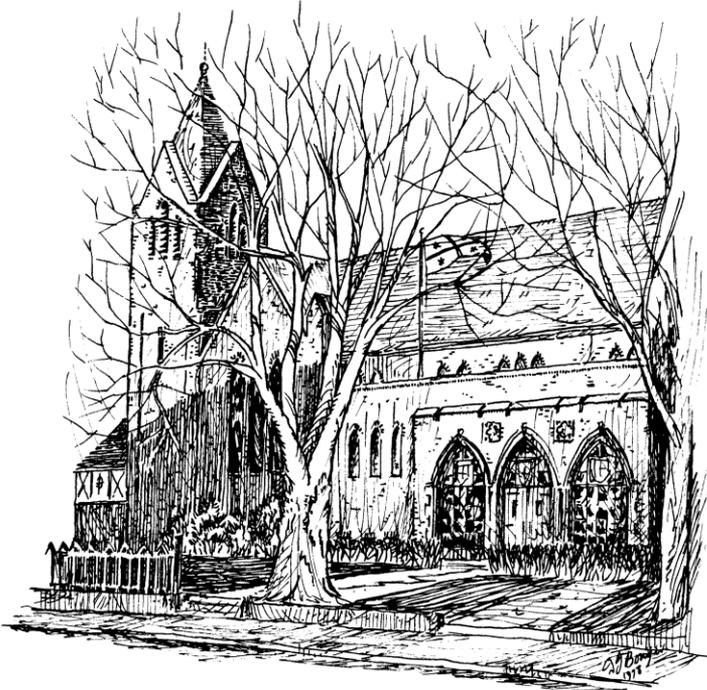


ORDER OF SERVICE
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
October 31 2021



**Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
Thank you for worshipping with us. Whether you are a
first-time visitor, a faithful parishioner or a returning
friend, please know that you always have a place at
God's table. As you enter today, may the gathering of
this community strengthen you to take God's
compassion and peace to a world in need of both.**

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EUCCHARIST AT TEN O'CLOCK

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev'd Dr Preston Parsons
Reader	Ann Coughlin
Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Organist	David Harrison
Singers	Jocelyn Truscott, Sue Doran, James Brown, Mohan Thomas

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Voluntary in D Minor - William Boyce

The Procession and Greeting

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

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 485 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Tune: Hyfrodol

*If you are attending in-person, please refrain from singing
our hymns--though we do welcome you to read and inwardly
digest the hymn text.*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,

fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays silently. The presider then says the collect. The people respond,

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader A reading from Hebrews. (9:11-14)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in
them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Gospel

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (12:28-34)

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel is read.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon The Rev'd Dr Preston Parsons

A silence for reflection follows.

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived
by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again
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.**

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor will bid the prayers. The congregation responds:

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

The presider bids the confession.

Silence is kept.

Presider Most merciful God,
All **we confess that we have
sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The presider gives absolution.

Offertory

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

*Please use the plate near the entrance for your offering now,
or at the end of the service.*

Prayer over the Gifts

The presider says a prayer over the offerings.

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son ...

... Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 689

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy and gracious God, accept our praise ...
... All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All **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 for ever. Amen.**

The Fraction

The Invitation

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God

Hymn 690

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Communion

Please line up for communion, at a safe distance, in the centre aisle. After approaching the ministrant, hold out your hands, being careful not to touch hands. The

administrant will drop the bread in your hand. Once you've received the bread in your hand: step aside, remove your mask, eat the bread, replace your mask, and make your way back to your seat by the side aisle.

Hymn 68

One Bread, One Body, Lord of All

Tune: One Bread, One Body

If you are attending in-person, please refrain from singing our hymns--though we do welcome you to read and inwardly digest the hymn text.

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless -
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord,

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
women or man, no more.

Refrain

2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.

Refrain

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Prayer After Communion

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays silently. The presider then says the prayer after communion. The people respond,

People **Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Parish Notices

The Blessing

The presider blesses the people.

Dismissal

*The presider dismisses the people. The people respond,
saying,*

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

March - William Walton

Parish Announcements and Events

Memorial Flowers The Memorial flowers on the Altar today are in loving memory of my parents, Audrey and Garry Snead, my brother, Steve Snead, and my sister, Theresa Sabatino-Snead. Forever in my heart. - Viv Snead

Church Office Update Our administrator, Rebecca, is taking a 4 week leave of absence beginning this coming week. If you need to be in touch with the office, please do so through the office email (church@stjohn316.com) or the church office phone number (519-743-0228).

2022 CALENDARS The Pre-ordered Church calendars have arrived and I will have them with me this Sunday. I will be in the upper parish hall after the 10.00am service. The cost is \$5.00 each. Enid Emery

TRUCK NEEDED In our ongoing effort to declutter the church, the Property Committee would like to borrow a pick-up truck or trailer for a Saturday clean up. If you have, or know of someone who has a truck or trailer please talk to Dave Sapelak. Email: dbsapelak@gmail.com or phone: (519)577-5713

Climate Justice Banner Please take note of the Climate Justice Banner hangin on the wall next to the Duke Street door. The banner is sponsored by Faith Climate Justice Waterloo Region which is "a growing collective of faith communities in Waterloo Region who are deeply concerned about both the climate crisis and recovering jusly from the COVID-19 pandemic". Thanks to Al Coughlin and Simon Guthrie for hanging the banner for us.

Christmas Puddings Sold Out! We have reached the goal of 500lbs of puddings pre-ordered!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help make them and those who have ordered puddings. The next big step is to make them. Our Annual Christmas Pudding Factory will

be underway in just a week. We pray for a smooth operation.
The proof will be in the pudding

Thank you for your support.
Thanks, Jennifer

Monica Place: For more than 50 years, Monica Place has been providing a residence, supportive housing, training and counselling to young mothers and their babies.

St. John's has been making an annual donation to Monica Place for many years. In this year of Covid restrictions, the opportunity to make in person contributions at the church is limited but if you would like to contribute to this very worthwhile organization, there are options available.

- 1) If you would like to donate a gift card, please leave it in the church office. Place it in an envelope and drop it through the office door mail slot. Please clearly label that it is for Monica Place and write the dollar amount on the card.
- 2) If you are attending Sunday services, you could give it to the warden on duty to be placed in the office ACW mail slot.
- 3) If you'd prefer to make a financial donation, make the cheque out to Monica Place. A tax receipt will be sent to you. Alternatively, you can donate through the Canada Helps website. Donating this way will give you a tax receipt at the time of donation.

Please note

- Gift cards from local grocery/ drugstores, Walmart are popular. Indicate dollar amount on the card.
- Donations will be accepted until Nov. 28.

For more details about Monica Place, please see the latest edition of On Eagles Wings.

Poinsettias for Christmas 2021 As another Christmas season approaches, St John the Evangelist Anglican Church in Kitchener is selling Poinsettias as a fundraiser for the church. Flowers bring much joy, and they are a wonderful way to decorate for the holiday season.

These luxurious Christmas plants make wonderful family gifts, hostess gifts and lend themselves to donating to the church in memory of a loved one/ones for Christmas decorating. Any memorial donations will be noted in the Christmas bulletin with both "In memory of" and "Donated by". Many people buy poinsettias at this time of year and we would like to encourage you to tell your extended family and friends about our programme.

To order please call either Andrea Balfour (519-501-2016) or Nik Ward-Campbell (519-501-0456) and use Visa or Mastercard to pay. Cut off date for ordering will be Sunday November 14th

You will also be able to order in person and pay at the church during Christmas Pudding pick up on November 13th and 14th.

The plants will be available in 4 different sizes and three different colours, Red, White and Pink.

Size (Pot diameter)	Price (including HST)
4 ½ " pots	\$ 8.00
6 ½ " pots	\$15.00
8" pots	\$25.00
10" pots	\$35.00

Jean's Baking Short Bread Again If shortbreads are ordered before puddings are available for pickup, they can be picked up together (November 13th). Also, Jean will be baking shortbread right up until the week of Christmas. They are offering delivery. The price is \$5 a dozen. Orders can be placed with Jean at 519-390-0213

Disrupted Parking on Water Street Water Street North (and South) will be closed as of Tuesday 12 October for the reconstruction of the street and gas service. This work will continue until late November, weather permitting.

This means that parking on Water Street will be disrupted.

As a reminder, parking is still available behind St. Jerome's, as well as in the City parking lot at Duke and Ontario, where parking is free on Sundays.

Office Hours Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9am to noon. We are working both from the office as well as from home. Please contact the office ahead of time if you need to visit.

Medical Assessments The Ministry of Health has recently approved telephone assessments to minimize that traffic in a medical facility and reducing exposure. I have spoken with my physicians and they have approved for me to offer this to our church members and community. Many family practice offices are beginning to do this but not all at this time.

If any member of our church or community requires to speak with a physician but would rather not go into a medical facility or leave their home, they may contact me directly and I can register them for a telephone consultation with one of our physicians. Obviously there will be limits to their ability with no physical examinations but will be attempting to cover all care as best as possible in this current climate. They will be able to prescribe medication for acute issues, order lab work or imaging if needed. If this is something that would help anyone please have them contact me by email (melanieh@bentonmedicalclinic.com) or my cell (519-841-8921).

Donation Options There are many ways you can continue your contributions to St. John's

1. Send weekly envelopes in the mail. You can send post-dated cheques to the office at 23 Water St. North Kitchener ON N2H 5A4
2. Drop off cash donations to the office through the mail slot in the office door. Write your name on the envelope!
3. Have an Errand Buddy pick up your donation.
4. Sign up for, or make changes to your DEFT by contacting the office at giving@stjohn316.com)
5. Donate Online through Canada Helps by credit card. You can set up recurring, or one time donations. Canada Helps takes 3.75% but also provides the tax receipt directly to you and provides a donation report to us! <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/48510>

If you know of someone who is ill or in hospital, please contact The Rector, Reverend Dr. Preston Parsons rector@stjohn316.com or leave a message with the office at 519-743-0228. In case of emergencies you can contact him at 519-573-7797

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