

**ST. JOHN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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 19.9-18 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

**Bible 322**

Psalm 85.8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

**BCP 709**

Romans 10.5-15

**Bible 1302**

Matthew 14.22-33

**Bible 1162**

**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 529 In Christ There is No East or West

McKee

**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** Tierce en Taille

Pierre du Mage (1690-1750)

**At the Procession**

Hymnal 388 O Worship the King

Hanover

**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 to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 19.9-18****Bible 322**

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

**The Gradual: Psalm 85.8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*****BCP 709**

*The choir and congregation sing the psalm in unison.*



8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

### **The Epistle: Romans 10.5-15**

**Bible 1302**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

### **At the Sequence**

Hymnal 529 In Christ There is No East or West

McKee

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

### **The Gospel: Matthew 14.22-33**

**Bible 1162**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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**

Praise the Lord

Handel/Hopson  
(1685-1759)/(1933-2025)

*Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia. Praise His name forevermore.  
Shout, sing and dance, come dance and celebrate. Rejoice; let all within us praise His name.  
Sing alleluia. Praise His name forevermore. Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth.  
Praise the Lord, O praise Him. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia. Praise His name forevermore.  
Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth. Sing for joy! Rejoice, O praise His name forevermore!*

**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 B**

**BCP 367**

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 507 Praise the Spirit in Creation

*Julion*

Hymnal 428 O All Ye Works of God, Now Come

*Irish*

Hymnal 653 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

*Repton*

Hymnal 671 Amazing Grace

*New Britain*

**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 559 Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

*Dulce Carmen*

**Dismissal**

**Voluntary** Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul

Johann Pachebel (1653-1706)



# Welcome Back Sunday

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 today after the 10:30 service. All food will be provided by the church.

## Our Worship

Those leading worship today:

EM 8 AM: Rob Wilcox

EM 10:30: Anegla Daniel, Jason Lockhart

Ushers: Scott Ballew, Will and Sawyer Tevepaugh, Thomas Faulds

Greeters: Holly Godwin, Lauren McCauley

Children's Chapel: Sally McCants, Glennie Apoldite

Altar Guild: Margaret Axson, Betty Jones, Barbara Jones, Julian Horst, Margaret Woodrum

Flower Guild: Martha Smith, Mary Wallace Coleman

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Moser, by Carole Moser.

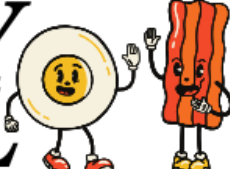
Children's Chapel: Every Sunday during the 10:30 AM worship service, children in 3k, 4k, and 5k, or children not quite ready to fully participate in the service are welcome to join us. Open to members & visitors! If it is your first time sending your child to Children's Chapel, please attend with them so our teachers can meet you.

## Music Ministry

### BACK-TO-CHOIR Bash!

Wednesday Choir Rehearsals for Chancel Choir will resume on **August 12 at 6 PM**. Join us beforehand for a Back-to-Choir Bash at 5:30 PM. Snacks, drinks, and fellowship for returning and new members alike! On the fence about joining? Come see what rehearsal is like in the choir room! Nursery care available 5:30-8 PM. Contact Amanda with questions at [awh@stjohnscolumbia.org](mailto:awh@stjohnscolumbia.org).

**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**



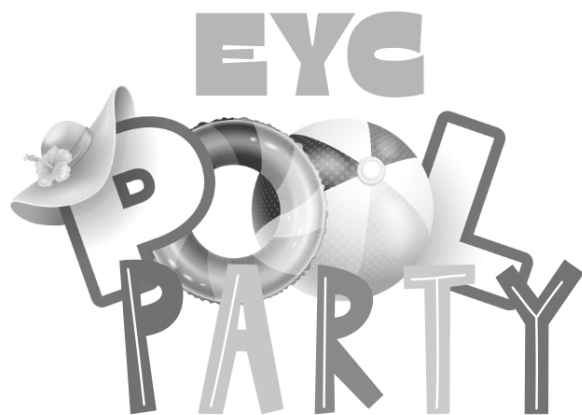
**AUGUST 16**

**Breakfast is served in the Dining Room  
8:45-9:30. Join us for fellowship,  
an introduction to the new year,  
and start Sunday School.  
EYC kicks-off in the evening!**

## 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](mailto:youth@stjohnscolumbia.org) with any questions.

We need volunteers to help support our nursery and children's chapel ministries! Sign up links in the Epistle.



Sunday, August 16 at 5 PM  
Where: Home of the Hillers

St. John's Youth Welcome  
Our New Youth Minister

**Henry Scouten**

## Ice Cream Social



Many flavors, lots of toppings  
Pretty much like  
16 Handles but Free

**Today at 5 PM**

Barr Center  
Dining Room

## 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

[sje@stjohnscolumbia.org](mailto:sje@stjohnscolumbia.org)



## 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](mailto: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/](http://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 formation from Yale Divinity School.

# Thankful for a wonderful summer!



Garden Goodness



HomeWorks



Children's Sermons

2026



Pilgrimage

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Ice Cream



SnoBall Sundays



Thank you  
God for  
teaching us  
how to  
forgive



VBS



## Prayer Requests

**Recently Died:** Jill Horan, sister of Kathryn Close

**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 Kneese, 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, 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, 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, Pearl Sims, Courtney Smith, Linda Sparks, Jason Sutton, Eleanor Taylor, Jerry Trotter, Brooks Wheeler

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