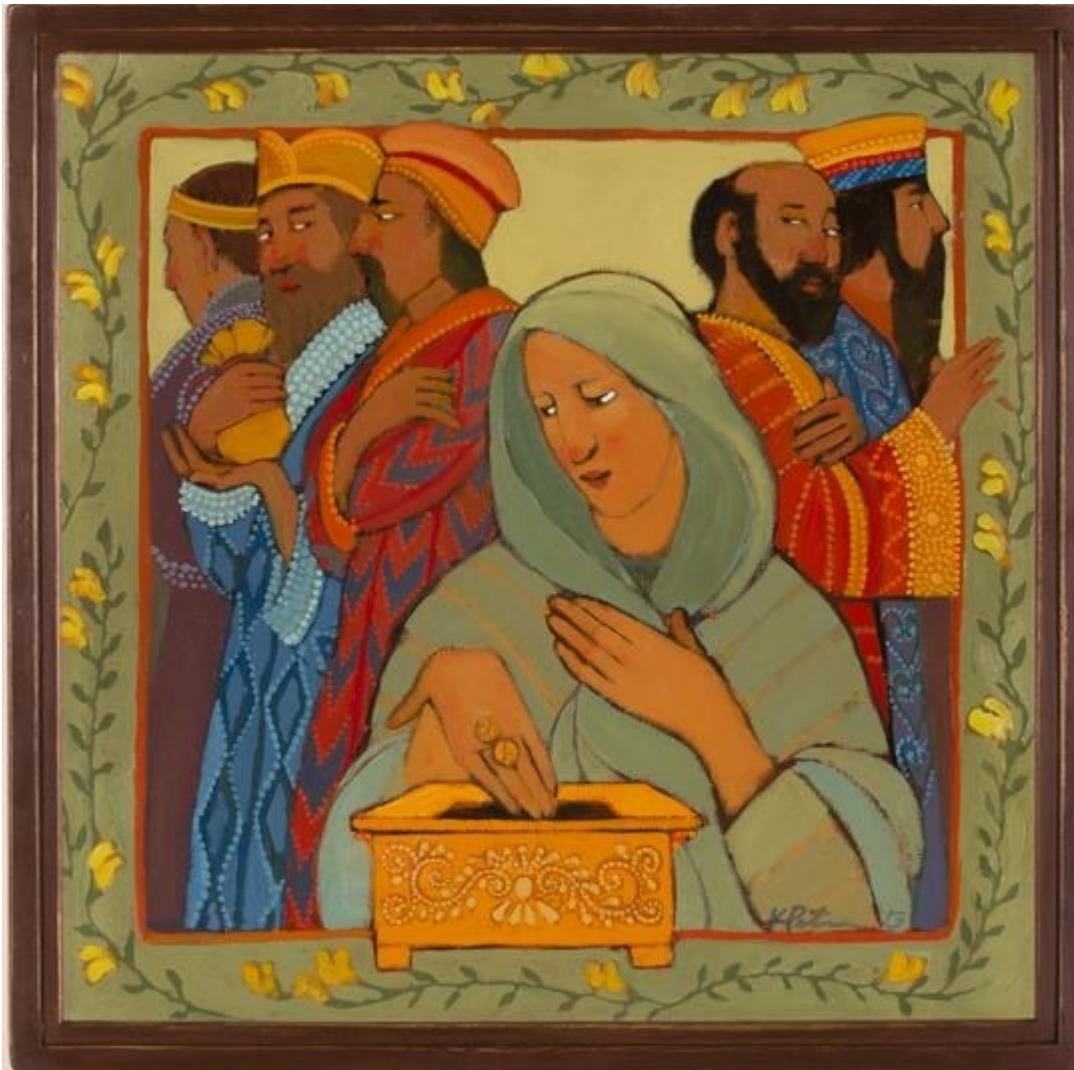




St. John's Episcopal Church

JOHN'S ISLAND - WADMALAW ISLAND
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REBUILDING THE CHURCH,
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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AND LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 10, 2024
IN OUR 290TH YEAR

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

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Today's Readings

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do." So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."



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.*

A Liturgy of Remembrance

Celebrant: Over a hundred years ago on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month of the year 1918, an armistice was signed, ending the "war to end all wars." November 11 was set aside as Armistice Day in the United States to remember the sacrifices that men and women made during the war in order to ensure a lasting peace. In 1938 Congress voted Armistice Day as a legal holiday, but World War II began the following year. Armistice Day was still observed after the end of the Second World War. In 1953 townspeople in Emporia, Kansas called the holiday Veterans Day in gratitude to the veterans in their town. Soon after, Congress passed a bill renaming the national holiday Veterans Day. Today, we acknowledge Veterans Day, and remember in our prayers those who have served our country in the armed forces.

Celebrant: Greater love has no man than this,

People: *That a man lay down his life for his friends.*

Celebrant: As we gather this day to observe Veterans Day we take time to honor the sacrifices of all veterans and to give thanks to God for all who have made the Supreme Sacrifice for the good of all in our nation. We pray for all victims of war. May God grant peace in the world in our time.

Let us pray together this Prayer for Veterans.

All: O judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Today's readings are found on page 2.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 127 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the LORD watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the LORD, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

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

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

The Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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 with thy spirit.*

Stewardship Minute

Caroline Sinkler

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

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 in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*



8:00am Service Participants

Celebrant

The Reverend Eric Bash

Homilist

The Reverend Callie Walpole

Server & Chalice Bearer

Stacy Sims

Reader & Intercessor

Pat Cline

Usher

Ed Bolling

Karen Poehling

A Word from the Rector

A special thank you to all who helped to host early voting here at St. John's and to all who cooked and served hotdogs: Dennis Burton, Margaret Clark, Jane Charles and Alan Hopkins, John Wilkerson, Lauren Tierney, Bonnie and Pete Branham, Raul Mollinero, Bettie Tullis, Renata Sierzega, Greg Pfeninger, Tom Gibbs, Clark Cromwell, and The Reverend Eric Bash. Thank you to Stacy Sims and his son Beck who served as poll workers at St. John's every day during the early voting period and who wonderfully looked after things on our parish grounds.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Celebrant: As we wait for a sign that all things will be accomplished, let us offer prayers to God through his Son, Jesus, saying: Hear us, good Lord.

Intercessor: For the Church, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Ruth, our Bishop. for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place; for St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Conway, South Carolina and The Church of South India, let us pray.

People: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life; let us pray.

People: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Intercessor: For all peoples and their leaders, and for justice and righteousness in the world; for all veterans and for all those who serve at home or overseas in the military or in mission or outreach work, and their families. Let us pray.

People: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Intercessor: For good weather, plentiful harvests, and an abundance of peace, let us pray.

People: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Intercessor: For travelers and refugees, prisoners and their families, let us pray.

People: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Intercessor: For our cities and towns and those who live in them, and for our families and friends, and for those in special need: Especially for: Carlton Morrow, Wills Allen, John Martin, Buddy Hawkins, Ann Guettner, Paige Weikle, Bryan Warf, Bev Jenkins, Janice Pearce, Lindie Grimbball, David Spelce, Judy Phelps, Frank Morris, Doug Howell, Jeremy Adcox, Gabriel Kalskett, Ethel Morrow, Wade Todd, Heather Harper-Troje, Kasey Bolling, Martha Ford, Clayson Smith, Susie Jenkins, Peter Madsen, Ben Shelton, Mike Knapp, and The Reverend Chris Huff. Let us pray.

People: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Intercessor: Receive into your kingdom all who have died. Let us pray.

People: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Celebrant: Gracious God, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of brokenness, and grant us the grace to pray even for those who might wish us harm. As we honor the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen

The people are invited to join in saying the following prayer from the Book of Common Prayer page 821:

People: O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to Joseph, the President of the United States; Donald, our President-Elect; Henry, our Governor, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and justice and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, world without end. Amen.

Contact Information & Birthdays

We would love to be able to add your contact information to Realm! Don't worry we won't share it or send you anything that you do not give approval to receive. Please contact Anne-Clark Cromwell at the church office 843-974-5593 or complete the form on page 15 and place in the collection plate. Don't forget to add your birthday to the comment section.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Prelude

Please stand

Cantabile (Sym. VI)

Charles-Marie Widor

Processional Hymn 410

Praise my soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

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Hymn

I vow to thee my country

Thaxted

1. I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.
2. And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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Please be seated.

The First Reading: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146:4-9 (Metrical)

Newman

1. Happy are they whose hope is in
The God whom Jacob knew;
Who made the heavens, earth, and sea,
Whose promises are true.

2. To those oppressed, the Lord our God
Gives justice constantly;
He feeds the hungry and all those
In prison he sets free.

3. The Lord lifts up all those bowed down
And gives the blind new sight;
The stranger, widow, fatherless,
He strengthens by his might.

4. God brings the wicked to their doom,
And he will reign always;
From age to age, O Zion, sing
To God unending praise.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn 579

Almighty Father, strong to save

Melita

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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.

The Apostles' Creed (Metrical)

Hyfrydol

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.

The Peace

Please be seated.

Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Lauren & Joe Tierney

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Mikhael Ippolitov-Ivanov

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 A

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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

Picardy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord, Lord God of power and — might,
7 heav'n — and earth are — full, full of your glo - - - ry. Ho -
13 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - - - na, ho - san - na in the high -
19 est. Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
26 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - - - na, 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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Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. *All* My Lord. *2* Those who eat my *All*

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the 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.

Agnus Dei

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world, grant us your peace.

The Communion of the People

The congregation is invited to sing the Communion Hymns.

Communion Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness

Runyan

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

[Refrain]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

[Refrain]

Communion Hymn 593	<i>Lord, make us servants of your peace</i>	Dickinson College
Communion Hymn 655	<i>O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end</i>	Nyland
<i>After Communion, the Celebrant says let us pray. Please stand.</i>		
The Postcommunion Prayer <i>(said together)</i>		365
The Blessing		
Processional Hymn 690	<i>Guide me, O thou great Jehovah</i>	Cwm Rhondda
The Dismissal		
Celebrant: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.		
People: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>		
Postlude	<i>Prelude and Chaconne</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude

10:30am Service Participants



Celebrant
The Reverend Callie Walpole

Homilist
The Reverend Wallace Marsh

Assisting
The Reverend Chris Huff
The Reverend Eric Bash

Verger
Ryan Stonaker

Readers
Eric Rosenberg
Bonnie Branham

Intercessor
Bambi Downs

Chalice Bearers
Lucy McAfee
Thomas McAfee

Music
Lee Kohlenberg, Guest Organist
St. John's Choir

Ushers
Rich Gomez
Bubba Jenkins

Acolytes
Henry Tierney
Trace McAfee
Branch McAfee
Porter McAfee



A special thanks to Lee Kohlenberg for sharing his wonderful musical talents with us while Anne Warf is away.



St. John's Episcopal Church
The Reverend C. Wallace Marsh IV
will tell the marvelous story of
The Reverend C. I. LaRoche,
a son of St. John's.

3673 Maybank Highway - John's Island, SC

Guest Preacher Sunday, November 10th



We are so delighted to welcome The Reverend Wallace Marsh and his family to St. John's. Wallace will preach at 10:30 and speak at the 9:15 Forum.

Wallace will discuss one of the most important figures in the history of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Thomasville GA, and perhaps the entire area. The Rev. C.I. LaRoche (1851-1934) arrived at the height of the region's Resort Era. Under his leadership, the parish built its current church. After that, LaRoche helped members of the Black community build Good Shepherd (1894) and served as the priest for both congregations. He left an indelible legacy. When LaRoche left in 1897, the newspaper described him as having "endeared himself to all classes of people by his genial ways and blameless walk."



Who was LaRoche? What did his later ministry look like? How can his vision inform and shape us today? Wallace will explore these questions. LaRoche grew up at St. John's Episcopal Church on John's Island and he later served as Rector here at St. John's during World War I.

Wallace is Priest-in-Charge of St. Thomas, and also teaches and serves as Chaplain at Brookwood School. He grew up in the mountains of TN and graduated from Sewanee. He remained on the mountain serving as Lay Chaplain at All Saints' Chapel. Wallace attended Yale Divinity School and was ordained in 2007. He has served as Associate Rector in a variety of churches in GA and FL and spent the longest season of his ministry as a Canon at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta. Wallace and his family moved to Thomasville in 2018, when Margaret Ann, his wife, became the VP for Sustainability and Environmental at Flower's Foods, Inc.

Stewardship Moment - Karen & Jim Poehling

JIM: Good morning, my name is Jim Poehling. For 50 years, I worked as a Professional Engineer for my family's business. The business was started in 1897. My father was the second President of the Company. One thing he impressed upon his eight children was to work hard and to be generous with both your wealth and talent, but do it in private. He was blessed throughout his life. Of his eight children, seven were involved in the company. We have grown the Company from 14 people when my father took over to 750 people, spread out over six states and 36 locations. Each sibling contributed according to their talents.

KAREN: My name is Karen Poehling. I am a retired nonprofit CEO and fundraiser, a career that I enjoyed for 30 years. I came to St. John's in September, 2022 after doing a bit of "church shopping." I was warmly welcomed that first day by Bubba and Susie Jenkins who were ushering the 10:30 service. I enjoyed the spirit of St. John's from the first moment I stepped in the church. Within the first month, I discovered the 8 am service and Adult Sunday School which followed. There I got to know many parishioners who became friends. I soon brought my then-fiance, Jim, to attend church with me. He and I cherish this parish. Callie, Chris and Eric have guided our spiritual journey and have enriched our lives because of it in both happy and difficult times. At the 8 o'clock service, Jim acts as an acolyte, chalice bearer and reader and I serve as an usher.

JIM: Karen and I were married in this church on April 22, 2023 by Callie. Besides participating in Bible Study on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we attend Adult Study on Sunday mornings. Karen knits prayer shawls and makes name tags, I help with gravestone cleaning and built the wooden structure for the outdoor cross by the St. Bridget's altar.

KAREN: We are glad to share our time, talent and treasure with St. John's and invite you to join us. Maybe you have time to join in an outreach ministry or have a skill you would share where needed. Of course, a cash pledge would be very appreciated and will help keep the parish running and provide more opportunities for outreach and growth in our community.

JIM: You will see the Stewardship Pledge Card in the bulletin. We are filling ours out today and encourage everyone to give what they can.

BOTH: Thank You!!!!

Stewardship Moment - Anne Warf

My name is Anne Warf and I am the organist and choir director here at St. John's. When Mark Tullis asked me to speak to you during stewardship month, I thought he had made a mistake. What could I possibly share with you? But then my friend Eric reminded me that I love to talk. This is so true. He said just open your voice memo on your phone and start talking! So I did.

Many of you already know my story because I share it whenever I have the opportunity. First of all, being here at St. John's is a total surprise to me because I had decided to retire after the pandemic. I have been playing the organ in church since the age of 14 and I wasn't looking for this job or any job for that matter. I was looking forward to sitting in the pew at church and just listening on Sundays. Callie and I have both said that we are continually surprised and delighted to have landed here. We never imagined this would happen. Neither of us went looking for this job. It was an unexpected gift.

In June of 2022, I got an email from Callie asking me to come out to play at St. John's for a few Sundays. They were planting a new church and I agreed to help. I thought, sure I'll go and play. So I came. And then I came back again and again and again. I was missing a church family during the pandemic and had not realized it until I landed here. I grew to like it here right away.

As time went by, Callie began to pepper me with the same question.... Why don't you come and play for us. I said, thanks, but I'm retired. She replied, I know. This happened several times and I always gave the same answer. However, the more I came to play here it became very apparent to me that God was also whispering in my ear. He had plans for me that I was not aware of. I certainly was not looking for a new job, but I began to feel at home here and believed that maybe I had something to offer. The people were so friendly and I felt welcome. You really never know what God has in mind for you.

My family went through some very difficult times in 2023 with the loss of my father and step mother. Also, my son in Colorado had some serious health problems and I had to go and stay with him for several months. Through all those times I felt connected and supported by so many wonderful people at St. John's. I could feel the prayers and this church became an important lifeline. I tell you my story because of the difference St. John's has made in my life over the last 2 years. I love walking in the door here. I love working with the amazing people in the choir and I love playing the organ on Sunday. I love talking to people at coffee hour. I feel at home.

After the pandemic it became clear to me that my new mantra would be to pay it forward. I wasn't sure what that would look like but now I know. That means being here and giving whatever talents God has given me. I am actually tithing for the first time in my life. And believe when I say it is a joyful thing. I hope my story may resonate with many of you. God is doing good work here and I want to be a part of it.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, November 10

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 9:00am - 12:00pm - Nursery Open
 9:15am - 10:15am - Adult Forum
 10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, November 11

10:30am - Book Study with the Rector

Tuesday, November 12

8:00am - Tuesday Bible Study
 10:30am - Centering Prayer
 12:00pm - Weekday Eucharist
 12:30pm - 1:30pm - Community Luncheon
 6:30pm - AA Meeting
 7:00pm - Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, November 13

9:30am - Gravestone Cleaning
 1:00pm - Wednesday Bible Study

Friday, November 15

10:00am - Zumbini
 6:30pm - AA Meeting

Next Sunday, November 17

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 9:00am - 12:00pm - Nursery Open
 9:15am - 10:15am - Adult Forum
 10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, November 18

10:30am - Book Study with the Rector

Tuesday, November 19

8:00am - Tuesday Bible Study
 12:00pm - Weekday Eucharist
 12:30pm - 1:30pm - Community Luncheon
 6:30pm - AA Meeting
 7:00pm - Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, November 20

9:30am - Gravestone Cleaning
 1:00pm - Wednesday Bible Study

Thursday, November 28

8:30am - Thanksgiving Day - Grace Chapel
 10:00am - Thanksgiving Day - St. John's

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2025 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 2025, 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 2025, 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@stjohns1734.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

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.stjohns1734.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 NEWS & 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.

Parish 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 drstevanray@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 followed by a community luncheon.

Wednesday Bible Study

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

Sunday School for the Little Ones

Join us each Sunday at 9:15 am in the LaRoche Building behind Guerry Hall 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 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.

Outreach Meeting

1st Thursday of each month in Guerry Hall at 1:00pm.
Please come and bring your ideas to help St. John's Episcopal Church grow in our community. All are welcome. For more information contact Clark Cromwell at ccromwell@stjohns1734.org

COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

~ Sunday, November 24th - The Feast of Christ the King
with Homilist The Reverend Peter Walker

~ Thursday, November 27th - 8:30am Grace Chapel Thanksgiving Day Service
10:00am St. John's Thanksgiving Day Service

~Sunday, December 1st - The First Sunday of Advent 8:00 and 10:30 Service
9:15 Advent Wreath-making

Letters from Paul

**Tuesdays
at
8:00AM**

Join Us in Walton Hall
to study the letters from Paul
in chronological order.

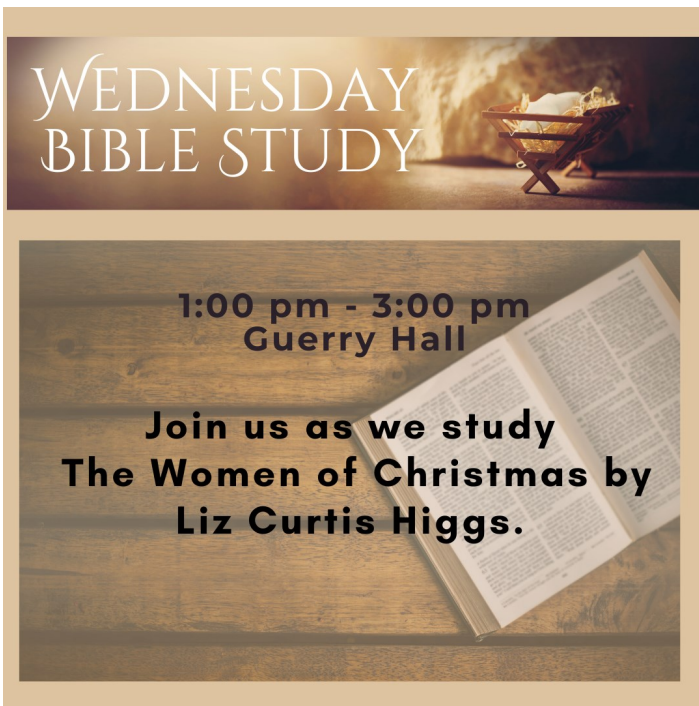
*This week:
2 Corinthians 10:1-11:29



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Guerry Hall**

**Join us as we study
The Women of Christmas by
Liz Curtis Higgs.**



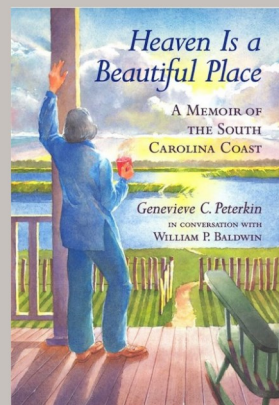
Altar Flowers

Gifts of Altar Flowers can be given in memory of someone who has died or in thanksgiving for an occasion of celebration. Altar flower gifts are recognized in the bulletin on the weekend of their placement, and should be received by the Church Office the Tuesday before their placement.

Follow the QR code below to the online Giving Form.



Book Study with the Rector



**Mondays at 10:30am
in Guerry Hall**

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.

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

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 _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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

Please Circle All That Apply:

First-time Visitor
Returning Visitor

In Town Visiting Family/Friends (or) On Vacation
Add me to the Newsletter/Mailing list
A Ministry Member may call



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Anne Warf, Organist & Choir Director

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