

Come celebrate the birth of Christ with us!

- December 13** 10 am Children's Christmas Pageant at the 10 am service
11 am Cookie Exchange (RSVP by Dec. 7 to Lynn Robinson at 703-998-6481 or email mezzsop22204@yahoo.com)
- December 24** 5 pm Christmas Eve service - special music and a children's message
11 pm Christmas Eve service with carols
- December 25** 10 am Christmas Day service with carols
- December 27** 10 am Hear the Christmas story in Bible lessons and carols

St. John's family hopes that you will join us for some of the activities we have planned for the Christmas season! On December 13th our Family Ministries will present a Children's Christmas Pageant. This is a great opportunity for children 5 and up from the neighborhood to be involved in celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.



All are welcome to all services and activities!

Want to make a connection with God?



St. John's Episcopal Church is a vibrant congregation with a big heart. We are a warm and inclusive community dedicated to loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Our mission is to help people establish a deeper relationship with God.

-The Reverend Ann Barker, Rector

Sunday Worship Services

8 am and 10 am

Sunday Christian Education

Adults 9 am — Youth 10 am

St. John's Episcopal Church

We welcome everyone, including believers, seekers and doubters, to share God's love and acceptance in a community of worship and service.



415 S. Lexington Street
www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org

703-671-6834
rector@stjohnsarlingtonva.org

Other Activities at St. John's in December and January

- Tues. Dec. 1 7:30 pm **Book Club** - *H is for Hawk* by Helen MacDonal
- Tues. Jan. 5 7:30 pm **Book Club** - *Astronauts Wives Club* by Lily Koppel
- Sun. Jan 10 11:30 am **New Year's Family Vision Board Party** for parents and kids to have fun making a board with pictures, stickers and words reflecting the family's goals for the upcoming year. *(RSVP requested- call the office or email)*
- Sat. Jan. 23 7 - 9 pm **Game Night** - Bring your family, your favorite games and a can or box of food for AFAC.

Family Programs Ministry is planning a **Family Feud Night** and other activities - **Stay Tuned!** For more information go to our website, call, or email familyprograms@stjohnsarlingtonva.org.

All are welcome to all services and activities!

Welcome to St. John's



St. John's is an Episcopal Church that provides a middle ground between the Catholic tradition and the Protestant tradition. Our worship service has two primary focuses -- the Bible and Holy Communion. Our Sunday service includes Bible readings, a sermon, singing, prayer and celebration of God's presence with the reception of bread and wine.

However, St. John's is a lot more than Sunday worship. We also gather as a family for fun, learning and service to others.



Our **church life** includes time to socialize after Sunday service, as well as at a number of social gatherings to which we invite others from the community to join us. These include the annual tea, the pancake and spaghetti suppers, game nights and holiday events such as an Easter egg hunt and carol singing.

Learning - Faith formation is a life-long process and we offer opportunities for all ages. At St. John's, young children learn through hearing and interacting with Bible stories and through service projects. We also offer a summer Vacation Bible School. For adults, Sunday morning Christian education includes exploration and discussion of spiritual topics and how they relate to our daily lives.



Service - The Episcopal Church believes in service to the community, both near and far. St. John's supports the Bailey's Crossroads shelter by preparing bagged lunches one Sunday a month. We donate: Christmas gifts to the Salvation Army Angel tree; supplies for neighborhood school needy students; and food to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). We also bag food at the the AFAC facility monthly.

We are a community that is inclusive and informal — and we have lots of fun. Our members come from the surrounding neighborhoods as well as further afield. Whoever you are, you matter here!