



St. John's Episcopal Church

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REBUILDING,
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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2023

IN OUR 290TH YEAR

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

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

Today's Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

John 1:6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church

Page numbers on the right side of this leaflet refer to the *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymn numbers are on the left side; numbers preceded by 'S' are from the Service Music at the front of the Hymnal.

Please stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Acclamation and Response

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Celebrant: Restore us, O Lord God of Hosts;

People: *Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

Celebrant: Will you not give us life again,

People: *That your people may rejoice in you?*

Celebrant: Show us your mercy, O Lord.

People: *And grant us your salvation.*

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

The Liturgy of the Advent Wreath

Reader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

People: *Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.*

Reader: The Sovereign Lord has filled me with his spirit. He has chosen me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to announce release to captives, and freedom to those in prison. He has sent me to proclaim that the time has come when the lord will save his people. (Isaiah 61:1-2)

We light this candle to remind us of our task in preparing the world for the coming of the Messiah. We are also called to be prophets who will relieve suffering, promote justice, and bring hope to those who live without light and love.

The third candle is lit.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Today's readings are found on page 2.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 126 (Please read responsively by whole verse.)

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them.

4 *The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.*

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 *Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.*

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

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

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

The Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

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.*

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*) 336

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 337

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 339

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of the Christ who is to come.

People: *Thanks be to God.*



8:00 Service Participants

Celebrant & Homilist

The Reverend Calhoun Walpole

Adult Acolyte & Chalice Bearer

deRosset Myers, Jr.

Reader

Felicity Myers

Intercessor

deRosset Myers, Jr.

Usher

Ed Bolling

Karen Poehling

Now Available!

Wisdom from the Angel Oak:

The Adventures of Brigid and John

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Calhoun "Callie" Walpole

A collection of children's stories about the natural world and the Christian life in the form of conversations with the storied Angel Oak on John's Island, South Carolina by Calhoun "Callie" Walpole, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church. Artwork by acclaimed Angel Oak artist Frank DeLoach. Photographs by Nancy Dutrow and other local photographers. Poetry by noted McClellanville writer William Baldwin.

Available in Guerry Hall at St. John's Episcopal Church or online.



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WALK AND PRAY

SAUNTERING PRAYER

Tuesdays at 1:00pm

Join us for SAUNTERING PRAYER at St. John's. Meet on the front steps of the church. For more information, contact the Rector at cwalpole@stjohns1734.org



The custom of lighting candles on a decorated wreath comes to us from the Lutheran Church in Scandinavia. Like the Christmas tree, the Advent wreath has its origins in pre-Christian festivals of light which celebrated the winter solstice. In recent years its use has become widespread in most Christian churches in the West as a reminder of our time of preparation for the coming of Christ, both at Bethlehem and at the end of the world.

The candles are usually white or red in the Lutheran tradition. We are also familiar with the use of purple/blue candles, since these are the traditional colors of church vestments for the four Sundays of Advent. The royal colors of purple and blue are in honor of Christ's kingship.

Each Sunday of Advent a new candle is lit with prayer, until all four are lit on the Sunday before Christmas. A fifth candle, always white, is placed in the center of the wreath for Christmas. This Christ candle is lit until the Epiphany, when the wreath is put away.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR DECEMBER 17, 2023

Celebrant: As we wait for Christ to come in victory, let us make our requests known to God who saves the lame and gathers the outcast, saying; Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ, we pray,
People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: For Ruth, our Bishop, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for all priests and deacons and all who minister in Christ, for St. Stephens Episcopal Church in St. Stephen, SC, The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, and for all the holy people of God, we pray,
People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: For the church throughout the world, and the faithful in every place, we pray.
People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, we pray.
People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth; for all who serve at home or overseas in the military, or in mission or outreach work, and their families. We pray.
People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, we pray.
People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: For travelers, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison, we pray,
People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: For our deliverance from all affliction and strife, and for all those in special need: 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, Bev Jenkins, Janice Pearce, Joyce Williams, Mercedes Bolling, Bob Fuller, Jim Fuller, Lindie Grimbball, David Spelce, Peter Madsen, The Reverend Len Williams, and The Reverend Chris Huff. We pray.
People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Intercessor: For all those who have gone before us. We pray.
People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Advent Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude

Please stand

Greensleeves

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Processional Hymn 75

There is a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

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.

Celebrant: Restore us, O Lord God of Hosts;

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Celebrant: Will you not give us life again,

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Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

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The third candle is lit.

Advent Refrain (sung three times) *Wait for the Lord, whose day is near*

Taize

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

A CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION OF THE NATIVITY

The congregation remains seated during the presentation.

The congregation sings the first verse of "Blest be the King whose coming" as the children adorn the scene with palms.

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!
Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp comes he:
but clad as are the poorest, such his humility.

The Narrator begins with The Presentation of Bethlehem. The children now bring forward the animals as the congregation sings verse one of "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

The Narrator continues with The Presentation of Mary and Joseph. The children now bring forward Mary and Joseph as the congregation sings verse one of "Once in Royal David's City."

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

The children now bring forward the baby Jesus as the congregation sings verse one of "Away in a Manger."

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The Narrator continues with The Presentation of the Shepherds. The children now bring forward the angel as she leads the shepherds. The congregation sings verse two of "Angels from the Realms of Glory."

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

The Narrator continues with The Presentation of the Three Kings. The children now bring forward the three kings as the congregation sings verse one of “We Three Kings.”

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

After the narrator concludes the story we bring our own gifts to the manger. All the children, some accompanied by their parents, bring forward candles to place in and around the stable as the congregation sings “Silent Night.”

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love’s pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Peace

Please be seated.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Nativity Carol

John Rutter

Please stand.

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Puer Nobis

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 & Benedictus

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho- san- na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues.

The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

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The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Pass-ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

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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.

Agnus Dei S164

Franz Schubert

The Communion of the People

The congregation is invited to sing the Communion Hymns.

Communion Hymn*The Jesse Stem*

St. Stephen

1. Waiting now, great advent's call.
 Searching life amid the small.
 Come, Lord Jesus, all in all.

3. Choosing still our advent right.
 Chasing darkness into light.
 Sun of nations, shining bright.

2. Judging too, our advent theme.
 Naming all that is unclean.
 King of angels, prophet's dream.

4. Working out this advent rule.
 Praying now, our season's school.
 O Great Teacher, welcome Yule.

5. Living now, our advent rests.
 Passing through all wintry tests.
 Lord of Lords, at Mary's breast.

Communion Hymn*St. Joseph*

Forest Green(78)

1. St. Joseph, great protector
 of Jesus Christ our Lord,
 O holy man of justice,
 We sing with one accord,
 Extolling you with praises
 for virtue strong and bold,
 For faith which still amazes
 Each time the story's told.

2. St. Joseph, you were gifted
 To be Our Lady's spouse;
 In daily joy you lifted up
 The Christ-child in your house!
 When you were given warning
 of troubled days ahead,
 You yielded not to mourning,
 But trusted God instead.

3. St. Joseph through your labor
 In simple honest care,
 Your love of God and neighbor
 Is great beyond compare!
 O holy Spouse of Mary,
 Protector of our Lord,
 Help us our cross to carry,
 And share your great reward!

Communion Hymn 438*Tell out, my soul*

Woodlands

*After Communion, the Celebrant says let us pray.***The Postcommunion Prayer** *(said together)***366****The Blessing****Processional Hymn 74***Blest be the King whose coming*

Valet will ich dir geben

The Dismissal**Celebrant:** Go forth in the name of the Christ who is to come.**People:** *Thanks be to God.***Postlude***Stuttgart*

Peter Pindar Stearns



10:30 Service Participants

Celebrant & Homilist

The Reverend Calhoun Walpole

Assisting

The Reverend Chris Huff

Music

Anne Warf, Organ
Mark Tullis, Viola
St. John's Choir

Verger

Anne Norton

Readers

Henry Tierney
Jack Tierney

Chalice Bearers

Peter Lewis
Beth Gibbs

Intercessor

Eric Rosenberg

Sunday School Report

Lucy and Thomas McAfee

Acolytes

Henry Tierney
Trace McAfee
Branch McAfee
Porter McAfee

Ushers

Tom Gibbs
Bob Norton

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Harvey Family



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Third Sunday of Advent & Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 17th - 10:30am

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24th - 8:00am & 10:30am

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th - 4:00pm - Grace Chapel - The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord
(Music and carols will begin at 3:30pm)

Sunday, December 24th - 6:00pm - St. John's - The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord
(Music and carols will begin at 5:30pm)

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th - 10:00am - The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

Additional Weekday Services at St. John's during Christmastide

December 26—Noon

The Feast of St. Stephen

December 27—Noon

The Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

*Join us for a light lunch following this service in which we
commemorate our patron saint.

December 28—Noon

The Feast of the Holy Innocents

December 29—Noon

The Feast of Thomas Becket



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Make a Christmas gift of poinsettias or decorations for the church in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for someone special this season.

Please complete the form below.

You may include as many names as you like.

Forms will also be available in next Sunday's bulletin and at the church offices this week.

Please return the form before December 18th to ensure that your memorial is included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Bulletins.

In memory / thanksgiving of: (Please Print)

Given by: _____

Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to St. John's and include flower fund in memo line. You may also mail this form to:

St. John's Episcopal Church

P. O. Box 423

John's Island, SC 29457

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, December 17

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I - Advent III
9:00am - 12:00pm - Nursery Open
9:15am - 10:15am - Christian Formation
10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II - Advent III, Christmas Pageant
4:00pm - Grace Chapel - Evening Prayer
4:30pm - Boy Scouts - LaRoche Building

Tuesday, December 19

10:30am - Centering Prayer
12:00pm - Holy Eucharist
1:00pm - Sauntering Prayer
6:30pm - AA Meeting
7:00pm - Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, December 20

11:00am - Staff Meeting
1:00pm - Bible Study - Advent Series

Thursday, December 21

6:00pm - AA Meeting

Friday, December 22

6:30pm - AA Meeting

Next Sunday, December 24

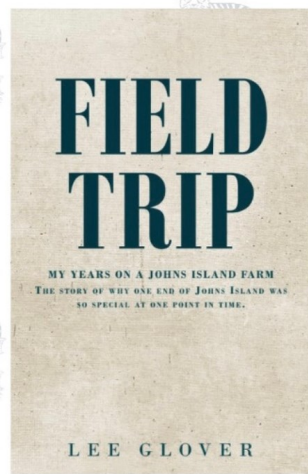
8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I - Advent IV
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10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II - Advent IV
4:00pm - Grace Chapel - The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord
6:00pm - St. John's - The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord

Monday, December 25

10:00am - St. John's - The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

Join us on December 17 in Walton Hall for a conversation
with Lee Glover on his new book
FIELD TRIP: MY YEARS ON A JOHNS ISLAND FARM.

Lee grew up here at St. John's Episcopal Church. We are so delighted to welcome him
back home for this discussion of his lovely book.



Field Trip is a deeply personal documentation of this change to preserve some of the times, events, and people that are rapidly fading into history. Through remembrances and shared history, the reader will learn the trials and joys of growing the food we eat and the intricacies of working with many different people. Going deeper than just the industrial history of Johns Island, the book is a lesson on how fellowship is one of several essential ingredients to having meaningful and enduring relationships. It is a glue that helps to hold relationships together during challenging times of change.

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
To add a name to our Private Prayer list please contact Caroline Sinkler at calsinkler@yahoo.com

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.



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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 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

Advent Series begins November 29
For more information, contact Beth Gibbs: bethwgibbs@gmail.com or 843-870-7540

Adult Sunday School

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

Today, December 17th, Lee Glover will join us to speak on his new book,

Field Trip: My Years on a Johns Island Farm

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

Sauntering Prayer

Join Callie on Tuesdays at 1:00pm on the front steps of the church for Sauntering Prayer.

Grace Chapel

Regular Sunday afternoon services at 4:00pm.

Wednesday Bible Study - Advent Series

Join us this Wednesday as we begin a 4 week Advent series. The study will meet on Wednesdays from 1-2pm on the following dates in Walton Hall: December 6, 13, & 20.

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

Today! Visit from Lee Glover

December 17th, Lee Glover will join us in Walton Hall at 9:15am to speak on his new book *Field Trip: My Years on a Johns Island Farm*

Private Prayer List

If you would like to add someone to our private prayer list please contact Caroline Sinkler at calsinkler@yahoo.com

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training

On the First Sunday after Christmas, December 31st at 9:15am

Are you being called to deliver the Sacrament of Holy Communion to the sick? If so, please contact the Director of Parish Life, ccromwell@stjohns1734.org or the Rector, cwalpole@stjohns1734.org and plan to be present for a training session in Walton Hall on the 31st beginning at 9:15.

We will be joined by several friends from the Church of the Heavenly Rest in Estill who also will be participating in the session.



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 _____
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