

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

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 Acts 2.42-47 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 1263

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

BCP 612

I Peter 2.19-25

Bible 1375

John 10.1-10

Bible 1247

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP 385

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 708 Savior, Like a Shepherd

Sicilian Mariners

Dismissal

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
10:30 AM

The Word of God

Voluntary

Vater Unser im Himmel (Our Father in Heaven)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

At the Procession

Hymnal 174 At the Lamb's high feast

Salzburg

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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*

Song of Praise S-280 Gloria

Powell

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 2.42-47

Bible 1263

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

The Gradual: Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

BCP 612

The choir and congregation chant the psalm.



1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his
Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of
those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle: I Peter 2.19-25

Bible 1375

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

At the Sequence

Hymnal 708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Sicilian Mariners

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

The Gospel: John 10.1-10

Bible 1247

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP 385

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Haydn/Hopson

Sing to the Lord, sing a new song. All the earth, in joyful chorus, sing, O sing a new song.

Lift up your voice, let all rejoice, give praise to the Lord. With harp and trumpet, sing forth your joyful praise.

Let hills rejoice, let rivers clap their hands; let fields with gladness ring, unite in joyful praise.

Sing to the Lord, sing a new song. Great is the Lord, the Lord Almighty; sing a joyful song.

Sing Hallelujah, Amen!

At the Presentation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lasst uns erfreuen

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Hymnal S-125 Holy, holy, holy Lord—*Sanctus*

Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem: S-154 *Agnus Dei*

Hurd

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

At the Communion

Hymnal 645 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

Hymnal 334 Praise the Lord

Alles ist an Gottes Segen

Hymnal 664 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation

Hymnal 654 Day by Day

Sumner

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 390 Praise to the Lord

Lobe den Herren

Dismissal

Voluntary

March

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

Our Worship

We typically call the Fourth Sunday in Easter “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Our readings this week are full of shepherd imagery. Christ is the “shepherd and guardian” of our souls (1 Peter); he the sheep gate itself (John); and that’s all because the LORD himself is our shepherd (Ps. 23), and he guides us from death to life.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mike and Janie Copeland by their children.

Those leading worship at St. John’s:

8:00 AM EM: Bill Todd

10:30 AM EM 1: Faxie Watt EM 2: Dan Fulton

Acolytes: Francis Grice, Will Jaillette, Marie Spigner, Eva Jaillette

Greeters: Ann Ruderman, Lauren McCauley

Ushers: Thomas Faulds, Charlie Sterne

Altar Guild: Carole Moser, Troy McLaughlin, Elizabeth Cotter, Vera Tucker, Lisa Padua

Altar Flowers: Cricket NewmanDesigns

Children's Chapel: Berkeley McCants

Children's Chapel:

Every Sunday during the 10:30 AM worship service, children in 3k, 4k, and 5k, or children not quite ready to fully participate in the service are welcome to join us. Open to members & visitors! If it is your first time sending your child to Children's Chapel, please attend with them so our teachers can meet you.

Weekly at St. John’s

Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study at 7 AM. Good breakfast and fellowship accompany the study of the Scriptures in the Dining Room of the Barr Center.

Tuesday and Thursday: Yoga in the Multipurpose Room at 9:30 AM

Wednesday: Rector’s Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10:30 in the Parlor. We are studying Galatians.

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel, 12 Noon.

Wednesday: Women's Bible Study of Ephesians, 6:30 -8 PM, in the Parlor.

Friday: Men’s Bible Study Fridays at 7:00 AM in the Parlor. No prep required - just come as you are and join our discussion of Ephesians!



Kids at 3K – 5th grade

June 8 – 11
9 AM – 12 PM



We will learn to be menders in God’s world, and learn simple ways to live out faith in daily life.

Register:
<https://tinyurl.com/VBS2026sje>

Family Ministries

Join us for **EYC** this Sunday, April 26.
Middle school 5-6 PM | Dinner 6-6:30 | High School 6:30-7:30

No **Pre-YC** this Sunday, April 26. Join us for our Last Pre-YC of the year on Sunday, May 3.

Middle and high school youth are invited to join us on Wednesday, July 1 for a day trip to **Carowinds!** Sign up in the Epistle.

Newcomer Season

A St. John’s Newcomers Gathering: May 3 at 5 PM at the Beasleys (4842 Landrum Dr., Columbia, SC) If you feel new, you are invited! Children welcome; heavy appetizers. RSVP to sje@stjohnscolumbia.org

The Welcome of Baptized Members: Sunday, May 3, in the 10:30 service
An opportunity to join the church by recording your baptism and to be welcomed by the congregation. Please let Fr. Beasley know of your interest; nmb@stjohnscolumbia.org

Inquirers Class: Join us beginning this morning for an exploration of Christian faith, Episcopal worship, history, and the life of St. John’s. Nursery and Sunday School are offered at the same time.
April 26 and May 3 at 9:30 in Room 9

Sunday Formation

9:30 AM

Equipping the Saints: Easter in Emmaus

Multipurpose Room, lower level of Heyward Hall.

Luke is really at his storytelling best with Emmaus. Because of that, Emmaus has lent itself to plenty of interpretations, beautiful sermons, and terrific works of art. The goal is to explore the story of Emmaus from a number of different perspectives and media, working toward some thought about the Eucharist and Easter together. This week's discussion will be led by Fr. Beasley.

The Wired Word - *Parlor, First Floor.* Discussion-oriented, this class works off lessons emailed to participants in advance, that provoke reflection on Scripture, current events, and our common life.

Faith at Home - *Library, First Floor.* Children in Holy Scripture We'll consider the Bible's wisdom related to children and childhood in this series that runs from January until May. This week will be led by Lee Rambo.

9:00 AM

Early Sunday School Class: Davis Bourne leads "*The Exodus Story*". Exodus is a central narrative of the Bible. It recounts the moment that God reclaims Israel as His people, rescues them from slavery in Egypt, and establishes the Ten Commandments to guide their moral and religious freedom as an independent society. God displays His mercy to the Israelites as He continues to provide for all of their needs despite their disobedience and grumblings. Join us in learning about the nature of God's mercy, human freedom, and the relationship between the divine and man. A delicious breakfast is included. Meeting the first Sunday of each month in the Barr Center Dining Room. *Next meets Sunday, May 3.*

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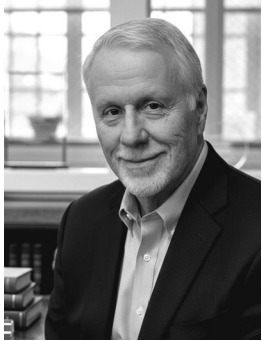
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News & Events

Banners for Baptism: St. John's has a lovely tradition of giving baptismal banners to infants and children who are baptized in the church. These heirlooms hang in children's rooms for many years to serve as a reminder of the sacrament and Jesus's love. We are blessed with a growing church and some more helpers will sustain this tradition! Skills needed are: tracing, cutting and gluing. We will meet **TODAY** in the church library following the 10:30 AM service where we can show you the craft and give you supplies. For more information, please contact Catherine Lockhart at catlockhart@yahoo.com.



Lunch & Learn: May 11 at 12 Noon

Guest: Jerry Allen

"Artificial Intelligence: What it is and isn't"

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is all over the news, taking entry level jobs, creating uncertainty about digital security, and becoming part of conversations about war and technological arms control. It will also plan a great trip for you, suggest excellent recipes, and give you advice for your relationships. Jerry worked at the University of South Carolina for 40 years as a Mainframe Systems Programmer. He is currently retired and teaches technology and AI courses to seniors at Shepherd's Center of Columbia and at The Lourie Center. RSVP to sje@stjohnscolumbia.org

ShelbyNext: St. John's Membership App

Before summer hits, make sure you have the app downloaded to your mobile device so you can stay connected! This is the place to find our church calendar and online directory. From the app you can update your personal profile (clergy & staff need this to contact you) and review your giving history. Contact Megan Griffin in the parish office at msg@stjohncolumbia.org with questions or to get your log-in credentials.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar each Sunday can be dedicated in celebration of, thanksgiving for, or in memory of your loved ones. Anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, memorials and more! Contact Megan Griffin in the parish offices at msg@stjohnscolumbia.org to sign up your dedication.

Prayer List

Those to be Baptized: Lillian-Grace Thomas, daughter of Rachel & Joseph Thomas; Benton Peterson, son of Sara & Stuart Peterson **Those to Be Married:** Kate Thomas and Michael O'Keefe, Allison Nagy and Porter Burkett
For Military Service Personnel: Matthew Simmons, Byron Davison, Salters Kneece, Rivers Chadwick, Ryan Sheard, Jay Drake **St. John's Church Members:** Mackie All, Pat Arnold, Bill Barksdale, Jr., Jerryana Birch-Biblioni, Jackie Boylston, Abby Bray, Janice Fort, Burton Fowles, Jr., Steve Hardin, Miriam Hedgepath, Leigh Jones, Alice King, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Larry Long, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Linda Mittenzwei, John Montgomery, Christine Prioleau, George Reid, Tommy Shealy, Annette Shuler, Sid Smith, Jack Sterne, Mollie Sullivan, Kelli Turnipseed, Tyler Turnipseed **Friends and Family of Church Members:** Jose Arnaldo Bibiloni, Joanna Beresford, Patsy Blocker, Ann Bowman, Georgia Brenneke, Jim Camp, Kay Canipe, Carol Clarkson, Amy Crook, Ginnie Daguise, Brantley Daniel, Judy Dent, Maxine Floyd, Melinda "Rosa" Franks, Douglas Frels, Lettie Fuller, Tawney Gavin, Mark Grey, Mia Guinn, Sonya Hancock, Kristi Helmlly, Oliver Higinbotham, Noah Higinbotham, Miller Ingram, Frances Jaillette, Sharon James-Hilyer, Christi Jolley, Kevin Keeney, Kate Lichty, Lori Lesieur, Jennifer Martin, John McKie, Katherine Mundy, Charlie Pate, Carol Preslar, Colleen Pruitt, Earl Ridout & family, David Richardson, Beaumont Riley, Mark Riley, Jackie Schell, Pearl Sims, Courtney Smith, Linda Sparks, Jason Sutton, Eleanor Taylor, Jerry Trotter, Vera W. Tucker, Barbara Turner, Brooks Wheeler

St. Cuthbert Youth Pilgrimage

Car Wash

Saturday Morning, May 9

Church Parking Lot
(Exact time TBA)

Save your dirty cars for
our youth pilgrims to wash!



Youth Sunday and Senior Sermons

Sunday, May 10

Seniors Claytor Lockhart, Adlyn Mustian, and Charlie Petroff will bring the Word in both services!

All our high school graduates will be honored.

Other youth will take roles in the 10:30 service and Selah will lead our music.

A reception follows on the patio



Come join us for GRAVATT DAY

Camp Gravatt, near Aiken, SC

10:30 AM Outdoor Eucharist

11:15 AM Lunch

12 PM Activities

1:30 PM Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Sunday
May 17

Join us for worship, swimming, canoeing, paddle boarding, and fishing!
Don't forget your sunscreen and bug spray. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish for the meal. The church will provide chicken, mac & cheese, and tea.

Forms in the narthex, atrium, and weekly Epistle

Worship will also be offered at the usual times at St. John's

Pentecost Picnic

Sunday, May 24

Wear your red!

