

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP -Wonder, Love and Praise

The Holy Eucharist, Rite One
8:00 AM

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

BCP 323

The Collect of the Day

The Lessons Genesis 32.22-31 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 29

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

BCP 779

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

Bible 1355

Luke 18.1-8

Bible 1225

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Confession of Sin

BCP 330

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 340

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

The Communion

Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing

BCP 339

Hymn at the Procession

Hymnal 711 *Seek ye first*

Seek Ye First

Dismissal

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
10:30 AM

The Word of God

At the Procession

Hymnal 535 *Ye servants of God*

Paderborn

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
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*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Genesis 32.22-31**Bible 29**

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord / *Thanks be to God.*

The Gradual: Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos***BCP 779**

The choir and congregation sing the psalm in unison.



1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and
your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

Bible 1355

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord / *Thanks be to God.*

At the Sequence

Hymnal 516 Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

Procession to Children's Chapel for 3K, 4K, and 5K. Children will return at the Peace.

The Gospel: Luke 18.1-8

Bible 1225

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form III

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Peace

BCP 358

BCP 387

BCP 360

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Lift Thine Eyes (from "Elijah")

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

*Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord the Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.
Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.*

At the Presentation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

Hymnal S-129 Holy, holy, holy Lord—*Sanctus*

BCP 367

Powell

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: S-167 The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

BCP 364

Martens

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon

Cantor; then All



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor: 1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. (antiphon)

2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. (antiphon)

At the Communion

Hymnal 209 We Walk By Faith

St. Botolph

Hymnal 711 Seek Ye First

Seek Ye First

Hymnal 698 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

Flentge

Hymnal 669 Commit Thou All That Grieves Thee

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

People's response to the sending out of the Eucharistic Visitors

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing

BCP 365

Hymn at the Procession

Hymnal 530 Spread, O Spread Thou Mighty Word

Gott sei dank

Dismissal

Our Worship

"All scripture is inspired by God," we read in 2 Timothy. Here, the image is of God breathing his own life *into* the text, in the very same way he breathed his life into Adam in Genesis. For us, the text of Scripture is not just a set of words that are about God; it is a place where we can encounter God speaking to us. All Scripture has the Spirit of God within it.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of Lillian-Grace Thomas, daughter of Rachel & Joseph Thomas, by Will & Laura Fowles.

Clergy Conference October 20-22

St. John's clergy will be at the Lake Logan retreat center near Canton, NC with Bishop Richards and the clergy of Upper South Carolina next week. The Rector's Bible Study will not be held on Wednesday, October 22. The 12 Noon Eucharist that day will be held; the Rev. Patricia Sexton, retired from All Saints' Church in Cayce, will lead that service. The Wednesday evening program is not affected.

Guest Organist

Our organist this Sunday is Frances Webb, one of Columbia's most gifted organists and a leader in the American Guild of Organists. English Morris is traveling and will return next week.

Those leading worship at St. John's:

8 AM EM: Rob Wilcox

10:30 AM EM 1: Lauren McCauley EM 2: Stacy McCloghry

Acolytes: Francis Grice, Adlyn Mustian, Ezra Grice, Keating Davison

Ushers: Bob Reynolds, Carl Hiller, Charlie Sterne, Michael Mancini

Greeters: Smith Richardson, Brink Hinson

Altar Guild: Gail Fisher, Kelly Turnipseed, Roger

Wilson, Kate Wolcott, Susan Smith

Altar Flowers: Mackie O'Keefe, Gail Jeter

Wednesday Nights: Oct 1-29

This October, our Wednesday Night Programs will focus on breaking down how we can follow Christ. We will take this step by step throughout our five weeks of program. Join us at 5:30 PM each evening for dinner, and 6:15 PM for the program. The children's program will run at the same time as adult programming in the Little Lambs classroom, following the same lessons, just simplified.

Menu for 10/22: Chicken Pot Pie, Salad Bar, Dessert

Oct 22: Following Christ with Rowan Williams (*sticking together*)

Oct 29: Following Christ with St. Augustine (*giving to the poor*)

Register for Supper:

<https://tinyurl.com/WNSFall2025>

Sunday Adult Formation

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At 9:00 Monthly

Early Sunday School Class: A delicious breakfast is included. Dining Room. *Next meeting Nov 9 - beginning a new study!*

At 9:30 Every Week

Equipping the Saints - Multipurpose Room, *Grace and Love in the Old Testament*. Led by the clergy and the Adult Formation committee, we are studying grace and love in the Old Testament. This week's lesson is led by our senior warden, Fr. Garrett & Cameron Wheeler.

The Wired Word - Parlor, The gospel and current events.

Faith at Home - Library, *Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*. This morning, Bo & Frances Bryan lead Chapter 8: *Sitting in Traffic: Liturgical Time and an Unhurried God*.

Newcomers to St. John's

Final Class Today at 9:30 AM

Room 9, Lower Level of Heyward Hall

We'd love to share more about St. John's, the Christian faith in the Episcopal Church, and get to know you better. This morning, Fr. Nicholas will lead discussions.

New Member Sunday is Today at the 10:30 service!

A St. John's Newcomers Gathering

TONIGHT at 6 PM at the Beasleys' house

If you feel new, you are invited!

4842 Landrum Drive

Children welcome; heavy appetizers.

RSVP to sje@stjohnscolumbia.org

Stewardship at St. John's

Your Giving and Our Giving Together

The invitation of every stewardship campaign is the same: to consider God's command to generous giving, to remember Christ's invitation to a life free from the love of money, and to reflect on what we, as Jesus' disciples, can do together when we give to the church. After we do these things, we make a pledge—an estimate of a certain amount of money to give for ministry in 2026. These pledges can be changed at any time, because life changes all the time. The loss of a job or other changes in circumstance are things the church leadership understands. Because we always do ministry together, we help supply each other's needs.

The gifts we are making in 2025 create a ministry budget of about \$1.1 million. From that, St. John's budgets \$21,000 for Servant Ministry—ministries that help those experiencing poverty, hunger, homelessness, and other challenges. In practice, the Vestry often gives another \$10,000–\$20,000 away each December, last year providing extra support for Camp Gravatt and for Hurricane Helene relief. Many generous groups in the church also give: the Men of St. John's, the Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study, and our women's guilds, among others. The clergy likewise distribute gifts from the Discretionary Fund, assisting individuals facing crises with rent, utilities, and other necessities.

Our church also contributes \$160,000 to the ministry of our diocese, which funds campus ministries at Clemson, Carolina, and other colleges; diocesan youth retreats such as Converge, New Beginnings, and Happening at Camp Gravatt; support for those in seminary; the bishop's ministry; and the (ever-increasing) health insurance premiums for clergy. Our larger, more affluent church thus helps sustain ministry across Upper South Carolina, sometimes in places where resources are far fewer.

St. John's also makes a significant in-kind gift of space to many community groups. The recovery community counts on St. John's—we host three AA meetings, an NA meeting, and an OA meeting. People come here seeking peace and sobriety and find them within these walls. The Shandon Neighborhood Council meets here, as do the Sertoma Club, a basketball club, community Bible studies, Girl Scouts, a singing group, and a group for women who have experienced domestic violence. People learn to work together and heal from painful relationships here. Our most significant hosting is for The FriendShip (an aging-in-place agency) and the EMS Closet, which assists school children with clothing. Through these key partners, the youngest and oldest members of our wider community are served.

When you give to St. John's, you give through St. John's in so many ways. God takes your gift—and the gifts of the rest of the church—and blends them together into a rich and generous ministry, one that provides far more than what is needed simply to run the church. Running the church is not, in fact, what God calls us to do. We have been brought together to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to live in the ways of his Kingdom. Your generosity flows through our church to make that lively ministry possible.

Make your pledge for 2026 soon. We have received 71 pledges that total \$505,000. God will use your pledge to do faithful, beautiful things through St. John's, in Jesus' name.

You can a pledge for 2026 on our website today:
www.stjohnscolumbia.org/make-a-pledge

All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Sunday: November 2

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- 10:10 AM Prayers in the Memorial Garden, for our faithful departed
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist 6 PM Solemn Evensong, with candle lighting
for our faithful departed, and a reception by the
Hospitality for the Grieving Committee

Please send the names of those you wish remembered in prayer to Megan in the Parish Office at msg@stjohnscolumbia.org.



News & Events

Annual Shrimp Sale is Open!

The Men of St. John's are selling orders in 10-pound increments for \$150 per order. These fresh, head-off, wild caught Carolina shrimp will need to be on ice - so bring your cooler for pick up. Order at <https://tinyurl.com/shrimp2025>. A member of the Men of St. John's will be in touch about your pick-up date. Contact us at menofsaint-johns@gmail.com if you have questions or require assistance. Thanks for your support!

A Connections & Flock Dinner After Trunk or Treat

Connections and the Flock will jointly have dinner after Trunk or Treat in the Dining Room on **Sunday, October 26**. Please bring a large side dish to share. No desserts, since the kids will have an abundance of candy!

November Lunch & Learn: Winning the Prize at the SC State Fair

Monday, November 17 at 12 PM

Rodger Stroup and Catherine Lockhart are St. John's authorities on the South Carolina State Fair, a fixture of life in Columbia since 1839. Rodger, one of the state's foremost public historians, wrote the definitive history of the fair, *Meet me at the Rocket, a History of the South Carolina State Fair*. Catherine is Coordinator of Competitive Exhibits on the fair staff, coordinating competitions for baked goods, cattle and swine, and art created by school children, among others. Together they'll show us the history and present of blue and other ribbon-winning entries at the fair.

Please RSVP to sje@stjohnscolumbia.org.

Men's Annual Steak Dinner

Men - join us at 6:30 PM **Thursday, November 13** for our annual MOSJ Steak Dinner! Meals are \$15/each to include steak dinner & beverage. Invite family & friends, sign up in advance if possible to ensure we have enough for everyone! Payment can be made at the door. Register Today: <https://tinyurl.com/steakdinner2025>

Prayer Requests

Those to Be Married: Emily Bryant and Frank Chapman, Kate Thomas and Michael O'Keefe, Allison Nagy and Porter Burkett

Expecting Parents: Sara & Stuart Peterson, Zoe & Caleb Wesman, Olivia and Bevan Funderburk

New Parents: Elliott Gonzalez Morris, daughter of Lindsay & Bosie Morris, born 9/10; Grayson Winn Blocker, son of Meredith & Biff Blocker, born 9/12

For Military Service Personnel: Matthew Simmons, Byron Davison, Brennen Fleischer, Salters Kneece, Rivers Chadwick, Ryan Sheard

St. John's Church Members: Mackie All, Pat Arnold, Bill Barksdale, Jr., Jerryana Birch-Bibiloni, Jackie Boylston, Abby Bray, Harry Bray, Janice Fort, Burton Fowles, Jr., Steve Hardin, Miriam Hedgepath, Alice King, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Larry Long, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Linda Mittenzwei, George Reid, Annette Shuler, Jack Sterne, Mollie Sullivan, Billy Wolfson

Friends and Family of Church Members: Edie Avery, Ann Baker, Jose Arnaldo Bibiloni, Joanna Beresford, Patsy Blocker, Ann Bowman, Kay Canipe, Carol Clarkson, Amy Crook, Brantley Daniel, Melinda "Rosa" Franks, Douglas Frels, Lettie Fuller, Scotty Galganowicz, Francy Goodrich, Kurt Gronnegaard, Kensi Griffin, Mark Grey, Mia Guinn, Sonya Hancock, Kristi Helmly, Miller Ingram, Frances Jaillette, Frances Carolyn James, Christi Jolley, Donnie Kinsey, Jan Knapp, David Knight, Hannah Kohlsaas, Kate Lichty, Jennifer Martin, Harriett McElveen, John McKie, Katherine Mundy, Charlie Pate, Ann Plemmons, Carol Preslar, Libby Puckett, Earl Ridout & family, Beaumont Riley, Mark Riley, Jackie Schell, Pearl Sims, Courtney Smith, Jerry Trotter, Barbara Turner, Virginia Vincent, Brooks Wheeler

Basketball is BACK!

It's time for another season of the Church Youth Basketball League (CYBL)! We are now accepting sign-ups for boys and girls teams in the following grade divisions: 2/3rd, 4th/5th, 6/7th, 8/9th, and 10-12th. The season is \$70 per player, but there is funding for any student who would like help in paying that fee. Payments are made through the sign up form. We are also in need of coaches, so please let us know if you'd be willing to participate. If you are interested, sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/bballFall2025> Please contact Rich Linden at richlinden@hotmail.com with any questions!

Deadline to register is October 19



Family Ministries

Join us TONIGHT for **EYC!**

Middle schoolers 5-6 PM | Dinner 6-6:30 PM

High schoolers 6:30-7:30 PM

Join us at **Pre-YC** this Sunday, Oct 19! 3-5th graders are invited to meet us on the playground.

Mark your calendars for **Trunk or Treat!**

We'll gather in the parking lot on Sunday, Oct 26 with decorated trunks for kiddos to trick or treat around. Trunk or Treat will be from 4:30-5:45 with a Connections & Flock hosted dinner in the gym afterwards. Let Alex know if you are planning to bring a decorated trunk!



Happening candidate registration is now open for 10th-12th graders! The retreat will take place at Gravatt from November 21-23. It is a retreat for youth, led by youth, focusing on spiritual growth and development. This retreat is free for St. John's youth through the JFMF - sign up in the Epistle!

Sign up for our **Youth Ski Retreat** this January 30 - February 1, 2026! Middle and high school youth are welcome to attend. The group will drive up to Glade Springs Resort in West Virginia on Friday at noon, and go snow tubing that evening at Winterplace Ski Resort. Saturday will be a full day of skiing/snowboarding, and we will return to Columbia on Sunday. Let Alex know if you have any questions! Link in the Epistle.

The deadline for current high school youth to reserve their spot for the **Scotland Pilgrimage**, June 15-25, is *Wednesday, November 12*. If you need a reminder of the information needed, let Alex know!

Middle School Converge is this weekend, Oct 18-19. Keep our youth attending in your prayers as they enjoy fellowship, spiritual development, and more!

Camden McCauley, Claire McCants, Charlotte Goodwin, Ellis Warren, Sawyer Tevepaugh, Mary Frances Spigner, Eva Jaillette.

2025

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