

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

Welcome to St. John's Church. 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. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP -Wonder, Love and Praise

The Holy Eucharist, Rite One 8:00 AM

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

BCP 323

The Collect of the Day

The Lessons Jeremiah 15.15-21 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 707

Psalm 26.1-8 *Judica me, Domine*

BCP 616

Romans 12.9-21

Bible 1304

Matthew 16.21-28

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

Hymnal 339 Deck Thyself

Schmücke dich

Dismissal

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two 10:30 AM

The Word of God

Voluntary Chromatic Fugue

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

At the Procession

Hymnal 410 Praise My Soul

Lauda anima

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Jeremiah 15.15-21

Bible 707

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Psalm 26.1-8 Judica me, Domine

BCP 616

The choir and congregation sing the psalm in unison.



1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not flattered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar.

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

The Epistle: Romans 12.9-21

Bible 1304

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

At the Sequence

Hymnal 635 If Thou But Trust

Wer nur den lieben Gott

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

The Gospel: Matthew 16.21-28

Bible 1164

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form V

BCP 389

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith. Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there's despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love. Make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there's despair, let me bring hope. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Amen.

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 339 Deck Thyself
Hymnal 334 Praise the Lord
Hymnal 335 I Am the Bread of Life
The Summons

*Schmücke dich
Alles ist an Gotes segen
I Am the Bread of Life
Kelvingrove*

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 610 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Blaenhafren

Dismissal**Voluntary**

Postlude in F

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Our Worship

Those leading worship this Sunday:

EM 8 AM: Rob Wilcox

EM 10:30: Gordon Schell, Matt McCloghry

Acolytes: Mary Frances Spigner, Andrew Beasley, Marie Spigner, Claire McCants

Ushers: Jason Lockhart, Keith Axson, William and Davis Bozeman

Greeters: Sandy Leach, Lauren McCauley

Children's Chapel: Glennie Apoldite

Altar Guild: Mary Wallace Coleman, Katherine

Templeton, Margaret Axson, Dave Solley

Altar Flowers: Emily Davison

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roy "Mack" McCulloch, by his wife Jamie McCulloch.

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

Home Visits for Holy Communion

St. John's has a dedicated group of Eucharistic Visitors who share Holy Communion with church members who are unable to get to church. If you, or a family member, would benefit from this ministry, Fr. Beasley or Dr. Bill Robinson (coordinator of the ministry, wkrobins@gmail.com) can get you connected. The clergy generally share the Sacrament with those in hospital or who expect to return to church attendance soon. Don't hesitate to request a visit for Communion or prayer.

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 fishoffice@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.

Women's Bible Study Returns

New Study beginning Monday September 14
'When You Pray: A Study of Six Prayers in the Bible'
Books can be ordered on Amazon + Lifeway
Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Parlor

Harvest Hope Volunteer Days This Fall

Mark your calendar and join St. John's members and friends volunteering at Harvest Hope Food Bank at their Shop Road location on the following Saturdays this fall:
September 12 – 9:00 AM–10:30 AM
October 17 – 9:00 AM–10:30 AM
December 5 – 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Everyone is welcome but volunteers need to be at least 11 years old. Volunteer activities may include sorting and inspecting donated food, packing emergency food boxes, organizing inventory, preparing food assistance items, and supporting other essential warehouse and pantry operations. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes for active movement and closed-toe shoes. Sign up with the link in the Epistle.

Lunch & Learn: Thursday, September 17, 12 PM

We welcome Chris Spearen who is the Reforestation Program Coordinator for the City of Columbia. The city's urban forestry initiative reflects a long-term commitment to preserving our tree canopy to reduce urban heat, improve air quality, and lessen stormwater runoff. Columbia's dedication to urban forestry has earned it recognition as a Tree City USA for 47 consecutive years. Join us at 12 Noon in the Dining Room for lunch (\$5), the presentation, and conversation. Bring a friend! RSVP to sje@stjohnscolumbia.org.

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 Will Grice.

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 Brandon & Katherine Templeton

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

Monday: Meeting 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 14. **note date change**

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.

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!

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: Pre-YC on September 13 at 4 PM. 3rd—5th graders will kick off the year with Welcome Back Bingo and Pizza. We can't wait to see everyone - feel free to bring a friend!

Backpack Ministry



With the start of school, it is time to sign up to pack bags for our Hand Middle School food ministry. Each week, we pack roughly 25 bags with a variety of foods for students to have over the weekend. Bags can be packed anytime between Sunday and Wednesday at noon of each week. This is a great way for your family or any church group to participate in a meaningful ministry of St. John's. Please consider volunteering. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Elizabeth Beasley at eibeasley@gmail.com or 864-980-2548.

SIGN UP: <https://tinyurl.com/FallBackpack2026>



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!

Tilted Halos (K-2nd) If your child would like to join, simply come to room 226 after church (12-12:45 PM) on Sundays! Tilted Halos will sing at Christmas Eve, Easter, and a few other Sundays throughout the year. Rehearsals begin **Sunday Sept 13**. Please reach out to Amanda Hines Wrona at ahw@stjohnscolumbia.org to receive the full schedule.

St. John's Singers (3rd-8th) If your child would like to join, simply come to room 226 after church (12-1 PM) on Sundays! St. John's Singers will sing at Christmas Eve, Easter, the Youth Sunday service in May, and a few other Sundays throughout the year. Rehearsals begin **Sunday Sept 13**. Please reach out to Amanda Hines Wrona at ahw@stjohnscolumbia.org to receive the full schedule.

The Contemporary Choir provides valuable support and leadership during the Selah services, singing the more contemporary songs to lead our 10:30am worship service in praise. The Selah services take place about once every four to five weeks, with rehearsals at 9:00 AM the Sunday morning of the service. Contact Amanda Hines Wrona at ahw@stjohnscolumbia.org with any questions.

St. John's Ringers begin practice for fall and holiday handbell music on **Sunday September 27** at noon in the Music Room. All interested should contact Bell Choir Director Kim Bray at kim7bray@gmail.com.

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 Daguse, Brantley Daniel, Judy Dent, Brian Dressler, Maxine Floyd, Melinda "Rosa" Franks, Douglas Frels, Lettie Fuller, Tawney Gavin, Keevin Glaze, Paul Gilley, Ben Graf, Kristi Helmly, 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

Bulletin & Sermon Mailings

We send copies of sermon texts and our Sunday bulletin to a number of members each week. If you or a family member would like to receive those in the mail, please let Megan in our parish office know: msg@stjohnscolumbia.org or 799-4767.

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