

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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 Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 106

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

BCP 585

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

Bible 1345

Matthew 22.34-46

Bible 1171

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

St. Boltolph

Hymnal 209 We Walk By Faith

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

Introit

Do Unto Others

Tilted Halos and St. John's Singers

At the Procession

Mit Freuden zart

Hymnal 408 Sing Praise to God

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 – *Gloria in excelsis*

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18

Bible 106

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

The Gradual: Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

BCP 585

The choir and congregation sing the psalm in unison.



1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel
of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do
not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle: I Thessalonians 2.1-8**Bible 1345**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

At the Sequence

Hymnal 487 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

The Call

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

The Gospel: Matthew 22.34-46**Bible 1171**

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Pie Jesu

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Keileigh Zeien, soprano

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Translation: Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them eternal rest.

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

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 602 Jesu, Jesu

Chereponi

Hymnal 343 Shepherd of Souls

St. Agnes

Hymnal 341 For the Bread

Omni die

Hymnal 209 We Walk by Faith

St. Boltoph

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 556 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Marion

Dismissal**Voluntary**

Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Our Worship

Those leading worship this Sunday:

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EM 8 AM: Rob Wilcox

EM 10:30: Gordon Schell, Michael Burkett

Acolytes: Lachlan All Black, Timothy Koutrakos, Marie

Spigner, Charlie Turnipseed

Ushers: Keith Axson, William & Davis Bozeman,

Carroll Williamson

Greeters: Locky Plyler, Courtenay Mims

Children's Chapel: Glennie Apoldite

Altar Guild: Carole Moser, Troy McLaughlin, Elizabeth

Cotter, Vera Tucker

Altar Flowers: Mackie O'Keefe, Gail Jeter

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice King and Jack Sterne, Sr.

Wednesday Night Program



It's not too late to join us for an exploration of Jesus' parables. We are dwelling 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 10/28: BBQ Sandwiches w/Slaw & Beans

A Farewell

— HAPPY —
Retirement

We will celebrate **Gertrude Wallace's** time at St. John's with thanksgiving as she retires. We are thankful for her years of service and will be collecting a going-away purse to share our gratitude. You can make your gift by check (Farewell Fund on the memo line) or online, choosing "Farewell Fund" from the drop-down menu.'

Family Ministries

Youth Ski Trip: Join January 29-31 at Winterplace, West Virginia, staying at Glade Springs Resort! We'll travel by bus with youth from across the diocese, coordinated by Lauren Wainwright. The cost is \$300 per youth, including lodging, meals, and ski rentals. Registration opens Thursday, October 29, at 4 PM. The sign-up link will be included in next week's Epistle. Space is limited, so register early! We also need two female chaperones and one additional male chaperone. Parents interested in chaperoning can sign up using the same registration form. For questions, contact Henry Scouten at youth@stjohnscolumbia.org.

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.

Trunk or Treat: Today at 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. Email Lynae at dfm@stjohnscolumbia.org with questions.

More Blessed to Give

This year's stewardship theme comes from the heartwarming story of our early Saints here who gave their silver to make our beautiful alms basin. Truly they were blessed in their giving. And I am certain such sacrificial giving was inspired by the Holy Spirit, which they undoubtedly received, learned and lived into here at St. John's.

I would like us to think on the receiving part of this theme. For any of us to give, I feel we must first have received. Our stewardship at St. John's is not so much about what we sacrificially place in the beautiful alms basin, but more about receiving the Holy Spirit and our calling to maintain this cherished place as a mission of the Church.

Having received the Holy Spirit by way of participation in our varied which include worshipping, learning, teaching, volunteering, coaching, cooking, singing and many other activities at St. John's, we are to blessedly give back our time, our talents, and our treasures to the service others. By first receiving and then giving, we are stewards of the ongoing mission of St. John's and honor the Saints here who so sacrificially gave their treasured silver for the alms basin. Such is true Stewardship. Thanks be to God.

-Benton Williamson



Return a Pledge Card by November 1

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



JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1!

Our Stewardship Luncheon is almost here, and we're celebrating in a big way as we wrap up More Blessed to Give. Join us after the 10:30 service in the gym for a catered lunch. Bring your appetite - we'll have french toast casserole, chicken & waffles, a grits bar and more! All we need is helping hands to make the day run smoothly. If you can volunteer in any capacity - setting up, refreshing tables, or helping with cleanup - your support will make a difference.

[CLICK HERE TO LEND A HAND](#)

Veterans' Breakfast: Wednesday, November 11 at 8 AM

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

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. Orders will be ready at 5:30 PM on November 18. Contact us at menofsaintjohns@gmail.com if you have questions or require assistance. Order: <https://tinyurl.com/ShrimpFall2026>

Men of St. John's Annual Steak Dinner Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 PM

Men - join us for steaks! Meals are \$15/each to include steak dinner & beverage. Invite family & friends, sign up in advance if possible to ensure we have enough for everyone!
Reserve your meal: <https://tinyurl.com/MOSJSteak2026>

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 PM. 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

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>

Choir Fundraiser for England Trip: Dinner Theatre and Silent Auction Friday, November 13

6:30 PM Social Hour; 7 PM Dinner

Social hour and silent auction at 6:30 PM; dinner and entertainment at 7 PM. Come out to eat some good food, hear some fun songs, and support the choir trip to England!

Prayer List

Recently Died: Alice King, who died on 10/17

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

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., Boyd Brazell, Tim Close, Janice Fort, Burton Fowles, Jr., Beaver Hardy, Miriam Hedgepath, Ginny Hungerford, Leigh Jones, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Janine Lewis, Larry Long, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Linda Mittenzwei, Stacy McCloghry, Lance Paulman, 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, William Pearce Gibbons, 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, Pearl Sims, Courtney Smith, Linda Sparks, Eleanor Taylor, Jerry Trotter, Brooks Wheeler

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