

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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 45.1-7 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 664

Psalm 96.1-13 *Cantate Domino*

BCP 725

I Thessalonians 1.1-8

Bible 1345

Matthew 22.15-22

Bible 1170

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

Confession of Sin

BCP 331

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

Nettleton

Hymnal 686 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 Fugue in g minor

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

At the Procession

Hymnal 665 All My Hope on God is Founded

Michael

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 S277 Glory to God – Canticle 20

David Hurd

The choir and congregation sing after the cantor's introduction.

(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

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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 45.1-7

Bible 664

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him--and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Psalm 96.1-8 Cantate Domino

BCP 725

The choir and congregation sing the psalm in unison.

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- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day
to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

The Epistle: I Thessalonians 1.1-10**Bible 1345**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

At the Sequence

Hymnal 707 Take My Life and Let It Be

Hollingside

Procession to Children's Chapel for those under age 7. Children will return at the Peace.

The Gospel: Matthew 22.15-22**Bible 1170**

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon**The Nicene Creed****BCP 358****Prayers of the People, Form VI****BCP 392****Confession of Sin and Absolution****BCP 360****The Peace****The Holy Communion****At the Offertory**

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

*Sing to the Lord a new song. His praise in the assembly of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in He who made them, and the people of Zion rejoice in their King.*

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 A

BCP 361

Hymnal S-127 Holy, holy, holy Lord—*Sanctus*

Hampton

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-164 Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert/Proulx

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

At the Communion

Hymnal 664 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation

Hymnal 683 O For a Closer Walk With Thee

Beatitudo

Hymnal 712 Dona Nobis Pacem

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Hymnal 325 Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread Together

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 412 Earth and All Stars

Earth and All Stars

Dismissal**Voluntary**

Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein
(O God, from Heaven Look Down)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Our Worship

Those leading worship this Sunday:

EM 8 AM: Bill Eccles

EM 10:30: Rob Wilcox, Dan Fulton

Acolytes: Francis Grice, Eva Jaillette, Ellis Warren, Cannon Lovelace

Ushers: Mike & Camden McCauley, Scott Jaillette

Greeters: Sandy Leach, Lauren McCauley

Children's Chapel: Sally McCants

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

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the dedication and devotion of Laura Fowles to St. John's and her family.

Wednesday Night Program



Join us for five nights this fall for an exploration of Jesus' parables. We'll dwell in the Gospels of Luke & Matthew, seeking a word for faithful living in the Lord's pithy, powerful, life-changing stories.

Children in 4k-5th grade are invited to join Lynae for 'Building Faith Brick by Brick'. We will be exploring the parables through imaginative play with Legos and blocks. This will be located in room 137 from 6:15-7:15 during the adult program.

Nursery will be available for those 3 and under to help unwind through play and music at the end of the day. This program is only possible with your help. A parent assistant is needed for the Children's Wednesday Night Program. Sign up link in the Epistle.

Supper 5:30-6:15

Teaching 6:15-7:15

Register for supper: <https://tinyurl.com/WNSFall2026>

Menu 10/21: Chicken Broccoli Pasta, Salad bar, Dessert

Basketball 2026-27

Registration is open! St. John's teams are available for boys and girls in 2nd–12th grades, with divisions for 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th, 6th/7th, 8th/9th, and 10th–12th grades. The CYBL Season goes from November 14, 2026 – February 12, 2027, and the Practice & Game Schedule will be determined once teams are formed.

The standard registration fee is \$70 per player, with reduced-fee options available. We are also looking for coaches. Please see the Epistle for registration and wavier links!

Registration deadline: **TODAY at Midnight!**

Questions? Contact Adam Plyler:

adam.m.plyler@gmail.com

or Henry Scouten: youth@stjohnscolumbia.org

Family Ministries

Registration for **Happening** is now Open! This one is for 10-12th graders. The dates are November 20-22nd. Also, NEW this year will be a small group for adults. Link in Epistle.

State Fair Trip: Join us for an afternoon at the State Fair **TODAY** from 1:00–4:00 PM! Youth are invited to come enjoy the fair together, and we are looking for trained adult volunteers to join and help with the group. Contact Henry Scouten.

EYC: MS 5:00-6:00, dinner 6-6:30, HS 6:30-7:30

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25, 4:30-5:45 PM

Calling all Goblins, Ghouls, Ninjas, and Princesses! We are revving our engines (more like opening our trunks) for another St. John's Trunk or Treat. We need YOU, whether you are a guild, a group, a family, or an individual to join us in the St. John's parking lot with a decorated trunk. Who will win the new coveted Trunk of the Year Trophy? We will find out! Children will trick or treat from trunk to trunk and after we will move to the dining room for dinner hosted by the Flock. If you plan to have a trunk please fill out the form! Email Lynae at dfm@stjohnscolumbia.org with questions. Host a Trunk: <https://forms.gle/ufRsZhgUMeaz2kWQ6>

More Blessed to Give

Acts 20:35 — “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

When we think about stewardship, we often think about what we have—our money, our possessions, our time, and our abilities. But Jesus calls us to see stewardship as something greater: an opportunity to give ourselves to God and to one another. Nearly a century ago, the people of St. John’s Shandon gave sacrificially toward the creation of our alms basin. Their gift was an act of worship, but it was also an investment in the future. They gave something of themselves that would serve this church for decades, even generations, to come.

They made a sacrifice in the present that would provide blessings in the future.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 18:20, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” Our faith was never meant to be lived alone. We worship together, encourage one another, carry one another’s burdens, and serve together. Here at St. John’s, on the corner of Holly and Wheat, we are part of a community called not only to glorify God today, but to sustain that witness for generations to come. Jesus also tells us in John 13:34–35 to love one another as He has loved us, reminding us that our love is a defining mark of His disciples. Our generosity makes that love tangible. Through our giving, our service, and our care for others, we help people encounter Christ and strengthen the community of faith.

So, let us pause for a moment and ask ourselves: What has God entrusted to me? Where might He be calling me to give more generously of my time, my talents, or my financial resources?

And then comes the important question: What will I do in response?

Perhaps it means increasing my financial giving, serving in a ministry, reaching out to someone in need, or encouraging someone who feels alone. The joy of the Christian life is not found simply in receiving the blessings God pours out upon us, but in sharing those blessings with others. We give not to earn God’s favor, but in gratitude for the grace He has already given us.

The people who gave that alms basin could not have known all the people who would worship here or all the lives that would be touched by their gift. But their generosity continues to serve this church today.

We have inherited that legacy. Now it is our turn.

This week, let us each identify one step we can take to give more faithfully, serve more generously, or love more intentionally. And as we consider our financial giving, let us ask whether it reflects the gratitude we feel for all God has given us.

What will our generosity make possible for those who come after us? What acts of worship, what expressions of love, and what opportunities to encounter Christ will grow from the gifts we offer today?

May our faith move us to action, our gratitude move us to generosity, and our generosity strengthen the body of Christ—not just for today, but for generations to come.

For Jesus reminds us: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

-Jason Lockhart



Return a Pledge Card by November 1

Or Pledge Online: stjohnscolumbia.org/make-a-pledge/

Join us for a Celebration Luncheon in the Barr Center Gym

Sunday, November 1 after the 10:30 service!

Upcoming Events

Annual Shrimp Sale is Open!

The Men of St. John's are selling orders in 10-pound increments for \$150 per order. These fresh, head-off, wild caught Carolina shrimp will need to be on ice - so bring your cooler for pick up. Contact us at menofsaint-johns@gmail.com if you have questions or require assistance. Order: <https://tinyurl.com/ShrimpFall2026>

Lunch & Learn: This Tuesday, October 20 at 12 PM

Will and Emily are members of St. John's who both work in lobbying. Will is Vice President of Government Affairs at South Carolina Manufacturers and Commerce; Emily is Director of Government Affairs for South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. Their life together began in similar circles in Washington, D.C. We'll hear from them about life "in the lobby," and about a shared professional experience that comes home with them each evening! Join us at 12 Noon in the Dining Room for lunch (\$5), the presentation, and conversation. Bring a friend!

RSVP to sje@stjohnscolumbia.org



Kanuga Retreat: January 15-17, 2027

Guest Speaker: Rev. Porter Taylor

Join us in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina at Kanuga Conference Center for the annual parish retreat.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/Kanuga2027>

Trick or Treat & Greet

Young Adult night of fun for October 31

St. John's Young Adults, generally in their 20s and 30s, are welcome to "Trick or Treat and Greet" at the Friersons' home on Halloween at 5:00pm. We'll have chili, bring a bag or two of candy to pass out to neighbors! You don't have to be a regular to join; this is a low-pressure way to make new connections at the church. Text Emily Frierson for more information at 386-249-1627. We would love to meet you!

Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 1, 6 PM

The Chancel Choir is preparing a beautiful service from the Anglican choral tradition, offered in remembrance of all faithful departed and in thanksgiving for the Communion of Saints. There is an opportunity to light a candle for those you love and to enjoy a reception following.

All Saints' Sunday: November 1

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:10 AM Prayers in the Memorial Garden, for our faithful departed

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

6 PM Solemn Evensong, with candle lighting

for our faithful departed, and a reception by the Hospitality for the Grieving Committee

Please send the names of those you wish remembered in prayer to Megan in the Parish Office at msg@stjohnscolumbia.org.

Adult Confirmation Class

November 8-29

Sunday evenings, 5:00 - 6:15 PM

Our bishop visits on January 10 to confirm and receive youth and adults. If you have joined St. John's by the recording of your baptism, this is an opportunity for deeper study of our Anglican tradition and to become a confirmed member of the church. Contact Fr. Beasley for details: nmb@stjohnscolumbia.org and sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/AdultConf2027>

Veterans' Breakfast: Wednesday, November 1 at 8 AM

Join us in the Barr Center dining room and hear from special guest John Zemp.

Prayer List

Recently Died: Jack Sterne, who died on 10/13/26

Those to be Baptized: Joseph Lipham, son of Shannon & Hayden Lipham; Theodore Sabourin, son of Louis & Martha Sabourin on Nov 1

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

New Parents: Margot Juliette Prioleau, born Sept 12 to Ashleigh & Fripp Prioleau

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, Boyd Brazell, Kathryn Close, Janice Fort, Burton Fowles, Jr., Emily & Will Frierson, Beaver Hardy, Miriam Hedgepath, Ginny Hungerford, Leigh Jones, Alice King, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Janine Lewis, Larry Long, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Linda Mittenzwei, Stacy McCloghry, George Reid, Katie & Jeremy Schoor, Annette Shuler, Roger Stroup, Nora Taylor, Mollie Sullivan, Lisa Wilcox

Friends and Family of Church Members: Joanna Beresford, Ann Bowman, Jim Camp, Kay Canipe, Anna Courie, Amy Crook, Ginnie Daguise, Brantley Daniel, Judy Dent, Brian Dressler, Melinda "Rosa" Franks, Douglas Frels, Lettie Fuller, Tawney Gavin, Keevin Glaze, Paul Gilley, Rev. Doug Grey, Kristi Helmly, Frances Jaillette, Sharon James-Hilyer, Pat Keane, Kevin Keeney, John Kissler, Mentz Family, Charlie Pate, Teddy Pate, Carol Preslar, Roberta Prioleau, 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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