ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 15, 2026

Welcome to St. John's Church. A quiet time for prayer is kept before our services. 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 Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18 *(Scripture found in 10:30 section below)* **Bible 862**
Psalm 90.1-12 *Domine refugium* **BCP 717**
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 **Bible 1347**
Matthew 25.14-30 **Bible 1174**
The Sermon
The Nicene Creed **BCP 327**
Prayers of the People, Form VI **BCP 392**
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 490 I Want to Walk With Jesus *Houston*
Dismissal

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
10:30 AM
The Word of God

Voluntary
At the Procession I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

Chorus
In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus *(Chorus)*

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father *(Chorus)*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to follow Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus *(Chorus)*

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 My Life Is In You

My strength is in You Lord
My hope is in You Lord
In You it's in You

I will praise You with all of my life
I will praise You with all of my strength
With all of my life
With all of my strength
All of my hope is in You

The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18 **Bible 862**

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth. The Word of the Lord / *Thanks be to God*.

The Gradual: Psalm 90.1-12 *Domine refugium* **BCP 717**

The lector and congregation speak the psalm in unison.

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *

yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 **Bible 1347**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
The Word of the Lord / *Thanks be to God*.

At the Sequence Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us
Give thanks
(Repeat)

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

The Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30 **Bible 1174**

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for

this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"
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 Put a Little Love in Your Heart DeShannon/Myers/Holiday

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 B **BCP 367**
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Lord, we sing your praise.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Lord, we sing your praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Lord, we sing your praise.
(Dubay+)

The Breaking of the Bread Sanctuary **BCP 364**
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, Tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

At the Communion
Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord

Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

Amazing Grace
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far

And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia alleluia

Step by Step

O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You

I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

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 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back

The world behind me the cross before me
The world behind me the cross before me
The world behind me the cross before me
No turning back no turning back

Though none go with me still I will follow
Though none go with me still I will follow
Though none go with me still I will follow
No turning back no turning back

No turning back, No turning back
No turning back, No turning back

Dismissal

Postlude

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Our Worship

Those leading worship this Sunday:
EM 8 AM: Matt McCloghry
EM 10:30: Will Grice, Benton Williamson
Ushers: Biff Blocker, Carl Hiller, Matt McCloghry, Chris Turnipseed
Acolytes: Jack Long, Timothy Koutrakos, Keating Davison, Charlotte Godwin
Greeters: Smith Richardson, George Gallagher
Children's Chapel: Sally McCants
Altar Guild: Gail Fisher, Kelli Turnipseed, Roger Wilson, Susan Smith
Altar Flowers: Elisabeth Williamson, Margaret Cain

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Worship for Thanksgiving Day
Friends at Trinity Cathedral welcome us for worship on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, for Holy Eucharist at 10 AM in the Cathedral on Sumter Street downtown. There will not be a service at St. John's on Wednesday, Nov. 25 or Thursday, Nov. 26.

It's not too late to complete a pledge card!
stjohnscolumbia.org/make-a-pledge/
or place it in the offering plate.

Advent Season

Advent is four weeks of preparation for the coming of Christ. We mark that coming in a Christmas feast that looks back to the Lord's birth in Bethlehem. But the season invites repentance and preparation for all the ways that Christ comes, in our daily lives, in the ministry of the church, and in the fullness of time, at the end of all things. While the world fast-forwards to Christmas, God invites us to slow down and receive the gifts of a peculiar and wonderful season.

Sunday, Nov 29:
Advent Wreath Making & Breakfast, 9 AM

Wednesday, Dec 2:
Waiting on the Word: Advent Service, 6 PM

Wednesday, Dec 9:
St. Nicholas Children's Advent Service & Supper, 6 PM

Family Ministries

Join us for a **Youth Ski Trip** to 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. Space is limited, so register soon! 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. REGISTER: https://tinyurl.com/YouthSkiFun

No **Pre-YC** this Sunday but we will be back on November 22 for Pre-YC Friendsgiving. Join us for games, wrapping of our Giving Tree gifts, and bring your favorite snack to share!

The **Children's Worship Station** is located in the Narthex! This area is stocked with worship bags, children's bulletins, and children's Bibles for little and big kids to use during the service. After the service your child can place their bag and bible in the basket, next to the stand, so they can be refreshed for the following Sunday.

If you are in town over Thanksgiving and want to get moving, come join the Beresford family and other St. John's parishioners for the annual **Shandon Turkey Trot & Burn 5K** on black Friday, November 27, 2026. Enter team name "Team Tater Trot" to join the group and get a $5 discount. Sign up here: https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/Columbia/ShandonTurkeyTrotBurn5K.

St. John's Movie Night is BACK!
Friday, November 20 5-7 PM
We will be meeting in the Multi-purpose room downstairs from 5 - 7 and watching Ratatouille to take a break before building up for our own big Thanksgiving Feast. Come in your pj's and bring something cozy to sit on. We will have pizza and popcorn but feel free to bring your favorite snack to share. You can sign up here so we know how much Pizza to bring: https://tinyurl.com/SJEmovienight

Upcoming Events

Annual Shrimp Sale: Deadline is today!
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, *Ritual is the Remedy*
In a world that tells us that we always need to do more and be more - faster, better, stronger, prettier - maybe we don't, maybe we are enough. The Gospel invites us into an encounter with Christ, coming as we are. In the midst of this holiday season, we invite you, as you are, to our Parish Weekend, to re-discover how rituals of the Church help us to intentionally rest within the rhythms of liturgy.
Join us in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina at Kanuga Conference Center for the annual parish retreat.
Register: https://tinyurl.com/Kanuga2027 Deadline to Register is December 6!

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

Giving Tree
The Giving Tree is our chance to give back to those in need and those forgotten. Look for trees & tags outside the church this morning and the Heyward Hall atrium. Please WRAP/TAG and BAG for each person & return to the church **Sunday December 6** for blessing and distribution. Remember to place the prayer tag on your tree to pray through the season! Donations are welcome - please designate GIVING TREE.

Lunch & Learn: November 17
Adriane Radeker from SCDOT's Office of Public Engagement joins us to share about transportation in our fast-growing state. She'll be joined by a local SCDOT engineer, who can tell us more about the redesign of Devine Street and other efforts to make our streets safer for pedestrians, better for business, and nicer to look at. RSVP to sje@stjohnscolumbia.org. Join us at 12 Noon in the Dining Room for lunch ($5), the presentation, and conversation. Bring a friend!

Advent Wreath Festival: November 29
Everyone is invited to St. John's annual Advent Wreath Festival in the gym in place of Sunday school on Nov 29 (the Sunday after Thanksgiving). Come for a warm breakfast and fellowship at 9 AM, followed by creating and decorating your own family advent wreath to take home. A daily advent reading will be provided for children to bring home along with the wreath that is created. Greens and clippings for wreath decorating will be needed. A drop off will be provided outside for greens and clippings the Friday and Saturday before. You can also bring them Sunday morning!

Christmas Services at St. John's

Dec 24: Holy Eucharist, 2 PM
Holy Eucharist, 4 PM, including children's sermon
Holy Eucharist, 6 PM

Dec 25: Holy Eucharist, 10 AM

Dec 27: Christmas Lessons & Carols, 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Adult Formation

Sunday Mornings for Adults

Equipping the Saints is our lecture and discussion class that meets in Room 215. Join the discussion this week about Jonah, as a revelation of Jesus Christ.

The Wired Word meets in the Library on the first floor of Heyward Hall. Email Sandy Leach to be subscribed to the emails.

Faith at Home meets in the Parlor on the main level of Heyward Hall. Taking time to be social this week! Join us in the new Advent season study starting Nov 22.

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. Next meeting will be Sunday, December 13.

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: 3 and 4 year olds, meet in Room 129.
Shining Stars: K-2 class meeting in room 226.
Seeking Shepherd: 3rd-5th graders and it has moved to room 227.
Middle School: 6th-8th graders meet in room 221.
High Schoolers meet in room 222.

Children's Chapel: Before the Gospel at the 10:30 worship service, children ages 7 and under are invited to join an adult at the back of the church to walk to the Children's Chapel and enjoy a child-focused worship time.

Nursery is offered at St. John's for children ages 3 and younger.

St. John's Clergy & Staff

Daniel P. Richards, Bishop of Upper South Carolina
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Prayer List

Recently Died: Robin Shedd, cousin of Leigh Jones, died Nov 5; Tawney Gavin, sister of Shirley Knight, died on Nov 9

Expecting Parents: Ben & Mary Claire Martinsen; Susie & Chandler Cowan; Anthony & Mary DeFranco; Jonathan & Callie Matthews

New Parents: Reese Allen Smith, born Nov 8 to Maggie Mallette & Zack Smith

For Military Service Personnel: Matthew Simmons, Salters Kneece, Ryan Sheard, Jay Drake, William Moran, Byron Davison

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