ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost — November 8, 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 Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16 *(Scripture found in 10:30 section)* — **Bible 925**
Psalm 70 *Deus in adjutorium* — **BCP 682**
1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 — **Bible 1347**
Matthew 25.1-13 — **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 304 I Come With Joy — *Land of Rest*
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 Alle Menschen Mussen Sterben — Johann Sebastian Bach
(A Voice Saith: All Mankind is Mortal) — (1685-1750)

At the Procession
Hymnal 518 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation — *Westminster Abbey*

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*
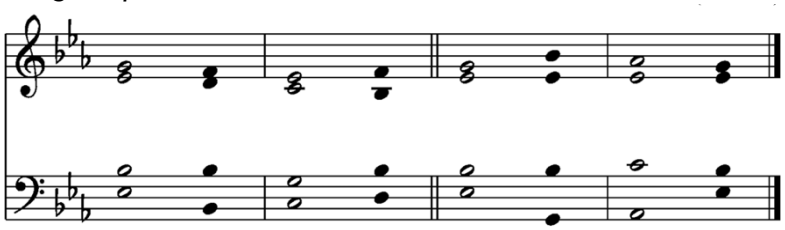
Song of Praise S277 Glory to God – *Gloria in excelsis* David Hurd

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
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16 **Bible 925**
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.
The Word of the Lord / *Thanks be to God.*

The Gradual: Psalm 70 *Deus in adjutorium* **BCP 682**
The choir and congregation sing the psalm in unison.



1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 **Bible 1347**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.
The Word of the Lord / *Thanks be to God*.

At the Sequence

Hymnal 574 Before Thy Throne *St. Petersburg*

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

The Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13 **Bible 1174**

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
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 Raise the Song of Harvest Home arr. Brian Childers
St. John's Ringers, Kim Bray, Director

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

Steal Away — Negro Spiritual arr. Carl Haywood

Brendan Gillis, Liana Wiley, Jordan Mendenhall, Me'Kaylah Haynes, soloists

Hymnal 304 I Come With Joy — *Land of Rest*

Hymnal 593 Lord Make Us Servants of Your Peace — *Dickinson College*

Hymnal 538 Open Your Ears — *Torah Song*

Hymnal 328 Draw Nigh and Take — *Song 46*

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

Postludium — Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Our Worship

Those leading worship this Sunday:
EM 8 AM: Bill Eccles
EM 10:30: Sarah Meacham, Michael Burkett
Ushers: Mary Sherrer, Jim Wheeler, George Gallagher
Acolytes: Timothy Koutrakos, Lachlan All Black, Ellis Warren, Hance All Black
Greeters: Paul McCullough, Thomas Coleman
Children's Chapel: Glennie Apoldite
Altar Guild: Margaret Axson, Betty Jones, Barbara Jones, Julian Horst, Margaret Woodrum
Altar Flowers: Angela Daniel

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday: Women's Bible Study at 7 PM, in the Parlor. Come as you are! Contact Kathryn Kelley with questions at kathrynkelley34@gmail.com.
Tuesday: Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study at 7 AM. Good breakfast and fellowship accompany the study of the Scriptures in the Dining Room of the Barr Center.
Tuesday and Thursday: Yoga in the Multipurpose Room at 9:30 AM
Wednesday: Rector's Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10:30 in the parlor. We are studying Isaiah; all are welcome.
Wednesday: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel, 12 Noon. (We will not meet Wednesday, November 25)
Friday: Men's Bible Study Fridays at 7:00 AM in the Parlor. No prep required - just come as you are and join our discussion on St. Paul's letters!

Bulletin & Sermon Mailings

We send copies of sermon texts and our Sunday bulletin to a number of members each week. If you or a family member would like to receive those in the mail, please let Megan in our parish office know: msg@stjohnscolumbia.org or 799-4767.

Wednesday Night Program

You don't want to miss our final evening of Jesus' parables! Even if you have missed a few, join the conversation about living in the Lord's pithy, powerful, life-changing stories.
Children in 4k - 5th grade are invited to join Lynae for a final night of "Building Faith Brick by Brick."
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.
Supper 5:30-6:15 Teaching 6:15-7:15
Register for supper: https://tinyurl.com/WNSFall2026
Menu 11/11: Chicken Noodle Soup, Salad, Dessert

Family Ministries

Pre-YC is back TODAY 4 - 5 PM. We will meet on the playground and move into the dining room and gym.

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

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.

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 David & Goliath.

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. This week, Lynae Beresford leads a reflection on the book study.

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.

Parish Life

We give thanks for the new birth of: Eloise Wren Allred Beresford, daughter of James Beresford & Bailee Allred; Margot Juliette Prioleau, daughter of Ashleigh & Fripp Prioleau
We give thanks for the baptism of: Hampton Henry Vang & Grady Patrick Vang, sons of Jonathan & Evanne Vang; Finley Douglas Funderburk, son of Olivia & Bevan Funderburk; Joseph James Lipham, son of Hayden & Shannon Lipham; Theodore Halcott Pierre Sabourin, son of Louis & Martha Sabourin,
We give thanks for the marriage of: Porter Burkett & Allison Nagy on July 25; Henry Scouten & Lucy Grace Burnett on Oct 11
We welcome: John & Judy Dent, transferring from St. Timothy's Episcopal; Ski & Robin Eynon, transferring from Trinity Episcopal
We extend sympathy to the families of: Jack Sterne, Sr., who died Oct 13; Alice King, who died on Oct 17

Did we miss something? Please let us know msg@stjohnscolumbia.org.

A Farewell



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.'

More Blessed to Give

We concluded a season of reflection on the blessedness of giving with a wonderful brunch last Sunday. Total pledges (152 of them) for 2027 have reached $946,667. For the current year, we have 171 pledges that total $1,059,054. So we are getting close to that threshold and need to surpass it. Help us make solid plans for our call of a new assistant rector and other lively ministry in God's service through St. John's by making a pledge today.
stjohnscolumbia.org/make-a-pledge/



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

Veteran's Day Breakfast
Wednesday, November 11 at 8 AM
Join us in the Barr Center dining room and hear from special guest John Zemp.

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! Buy tickets today: https://tinyurl.com/dinnertheatre2026

Flocksgiving!
Join the Flock on Nov 14, 2026 at 4:30 for a friendsgiving potluck, hosted at the home of Glennie and Dan Apoldite. 832 Kipling Drive, Columbia, SC. RSVP to Glennie: 803-240-7810 or gfwoodrum@gmail.com.
Sign up to bring a dish to share - link in the Epistle.

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 in the gym during our luncheon. 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. Our ministries and tags include: Alston Wilkes (Star) Family Promise (Gift Boxes) Hand Middle School (Ornament) Midlands Center (Tree) Prison Ministries (Angel).

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!

Prayer List

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, 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, 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, Robin Hanceri, Kristi Helmly, Frances Jaillette, Sharon James-Hilyer, Pat Keane, Kevin Keeney, John Kessler, Carl Lockhart, 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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