

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP -Wonder, Love and Praise

Time for prayer is kept before the service. Prayers of preparation are found on p. 833-835 in the red Book of Common Prayer.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite One

8:00 AM

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

BCP 323

The Collect of the Day

The Lessons Isaiah 55.10-13 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 675

Psalm 65.1-14 *Jubilate Deo*

BCP 672

Romans 8.1-11

Bible 1299

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Bible 1159

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Confession of Sin

BCP 330

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory *All things come of thee, O Lord/And of thine own have we given thee. (1 Chronicles 29:14)*

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 538 God of mercy, God of grace

Lucerna Laudoniae

Dismissal

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

10:30 AM

A quiet time for prayer is kept before the service. Prayers of preparation are found on p. 833-835 in the red Book of Common Prayer.

The Word of God

Voluntary Prelude from Prelude, Fugue, and Variation

Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

At the Procession

Hymnal 544 Jesus shall reign

Duke Street

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*

Song of Praise S236 Glory to you – *Benedictus es, Domine*

John Rutter

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 55.10-13

Bible 675

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

The Gradual: Psalm 65.1-14 *Te decet hymnus*

BCP 672

The choir and congregation sing the psalm in unison.



- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble
at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its
increase.

- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

The Epistle: Romans 8.1-11

Bible 1299

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

At the Sequence

Hymnal 302 Father, We Thank Thee

Rendez à Dieu

There is no Children's Chapel today since we are having a children's sermon. Children are invited to come forward after the gospel.

The Gospel: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Bible 1159

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately

receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

In Paradisum

Gabriel Faurè (1845-1924)

*Translation: May the angels lead you into paradise: may the martyrs receive you as you arrive, and bring you into the holy city of Jerusalem.
May the choir of angels receive you, and with Lazarus, once a beggar, may you have eternal rest.*

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 A

BCP 361

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

Powell

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!

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem: S-154 Christ our Passover

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

At the Communion

Hymnal 593 Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Dickinson College

Hymnal 383 Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elizabeth

Hymnal 712 Dona Nobis Pacem

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Hymnal 304 I Come With Joy

Land of Rest

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 594 God of Grace

Cwm Rhondda

Dismissal

Voluntary Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Michael Costello (b. 1979)

Our Worship

Our readings this week are full of agricultural imagery. The LORD makes the ground sprout up, and the cypress grow (Isaiah). The LORD smooths out the ridges (Ps. 65). Even Jesus speaks about grain and soil. God has not only made us to live, but he has made us to grow. We are like the plants when we grow in love, and we are like the soil when we receive God's Spirit and let it bear fruit in us.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Those leading worship on this Sunday:

EM 8 AM: Rob Wilcox

EM 10:30: Matt McClohy, Lindsey Hiller

Acolytes: Tyler Turnipseed, Dylan Bell, Sawyer & Mary Walker Tevepaugh

Ushers: Ben & Rebecca Mustian

Greeters: Gordon Schell, Brink Hinson

Altar Guild: Margaret Axson, Betty Jones, Barbara Jones, Julian Horst, Margaret Woodrum

Altar Flowers: Emily Davison

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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*Welcome Back
Sunday*
— — — — —

AUGUST 9

Children's Sundays

Children's Sermon Sundays: July 12, August 2

Two more times this summer, our proclamation of the Gospel will be especially focused for the children of St. John's. But remember that a good children's sermon reaches adults, too. "Jesus called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven," Matthew 18:2-5. We do not have children's chapel on these Sundays, but you will find Pelican Snoballs after service!

Family Ministries

Parents and youth (6th-12th grades) are encouraged to join the **EYC GroupMe** so you can stay connected and in the know on upcoming youth events/programs/important dates. Link in the Epistle!

We still need volunteers to help in the **nursery** this summer! Sign up in the Epistle.

We need **Peace Keepers** for Children's Chapel this summer! Sign up in the Epistle.

Last call to register for the **Homeworks** Mission week in Edisto! High school youth are invited to be part of this mission week from July 19-24. St. John's members can use the code JFMFEDISTO when registering. Register here: <https://homeworksofamerica.org/volunteer/signup/246>

SNOWBALL & Children's Sermon



JOIN US TODAY
AFTER THE 10:30
SERVICE

Welcoming New Staff at St. John's!

As we prepare to bid a fond farewell to Garrett Ayers and Alex Cheek next Sunday, we are also grateful to be entering a season of welcoming new staff.

Earlier this year, the Vestry and other parish leaders determined that our combined youth and children's ministry position should become two distinct roles: a full-time Youth Minister and a (nearly) full-time Director of Family Ministries, focused on ministry with children. Search committees worked diligently alongside me throughout the interview process, and I am delighted to announce that our search has come to a successful conclusion.

Please join me in welcoming two new members of our staff.

Lynae Beresford, a longtime member of St. John's, will serve as our **Director of Family Ministries**. Lynae brings both a deep knowledge of our parish and extensive experience in early childhood education through her work at Rosewood Elementary School. She has seen firsthand the strengths of our children's ministry and is well equipped to help it flourish.

We are equally excited to welcome **Henry Scouten** as our **Youth Minister**. Henry is a recent graduate of Sewanee and brings valuable experience in summer camp leadership and youth mission ministry. His enthusiasm, gifts, and heart for young people will be a wonderful asset as he helps nurture and grow our youth community.

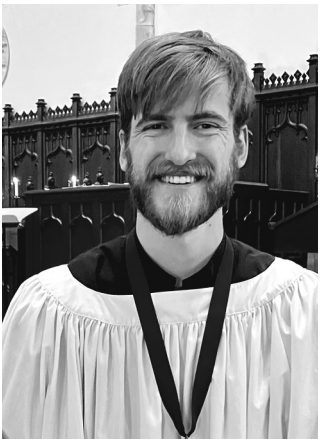
Both Lynae and Henry will begin their ministries with us in the coming weeks.

Our **Associate Rector** position remains unfilled. Given the current shortage of clergy, finding the right candidate is proving more challenging. We anticipate beginning another search with the next class of seminary graduates in 2027. This timeline will also allow us to support and fully integrate Henry and Lynae into our ministry before welcoming another member of the clergy staff.

None of this would be possible without your generous support of St. John's. Your generosity is expressed not only through your financial gifts but also through the countless ways you partner with our staff in the work of ministry. As we welcome these new leaders, I encourage you to consider how God might be calling you to join them in forming children, youth, and families in the faith. Together, we can continue to help one another grow in the knowledge and love of Christ. *Nicholas*

Meet Henry Scouten

Youth Minister



My name is Henry Scouten, and I am a recent graduate of Sewanee. I have served as a sacristan for four years, and developed a passion for working in youth ministry during my time as staff for a Christian summer camp and a number of years volunteering and leading Towel Ministry, an Episcopal summer youth project in North Carolina, a lot

like Homeworks. In addition to ministry, my interests include reading, hiking, and philosophical conversations.

I look forward to joining and serving St. John's.

Contact Henry at youth@stjohnscolumbia.org

Meet Lynae Beresford

Director of Family Ministries



Hi, St. John's! Some of you may already know me, and for those who don't, I'm Lynae Beresford. My husband Teddy and I live here in Columbia with our three kids — Ainsley, Wyatt, and Scarlett — and we're so glad to call St. John's home. I'm honored to step into the role of Director of Family Ministries, and I can't wait to keep sharing Jesus's love with our kids and families here.

Contact Lynae at dfm@stjohnscolumbia.org

Come Celebrate!

GARDEN GOODNESS

& Farewell Sunday

SUNDAY, JULY 19

[O Lord] You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.
Psalm 104

We will celebrate Alex Cheek and Fr. Garrett's time at St. John's on **Sunday, July 19**, after the 10:30 service, with a Garden Goodness Potluck. Garrett and Alex will share a going-away purse as they begin new phases of life and ministry. You can make your gift by check (Farewell Fund on the memo line) or online, choosing "Farewell Fund" from the drop-down menu.'

Celebrate the bounty of God's creation as we build up the Body of Christ at St. John's! Join the table with enough to share - bring your favorite salad, fruit, pie and other garden abundance. St. John's cookbooks will be available for purchase at the potluck for only \$20! Great for your own collection, but even better as a gift to friends & family.

Upcoming at St. John's

Connections Summer Pool Jam

July 25 | 4-7 PM

Brink Hinson's House (*Adults Only*)

Please RSVP by July 20: 803-743-8733

Connections is a group of adults, married or single, older than young adult or Flock members, but younger than some other groups, though all our groups overlap and welcome generously.

Final Hang Out: Craft & Draft

Join The Flock in bidding farewell to Garrett and Alex on Tuesday, July 14 at 6:15 PM.

2706 Devine St, Columbia, SC 29205

Young Adults at Fireflies

Saturday, August 8 at 6:05 PM

Adults generally in their 20s and early 30s, with or without small children, are invited to join the fun.

Text Maggie at 662-801-4341 to secure your ticket.

Journey to England: 2028

Come join the choir on a journey through England! (No--you don't have to sing!) We will be traveling through Bath, Stonehenge, Salisbury, Winchester, Canterbury, and London. The choir will sing an Evensong service, a Holy Eucharist service, and two concerts along the way. Travel dates are July 5-14, 2028. Registration is due July 31, 2026 to keep payments low and affordable at \$250 per person each month. Please direct any questions to Amanda Hines Wrona at ahw@stjohnscolumbia.org. All are welcome!

Prayer Requests

Recently Died: Sandra Polanski, sister of Trish Eccles

Those to Be Married: Allison Nagy and Porter Burkett

Expecting Parents: Maggie Mallett & Zack Smith

For Military Service Personnel: Matthew Simmons, Byron Davison, Salters Kneece, Ryan Sheard, Jay Drake

St. John's Church Members: Mackie All, Pat Arnold, Bill Barksdale, Jr., Jackie Boylston, Abby Bray, Janice Fort, Burton Fowles, Jr., Steve Hardin, Beaver Hardy, Miriam Hedgepath, Leigh Jones, Alice King, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Larry Long, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Linda Mittenzwei, Stacy McCloghry, Christine Prioleau, George Reid, Tommy Shealy, Annette Shuler, Sid Smith, Jack Sterne, Mollie Sullivan

Friends and Family of Church Members: Joanna Beresford, Ann Bowman, Georgia Brenneke, Jim Camp, Kay Canipe, Anna Courie, Amy Crook, Ginnie Daguise, Brantley Daniel, Judy Dent, Brian Dressler, Maxine Floyd, Melinda "Rosa" Franks, Douglas Frels, Lettie Fuller, Tawney Gavin, Paul Gilley, Kristi Helmly, Al Hipp, Frances Jaillette, Sharon James-Hilyer, Pat Keane, Kevin Keeney, Lori Lesieur, Charlie Pate, Teddy Pate, Carol Preslar, Colleen Pruitt, Earl Ridout & family, Beaumont Riley, Jackie Schell, Pearl Sims, Courtney Smith, Linda Sparks, Jason Sutton, Eleanor Taylor, Jerry Trotter, Vera W. Tucker, Brooks Wheeler

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