



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 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 56.1, 6-8 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 675

Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*

BCP 675

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Bible 1302

Matthew 15.10-28

Bible 1163

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 490 I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

Houston

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

At the Procession

Hymnal 490 I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

Houston

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 Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You

We worship and adore You

Glorify Thy Name in all the earth

Glorify Thy Name, Glorify Thy Name, Glorify Thy Name in all the earth

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 56.1, 6-8

Bible 675

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

The Gradual: Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*

BCP 675

The lector and congregation recite the psalm by half verse.

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and
come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his
blessing.

+7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in
awe of him.

The Epistle: Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Bible 1302

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

At the Sequence Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path (Repeat)

When I feel afraid, And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear, As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path (Repeat)

I will not forget, Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide, And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end...

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path (Repeat)

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

The Gospel: Matthew 15.10-28

Bible 1163

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

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The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

All My Hope Is In Jesus

Crowder/Cash

*I've been held by the Savior. I've felt fire from above. I've been down to the river.
 I ain't the same, a prodigal returned. All my hope is in Jesus. Thank God that yesterday's gone. All my sins are forgiven.
 I've been washed by the blood. I'm no stranger to prison. I've worn shackles and chains. But I've been freed and
 forgiven. And I'm not going back, I'll never be the same. That's why I sing. All my hope is in Jesus. Thank God that
 yesterday's gone. All my sins are forgiven. I've been washed by the blood.*

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

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord—Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
 Lord, we sing your praise.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Lord, we sing your praise.

BCP 367
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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Lord, we sing your praise.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
 Pure and holy, Tried and true

BCP 364

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
 Sanctuary for You

At the Communion

Came to My Rescue

Falling on my knees in worship
 Giving all I am to seek Your face
 Lord all I am is Yours

My whole life I place in Your hands
 God of mercy humbled I bow down
 In Your presence at Your throne

Chorus
 I called You answered
 And You came to my rescue
 And I I wanna be where You are

In my life be lifted high
 In our world be lifted high
 In our love be lifted high

Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
 Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
 Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
 We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
 Jesus the only one who could ever save
 Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
 We live for You
 We live for You

Chorus
 Holy there is no one like You
 There is none beside You
 Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who
 You are
 And fill me with Your heart
 And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love
 It is a firm foundation
 I will put my trust in You alone
 And I will not be shaken ... *Chorus*

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me

You've never failed and You won't start now

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour...Repeat

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

WLP #825 - Bless the Lord My Soul

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

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

Dismissal

Postlude Three Little Birds

Bob Marley

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Our Worship

Those leading worship this morning:

EM 8 AM: Bill Eccles

EM 10:30: Sarah Meacham, Lauren McCauley

Acolytes: Timothy Koutrakos, George Petroff, Keating Davison, Cannon Lovelace

Ushers: Charlie Sterne, Billy Koehler, John Fralick, Bob Reynolds

Greeters: Gordon Schell, Brink Hinson

Children's Chapel: Sally McCants

Altar Guild: Gail Fisher, Kelly Turnipseed, Roger Wilson, Susan Smith

Altar Flowers: Susan Hilsman

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cindy Gary.

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Porter Taylor

Porter has served parishes in Augusta, Georgia and Cocoa Beach, Florida. He holds a PhD from the University of Aberdeen in the field of liturgical theology, a fancy term for the belief that the Church's worship is the primary expression of her faith and theology. He has taught at Fuller Theological Seminary and is scheduled to teach at Truett Seminary at Baylor University in 2027.

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.

EYC Kick-Off Pool Party tonight at the Hiller's - 5 PM.

Lunch & Learn

Our Lunch and Learn series is an opportunity to learn about the world around us, for the good of our mission and for the love of our neighbors. Watch this space for dates and more information; an exciting array of speakers will be with us. We usually meet on a weekday at 12 PM.

August 18

Chris Graham is the author of *Faith, Race & The Lost Cause: Confessions of a Southern Church*. He lives in Richmond, Virginia where he is a member of St. Paul's, but works in Columbia as a curator at the South Carolina State Museum.

RSVP to

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Upcoming Events

A Flock Lunch After 10:30 Worship

Sunday, August 23 in the Dining Room

Home Team BBQ and child-friendly options

Play time in the gym

Let us know you are coming: sje@stjohnscolumbia.org

Cursillo #151: Rooted in Grace

September 15-17, 2026

Cursillo is an opportunity to experience the reality of God's gift of love through shared prayer, individual meditation, worship, study, fellowship, laughter, tears, and unconditional love; an opportunity to grow in faith and in spirituality. Lay Rector: Donna Knowles

Learn more & Register: www.edusc.org/discipleship/formation/adult-formation/cursillo/

Rector's Bible Study Returns

Wednesday, August 19: 10:30 in the Parlor

We will be studying Isaiah, great prophet of the Old Testament, using a Bible study from Yale Divinity School.

Sunday Formation

Sunday Mornings for Adults

Equipping the Saints is our lecture and discussion class that now meets in Room 215, on the upper level of Heyward Hall. Led by the Adult Formation committee and the clergy, the class is made of several different topics throughout the year. We begin with Genesis as Revelation of Jesus Christ.

The Wired Word now meets in the Library on the first floor of Heyward Hall. Discussion-oriented, this class works off lessons emailed to participants in advance, that provoke reflection on Scripture, current events, and our common life. Email Sandy Leach (alexandrasandyleach@gmail.com) to be subscribed to the emails.

Faith at Home has moved to the Parlor on the main level of Heyward Hall. Coordinated by our Director of Family Ministries, Lynae Beresford, this class considers Christian faith in the home and often around issues of raising children. It begins with the reading of Habits of the Household: Practicing the Story of God in Everyday Family Rhythms by Justin Whitmel Earley, available in the atrium and at the first meeting.

The Monthly Sunday Early Adult Class meets monthly, of course, usually on the first Sunday of the month, at 9 AM in the Dining Room of the Barr Center. It is a great choice for 8 AM service worshipers. Davis Bourne leads the class and provides a delicious breakfast. It takes up "The Exodus Story," which recounts God's claim of Israel as His people out of slavery in Egypt. Join us in learning about the nature of God's mercy, human freedom, and the relationship between God and humanity.

Sunday Mornings for Children

For children 5th grade and under, parents please plan to walk your child to class and pick your child up from the door at 10:15.

Little Lambs, for 3 and 4 year olds, is faithfully led by Ashley Jaillette, Kelli Turnipseed, and Caroline Tevepaugh in Room 129. Our youngest parishioners engage in play, story, song, and craft as they learn about the Bible.

Shining Stars, this class is our K-2 class and it meets in room 226. It is led by Sally McCants, Lolly Petroff, and Ted Belsches. This year we will explore and engage in Bible stories through story, play with interactive and hands-on learning.

Seeking Shepherds, our class for our 3rd-5th graders and it has moved to room 227. It is led by three families: the McCauleys, the Colemans, and the Plylers. Following the lectionary, this class will begin to deepen the connection between the Gospel lesson and their everyday lives.

Middle School: 6th-8th graders learn from Barbara and Bobby Jones through the Bible Project video series, traveling together through the Old and New Testament. Be ready to have your thinking caps on for some competitive trivia! Room 221.

High Schoolers are invited to come to room 222 during the Sunday School hour. We will spend time diving deeper into the Gospel readings for each Sunday.

Weekly Studies

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. Resuming Wednesday, August 19 to begin a study on Isaiah.

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel, 12 Noon.

Wednesday: Women's Bible Study of Ephesians, 6:30-8 PM, in the Parlor. When You Pray: A Study of Six Prayers in the Bible. Coordinated by Barbara Jones; kicks off on September 16.

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 on St. Paul's letters!

Prayer Requests

Recently Died: Cynthia Lee Gary Taylor, died Aug 7

Expecting Parents: Maggie Mallette & Zack Smith

New Parents: Eloise Wren Allred Beresford, daughter of James Beresford & Bailey Allred

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

St. John's Church Members: Mackie All, Pat Arnold, Bill Barksdale, Jr., Jackie Boylston, Abby Bray, Kathryn Close, Steve & Jan Evans, Janice Fort, Burton Fowles, Jr., Jason Gibson, Steve Hardin, Beaver Hardy, Miriam Hedgepath, Leigh Jones, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Larry Long, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Linda Mittenzwei, Stacy McCloghry, George Reid, Tommy Shealy, Annette Shuler, Jack Sterne, Nora Taylor, Mollie Sullivan

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Music Ministry

Chancel Choir: The choir supports our worship through prayerful music and joyful fellowship, and this ensemble offers a meaningful opportunity to grow in both. The end of summer going into the fall is the perfect time to try it out! No experience necessary, and all levels welcome. For more information, contact Amanda Hines Wrona at ahw@stjohnscolumbia.org with any questions or to express your interest!

More details on musical opportunities in the Epistle Newsletter and Fall Programming!

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