

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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 I Kings 3.5-12 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 302

Psalm 119.129-136 *Mirabilia*

BCP 774

Romans 8.26.-39

Bible 1300

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

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

Hymnal 488 Be Thou My Vision

Slane

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 Von Gott Will Ich Nicht Lassen (*from God I Never Will Turn*)

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

At the Procession

Hymnal 680 O God Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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: 1 Kings 3.5-12

Bible 302At

Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

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

The Gradual: Psalm 119.129-136 *Mirabilia*

BCP 774

The choir and congregation sing the psalm in unison.



129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy; *
as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

The Epistle: Romans 8.26-39

Bible 1300

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

At the Sequence

Hymnal 513 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Bridegroom

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

The Gospel: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Bible 1160

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form IV

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Peace

BCP 358

BCP 388

BCP 360

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Kinley Lange (b. 1950)

Brian McCants, cello

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Nought be all else to me save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Riches I heed not nor vain empty praise. Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and thou only first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word.
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Heart of my own heart whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

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

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

BCP 361

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 469 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

St. Helena

Hymnal 314 Humbly I Adore Thee

Adoro Devote

Hymnal 488 Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Hymnal 707 Take My Life

Hollingside

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 615 Thy Kingdom Come

St. Flavian

Dismissal

Voluntary Wet Nur Den Lieben Gott Lasst Walten (text Hymn 635)

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

Our Worship

Those leading worship on this Sunday:

EM 8 AM: Bill Eccles

EM 10:30: Faxie Watt, Bill Todd

Acolytes: George Petroff, Charlie Petroff, Henry Koehler, Charlotte Godwin

Ushers: Jim Wheeler, Biff Blocker, Carl Hiller

Children's Chapel: Sally McCants

Greeters: Lynae Beresford, Ann Ruderman

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

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for life together, family and friends, and for the blessing of St. John's by Jamie & Bonnie LaBorde; in celebration of the marriage of Porter Burkett & Allison Nagy, by their families.

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!



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.

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. Join via the Epistle link!

We need **Peace Keepers** for Children's Chapel! Sign up here [link the Epistle](#).

Children's Sundays

Children's Sermon Sundays: August 2

Join us one last time this summer when 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!

Admin Corner

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Summer travels make it harder to connect. Get the free app downloaded to your mobile device! This is the place to find our church calendar and online directory. 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@stjohnscolumbia.org with questions or to get your log-in credentials.



Altar Flower Dedications

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 at msg@stjohnscolumbia.org to sign up your dedication.





BACKPACK BLESSINGS

Sunday, August 2

Bring your backpack, briefcase, or other symbol of the new school year to 10:30 church next Sunday, August 2. A time of prayer and blessing will be offered at the end of the service for all our students and educators. Join us after service for Pelican Snoballs to celebrate!

JACK FLEISHER MEMORIAL FUND

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 Happening, 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.

We continue to be so thankful for the JFMF!

Shine Like Jack

Click to order your t-shirt Today!



St. John's Young Adults are going to the Fireflies!

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

Saturday, August 8 at 6:05pm

Maggie Mallette is coordinating -
text her at 662-801-4341 to secure your ticket.



SNOWBALL
& Children's Sermon



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Welcome Back Sunday

AUGUST 9

Hosted by our Connections Group, Welcome Back Sunday is our annual regathering, after summer's travels and slower pace. We'll preview our ministries for 2026–2027, have some fun, and enjoy lunch together, all after the 10:30 service. All food will be provided by the church.



Welcome to Visitors!

Mid summer is moving season for many families, as well as vacation and family visiting season. Welcome to Columbia and St. John's if you are in a time of transition. If you are visiting St. John's today, the clergy, vestry greeters (near the front steps), and members of the congregation would all look forward to speaking with you. A visitors card in the pew or the Connect QR code are great ways to introduce yourself. Many of us are also away visiting and vacationing this time of year; be sure to come again around Welcome Back Sunday (August 9), when many of our ministries and activities reactivate after summer's slower pace. Church members, be sure to welcome those around you in worship this summer, as each of us is a minister of hospitality.

Prayer Requests

Newly Married: Allison Nagy and Porter Burkett

Expecting Parents: Maggie Mallette & Zack Smith

For Military Service Personnel: Matthew Simmons, Salters Kneece, Ryan Sheard, Jay Drake, William Moran

St. John's Church Members: Mackie All, Pat Arnold, Bill Barksdale, Jr., Jackie Boylston, Abby Bray, Kathryn Close, 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 McCloghry, 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 Daguse, 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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