

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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 51.1-6 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 670

Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi*

BCP 793

Romans 12.1-8

Bible 1304

Matthew 16.13-20

Bible 1164

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

Prayers of the People, Form V

BCP 389

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. Elizabeth

Hymnal 383 Fairest Lord Jesus

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 O Gott, du Frommer Gott (text Hymn 681)

Johannesburg Brahms (1833-1897)

At the Procession

Hymnal 401 The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

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 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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: Isaiah 51.1-6

Bible 670

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Psalm 138 Confitebor tibi

BCP 793

The choir and congregation sing the psalm in unison. +



1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies;
your right hand *shall* save me.

+9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of *your* hands.

The Epistle: Romans 12.1-8

Bible 1304

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

At the Sequence

Hymnal 525 The Church's One Foundation (*vs. 1-4 before the Gospel; vs. 5 after*)
Procession to Children's Chapel for 3K, 4K, and 5K. Children will return at the Peace.

Aurelia

The Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20

Bible 1164

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form V

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Peace

BCP 358

BCP 389

BCP 360

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Ubi Caritas

Audrey Snyder (b. 1953)

*Where there is charity and love, God is there. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Likewise, therefore, when we come together let us be united as one. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.*

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 A

BCP 361

Hymnal S-128 Holy, holy, holy Lord—*Sanctus*

Mathias

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
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-161 Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

At the Communion

Hymnal 577 God is Love
Hymnal 443 From God Christ's Deity
Hymnal 315 Thou, Who At Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray
Hymnal 341 For the Bread

Ubi Caritas (Murray)
Salem Harbor
Song 1
Omni Die

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 522 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austria

Dismissal

Voluntary

Plein Jeu

Pierre du Mage
(1690-1750)

Our Worship

Those leading worship this Sunday:

EM 8 AM: Bill Robinson

EM 10:30: Will Grice, Dan Fulton

Acolytes: Anna & Davis Bozeman, Ainsley Beresford, Charlie Turnipseed

Ushers: Mike McCauley, Camden McCauley, Brandon Templeton, Scott Jaillette

Greeters: Paul McCullough, Thomas Coleman

Children's Chapel: Glennie Apoldite

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

Altar Flowers: Kaye Knight

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

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.

Who are you? Who are we?

Welcome back, church family! We've got lots of wonderful new faces around here, so help us all connect by wearing your name tag - it's the easiest way to turn "Hey you!" into "Oh, hi friend!" If your name tag has wandered off (they do that sometimes), Megan in the church office can help you reunite with a new one. And while you're at it, give your ShelbyNext profile a little love by uploading a current photo. It makes it so much easier for everyone to match names, faces, and all the Sunday-morning smiles. If you are not yet connected with our membership app, ShelbyNext, contact Megan Griffin at msg@stjohnscolumbia.org

Vestry Vacancy News

Lynae Beresford's joining the church staff required her resignation from the Vestry; members of the staff and their immediate families cannot serve on the Vestry. The church's bylaws charge the Vestry with electing a new member to fulfill such vacancies. The church wardens and rector nominated Rob Wilcox, a former Senior Warden, to complete that term, and Rob was elected at the Vestry's August meeting. He will serve until the end of 2027. We are thankful for both Lynae and Rob's service to God and our church.

Upcoming Events

Canterbury Campus Ministry Wants to Connect

If you have a student in your family beginning or returning to college in our diocese, our Canterbury campus ministry would like to connect with them. You can share their information on this form and a campus minister will be in touch. See form link in Epistle.

Mahjong at St. John's

St. John's members and friends gather from 3-5 on Thursday afternoons in the Dining Room for Mahjong play. If you are interested in playing on Thursdays or on August 31, please notify Gail Fisher at fishoffive@yahoo.com. We just need a headcount so we have enough tables. Also, the Melrose Mahjong Club is meeting at St. John's on Monday, August 31 from 6-8. All are welcome.

A Flock Lunch After 10:30 Worship

TODAY in the Dining Room

Home Team BBQ and child-friendly options

Play time in the gym

Women's Bible Study Returns

New Study beginning September 16

'When You Pray: A Study of Six Prayers in the Bible'
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Parlor

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/

Lunch & Learn

Save the Date:

Thursday, September 17

Guest: Christian Spearan

Urban Forestry & the Beautification of Columbia

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. This week led by Fr. Beasley.

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. This week led by Faxie Watt.

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.

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. We are studying 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!

Admin Corner

ShelbyNext

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.

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 meets tonight! Middle School 5:00-6:00, Dinner 6-6:30, High School 6:30-7:30

pizza & bingo

Sunday, September 13 at 4 PM

Pre-YC for 3rd - 5th graders will kick off on September 13th with **Welcome Back Bingo and Pizza**. We can't wait to see everyone. Feel free to bring a friend!



FEED OUR YOUTH

"The best memories are made around the table."

An easy, fun way to support our EYC this year is to sign up to bring them supper on a Sunday evening.

[Link in the Epistle](#)



Prayer Requests

Expecting Parents: Maggie Mallette & Zack Smith; Ben & Mary Claire Martinsen

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, Patrick Kneece, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Larry Long, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Linda Mittenzwei, Stacy McCloghry, George Reid, Janet Roberts, Tommy Shealy, Annette Shuler, Jack Sterne, Nora Taylor, 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, Ben Graf, Kristi Helmy, Al Hipp, Frances Jaillette, Sharon James-Hilyer, Pat Keane, Kevin Keeney, Rocky Kneece, Mentz Family, Charlie Pate, Teddy Pate, Carol Preslar, Colleen Pruitt, Earl Ridout & family, Beaumont Riley, Pearl Sims, Courtney Smith, Linda Sparks, Eleanor Taylor, Jerry Trotter, Brooks Wheeler

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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