ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King Sunday November 22, 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 Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 *(Scripture found in 10:30 section)*	**Bible 791**
Psalm 95.1-7a *Venite exultemus*	**BCP 724**
Ephesians 1.15-23	**Bible 1334**
Matthew 25.31-46	**Bible 1174**
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 460 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (vs. 1, 3 4)	*Hyfrydol*
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 Allein Gott in der Höh' Sei Ehr' (text hymn 421) — Andreas Armsdorff (1670-1699)

At the Procession

Hymnal 494 Crown Him With Many Crowns — *Diademata*

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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*
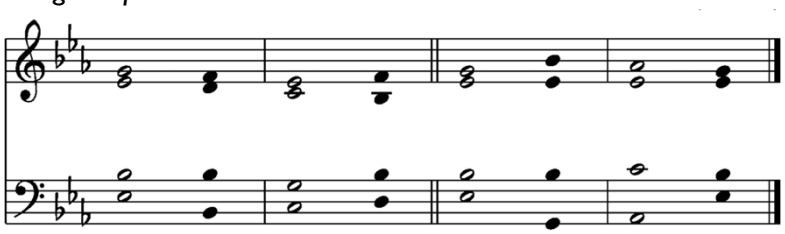
The First Lesson: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 **Bible 791**
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

The Gradual: Psalm 95.1-7a *Venite exultemus* **BCP 724**
The choir and congregation sing the psalm in unison. +



1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

+7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The Epistle: Ephesians 1.15-23 **Bible 1334**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
The Word of the Lord / *Thanks be to God*.

At the Sequence

Hymnal 460 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus *(vs. 1 and 3 before the Gospel; vs 4 after)* *Hyfrydol*

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

The Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46 **Bible 1174**

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it

to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."
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 O Sing Joyfully Adrian Batten

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**
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 609 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life *Gardiner*
Hymnal 382 King of Glory, King of Peace *General Seminary*
Hymnal 477 All Praise to Thee *Engelberg*
Hymnal 288 Praise to God, Immortal Praise *Dix*

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 362 Holy, Holy, Holy *Nicaea*

Dismissal

Voluntary
Fanfare R. Mark Otterstad (b.1942)

Our Worship

Those leading worship this Sunday:
EM 8 AM: Rob Wilcox
EM 10:30: Michael Burkett, Jason Lockhart
Ushers: John & Pam Zemp, John Fralick, Thomas Faulds
Acolytes: Andrew Beasley, Dylan Bell, Henry Koehler, Ainsley Beresford
Greeters: Sandy Leach, Courtenay Mims
Children's Chapel: Elaine Epting
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 thanksgiving for Martha and Roger Stroup and their many years of dedicated ministry and music in the Chancel and Requiem choirs.

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.

Family Ministries

Join **Pre-YC** TODAY for Friendsgiving. Join us for games, wrapping of our Giving Tree gifts, and bring your favorite snack to share from 4 -5. We will meet outside and move into the dining room/Gym.

Happening #95 is this weekend, November 20-22, at Camp Gravatt! Happening is a Christian experience presented by teenagers, for teenagers, with the help of clergy and adult leaders. Through worship, fellowship, and teaching, it seeks to help young people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and deepen their faith. Please keep our participants, Virginia Williamson, Gentry Rankin, Caitlin Macdonald, and Henry Scouten, and our staff, Adair Hinson, Berkeley McCants, Eileen Schell, Fletch Spigner, Gordon Schell, Spence Jaillette, Tyler Turnipseed, and Will Jaillette, in your prayers this weekend.

EYC All-Ages this Sunday, November 22!
Join us in the gym for pickleball 5 - 6:30 PM, followed by dinner.

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.

We are thankful for your gifts that support the ministries of St. John's!

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Oct-2026	$94,795	$84,521	$1,724	$3,333	$79,741	$85,192
Year to Date	$1,008,519	$845,207	$20,730	$33,333	$937,245	$851,915

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Upcoming Events

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!**

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.

More Blessed to Give: Stewardship Update
Great results so far leave us some distance to the finish line. Pledges made for 2026 not yet renewed for 2027 amount to $176,000. Those pledges (and some more new ones), will get us to the threshold needed to fund our ministry in 2027. We've already received 162 pledges for $1,044,000. Help us finish the race by making your pledge today. The Finance Committee and Vestry will adopt a budget in the weeks ahead.
Pledge Online: stjohnscolumbia.org/make-a-pledge/ Or find a Pledge Card in the church narthex.

Holy Hike for Men : Saturday, December 12 at 9:30 AM
Saluda River Walk
Trinity Cathedral men's ministry invites us on a 3.3 mile round-trip flat trail down to Boyd Island and back with Holy Communion, celebrated by the Rev. Jimmy Hartley. Lunch afterward at War Mouth. Meet at the Saluda Riverwalk, 650 Candi Lane.

Grab a Bell: Saturday, December 12 10 AM - 6 PM
Join the Men of St. John's this December in supporting the Salvation Army. Come out to ring for an hour outside the Lowes Foods on Forest Dr. Sign up: https://tinyurl.com/MOSJBells

Young Adult Holiday Gathering
St. John's Young Adults, generally in their 20s and 30s, will gather at Craft and Draft **December 5** at 2 PM. Text Kate Wolcott for more information at 980-348-7239. We would love to meet you!

Harvest Hope Volunteer Day: December 5 – 9:00 AM–10:30 AM
Mark your calendar and join St. John's members and friends volunteering at Harvest Hope Food Bank at their Shop Road location. Everyone is welcome but volunteers need to be at least 11 years old. Volunteer activities may include sorting and inspecting donated food, packing emergency food boxes, organizing inventory, preparing food assistance items, and supporting other essential warehouse and pantry operations. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes for active movement and closed-toe shoes. *Register with Epistle link!*

Guest Preacher NEXT Sunday, November 29
The Rev. Dr. Susan Prinz
Susan received her Master's of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2010, and has a background in college administration, earning a doctorate in Educational Administration in 1998. She is also a graduate of the Sursum Corda Spiritual Direction Training program and has a private spiritual direction practice in Columbia. Susan is married to Ron Prinz, a professor at the University of South Carolina. She most recently served St. Martin's Church in Forest Acres and remains active in its ministry.

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.

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!

Waiting on the Word:
A Contemplative Service for Advent
Wednesday, December 2 at 6 PM
Scripture, Poetry, and Music, to soothe the spirit and prepare for the coming of the Lord. Our guest musician is classical guitarist Adrian Montero.

Wednesday, Dec 9:
St. Nicholas Children's Advent Service & Supper, 6 PM
Child-friendly worship and supper, to help young hearts make room for Christ, as we mark the spiritual gifts of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra.

Christmas Services

December 24: Christmas Eve
2 PM Holy Eucharist, Carols, Sermon
4 PM Family Eucharist, Children's Sermon
6 PM Holy Eucharist, with Chancel Choir, Brass, Sermon, Nursery Available

December 25: Christmas Day
10 AM Holy Eucharist, Carols, Sermon

December 27
10:30 Lessons & Carols Service
No 8 AM services this day

Feast of Lights

The Feast of Lights & 12th Night Party, our beloved St. John's tradition, will be here before you know it. If you are unfamiliar with the Feast of Lights this is St. John's long standing tradition of acting out the Christmas story in the sanctuary followed by a 12th night party in the gym. This year it is on **Wednesday, January 6.** Practice for 3 yr olds to 5th graders will be Sunday, January 3rd at 9:30 AM during the Sunday School hour. Practice for Middle & High Schoolers will be right after the 10:30 AM service. Sign up by Christmas to make sure your child's name makes it in the bulletin!
Sign up here if you would like to claim you or your child's role in this most special tradition: https://tinyurl.com/FOL2027

Annual Meeting & Celebration

Notice of Annual Meeting and Elections
Sunday, December 6, 2026
Barr Center Gymnasium after 10:30 worship.
Lunch will be provided.

Nominees for Vestry:
John M. Burns, Jr., Lindsey Hiller, Eric Horst, Susan Smith, Catherine Warth

Nominees for Wardens
Senior Warden: Robert M. Wilcox
Junior Warden: Ashley Jaillette

Nominee for Diocesan Convention Delegate: Lauren McCauley
Nominees for Diocesan Convention Alternates: Thomas Coleman, Paul McCullough, Lockey Plyler, Ann Ruderman

Sanctuary Centennial Celebration

The first service of worship in our current church building was 100 years ago, on December 5, 1926. We'll mark this thankful anniversary on Sunday, December 6. Hymns and Scriptures from the first service will be part of our worship and an exhibit of plans and artifacts from the church, over its century of life will be shared in the Barr Center.

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 with Ben Mustian - Messianic Passages in Isaiah (and other prophets).

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. We begin this Sunday by walking the Advent season together using Kate Bowler's daily Advent study, *The Weary World Rejoices*.

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.

Prayer List

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

New Parents: Reese Allan 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

St. John's Church Members: Mackie All, Pat Arnold, Bill Barksdale, Jr., Grace Boland, Boyd Brazell, Dean Cecil, Tim Close, Randy Epting, Janice Fort, Burton Fowles, Jr., Beaver Hardy, Miriam Hedgepath, Ginny Hungerford, Leigh Jones, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Larry Long, Liz Long, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Linda Mittenzwei, Stacy McCloghry, Lance Paulman, George Reid, Katie & Jeremy Schoor, Annette Shuler, Roger Stroup, Nora Taylor, Mollie Sullivan, Georgianna Wheeler

Friends and Family of Church Members: Joanna Beresford, Ann Bowman, Jim Camp, Kay Canipe, Anna Courie, Amy Crook, Ginnie Daguise, Brantley Daniel, Judy Dent, Melinda "Rosa" Franks, Douglas Frels, Lettie Fuller, Kevin Glaze, William Pearce Gibbons, Rev. Doug Grey, Kristi Helmly, Terry Helsley, Frances Jaillette, Sharon James-Hilyer, Pat Keane, Kevin Keeney, John Kessler, Pat Lewis, Carl Lockhart, Mentz Family, Charlie Pate, Teddy Pate, Carol Preslar, Roberta Prioleau, Colleen Pruitt, Ranson Family, Earl Ridout & family, Beaumont Riley, Pearl Sims, Courtney Smith, Linda Sparks, Eleanor Taylor, Jerry Trotter, Brooks Wheeler

St. John's Clergy & Staff

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Alex Barron, Priest Associate
Amanda Hines Wrona, Director of Music
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