



St. John's Episcopal Church

JOHN'S ISLAND - WADMALAW ISLAND
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SOUTH CAROLINA

REBUILDING,
REVIVING,
RENEWING.



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 22, 2023

IN OUR 290TH YEAR

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I - *PAGE 3*

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II - *PAGE 8*

Today's Readings

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of

persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

2 *The Lord is great in Zion;*

he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;

he is the Holy One.

4 *"O mighty King, lover of justice,*

you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and fall down before his footstool;

he is the Holy One.

6 *Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.*

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 *O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.*

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

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

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Homily

A period of silent reflection is kept.

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

The prayers can be found on page 7.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The people kneel or stand.

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

Stewardship Minute

Bubba Jenkins

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

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)*

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer of Humble Access

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Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.

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.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



8:00 Service Participants

Celebrant & Homilist

The Reverend Calhoun Walpole

Adult Acolyte & Chalice Bearer

Jim Poehling

Reader & Intercessor

Mike McShane

Usher

Ed Bolling

New book by the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church - John's Island, and noted Lowcountry writer William Baldwin and local acclaimed photographers!

Enjoy *In God's Hand: The Life of Every Living Thing*, reflections by the Reverend Calhoun Walpole, a native of John's Island and rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, as well as poems and stunning photographs of our beloved Lowcountry by well-known poet and photographer William Baldwin of McClellanville, and noted local photographers Rebecca Capps, Brandon Coffey, and Bud Hill. The writings celebrate the goodness of God and creation—animals and birds such as otters and fiddler crabs, donkeys, horses, egrets, and pink flamingos, as well as plants and trees such as the wax myrtle, palmetto, live oak, and our marvelous marshes—and, of course, pluff mud! The following are several lines from the book:

- "Mud is the veritable earth, alive."
- "Fiddler crabs are fun."
- 'I was never formally educated in the ubiquitous wax myrtle—yet I always knew, somehow, that it had been here since the time when native peoples made their home on these sea islands—the Stono and the Kiawah...It was their plant, growing on land they inhabited—and to me, it always seemed to be a shrub to treat with instinctive reverence.'



Copies are \$15 and are available online and in Guerry Hall at St. John's, located at 3673 Maybank Hwy. StJohns1734.org Tel. 843-974-5593 and the Village Museum in McClellanville.

IN GOD'S HAND *The Life of Every Living Thing*



Essays and Poetry
by
Calhoun Walpole and William Baldwin

Photography
by
Rebecca Capps, Brandon Coffey,
Schlen "Bud" Hill and William Baldwin

Charles Towne Flute Quartet

Cantabile ...

... through the ages

Charpentier, Purcell, Tartini, Chopin, Sigar, Mancini...



4:00 pm

Sunday, November 5, 2023

St. John's Episcopal Church
3673 Maybank Hwy
John's Island, SC

Admission is free – Donations are appreciated



WELCOME **BISHOP DUNCAN M. GRAY III**



BISHOP DUNCAN M. GRAY III SERVED AS THE NINTH BISHOP OF MISSISSIPPI, FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF BOTH HIS FATHER AND GRANDFATHER. A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI AND VIRGINIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, HE WAS ORDAINED DEACON IN 1975. BISHOP GRAY WENT ON TO SERVE PARISHES IN NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS, AND MISSISSIPPI BEFORE BEING CONSECRATED IN 2003 AS THE NINTH BISHOP OF MISSISSIPPI, FROM WHICH HE RETIRED IN 2015. WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE BISHOP GRAY AS THE GUEST PREACHER DURING THE 10:30 SERVICE THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR OCTOBER 22, 2023

Celebrant: Trusting in God's loving kindness to provide for our needs, let us draw near to the throne of grace and offer our prayers, saying, Hear us, O God.

Intercessor: For the church throughout the world; for Ruth, our Bishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. For all who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's body, that they may serve you in worship, action, and love, let us pray.

People: Hear us, O God.

Intercessor: For this sacred place and our mission of bringing people together in the love and peace of Christ, let us pray.

People: Hear us, O God.

Intercessor: For all those in authority, that they may have the courage to seek wisdom and apply it with integrity, clarity of purpose, and compassion. Let us pray.

Hear us, O God.

Intercessor: For all who serve in the military, in mission, or outreach work, Let us pray.

People: Hear us, O God.

Intercessor: For all who are suffering from pain in body or mind, especially: Carlton Morrow, Wills Allen, Parker Tuten, John Martin, Tiffany Maser, Buddy Hawkins, Carmen Bentz, Ann Guettner, Betty Tipton, Paige Weikle, Bryan Warf, Toni Kirby, John Davis, Bess Knight, The Reverend Chris Huff, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. That they may be brought to wholeness and renewed for your service, let us pray.

People: Hear us, O God.

Intercessor: In gratitude for all the blessings of life, that we all may see how God's mercies are renewed every day and come to know the joys and wonders of creation, let us pray.

People: Hear us, O God.

Intercessor: For those whom we love but see no longer, that with all your saints they may know the peace of heaven, especially Douglas Lee Schaffer and Oscar Fuller, let us pray.

People: Hear us, O God.

Celebrant: God of our formation and redemption, who graciously calls us to follow in the way of life, mercifully hear our prayers and grant to us what is good for us, enabling us to find the difference between what seems to matter and what really matters, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas at Sea

The Christmas Season can be an especially lonely time for the crews of the many ships that visit Charleston Ports every day. St. John's Episcopal Church is once again supporting the important mission work of the Charleston Port and Seafarer's Society this Christmas. Last year the society presented over 3,600 presents to the Seafarers many of whom had not seen their families in over a year. You can help by putting together a Christmas package for a Seafarer. Boxes and shopping lists will be available at Sunday's Ministries Fair or in the Church narthex and office. Thank you!

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Prelude

Please stand

Processional Hymn 594

God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation and Response

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People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity *(said together)*

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.*

Kyrie S91

Lord, have mercy upon us

Healey Willan

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 685

Rock of ages, cleft for me

Toplady

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Celebrant: 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.

The Apostles' Creed (metrical)

Ode to Joy

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being
all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Savior,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
One in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

The Prayers of the People

The prayers are found on page 7.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

The people kneel or stand.

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The Peace

Please be seated.

Announcements

Stewardship Minute

Bubba Jenkins

Liturgy for the Dedication of a Stepping-Stone for a Pathway in the Parish. The beautiful stone mosaic was created by the Sunday school students of St. John's.

Rector: Our steps are made firm by the Lord

People: *When the Lord delights in our way.*

Student: Though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong,

People: *For the Lord holds us by the hand.*

Student: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,

People: *And a light unto my path.*

Student: O Lord, you have searched me and known me;

People: *You discern my thoughts.*

Students and Teachers: We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Teachers: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, you are the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of his person, the one foundation and the chief cornerstone: Bless what we have done in the creation of this stepping-stone. Be the beginning, the increase, and the consummation of the work undertaken in this place to the glory of your Name; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Bishop Gray: We dedicate this stone to the glory of God in the name of the +Father, and of the +Son, and of the +Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand.

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Old Hundredth

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 B

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The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Sanctus S 129

Robert Powell

The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues.

The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

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Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Taste and See

Lift Every Voice and Sing II

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Fine

Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.

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.

Agnus Dei S164

Franz Schubert

The Communion of the People

The congregation is invited to sing the Communion Hymns.

Communion Hymn 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

Communion Hymn 348

Lord, we have come at your own invitation

O quanta qualia

Communion Hymn 683

O for a closer walk with God

Beatitudo

After Communion, the Celebrant says let us pray.

The Postcommunion Prayer *(said together)*

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The Blessing

Processional Hymn 665

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



10:30 Service Participants

Celebrant

The Reverend Calhoun Walpole

Homilist

The Right Reverend Duncan M. Gray III

Music

Anne Warf
St. John's Choir

Verger

Anne Norton

Readers

Jack Barnett
Peggy Mann

Chalice Bearers

Lucy McAfee
Ryan Stonaker

Sunday School Report

Lucy and Thomas McAfee

Acolytes

Trace McAfee
Branch McAfee
Porter McAfee
Grady Norton
Wynn Norton



Wednesday Bible Study

Explore the Books of Ruth and Esther and the lives of these amazing women of both faith and action and consider how we might apply their lessons as people of faith, both individually and collectively. The group

will follow a 6-session study created by

Episcopal priest and author, the Reverend Elizabeth Felicetti.

The study will meet on Wednesdays from 1-2pm on the following dates in

Walton Hall: October 11, 18, 25, &

November 1, 8, 15.

For more information, contact Beth Gibbs:

bethwgibbs@gmail.com or 843-870-7540

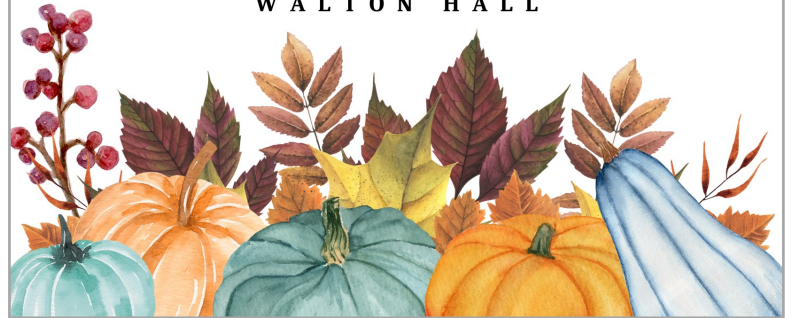
Ministries Fair

TODAY! -Sunday, October 22, 2023

9:15am-10:15am

Join us for a delightful hour of coffee and conversation and learn more about ministry opportunities here at St. John's.

W A L T O N H A L L



THE BLESSING OF THE COSTUMES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

DURING THE 10:30 SERVICE

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO WEAR A COSTUME!



ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

5:30 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

**6:00 PM COVERED DISH SUPPER
IN WALTON HALL**

*PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE IF YOU ARE ABLE



WALK AND PRAY
*Sauntering
Prayer*

at
St. John's Episcopal Church
John's Island - Wadmalaw Island
Kiawah & Seabrook Islands
Beginning November 6



For those who enjoy both walking and contemplating, I invite you to join me for SAUNTERING PRAYER at St. John's during the months of November and December. We will gather on Mondays at 1pm on the front steps of the church, beginning November 6. Why the term "saunter"?

Henry David Thoreau wrote that he had met but few who understood the art of walking—"who had a genius, so to speak, for SAUNTERING"—a word, the origin of which goes back to the Middle Ages, to describe those who went around the countryside saying they were headed to the Sainte-Terre—the Holy Land. Such persons came to be known as "Saunterers." Thoreau went on to write that he could not preserve his health or spirits unless he spent hours each day "sauntering through the woods and over the hills and fields." John Muir mused that the mountains of America are "our Holy Land, and we ought to saunter through them reverently."

We are a parish of the storied and ecologically rich Sea Islands. We are also pilgrims on a journey. Join me as we saunter about our parish grounds and to the Angel Oak and back again, praying as we go—for the Holy Land and all the earth and sea and sky—and all creatures of God that dwell therein.

Yours,
Callie





Dear St. John's Parishioners,

What an exciting time to be at St. John's Episcopal Church!

- We are building our Children and Family Ministries
- We have a weekly farmers market at the church on Wednesdays from 3 to 6:30
- We have an excellent organist, a growing choir and an emerging children's choir
- We now have regular weekly services at Grace Chapel
- We will be starting a Mothers Morning Out program before the year's end
- We have a weekly centering prayer group
- We experienced a meaningful parish retreat at St Christopher's
- We are beginning to see bible studies sprouting

And more is planned for 2024 as we continue to grow!

Parishioners at St. John's have been very generous in 2023, as we rebuild our finances, but we are still dependent upon the Diocese for some financial support. Our goal over the next few years is to grow our finances and be financially independent.

"Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you." - Luke 6:38

I ask you to prayerfully consider completing a 2024 Commitment Card and return it by Sunday, November 12th. You can either mail it to the church, or you can drop it in the Sunday offering plate.

Every pledge or intended gift – large or small is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your support and participation as we move forward in 2024!

Mark Tullis
2024 Stewardship Chairman

David H. Maybank, Jr.
Senior Warden



2024 Commitment Card

Annual Stewardship Pledge/Intended Gift

Name(s): _____
(Couples will be considered as a joint gift unless you specify differently)

Responding in grateful thanksgiving I/we pledge/intend to give:

1.) To St. John's Episcopal Church's **Annual Stewardship Fund**, supporting ministries, programs, and operations in 2024, a yearly total of \$ _____.

My preference for fulfilling this gift is: \$ _____/weekly; \$ _____/monthly;
or the full amount to be paid in _____ (month).

2.) I am not able to commit to monetary support in 2024, but I pledge to support St. John's Episcopal through the following gifts of my time and talent: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Have questions? Call Anne-Clark at the Church Office, 843-974-5593
or email acromwell@stjohnsl734.org*

*Thank you for returning the completed pledge form to the office at the address below
or you may place it in the alms basin on Sunday morning.*

St. John's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 423
John's Island, SC 29457

Additional Considerations

ENVELOPES

Would you like a box of weekly gift envelopes? Please check here: _____

AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT

St. John's Episcopal now offers the ability to set up an automatic bank account draft, useful for monthly pledge payments. If you are interested in this option, please call the Church Office at 843-974-5593.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many employers offer a matching gift program; check with your Human Resources Division for more information that could possibly increase your gift amount.

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS

To make a gift or pledge payment by credit card or debit card, visit www.stjohnsl734.org, select "giving," then "online giving" .

GIFTS OF STOCK OR PROPERTY

Stock transfer gifts and gifts of real or personal property are all welcomed. Their value may be applied toward a pledge payment or as a one time gift.

GIFTS FROM IRAS

If you are receiving distributions from an IRA, you may benefit by donating directly from the IRA to St. John's. Talk to your tax advisor to see if this applies to you.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, October 22

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00am - 12:00pm - Nursery Open
9:15am - 10:15am - Ministries Fair in Walton Hall
10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
Guest Preacher Bishop Duncan Gray III
4:00pm - Grace Chapel
4:30pm - Boy Scouts - LaRoche Building

Tuesday, October 24

10:30am - Centering Prayer
12:00pm - Holy Eucharist
6:30pm - AA Meeting
7:00pm - Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, October 25

11:00 - Staff Meeting
1:00 - Bible Study of Ruth and Esther
3:00pm - 6:30pm - Farmers Market

Thursday, October 26

6:00pm - AA Meeting

Friday, October 27

6:30pm - AA Meeting

Next Sunday, October 29

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00am - 12:00pm - Nursery Open
9:15am - Children's Sunday School - LaRoche Building
9:15am - Christian Education - Walton Hall
10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II - Blessing of the Costumes
4:00pm - Grace Chapel - Sunday Afternoon Service
4:30pm - Boy Scouts - LaRoche Building

Wednesday, November 1

5:30pm - All Saints Day Eucharist
6:00pm - Covered Dish Supper

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Savings - Don't forget to set your clocks back!

Stewardship Minute - Jack Barnett

Good morning – my name is Jack Barnett. I have been coming to St John's for a little over a year. In that span of time I have had the privilege of getting to know many of you and your families; I truly appreciate how you all have welcomed me into the St. John's fold.

I grew up in Kentucky, where my mother had us all in church every time the door open. I continued this habit as an adult but always at very large churches. Although I have been extremely blessed by them and I'm not here to knock big churches as they do offer many advantages. However, I have never felt such a warm welcome, gracious hospitality and caring spirit as I do from each of you.

This comes through in:

- Your kind words and friendly greetings on Sunday mornings,
- Our efforts to understand the complexities of life and our religion at an adult education class,
- The joy of the many special services such as the Blessing of the Animals or the candle light Christmas Eve service,
- The spiritual bliss and renewal I felt at the parish retreat at Camp St. Christopher,
- And certainly the most delicious covered dish suppers in Charleston county.

When I first come here, Callie took me by the hand and I jumped into the deep end by volunteering my time in the church office.

This opportunity provided an insight for the first time in my church life to see what goes behind the scenes and between the Sunday Services; How the generous tithes and donations of the Parish are put into action. How hard the clergy and staff work during the week; The thought and care that goes into each prayer we say, each hymn we sing and the sermons and devotionals we listen to each week. All this to make sure each of us has the best and most meaningful spiritual experience possible each Sunday. Our leadership team accomplishes all this while maintaining the Pastoral and administrative needs of a growing Parish.

The many dedicated volunteers that work during the week to renovate and maintain our buildings and grounds, building up our Children's Programs such as Sunday School and Nursery and preparing the launch of the Mother's Day out program, which will provide much needed child care to our community.

Those who provide the weekly hospitality, create the beauty of the flowers, the uplifting music, the sanctity of the altar, and the 23 service participants from A to V (acolyte to verger) that are required at each week's service here at St. John's and Grace Chapel.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Needs

If you would like to add anyone to the public prayer list (with their permission) please contact Anne-Clark Cromwell. acromwell@stjohns1734.org

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. Anne-Clark in our church office is ready to assist you with registration. Please contact her via email at acromwell@stjohns1734.org or by calling 843-974-5593



Online Giving



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.



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 Anne Norton at annenorton4@gmail.com
Or 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 will continue every Tuesday from 10:30 am - 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

Explore the Books of Ruth and Esther from 1pm-2pm in Walton Hall. October 11, 18, 25, & November 1, 8, 15.

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

Adult Sunday School

*Adult class will not be held this week due to the ministries fair.

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 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.

Flower Guild

If you are interested in being a part of the Flower Guild, please contact Felicity Myers felicitycostinmyers@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 Bob Norton at rlnorton1029@gmail.com.

Nametags

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

Text Giving

It's the easiest way to make a donation to St. John's.
Just text STJOHNS1734 to 73256
Standard text message and data rates may apply.

COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY! Ministries Fair

Sunday, October 22nd 9:15-10:15 in Walton Hall
Join us for a delightful hour of coffee and conversation and learn more about the many ministries at St. John's and how you can be involved.

Blessing of the Costumes

Join us on October 29th at the 10:30 service for the Blessing of the Costumes.
Everyone is invited to wear their Halloween costumes!

Grace Chapel

Regular Sunday afternoon services at 4pm.

An Introduction & Refresher into Centering Prayer

An introduction and refresher on Centering Prayer will be held in Walton Hall every Tuesday October 10th - November 14th from 10:30 am - 11:45 am. If you are new to Centering Prayer and are planning to attend, please contact Vance Mann at hvancem@me.com.. A recommended book, *Open Heart, Open Mind* by Thomas Keating, can be purchased from the parish office.

New Bible Study!

Explore the Books of Ruth and Esther and the lives of these amazing women of both faith and action and consider how we might apply their lessons as people of faith, both individually and collectively. The group will follow a 6-session study created by Episcopal priest and author, the Reverend Elizabeth Felicetti. The study will meet on Wednesdays from 1-2pm on the following dates in Walton Hall:

October 11, 18, 25, & November 1, 8, 15.

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

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Class will not be held today. Please join us at the Ministries Fair!
The Adult Class will meet in Walton Hall. "What does it mean to live a peace-filled life?"
We will start with coffee at 9:15 am and class begins at 9:30 am. We will gather on the following dates: November 5th and 12th.

All Saints Celebration - Eucharist & Covered Dish Supper

Join us on Wednesday, November 1st at 5:30pm for Holy Eucharist followed by a covered dish supper in Walton Hall. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share, if you are able.

ST. JOHN'S WELCOMES YOU

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.

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.

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.

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

Weekly E-Newsletter

Get the latest St. John's news sent straight to your inbox! Use the QR code to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter and be up to date on all the exciting things happening at St. John's Episcopal Church.



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Please fill out this contact information card and drop it into the offering plate or give it to one of our greeters. You may also use the QR Code to scan and fill out our google doc instead. **Date:** _____

Contact Information

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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Additional Family Members: (Please include ages if child/youth)

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