

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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Prelude Variations on 'O Praise Ye the Lord'

Kenneth Lowenburg

Processional Hymn

O Praise Ye the Lord

Common Praise 330

The Gathering of the Community

The 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.
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PresiderAlmighty God,Allto 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 of Praise

Music on pew card

Gloria William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

Presider	Let us pray.
	The community prays silently.
	The presider then prays the Collect.
People	Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Psalm 27:1, 5-13 Matthew 4:12-23

First Reading

The lesson is read.ReaderHoly Wisdom. Holy Word.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 27.5-6, 8-13

BAS p.735



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Second Reading

The lesson is read.ReaderHoly Wisdom. Holy Word.PeopleThanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Common Praise 711

The Gospel

Presider People	The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Presider	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People	Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
	The Gospel is read.

PresiderThe Gospel of Christ.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows.

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say, Presider I believe in God, the Father almighty, All 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 bids the prayers.

Intercessor Merciful God, People receive 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 offers absolution.

The Peace

PresiderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

Common Praise 466

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Prayer over the Gifts

The presider prays over the offerings.

Eucharistic Prayer

Music on pew cardPresiderWe give you thanks and praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

William Mathias

Music on pew card

After the Sanctus, the eucharistic prayer continues:

PresiderHoly and gracious God now and for ever.PeopleAmen.

The Lord's Prayer Book of Alternative Services p. 918

The Fraction The presider breaks the bread.

Agnus Dei Music on pew card

The InvitationPresiderThe gifts of God for the people of God.PeopleThanks be to God.

Communion Hymn

Common Praise 500

Communion Anthem

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

William Mathias

Brother James's Air

Bain, arr. Bullard

Prayer After Communion

Presider	Let us pray.
	The community prays silently. The presider then prays the prayer after
	communion.
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.

Recessional Hymn

Give Thanks For Life

Sing a New Creation 88

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people.AllThanks be to God.

Postlude

Allegro Molto from Sonata VI

Felix Mendelssohn

We thank the following people for assisting with worship

Altar Guild	
Tech Support	Jonathan Malton
Greeters	Laura Doric
	Charles Stuart
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Preacher	The Revd Dr Preston Parsons
Presider	The Revd Dr Preston Parsons
Servers	Chris Rietkerk
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	Loralei Neil
	Lucas Neil
Reader	Deb Sheach
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	Yvonne Schaffelburg
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Parish Notices

Vestry Meeting The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held Sunday, February 5th, in the Upper Parish Hall and by Zoom following the 10am service.

2023 Church Envelopes are now available. They can be picked up off the Duke Street Entrance for the next several Sundays. If you need to have your envelopes delivered to you please contact the Church Office by telephone at (519)-743-0228 or by email at <u>church@stjohn316.com</u>.

Volunteer Opportunity This volunteer opportunity helps low-income households apply for the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) through the Social Development Centre Waterloo Region (SDCWR). The SDCWR has their offices in our Lower Parish Hall. The majority of applicants are seniors, international students, immigrants and refugees.

The work can be done on-line or in the SDCWR office.

Useful skills include: attention to detail, good communication skills, familiarity with online forms, and familiarity with (or willingness to learn) Google or Excel sheets.

Time: About four hours per week.

For more information please contact Aleksandra Petrovic Graonic: aleksandra@waterlooregion.org.

The next issue of On Eagles' Wings will be published on Sunday, January 29th. Notices, articles, news items and letters need to be submitted to Sarah Guthrie (sarah.guthrie@gmail.com) by the end-of-day Tuesday, January 24th.

Spiritus Ensemble is a registered charity made up of singers and instrumentalists dedicated to the performance of the cantatas of J.S. Bach. Twice a year we perform one of these great works in an ecumenical setting. The next Bach

Vespers takes place on Sunday, February 5 at 4:00 p.m. at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener. We will be performing Cantata 182, 'Himmelskoenig, sei willkommen' ('Welcome, king of heaven'). Soloists are Kate Wright, soprano; Jennifer Enns Modolo, mezzo-soprano; Bud Roach, tenor; and Rich Hrytzak, baritone; Kenneth Hull conducting. Admission is free; donations are gratefully received.

Peter Nikiforuk is playing a concert to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the installation of the Hellmuth Wolff organ at St Peter's Lutheran Church in Preston on Sunday, January 22 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Students free.

Menno Singers and artistic director Brandon Leis present a new composition by local composer Justin LaPierre, 'Messe de Sainte Anne ', a weaving together of Québécois hymns and folk music, at St Matthews Lutheran Church (54 Benton St, Kitchener) at 7:30pm on Saturday, February 4. \$25 Adults. \$5 Children/Students. www.mennosingers.com.

Zoom Bible Study Next Tuesday morning (11:00 – 12:00) will be considering the Apostle Paul's great passage from 1 Corinthians about proclaiming Christ crucified - the foolishness of God that is wiser than human wisdom. New members are welcome to join us any week:

Contact Andrew Brockett at andrew.brockett05@gmail.com or call 519-577-9386.

Parking at City Hall The parking garage at Kitchener City Hall is open again and is <u>FREE</u> on Sundays. It's a great winter alternative since it is heated, and you don't have to clear snow off your vehicle. Enter off Young Street.

Church Office Hours Normal Parish Administrator hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am-2pm. On occasion these hours may need to be adjusted, so

please do call ahead of time if you need to drop by the Church office.

Announcement Deadlines announcement requests for the Weekly Check-in must be submitted by Wednesday at 10:30A.M. Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin must be submitted by Thursday morning at 10:30A.M. Please continue to email your announcements to church@stjohn316.com. Thank you for your understanding.

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

- 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
- 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 <u>rector@stjohn316.com</u> or leave a message with the office at 519-743-0228. In case of emergencies, you can contact the on-call pastor at 519-743-0228 ext. 6.

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