up to \$938 on their state income tax return for charitable contributions made to a qualifying charitable organization; single taxpayers can contribute up to \$470 and married couples can contribute up to \$938. More information for qualified charitable contributions can be found on the shelf on the south wall of the Parish Hall.

Vestry Candidates Needed!

Please continue to prayerfully discern a call to run as a candidate for Vestry! Your church needs you! You must be at least 16 years of age, a communicant in good standing, and a member of our parish for at least six months. New parishioners and long timers are welcome and encouraged to run! Maybe you are just the person your church is looking for! Speak with a Vestry member or a member of the clergy or staff for more information.

Children Welcomed as Liturgical Ministers

Hey kids! Do you want to serve as a lector or assist at the altar? We’d love to welcome you to serve in our liturgical ministries. There is no minimum age to serve at the altar, and the only requirement for being a lector is an ability to read. Training can easily be arranged. Serve the Church and serve Jesus by serving as a liturgical minister. People of all ages are invited. Contact the church office or a member of the clergy for more information.

Sunday School Teachers Wanted

Beginning in January of 2025, we will have a new Sunday School curriculum for our children at St. John’s. We are also looking for teachers who will guide our children through their study. Our curriculum will be lectionary based and officially endorsed by the Episcopal Church. Teachers must complete a background check and Safe Church training (at no cost to you). No specialized training is required, but experience and comfort working with children is certainly a plus. We invite you to prayerfully discern a calling to teach and mentor our young people here at St. John’s. Contact the church office if you are able and willing to help teach Sunday School.

Happenings @ St. John the Baptist

- **Bible Study Between Services**
Sundays, 9 a.m. between services, Chilton Hall Room 5
- **Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal**
Tuesday, December 17, 7p.m., Sanctuary,
- **Wednesday, Eucharist and Healing Service**
Wednesdays, 1 p.m., Parish Hall
- **FaithNet, Faith-Based Support Group for Mental Illness**
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., East Annex.
Next meeting December 18th.
- **St. John’s Choir Rehearsal**
Thursdays, 7 p.m., Sanctuary.
- **St. John’s Farmers’ Market**
Fridays—9 a.m. to 1 p.m., East Parking Lot.
Vendors or info Email: SJBfarmersmarket@gmail.com

- **St. John's Closet Thrift Store**
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chilton Hall Rm 3.
Donations are accepted during the hours we are open.
Closed December 27th and 29th for the Christmas Holiday.
- **Borderland's P.O.W. W.O.W.**
Saturday, January 4, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00, East Parking Lot.
- **Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Bible Study**
Saturday, December 21, 7:30 a.m., Parish Hall.

For more information about events at St. John's please check out our weekly email Newsletter ***Voice in the Wilderness.***
Contact the office to sign up.

Hospitality Ministry

We need some help on our coffee hour team! Please help us to make sure our parishioners aren't left thirsty for coffee on Sunday mornings. We would love to have you join us to make coffee, set out goodies, and clean up afterward. Please contact **Valerie Swick** at (602) 694-4629 or **August Tolle** at (602) 677-4554. Many hands make light work!

Altar Guild needs YOU to join our team!

Did you know the Altar Guild plays a huge role in making sure our worship can take place smoothly and seamlessly? If you enjoy meaningful worship with everything exactly in the place it needs to be, then we ask you to prayerfully discern a call to join the Altar Guild.

Food Pantry and Blessing Bags Supplies Needed

Monetary and food donations are always appreciated.

Please remember to check the expiration date on your donations. We cannot give out expired food to our clients.

Besides food pantry items, we also have smaller bags of food, water and personal hygiene bags to respond to those asking for help. (Cans with pull rings are helpful). *Please pick up your Blessing Bags by the church doors.*

Food Pantry - Always Needed and Appreciated

Spam, Canned Tuna and Chicken
Syrup and Pancake Mix (Complete)
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Cereal (hot and cold)

Blessing Bags - Always Needed and Appreciated

Vienna Sausages/Beanee Weenies
Snacks and Cookies (Individual)
Personal size hygiene products
Real juice Small Cans (V8, OJ, etc.)

December Stewardship Message - Time, Talent and Treasure

Proverbs 11:25 The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.

St. John's Giving and Attendance for November 24th

Pledge	\$6,567.00	Pantry	\$70.00
Plate	\$776.00	Thrift Store	\$362.00
Pantry	\$70.00	Other	\$300.00
Weekly Expenses	\$5,014.35	Attendance	124
Bishop's Discretionary	\$430.00		

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*We are the Church that serves
and spreads God's love to everyone*



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Music for Sunday, December 15 , 2024

Joyful Noise

ENTRANCE HYMN

(Chorus)
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
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And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

[Chorus]

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

[Chorus]

You're a light unto my path

KYRIE

Missa Emmanuel

Thy Word

SEQUENCE HYMN

Breathe

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me

This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe

OFFERTORY HYMN

I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever

Verse

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down yeah

(Chorus)
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

(Verse)

[Chorus]

(Bridge)
Oh I feel like dancing
It's foolishness I know
But when the world has seen the light
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now

[Chorus] X 2

SANCTUS: *Missa Emmanuel*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: *Missa Emmanuel*

SUNG AMEN: *Missa Emmanuel*

LORD'S PRAYER: Joyful Noise version

FRACTION: *Missa Emmanuel*

COMMUNION *Whispering Hope*

Verse 1

Soft as the voice of an angel
Breathing a lesson unheard
Hope with a gentle persuasion
Whispers her comforting word
Wait till the darkness is over
Wait till life's tempest is done
Hope for the sunshine tomorrow
After the sunshine is gone

(Chorus)
Whispering hope
O how welcome Thy voice
Making my heart
In its sorrow rejoice

Verse 2

If in the dusk of the twilight
Dim be the region afar
Will not the deepening darkness
Brighten the glimmering star
Then when the night is upon us
Why should the heart sink away
When the dark midnight is over
Watch for the breaking day

[Chorus]

Verse 3

Hope as an anchor so steadfast
Rends the dark veil for the soul
Whither the Master has entered
Robbing the grave of its goal
Come then O come glad fruition
Come to my sad weary heart
Come O Thou blest hope of glory
Never O never depart
Come O Thou blest hope of glory
Never O never depart

[Chorus] X 2

CLOSING HYMN***Amazing Grace***

(Sung to the tune *Joy To The World*)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost but now am found
 Was blind but now I see
 Was blind but now I see
 Was blind, was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
 And grace my fears relieved
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed
 The hour I first believed
 The hour, the hour I first believed

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
 His Word my hope secures
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures
 As long as life endures
 As long, as long as life endures

Verse 4

Through many dangers toils and snares
 I have already come
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
 And grace will lead me home
 And grace will lead me home
 And grace, and grace will lead me home

Verse 5

When we've been there ten thousand years
 Bright shining as the sun
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we've first begun
 Than when we've first begun
 Than when, then when we've first begun

DISMISSAL***God Has Spoken***

Open your ears, O faithful people,
 Open your ears, and hear God's word.
 Open your ears, O royal priesthood,
 God has come to you.

(Refrain)

God has spoken to His people, Hallelujah!
 And His words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!
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They who have ears to hear the message,
 They who have ears then let them hear.
 They who would learn the way of wisdom,
 Let him hear God's word.

[Refrain]

Israel comes to greet the Saviour,
 Judah is glad to see His day.
 From East and West the peoples travel,
 He will show the way.

[Refrain]

Open your ears, O faithful people,
 Open your ears, and hear God's word.
 Open your ears, O royal priesthood,
 God has come to you.

[Refrain]

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