

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 28

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

IN OUR 291ST YEAR

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I 10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

am about heavens to create new and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-- and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church

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Please stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation and Response

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirt,

People: And blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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*.

Please be seated.

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Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98(Please read responsively by whole verse.)

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

	nembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.	
	with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *	
	p your voice, rejoice, and sing.	
_	the Lord with the harp, * the harp and the voice of song.	
	rumpets and the sound of the horn *	
shou	t with joy before the King, the Lord.	
	e sea make a noise and all that is in it, *	
	ands and those who dwell therein. e rivers clap their hands, *	
	let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,	
	n he comes to judge the earth.	
-	thteousness shall he judge the world *	
and	the peoples with equity.	
SECOND REAL	DING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	
Reader '	The Word of the Lord	
People '	Thanks be to God.	
Please stand.		
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-	Praise to you, Lord Christ.	
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Offertory		

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. Celebrant: And also with you.

People: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Celebrant and People: (said together)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts: heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues.

The Lord's Prayer (said together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, as we forgive those hallowed be thy Name, who trespass against us.

thy kingdom come, And lead us not into temptation,

thy will be done. but deliver us from evil. on earth as it is in heaven. For thine is the kingdom, Give us this day our daily bread. and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen. And forgive us our trespasses,

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleliua! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. People: Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleliua*!

Prayer of Humble Access

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Invitation to Communion

To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. Having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God People:

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Service Participants

Celebrant & HomilistThe Reverend Canon Calhoun Walpole

Reader & Intercessor Jim Poehling

Adult Acolyte & Chalice BearerJane Charles

Stewardship Talk Eric Rosenberg

A Blessing for the Sea Islands

May the love of the Lord of the Sea Islands enfold you; may the spirit of the salt marsh and sweetgrass enliven you; may the gracious and gentle sea breezes renew you; may the grandeur and grace of the great live oak fortify you; may the ready resilience of the palmetto steady you; may you love the Lord Jesus as beautifully as he has loved you; and the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you now and always.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Celebrant: In these last days, let us offer prayers to God for the endurance of all who suffer..

Intercessor: For Ruth our Bishop; Sean our presiding Bishop; and Sarah Archbishop-designate of Canterbury, For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place *People: Lord, have mercy.*

Intercessor: For all peoples and their leaders, and for justice and righteousness in the

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times. **People:** Lord. have mercv.

Intercessor: For the sick and the suffering, travelers and refugees, prisoners and their families, and the dying and dead.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For these islands and those who live in them, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For those who are sick or in any need, especially: Carlton Morrow, Wills Allen, John Martin, Buddy Hawkins, Ann Guettner, Paige Weikle, Ahren Warf, Bev Jenkins, Janice Pearce, David Spelce, Judy Phelps, Frank Morris, Jeremy Adcox, Gabriel Kalskett, Wade Todd, Martha Ford, Peter Madsen, Mike Knapp, Kenny Rhea, Max Mahaffe, Mark Seery, Sandy Schaffer, Judy Marsh, Caroline Ruth, Tommy Stelling, John Ward, Harold Stein, Kimberly Urtz, Jay Hash, Sheryllynn Falcettoni, Amanda Matheny, Tricia Maxwell, Billie-Jean Castillo, Jo Vroon and The Reverend Chris Huff. That God may come to the help of his servants. Let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the departed, that with Blessed Mary and all the saints, they may rejoice eternally in the presence of God, remembering especially Davies Merry, let us pray. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

Celebrant: God of righteousness, rising and burning like the sun, heal all those for whom we pray and write our names in the book of remembrance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

St. John's Episcopal Church

10:30 a.m. Holv Eucharist. Rite II

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Prelude Land of rest Dale Wood

Please stand

Processional 371 Thou whose almighty word Moscow

THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation and Response

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: There is one hope in God'd call to us;
Celebrant: One Lord, One Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Kyrie S96 Lord, have mercy Franz Schubert

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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*.

Please be seated.

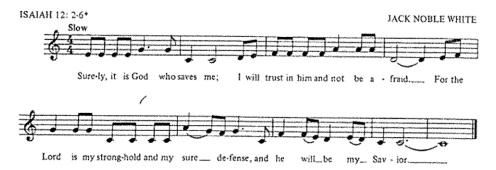
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Remain seated.

First Song of Isaiah 12:2-6 (Please sing by whole verse.)



Refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. for the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

1. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing From the spring of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name. *Refrain*

2.Make his deeds known among peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted. sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done rteat things,

And this is known in all the world. *Refrain*

3.Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain* (2x)

The Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 620 *Jerusalem my happy home* Land of rest

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord **People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Homily

A period of silent reflection is kept. Please stand.

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Officiant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents:

I present *Gianna Belle*

To receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Officiant (To Parents & Godparents):

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

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full

stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

The Officiant asks the following questions of the parents and Godparents

Officiant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel

against God?

Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.

Officiant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the

creatures of God?

Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.

Officiant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God.

Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.

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

Parents & Godparents: I do.

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

Parents & Godparents: I do.

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

Parents & Godparents: I do.

The Officiant addresses the congregation:

Officiant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person

in their lives in Christ?

People: We will.

Officiant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew

our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Officiant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of

bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: 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 Candidate *The Officiant then says to the congregation:*

Officiant: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen*.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Officiant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Officiant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

Officiant: Gianna Belle

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

Then the Officiant places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

Officiant: Gianna Belle

you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

The Giving of the Light and Welcoming the Newly Baptized

The family is given a lighted candle.

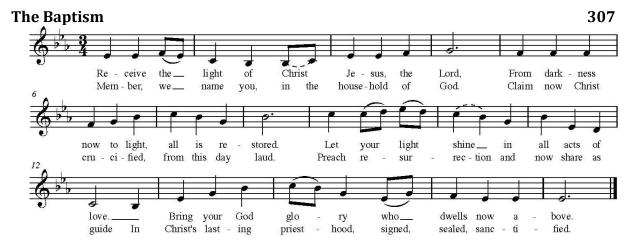
Officiant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ

crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us his eternal priesthood.

Thanksgiving over the Water

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The Giving of the Light and Welcoming the Newly Baptized (sung by all)

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Officiant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified,

proclaim is resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Please stand.

The Peace 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements and Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Judge eternal Malcolm Archer Offertory

Please stand.

Old Hundredth **Presentation Hymn** Doxology

> 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.

Eucharistic Prayer A 361

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. And also with you. People: *Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. People:

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. People:

Sanctus S 129 Robert Powell

Celebrant and People:

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 people kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues.

364 The Lord's Prayer (said together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, as we forgive those hallowed be thy Name. who trespass against us.

thy kingdom come, And lead us not into temptation,

thy will be done. but deliver us from evil. on earth as it is in heaven. For thine is the kingdom, Give us this day our daily bread. and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen. And forgive us our trespasses,

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem One bread, one body

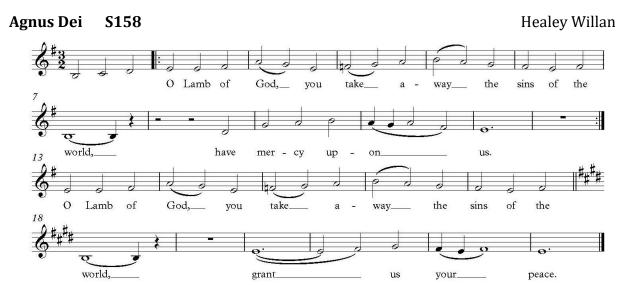
> One bread, one body one Lord of all, One cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many throughout the earth.

We are one body in this one Lord.

Invitation to Communion

To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. Having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing by crossing your arms across your ches



The Communion of the People

The congregation is invited to sing the Communion Hymns.

Communion Hymn 635If thou but trust in God to guide theeWar nur den lieben GottCommunion Hymn 628Help us oh Lord to learnSt. EthelwaldCommunion Hymn 490I want to walk as a child of the lightHouston

After Communion, the Celebrant says let us pray.

The Post-communion Prayer (said together)

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The Blessing

Processional Hymn 632 *O Christ the word incarnate* Munich

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tocata in seven John Rutter

10:30am Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Canon Calhoun Walpole

Assisting

The Reverend John Lescow

Verger

Rich Boss

Readers

Nancy Kupersmith Leonard Kupersmith

> Intercessor Zach Hyleman

Stewardship Talk

Eric Rosenberg

Chalice Bearers

Ryan Stonaker

Music

Anne Warf, organist St. John's Choir

Acolytes

Jack Tierney Henry Tierney

Ushers

Bubba Jenkins Kelly Wiggins

Baptism of Gianna Belle Davis Godparents: Theresa Merry Walker Davies Merry Stacey Stuckey Damien Busillo



Stewardship Moment

Good Morning,

My name is Rebecca Hyleman. I would like to begin by reading parts of an email I wrote to a stranger on my birthday, June 24, 2021. I had been given her name by my college priest and told to look her up on the Diocesan website.

Good Afternoon, Callie,

My apologies in advance for not knowing the right formal name for addressing you in this email. I'm reaching out because my family is moving. I keep feeling like I am supposed to talk with you.

My husband, Zach's last day in the Army is 31 July. We spent 6 years from 2009 to 2019 living in parts of Central America. Zach was a Foreign Area Officer assigned to Latin America. We prayed for years about what comes next, and that when the doors closed with the Army, we would know the right new doors that would open next. We are in the process of selling our home with an address of Charleston Way in GA and moving to Charleston, SC. We are taking a giant leap of faith by coming only with his retirement, no jobs, and no house. Some folks think we are crazy, but I've learned that when God whispers, I just do what I'm told and somehow it all works out. So here we come....

I grew up in the Diocese, but it looks like the church I sometimes attended when I lived in Charleston from 2000- 2001, St. John's Episcopal Church, is also no longer affiliated with the diocese. My childhood priest, Jim Hines and his wife, led an Alpha Bible study group that I participated in there, and we started our marriage counseling at St. John's.

My time in Charleston was special to me. I worked as a probation/parole agent and spent my days in and out of homes on the Sea Islands. When I tell people we are moving back to the area, everyone tells me that Charleston has changed, and I hope that's true because I have changed as well. Experiences living in CA, NY, Central America, and beyond helped me grow into what I hope is an even more compassionate person with a greater understanding of Christ's love. It's also given me a huge heart for ministry, and I feel led to do something that allows me to be the hands and feet serving the underserved and misunderstood. I really think that's on John's Island.

All this to say, we are coming. We need a loving church community that will 100% allow us to come as we are during this time of transition for our family. Our priority is to ensure that our children, our friends.... really everyone is welcome and loved in whatever church community we choose.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my riveting novel. We are looking forward to moving and finally making home number 14 one that we can stay in for a while. (end of email)

Callie emailed me back, and we chatted on the phone, and we decided we could connect whenever I officially moved to Charleston.

Fast forward one year to Saturday, July 23, 2022. I received a text from a priest friend, prompting me to visit the diocesan website, where I read that St. John's had returned to the diocese. We were in the church pews the very next

morning – July 24, 2022. Imagine my surprise when I looked in the bulletin and saw Callie's name listed as the priest giving the sermon. Zach and I knew that we were finally home.

It's still incredible to me to look back and see how God was working in ways that I think it's safe to say Callie and I both could not see, but there is no doubt, there was a plan to bring us back here to St. John's.

Whether you are here as a guest just for today, pop in and out as you are able, or you've been here the whole time, there is a purpose for your presence, and I believe there is unseen work that brought you here, too.

As a young college graduate and later as a nomadic military spouse, I sat through stewardship talks with a mix of hope, worry, and honesty about what I could give. In college, I didn't have a penny. Later, I had a few pennies but wasn't sure I'd stay in one place long enough to commit. I come from a generation where a commitment means something, so I often looked at a pledge card and hesitated. Over time, though, I learned that stewardship is far more than filling out a form. As a student, I gave my time and talent by running the Canterbury Club, walking alongside young adults who later became confirmed Episcopalians. And I learned that even the smallest monthly pledge helps the church plan its ministries. It was never about my one gift, but about a whole community offering time, talent, and treasure to create something much larger than any of us could do alone.

What I didn't understand back then, and what I know now, is that stewardship isn't about the size of any single gift. It's about how God weaves all our gifts together. Scripture reminds us that the body of Christ needs every part. None of us can say to another, 'I don't need you.' We belong to one another, and every offering of time, talent, or treasure strengthens the whole.

That's what I see here at St. John's. When one person signs up to help with Blessing Blooms, when someone else arranges altar flowers, when another person helps cook lunch for our neighbors or brings a few cans for the Hebron Zion pantry — all of that becomes ministry. All of that becomes our witness.

This year, as you think about your pledge, I hope you won't hear it as a bill to pay or a form to fill out. I hope you hear it as an invitation to be part of what God is building in this place. We came here during a season of transition, and this church opened its arms to us. My prayer is that we continue opening our arms to others, one faithful gift at a time.

Thank you for being part of the body that welcomed my family home. And thank you for being part of the body of Christ at St. John's today.





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October 17, 2025

Dear Friends and Parishioners of St John's,

It is with exceedingly great joy to see all that has been accomplished at St. John's over the past few years:

- Vibrant worship services throughout the year at St. John's and Grace Chapel complete with outstanding music, children's and lay participation, stellar preaching, beautiful flowers, weddings, baptisms, and funerals, all in the rich and sacred traditions of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church.
- Thriving Family and Children's programming including the newly launched "Parents Morning Out," filling an enormous need in our community for quality and educational Pre-K services. In only its second year, this program has added additional classes and quickly brimmed over with applications and maintains a waiting list. Also, who can resist those bright and cheery faces during the Sunday School report at the 10:30 worship service or the annual Christmas Pageant?
- Spirited and ongoing ministries for our parish, the Sea Islands communities and beyond. Whether it's a
 bouquet of flowers or a soft handmade prayer shawl delivered to a sick or grieving parishioner, a weekly
 community lunch, lovingly prepared for our neighbors at John's Island Rural Housing or a brightly
 wrapped gift for a seafarer thousands of miles away from home and their loved ones on Christmas Day,
 St. John's lives the Gospel in many and various ministries.

We are so thankful for everyone who gives of their time and treasure to make all of this happen each day. As you may know, The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina has generously contributed to our annual financial needs as we rebuild our parish. This support is significantly reduced each year as we strive to move toward financial autonomy.

We kindly ask each of you to prayerfully consider a pledge to St. John's for 2026. Your upfront commitment helps plan the programs we will undertake as a family of faith next year to continue this vital and important ministry and help bridge the giving gap with the diocese.

Please return your pledge by Sunday, November 16, when the rector will bless all the 2026 pledges. Every pledge, no matter the size, is deeply appreciated and we sincerely thank you for all you do for St. Johns!

Jack Barnett 2026 Stewardship

Co-chair

John Wilkerson 2026 Stewardship

Co-chair

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, November 16

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00am - 12:00pm - Nursery Open

9:15am-10:15am-Children's Sunday School

9:15am - 10:15am - Adult Education Class

10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, November 17

8:00am-12:00pm- Parents Morning Out- LaRoche

8:00am-12:00pm- Glebe Crew

10:00am-1:45pm- Respite Care — Hills Room

4:30pm-7:30pm- Drama Class — Walton Hall

6:00PM - Yoga- Hills Room

Tuesday, November 18

8:00am-12:00pm- Parents Morning Out- LaRoche

8:00am-9:00am — Men's Bible Study-Walton Hall (Main Room)

10:30am-11:45am - Centering Prayer- Walton Hall (Hills Room)

12:00pm - Weekday Eucharist

12:30-1:30pm- Community Luncheon- Walton Hall

5:30-6:30 -Vestry Meeting

6:30pm-7:30pm - AA Meeting

7:00pm-8:00pm - Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, November 19

8:00am-12:00pm- Parents Morning Out- LaRoche

8:30-9:30am-Women's Bible Study

9:00am - Chair Yoga with Heather & Jamie-Hills Room

10:00am-2:30pm- Altar Guild Polishing -Walton Hall

1:00pm-2:30pm- Bible Study- Bohicket Room

Thursday, November 20

8:00am-12:00pm- Parents Morning Out- LaRoche

10:00am-1:45pm- Respite Care- Hills Room

10:00-2:00pm- Magnolia Garden Club Walton Hall

10:30am-11:30am-Rector's Book Study- Thomas Room

5:30-6:30- Little One's Dance Class-Walton Hall

5:30pm - Yin Yoga with Jennifer — Hills Room

(Childcare provided)

Friday, November 21

10:00am – Zumbini – Hills Room

6:30pm-7:00pm - AA Meeting — Hills Room

Saturday, November 22

1:00- Funeral Liturgy

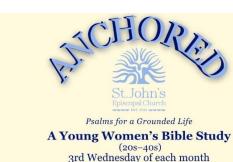
Next Sunday, November 23

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15am-10;15am-Children's Sunday School

9:00am - 12:00pm - Nursery Open





8:30-9:30 AM · Walton Hall

‡ First gathering: Wednesday, November 19

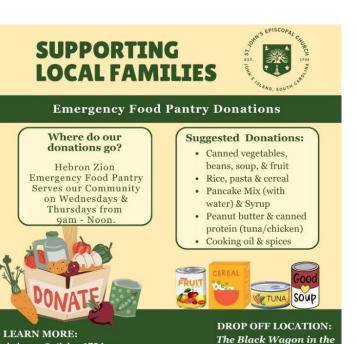
Join us for coffee, conversation, and meaningful engagement with the Psalms. Each session explores how Scripture speaks to the real joys and challenges of life today-identity, purpose, relationships, faith, and more.

> Come as you are. Bring your Bible-or we'll have one for you!

Led by Jane Spelce, a writer, mother, grandmother, and friend who brings humor, warmth, and real-life insight to faith.

† To Learn More: janespelce@gmail.com

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. John's Narthex







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ST. JOHN'S NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Needs

If you would like to add anyone to the public prayer list (with their permission) please contact Peggy Gervais at pbgervais@aol.com
To add a name to our Private Prayer list please contact Caroline Sinkler via call or text at 843-693-7758.

Church Directory

Looking to connect with other parish members? We are in the process of developing a church directory through our new platform called Realm. To gain access to our directory you will need to create an account in Realm. Jennifer Polloni in our church office is ready to assist you with registration. Please contact him via email at jpolloni@stjohns1734.org

Realm

Have you seen our new online giving program? You can create an account to set up recurring donations and use our free app. If you'd like account-level access, please contact the church office. We'll then email you so you can get started today.

YouTube

Please Subscribe To Our YouTube Channel We continue to grow the library of reflections and sermons on our YouTube channel. Please go to youtube.com/@st.johnsepiscopalchurchsc1734 and subscribe and explore Lessons from the Angel Oak, Sermons and other seasonal reflections.

Altar Guild

If you are interested in being a part of the Altar Guild, please contact Sharon Wilkerson at Wilkersonb@gmail.com and Maureen Ray at drstevenray@comcast.net

Choir

Are you interested in singing in our choir? Please meet Anne Warf in the church after the 10:30 service or contact Anne Warf at (215)530-8360 annewarf@gmail.com

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer every Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 am. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Vance Mann: hvancem@icloud.com or 828-273-7592.

Weekday Eucharist Tuesdays at Noon

Join us on Tuesdays at noon for Holy Eucharist in the church.

Wednesday Bible Study

For more information, contact Beth Gibbs: bethwgibbs@gmail.com or 843-870-7540

Adult Education Class

The Adult Class meets in Walton Hall. Coffee 9:15am Class 9:30

Sunday School for the Little Ones

Join us each Sunday at 9:15 am in the LaRoche Building behind Palmetto Room next to the church. We have a class for the big kids and separate activities for the little ones

Flower Guild

If you are interested in being a part of the Flower Guild, please contact Bonnie Branham BonnieHowellBranham@gmail.com

Ushers

Men, women, & couples are welcome to serve as ushers during our services here at St. John's and Grace Chapel. If you are interested in becoming an Usher please contact John Wilkerson johnwilkerson53@gmail.com.

Nametags

If you are in need of a nametag, please contact Karen Poehling at karenheiman@me.com

Outreach Meeting

Are you curious about how St. John's Members connect with the community and serve our neighbors? Join the conversation on Wednesday, December 3, at 6:00 pm in Guerry Hall. For more information, contact Rebecca Hyleman at rhyleman@stjohns1734.org.

ST. JOHN'S WELCOMES

We are glad you are with us today. If you are new to St. John's, please fill out the visitors card below. Here is some information that you may find helpful. Welcome: All are welcome to receive communion. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. Having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Help: If you need assistance at any time, our ushers are happy to help.

Handicapped Parking: Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot. A handicap ramp serves the entrance of the church and church office.

Sunday School: Join us Sunday at 9:15am as Lucy and Thomas McAfee and friends lead us through our school year. This class meets in the LaRoche Building behind Guerry Hall next to the church.

Children: All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

Activity Bags: Bags are located in the back of the church for children to use in the pew during the service. Please return when the service is over.

Nursery: The nursery is open on Sundays from 9:00am - 12:00pm in the LaRoche Building behind Guerry Hall next to the church.

Nametags: Nametags are available. If you would like one printed for you, please contact Karen Poehling at karenheiman@me.com



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church

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