

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 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 Genesis 50.15-21 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 47

Psalm 103.1-13 *Benedic, anima me*

BCP 733

Romans 14.1-12

Bible 1305

Matthew 18.21-35

Bible 1166

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 524 I love thy kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas (Williams)

Dismissal

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

10:30 AM

The Word of God

Voluntary Recit (from Suite du Premiere Ton)

Pierre du Mage (1674-1751)

At the Procession

Hymnal 400 All Creatures of Our God and King (*omit verses with **)

Lasst uns erfreuen

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-278 Glory to God – *Gloria in excelsis*

William Mathias

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Genesis 50.15-21

Bible 47

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

The Gradual: Psalm 103.8-13 *Benedic, anima me*

BCP 733

The choir and congregation sing the psalm in unison.



- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
+ 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

The Epistle: Romans 14.1-12

Bible 1305

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

At the Sequence

Hymnal 435 At the Name of Jesus (vs. 1-3 before the Gospel; vs. 4 after)
Procession to Children's Chapel for those under age 7. Children will return at the Peace.

King's Weston

The Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

Bible 1166

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

Prayer (from *Come From Away*)

arr. Sankoff/Hein (Contemporary)

Tres Taylor, tenor

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your Love. Where there is an injury, your pardon, Lord. And where there's doubt, true faith in you. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light and where there is sadness, ever joy. Oseh shalom bim'romav. Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu. V'al kol Yisrael. V'imru, v'imru amen. Ya'aseh shalom. Shalom aleinu v'al kol Yisrael.. Asatoma sadgamaya tamasma jyo tiregamaya. Oh master, grant me that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as so to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light. And where there is sadness, ever joy.

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 60 Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor alme siderum

Hymnal 306 Come Risen Lord

Sursum Corda

Hymnal 645 The King of Love

St. Columba

Hymnal 691 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet

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 608 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

Dismissal

Voluntary Basse de Trompette

Pierre du Mage

Our Worship

Those leading worship this Sunday:

EM 8 AM: Bill Eccles

EM 10:30: Lindsey Hiller, Angela Daniels

Acolytes: Timothy Koutrakos, Beckett Keeney, Henry Koehler, Cannon Lovelace

Ushers: Michael Mancini, Rhett Heyward, Smith Richardson

Greeters: Paul McCullough, Brink Hinson

Children's Chapel: Lynae Beresford

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

Altar Flowers: Rebecca Coleman

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Guest Preacher, Sunday September 20:

The Rev. Rob Brown, D. Min.

Rob recently retired as the rector of St. Mathew's in Spartanburg, where he served with distinction for more than 20 years and was instrumental in the creation of a parish food bank, free medical clinic, and in the spiritual, physical, and numerical growth of the church. He previously served as associate rector of the Church of the Advent, also in Spartanburg. Rob is a graduate of the University of South Carolina Upstate and the seminary at Sewanee (twice!). He is an avid outdoorsman, willing even to attend a dove hunt on a Sunday afternoon, if you know anyone...

STEWARDSHIP COFFEE HOUR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

We are kicking off this year's Stewardship Campaign with a delicious offering on the patio after both 8 and 10:30 services. Join us for biscuits, fruit, sweet rolls and more!

PLEDGE CARDS
WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR PICK-UP

Upcoming Events

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.

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.

Blessing of the Animals:

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 4 at 6 PM

Refreshments following Scripture, Song and Prayer in thanksgiving for the life of St. Francis and the gift of God's creatures in our lives. All kinds of animals welcome! Keep them safe on leashes and in carriers.

Hand Middle School Backpack Ministry

Each week, we pack roughly 25 bags with a variety of foods for students at Hand Middle School to have over the weekend. Bags can be packed anytime between Sunday and Wednesday at noon of each week. 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>

Foyer Groups

Are you interested in joining a Foyer Group? Foyer Groups are small groups that meet for a meal and fellowship on a schedule of their choosing. New participants should contact Vestry member Paul McCullough (pmcculloughhomes@gmail.com), who will add you to an existing group or create a new one. Recruit a friend or two if you like to form the nucleus of a new group. Foyer is a great way to develop spiritual friendship at St. John's.

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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 Jason Lockhart.

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 Adam & Lockey Plyler, discussing Chapter 3: Discipline.

The Monthly Sunday Early Adult Class meets monthly, 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. Next Meeting Sunday, October 4.

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 Tevepauh 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.

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 **TOAY 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.

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

EYC: Middle School 5:00-6:00, Dinner 6-6:30, hHgh School 6:30-7:30

Children's Worship Station

You may have noticed a little but **BIG** change in the Narthex of the church with The Children's Worship Station. This area is stocked with worship bags, children's bulletins, and children's Bibles for little and big kids to use during the service. We only ask that you place borrowed Bibles and bags in the basket, next to the stand, after the service so they can be refreshed for the following Sunday. Last Sunday was the "soft launch" of our new **children's bulletin**. These bulletins are designed to help children feel connected to the service and will change each Sunday along with the lectionary. Our goal is to help children engage and feel welcome in all points our worship service.



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 **Today!** 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 **Today!** 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

Recently Died: Ann Williamson, mother of Carroll Williamson, died Sept 4; Ben Williamson, father of Carroll Williamson, died on Sept 7

Those to be Baptized: Finley Funderburk, son of Olivia & Bevan Funderburk; Hampton & Grady Vang, sons of Jonathan & Evanne Vang

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

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, Janice Fort, Burton Fowles, Jr., Jason Gibson, Steve Hardin, Beaver Hardy, Miriam Hedgepath, Ginny Hungerford, Leigh Jones, Rocky Kneece, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Larry Long, Lynda Lovelace, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Linda Mittenzwei, Stacy McCloghry, George Reid, Tommy Shealy, Annette Shuler, Jack Sterne, Roger Stroup, Nora Taylor, Mollie Sullivan, Lisa Wilcox

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, Mentz Family, Charlie Pate, Teddy Pate, Carol Preslar, Colleen Pruitt, Earl Ridout & family, Beaumont Riley, Janet Roberts, Pearl Sims, Courtney Smith, Linda Sparks, Eleanor Taylor, Jerry Trotter, Brooks Wheeler

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