

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION † SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 16, 2022 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA



# *Welcome to worship at St. John's!*

***We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!***

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back  
so you can greet those worshipping around you.*

*Ushers will gather these following worship.*

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal  
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,  
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

*An asterisk (\*) invites you to stand as you are able.*

**P** Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

***Children are welcome*** to participate throughout our  
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion  
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

***Children's Bibles and activity bags***  
*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary  
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.  
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

*Large print bulletins are available for worship services.*



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace  
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as  
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,  
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or  
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,  
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,  
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

*We warmly welcome you here.*

# GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**Prelude** — *Two Songs of Praise:*

“Voices Raised to You”

Marilyn Biery

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

Egil Hovland

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 308

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

### *Stanzas 1–5*

*Stanza 1 and 2 — all*

*Stanza 3 — treble voices*

*Stanza 4 — bass voices*

*Stanza 5 — all*

## **\*Greeting**

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

☐ Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

**Anthem** — “Come, Ye That Love the Lord”

arr. Alice Parker

*Come ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known; join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne. The sorrows of the mind be banished from this place; religion never was designed to make our pleasure less. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but favorites of the heavenly king*

*may speak their joys abroad.*

—Isaac Watts

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

### First Reading — Isaiah 62:1-5

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
<sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

 The word of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God.

### Anthem — “Jesus Loves Me”

William B. Bradbury, arr. John Ferguson

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way. He calls children to his side, saying, “Come with me abide.”*

*Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

—Anna B. Warner, alt.

## Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

<sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## \*Gospel Acclamation



## \*Gospel — John 2:1-11

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from

(though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom<sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”<sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

Pastor Pam Fickenschner

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**Hymn of the Day** — ACS No. 933

“Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded”

### **\*Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## \*Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:*

- Ⓐ Lord, in your mercy,
- ☛ hear our prayer.

## \*Peace

- Ⓐ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- ☛ And also with you.

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

## Offering of Our Gifts

*Music at the Offering:*

"Praise to the Lord"

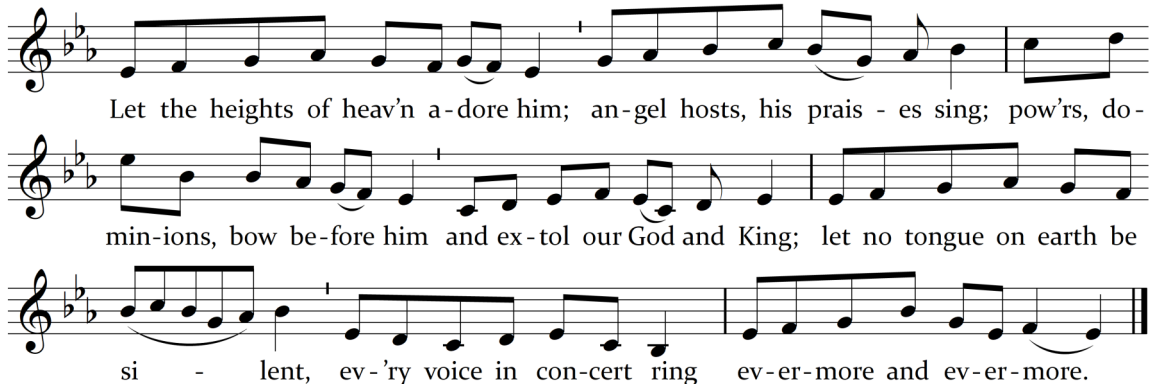
arr. F. Melius Christiansen

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.*

*Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Wonder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend thee! Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him! Hallelujah!*

—Joachim Neander, trans. Catherine Winkworth

## \*Offering Hymn — "Of the Father's Love Begotten" stanza 4 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



Let the heights of heav'n a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his prais-es sing; pow'rs, do-  
min-ions, bow be-fore him and ex-tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
si-lent, ev-ry voice in con-cert ring ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

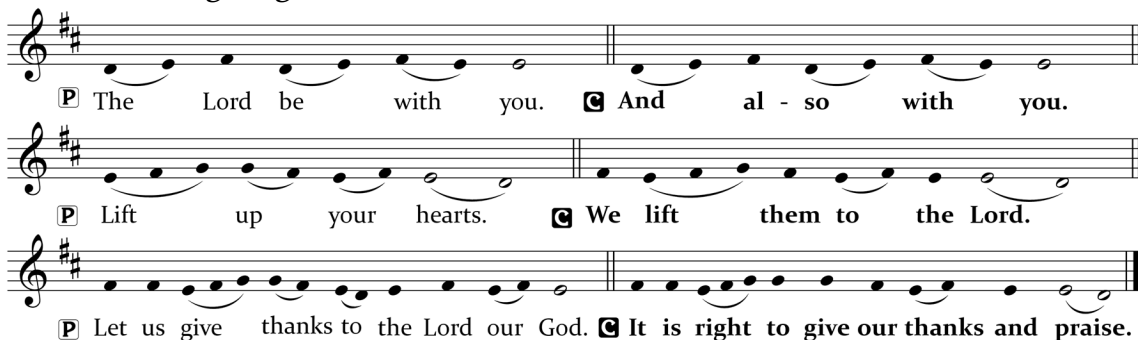
### \*Offering Prayer

**L** Let us pray.

**C** Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.  
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the  
grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of  
your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## SHARING THE LORDS SUPPER

### \*Great Thanksgiving

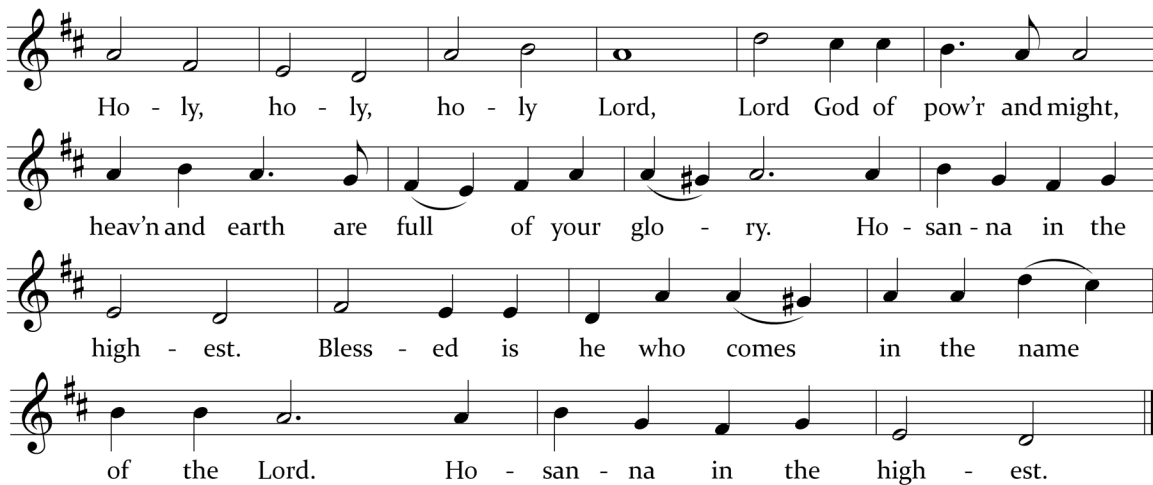


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

## \*Words of Institution

## \*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary;  
ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center.  
After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice.  
The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray.  
**If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know,  
and communion will be brought to you.***

## Music during Communion

### "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Anthem** — “What Wondrous Love”

arr. Robert V. Scholz

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul? When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing. What wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

—American folk hymn

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

☞ O Morning Star, fair and bright,  
you have refreshed again with heavenly food.  
You are our dearest treasure.  
Go with us now—  
today, tomorrow, and every day—  
that we tell the story of your never-ending love  
and sing your praise both now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☞ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 845

“Voices Raised to You”

***Stanza 1 — all***

***Stanza 2 — in harmony***

***Stanza 3 — treble voices, bass voices join at “Alleluia”***

***Stanza 4 — in harmony***

***Stanza 5 — all***

## **\*Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

*The congregation may be seated.*

**Choral Benediction** — “Beautiful Savior”

arr. F. Melius Christiansen



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN’S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) David Sims (10:45) Siri Lindell
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	The St. Olaf Choir Dr. Anton Armstrong, conductor
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Reed Hagberg, David Nitz
Ushers	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger, John Ophaug (10:45) Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Doug O’Leary

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# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Ronnie and Ruth Smestad Anglin in honor of Nathan Proctor's birthday and with thanks to the St. Olaf Choir for leading us in worship today. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 8:30–9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Dates available: February 6, 20 & 27. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

**Today's Altar Flowers** are given in honor of Luke Thorsheim's baptism by Mary Jo Thorsheim.

**Today we welcome the St. Olaf Choir** and its director, Dr. Anton Armstrong, to worship services. This is a long-standing and deeply beloved tradition at St. John's as we welcome the choir back to the place of its birth and are blessed by their wonderful leadership and music.

## **Coffee Fellowship Hour Has Been Placed "On Hold"**

Due to the elevated COVID case numbers along with recent holiday traveling and family gatherings, coffee fellowship hour not take place today. We will resume coffee fellowship time when it is safer to do so.

## **St. John's Annual Meeting**

**Next Sunday, January 23, 12:30 p.m., St. John's Hall and via Zoom**

The agenda will include the election of 2022 Board and Council members, along with the approval of the 2022 congregational budget. At this time, we plan to meet in person in St. John's Hall. The hearing loop in the Hall will be operational for those who need hearing assistance. A hybrid Zoom option will be available for those who wish to listen and vote remotely. There will not be a potluck this year.

## **Next Edition of the Voice: February/March 2022**

Please send submissions to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **January Focus: ELCA Global Mission**

During January, we ask you to consider a special gift to ELCA Global Mission. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world together. The ELCA walks with more than 80 companion churches in other countries to participate in God's reconciling mission through proclamation and service. We can do more together by sharing our gifts and talents to address the root causes of poverty and hunger and meeting human needs, fight HIV and AIDS, build communities that coexist in peace, and prepare women and men to preach the Good News throughout the world. You may donate online at [elca.org](http://elca.org) or by check, noting Global mission on the memo line.

## **Announcements (continued)**

### ***Dialogues on Race Discussions***

**Begins Sunday, February 13, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Library and via Zoom**

The Adult Ministry & Education Board invites you to participate in discussions of *Dialogues on Race* each second Sunday of the month from February through June. Each month's discussion will focus on one section of *Dialogues on Race* (Sparkhouse, 2019), facilitated by Jo Franklin, Debby Nitz, and Dawn Tommerdahl. A schedule of the readings and more details will be emailed to participants at the end of January, along with instructions for those connecting electronically. The Adult Ministry & Education Board has purchased copies of the book through Content, and will have them available for \$10 between worship services on January 16, 23, and 30. Alternative arrangements will be made for those who indicate on the registration form that they are unable to pick up the book at St. John's. Please register by Thursday, January 27, by contacting Marilyn Calcutt.

### **New Study Group**

David Sudermann and Phil Eaves invite several participants to join their twosome to study feminist theologian Sallie McFague's classic work on metaphor in religious language. In *Metaphorical Theology* (Fortress Press, 1982) McFague argues that only by grasping the metaphorical nature of religious language as such can we shape new visions of being in the world that avoid literalism and sustain faith. For more on McFague's work, read carefully her Wikipedia page ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sallie\\_McFague](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sallie_McFague)). If interested contact at David Sudermann at 507-663-1097 or [dsudermann@charter.net](mailto:dsudermann@charter.net). We currently meet on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

## **Children and Youth Ministries**

### ***Contact Information for Children and Youth***

*Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at [childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

*Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at [youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org)*

### **Sunday School for Pre-K through Grade 5**

**Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level**

### **Sunday Youth Gatherings (Grades 6-12)**

**Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room**

### **Parent Gathering and Social**

**Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Library**

Pastors Pam and Jonathan invite parents of children and youth to gather between services for a chance to simply check-in and connect with each other.

## **Prayer Requests**

*We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.*

### **Healing and Support**

*Those in the hospital or in need of healing*

Jo Dahlin, Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings,  
Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson, Howard Thorsheim

*Those celebrating the baptism of*

Luke Joseph Thorsheim, son of Melissa and Kristoffer Thorsheim

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim,  
Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Howard Thorsheim,  
Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Arlene Sivanich, Joan Carlson, Richard Olson

*Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's*

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;  
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

### **Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests**

*Stephen Ministry Requests*

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

*Prayer Chain Requests*

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or [macisar@gmail.com](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 23):**

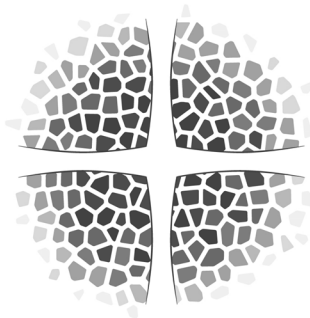
*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 + Psalm 19 + 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a + Luke 4:14-21**

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Jan. 17</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	4:30 p.m.	Audit Committee, Fireside Room
	5:15 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27517, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Foundation via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 18</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Meeting for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27352, Undercroft
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 19</b>	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	4:00 p.m.	Nfld Grief Coalition: Grief Support Group, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	J-Term Confirmation (Grades 6-8)
<b>Thursday, Jan. 20</b>	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Brownie Troop #27455, Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday, Jan. 21</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Jan. 22</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Jan. 23</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level
		Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Youth Room
		Parent Gathering, St. John's Library
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m.	St. John's Annual Meeting, St. John's Hall and via Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.