

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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 44.6-8 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 662

Psalm 86.11-17 *Inclina, Domine*

BCP 710

Romans 8.12-25

Bible 1300

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Bible 1160

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

St. Joan

Hymnal 542 Christ is the World's True Light

Dismissal

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

10:30 AM

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The Word of God

Voluntary From God Shall Nought Divide Me

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

At the Procession

Lobe den Herren

Hymnal 390 Praise to the Lord

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 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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 44.6-8

Bible 662

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

The Gradual: Psalm 86.11-17 *Inclina, Domine*

BCP 710

The choir and congregation sing the psalm in unison. +



11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

+17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be
ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and
comforted me.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

The Epistle: Romans 8.12-25

Bible 1300

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence

Hymnal 423 Immortal, Invisible (vs. 1-3 before the Gospel; vs. 4 after)

St. Denio

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

The Gospel: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Bible 1160

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 358

BCP 388

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

Leave-Taking Prayer

Today we mark a moment of transition in the life of St. John's, giving thanks for the ministry we have shared with The Rev. Garrett Ayers and Alex Cheek and acknowledging the conclusion of their ministries in this parish. In prayer and gratitude, we entrust one another to God's continuing care and presence.

Let us pray.

God of our beginnings and endings, we give thanks for all that we have shared with Garrett and Alex. We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through their ministries in baptism, confirmation, teaching, joyful community, and pastoral care. We thank you for using them to open our hearts and minds again and again to your Word. We thank you for Fr. Garrett's ministry at your altar, by which you have fed us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son. We thank you for Alex's gifts of planning and care, which made many journeys fruitful. We ask your blessing on them as they continue on their journey. May the love that is in our hearts be a bond that unites us always, wherever we may be. Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Hide Not Thou Thy Face

Richard Farrant
(1525-1580)

*Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake, deliver us from all our sins.*

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 424 For the Fruit of All Creation

East Acklam

Hymnal 542 Christ is the World's True Light

St Joan

Hymnal 328 Draw Nigh and Take

Song 46

Hymnal 711 Seek Ye First

Seek Ye First

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 347 Go Forth for God

Litton

Dismissal

Voluntary

Sinfonia

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Come Celebrate!

GARDEN GOODNESS

& Farewell Sunday

[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.

Psalms 104

We will celebrate Alex Cheek and Fr. Garrett's time at St. John's **TODAY** 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.

Celebrate the bounty of God's creation as we build up the Body of Christ at St. John's!



Our Worship

“Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.” (Ps. 86:11) Our Gospel reading gives us some strange truth this weekend: God will let the righteous and the unrighteous grow together. We might think that the Christian life is about separating ourselves from all unrighteous, but Jesus’s parable tells us that all of our lives are bound up together, and discipleship means caring for the righteous and unrighteous alike.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 30th anniversary of Michael & Kelly Burkett, and the ministries of Garrett Ayers and Alex Cheek.

Those leading worship on this Sunday:

EM 8 AM: Wade Sparks

EM 10:30: Jason Lockhart, Dan Fulton

Acolytes: Claytor Lockhart, Francis Grice, Eva Jaillette, Ezra Grice

Ushers: Smith Richardson, Michael Mancini, Mary Sherrer, Rhett Heyward

Children's Chapel: Sally McCants

Greeters: Sandy Leach, Courtenay Mims

Altar Guild: Gail Fisher, Kelli Turnipseed, Roger Wilson, Kate Wolcott, Susan Smith

Altar Flowers: Angela Daniel

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.

Family Ministries

A **Confirmation** Class series will be held this fall! 10th and 11th grade youth and their parents are invited and encouraged to attend the Confirmation Information Meeting on Sunday, September 13 after the 10:30 AM worship service. More information about the class and Confirmation Sunday will be given at this meeting. Reach out to youth@stjohnscolumbia.org with any questions.

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.

Journey to England: 2028

Come join the choir on a journey through England! 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!

Jack Fleischer Memorial Fund: T-Shirts

New T-Shirts available! Each drawing, by Sophie-Earle Pardue, on the JFMF shirt represents Jack, places he loved, and people he loved. Proceeds go to supporting our youth, helping them participate in events like Hap-pening, Homeworks, and more. Because of your support over the last 8 years JFMF has been able to donate over \$50,000 towards youth retreats, summer mission trips and camps. Order Your: <http://jfmf.printful.me>

SC Silver Society: Monday, July 20 at 11 AM

“South Carolina Silversmiths During the Revolutionary War - Patriots and Loyalists”

Join the SCSS for a presentation on Charleston silversmiths and their careers and lives during this period of our history. Examples of some of their silver work are included in the program plus a real South Carolina currency note dated 1776 declaring “Death to Counterfeit”. Samples of real Charleston silver will be on display.

New Handicap Door Opener

A new door opener has been installed at the church's handicap ramp entrance, on the Holly Street side of the church. Interior and exterior buttons allow you to open the door, which remains open for a generous amount of time. Ushers and other volunteers take note: the opener needs to be switched on and off each time we gather for worship. Our sexton Kinnie will handle this duty on Sundays. We thank Betty Jones for the generous donation of this device, which will make our worship more accessible to all.

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

Prayer Requests

Recently Died: Vera W. Tucker, mother of Vera S. Tucker

Those to Be Married: Allison Nagy and Porter Burkett

Expecting Parents: Maggie Mallette & 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, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Larry Long, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Linda Mittenzwei, Stacy McClohy, Christine Prioleau, George Reid, Janet Roberts, Tommy Shealy, Annette Shuler, Sid Smith, Jack Sterne, Mollie Sullivan, Jack Zemp

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, Mentz Family, 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, Brooks Wheeler

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