

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

*Welcome to St. John's Church. A quiet time for prayer is kept before our services.
Prayers are found on p. 833-835 in the red Book of Common Prayer; the Psalms might also be read. All baptized
Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion; a card with guidance is found in the pew rack.*

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 Isaiah 5.1-7 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 627

Psalm 80.7-14 *Qui regis Israel*

BCP 702

Philippians 3.4b-14

Bible 1340

Matthew 21.33-46

Bible 1169

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

Hymnal 343 Shepherd of Souls

St. Agnes

Dismissal

Baptism and Holy Eucharist, Rite Two 10:30 AM

The Word of God

Voluntary Sarabande (Land of Rest)

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

At the Procession

Hymnal 518 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

Opening Acclamation

BCP 299

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

<i>Celebrant</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
<i>People</i>	<i>One God and Father of all.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle: Philippians 3.4b-14

Bible I 340

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

At the Sequence

Hymnal 495 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

In Babilone

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

The Gospel: Matthew 21.33-46

Bible I 169

<i>Priest</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
<i>People</i>	<i>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</i>

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our

eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Finley Douglas Funderburk
Grady Patrick Vang
Hampton Henry Vang

Jesus Loves Me

The Welcome of the Newly Baptized

Celebrant and People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Jubilate Deo

Dr. Derrick Fox (Contemporary)

Text: Jubilate Deo, omnis terra; servite Domino in Laetitia.

Translation: Sing joyfully to God, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness.

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
Hampton

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

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
Schubert/Proulx

Fraction Anthem: S-164 Jesus, Lamb of God

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 474 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Hymnal 315 Thou Who At Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray
Hymnal 458 My Song is Love Unknown
Hymnal 701 Jesus, All My Gladness

*Rockingham
Song I
Love Unknown
Jesu, meine Freude*

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 448 O Love, How Deep

Deus tuorum militum

Dismissal

Voluntary Koraal

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Those leading worship this Sunday:

EM 8 AM: Faxie Watt

EM 10:30: Bill Todd, Lindsey Hiller

Acolytes: Ezra Grice, Sawyer Tevepaugh, Hance All Black, Camden McCauley

Ushers: Thomas Faulds, Charlie Sterne, Carl Hiller

Greeters: Holly Godwin, Rob Wilcox

Children's Chapel: Sally McCants

Altar Guild: Georgianna Wheeler, Cathy Bourne, Lynda Lovelace, Sallie Reynolds, Elizabeth Powers, Elaine Strong

Altar Flowers: Rebecca Coleman

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptisms of Finley Douglas Funderburk, by Doug & Lee Sheorn, and Hampton Henry & Grady Patrick Vang, by Jonathan & Evanne Vang.

Parish Office News

On Friday, October 2, the parish offices in Heyward Hall will be closed to accommodate restoration work to office space and the music room. The restoration will take around 2 weeks, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this process. Please be mindful of furniture and other items in the hallways. The staff will be in the office for our normal office hours during the restoration and we will only be closed October 2.

Music Ministry

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.

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.

St. John's Ringers have begun practice for fall and holiday handbell music each Sunday at noon. Temporarily meeting in Room 9, lower level of Heyward Hall. All interested should contact Bell Choir Director Kim Bray at kim7bray@gmail.com.

Christ's own forever!

Those baptized today

Finley Douglas Funderburk,

Son of Olivia & Bevan Funderburk

Hampton Henry Vang

& Grady Patrick Vang,

Sons of Jonathan & Evanne Vang



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 waiver links!

Registration deadline: October 13th

Questions? Contact Adam Plyler:

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or Henry Scouten: youth@stjohnscolumbia.org

Adult Confirmation

Sunday evenings, 5:00 - 6:15 PM

November 8-29

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

Fill out the form: <https://tinyurl.com/AdultConf2027>

Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Animals:

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 11 at 6 PM

****date change due to weather concerns****

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.

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. A member of the Men of St. John's will be in touch about your pick-up date.

Contact us at menofsaintjohns@gmail.com if you have questions or require assistance. Thanks for your support! Order: <https://tinyurl.com/ShrimpFall2026>

St. John's Ministry Update Luncheon

Tuesday, October 13 at 12 Noon

Barr Center Dining Room

A pleasant meal and a presentation from Fr. Beasley on the church's staffing, goals, and finances.

Please RSVP by October 8 to sje@stjohnscolumbia.org.

A Bluegrass Service of Holy Eucharist

The Front Porch Boys

Sunday, October 11 at 10:30 AM

Church Parking Lot

Bring: hats and sunglasses

We have about 200 chairs and will be helped by those who bring a folding chair from home. Spread a blanket on the grass for our youngest worshipers.

Lunch & Learn: October 20

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

More Blessed to Give

During this Stewardship season, we are reminded of Jesus' words: *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* For our family, those words ring especially true at St. John's. Over the years, we have tried to give of our time, talents, and treasure, but again and again, we find that we have received far more in return. Our faith has been deepened through Sunday school, Bible studies, and thoughtful Sunday sermons. Our bellies, and our hearts, have been filled by countless meals and by the people who prepared and shared them. And our family has grown to include those who love our children as their own, and children who will forever feel like part of ours.

We have been continually blessed by the many ministries of St. John's, and during this Stewardship season, we are reminded that each one depends on gifts of time and talent shared across generations for the good of the whole body. The same is true of our treasure. Like our historic alms basin, our gifts still arrive in as many forms as the people who bring them: monthly checks, securities, quarters from the piggy bank, and even \$2 bills from hopeful Clemson fans. Each gift, whatever its form or size, joins with others to become one offering to our Christian community.

As our nation marks 250 years, *E Pluribus Unum*—"out of many, one"—echoes a deeper truth revealed in Christ: our differences are not erased but drawn together into something larger than ourselves. In giving together, we discover again why it is more blessed to give than to receive: *"All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."*

-Mike & Lauren McCauley



Return a Pledge Card by November 1
Or Pledge Online:
stjohnscolumbia.org/make-a-pledge/

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Sunday Formation

Sunday Mornings for Adults

Equipping the Saints meets in Room 215. 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 meets in the Library. This class works off lessons emailed to participants in advance, that provoke reflection on Scripture, current events, and our common life. Email Sandy Leach to be subscribed to the emails.

Faith at Home meets in the Parlor. We are reading *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 Nicholas Beasley.

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. 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. *Meeting this morning at 9 AM!*

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, in Room 129.

Shining Stars, for K-2 meets in room 226.

Seeking Shepherds, for 3rd-5th meets in room 227.

Middle School: 6th-8th graders meet in room 221.

High Schoolers are invited to come to room 222 during the Sunday School hour.

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. If you having been dying to learn more about Happening and find out what it is all about there will be a small group of candidates just for adults who volunteer or work with youth. Link in Epistle.

It's time to **Converge!** October 17-18: All middle school youth across the diocese are invited to Holy Cross, Simpsonville for our diocesan middle school retreat! Join us for fun activities and games, worship, faith-sharing and shaping with other youth from across the diocese. The cost is \$40. The event will begin at 11:00 am on Saturday and conclude following the 10:30 am service on Sunday. Link in Epistle.

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

Serve the Neighborhood Around Us

St. Johns will be hosting a one time clean up of the community on October 24 from 8:30 - 10. We will meet in Emily Douglas park. After picking up the park, we plan to go to Hand Middle School and the surrounding neighborhood, then wrapping everything back up at the park. This is intended to be an opportunity for all - there is no age limit - but we ask any young children to be supervised by their parents throughout the event. Sign up link in the Epistle! Reach out to Lynae Beresford with questions at dfm@stjohnscolumbia.org

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