



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

Welcome to St. John's!

Those not vaccinated against COVID-19 should wear a mask while indoors; they are recommended for all.

Time for prayer is kept before the service. Prayers of preparation are found on p. 833-835 in the red Book of Common Prayer.

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP Hymnal-Wonder, Love and Praise

The Holy Eucharist, Rite One

8:00 a.m.

The Word of God

Entrance Rite	BCP 323
The Collect of the Day	
The Summary of the Law	
The Gloria	BCP 324
The Lessons Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Bible 595
Psalm 125 <i>Qui confidunt</i>	BCP 781
James 2:1-17	Bible 1370
Mark 7:24-37	Bible 1187
<i>(Scripture passages available in the 10:30 service section of the bulletin)</i>	
The Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	BCP 327
The Prayers of the People, Form V	BCP 389
Confession & Absolution	BCP 361

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory	
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II	BCP 340
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
The Communion	
Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing	BCP 339
Hymn 693 Just as I am vv. 1, 5-6	<i>Woodworth</i>
Dismissal	

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

10:30am

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional Hymn O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Opening Acclamation and the Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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

People And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.

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

Song of Praise S-280 Glory to God in the highest

Powell

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God.

Children are invited to make their way to the back of the church to meet an adult for Children's Worship (in the gym) and will return at the Peace.

Sequence Where cross the crowded ways of life

Gardiner

1 Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch-ed-ness and need, on sha-dowed
 3 The cup of wa-ter given for thee still holds the
 4 O Mas-ter, from the moun-tain side, make haste to
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol-low

1 cries of race and clan, a-bove the noise of
 2 thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 3 fresh-ness of thy grace; yet long these mul-ti-
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a-mong these rest-less
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo-rious from thy

1 self-ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi-sion of thy tears.
 3 tudes to see the true com-pas-sion of thy face.
 4 throngs a-bide, O tread the ci-ty's streets a-gain;
 5 heaven a-bove, shall come the ci-ty of our God.

The Gospel Mark 7:24-37

Bible I 187

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go— the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form V

BCP 389

Confession and Absolution of Sin

BCP 359

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory Brother James' Air

At the Presentation

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Hymnal S-125 Holy, holy, holy Lord—*Sanctus*

Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 365

Fraction Anthem: WLP 875 Be known to us

Gary James

Refrain:

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia,
Is the communion of the body of Christ.

One body are we, alleluia,

For though many we share one bread.

Hymns and Songs at the Communion

Hymnal 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Schmücke dich

Hymnal 693 Just as I am

Woodworth

People's response to the sending out of the Eucharistic Visitors:

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn O worship the king

Hanover

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Dismissal

Postlude

2021

Welcome

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Worship

The letter of James says that faith without works is dead. That verse has inspired controversy in the Christian community over the years, between those who hope to claim grace by faith alone and those who emphasize works of mercy and righteousness. Too many later controversies can be read into James's exhortation. Instead, we should try to hear the apostle's urging that our faith form the whole of our lives, so that what we believe, the faith we profess, and the grace we have been given are abundantly evident in our daily lives.

The Chancel Choir will be singing at the 10:30 service this week; for the offertory they will sing an arrangement of "Brother James's Air," a well-known setting of Psalm 23. This arrangement features two lovely descants which will be sung by the tenor section (on the third verse) and by St. John's Choral Scholar Jerryana Williams-Bibiloni (on the final final verse).

Family Ministries

We need you for Children's Chapel! It has been a joy for Maggie to lead Children's Chapel (4k-2nd grade) during our pandemic experience. As things get back to normal in our church programming world, that responsibility will go back to the parents and other volunteers. Do you have a child who is Children's Chapel aged? You're the perfect candidate! Enthusiastic about the formation of children in the church? Perfect candidate! Thinking of dipping your toes into a structured, simple ministry area before taking another plunge later? Perfect candidate! Teenager who loves children and might need service hours? Also perfect candidate! Parents of 4k-2nd graders, respond to Maggie's email with dates you are not available at your earliest convenience.

PreYC is back! We had a blast at Pre-YC for third-fifth graders last year! Join us again for a more regularly scheduled event from 3 - 4 pm on every other Sunday afternoon. We'll begin on September 19. Pre-YC follows a structure more similar to EYC than to children's programming with games, liturgy, and conversation. Bring friends and an appetite for snacks! We will need one parent volunteer at each event.

Parents of Youth: If you're subscribed to the newsletter, you received an email about a new structure for events in youth ministry. Parents are asked to volunteer for one event per school year: confirmation, youth Sunday, or Feast of Lights. Please respond to that email and let Maggie know how you plan to support family ministries at St. John's this year! Didn't get the email? Subscribe here: <https://stjohnscolumbia.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=c82c1afd9a74257d9804aa324&id=44dc371c17>

Bojangle's is back! Youth meet Tuesday mornings at 7 am on the church patio near the gym for breakfast and fellowship! Text me at 662-801-4341 on Monday night to place your order!

Sign up to bring a meal for EYC! We have a few parents who have already signed on to bring yummy meals for youth group. We need your help! Youth parents and others can make a meaningful contribution to our fellowship and formation at St. John's. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4cada72ea3f85-eycmeals3>

Prayer Requests

For Healing: Gene Bell, Ann Bowman, David Brown, Martha Bryan, Margaret Buchanan, Evelyn Bull, Erin Clarkson, Landon Derrick, Barbara DeVillier, Gerry Dickinson, Diana Edwards, Gloria Faulds, Elaine Folline, Janice Finkley, Ryan Fisher, Melinda Franks, Parker Gibson, Joy Grimsley, Ashley Homer, Rod & Ginny Hungerford, Frances Jaillette, Alice King, David Knight, Jim Knight, Jim & Helen Larkins, Joyce Mann, Linda Mittenzwei, Alex Newcomer, Cese Newcomer, Marsha Reid, Monica Rivera, Lorraine Roberts, Bryana, Kyle, and Calder Reesor, Leigh Sharpe, Brandon and Randolph Shives, Annette Shuler, Stephen Sutusky, Joanne Tate, John Tiller, Mike Tronco, Claire Trowbridge, Ann Wages, Brooks Wheeler.

For Expectant Parents: Roger and Diana Keane.

For Military Service Personnel: Hamilton Osborne III, Matthew Simmons, Camilo Morago, Byron Davison, Treb Courie, Brennen Fleischer.

For our Missionary: Sam F.

Sunday School and Adult Formation Classes Begin

Next Sunday, September 12 at 9:30 AM

No Fellowship Breakfast yet; we'll wait for the COVID situation to improve.

Don't forget your mask for all our classes. Smaller rooms, immuno-compromised teachers and students, and older ventilation make masks necessary to have Sunday School safely this year. Let's help keep our church programs running and our public and private schools in-person by wearing a mask in Sunday School.

Sunday Mornings for Adults

Equipping the Saints is our lecture and discussion class that meets in the Multipurpose Room on the lower level of Heyward Hall. Led by the clergy and others, the class is a series of series, beginning with *Laughter and Humor in the Bible*. Stories of Abraham, Sarah, Jonah, and Balaam all involve the gift of humor, an essential part of human life and one aspect of the joy of the Lord that sustains us.

The Wired Word meets in the Parlor on the first floor of Heyward Hall. Discussion-oriented, this class works off lessons emailed to participants in advance, that provoke reflection on Scripture, current events, and our common life. Email Sandy Leach (alexandrasandyleach@gmail.com) to be subscribed to the emails.

The Second Sunday Early Adult Class meets monthly, usually on the second Sunday, at 9 AM in the Dining Room of the Barr Center. It is a great choice for 8 AM service worshippers. This season we study:

Drive Thru History - Acts to Revelation

In this series of Drive Thru History, Dave Stotts explores the amazing lives of the very first Christians. Beginning in Jerusalem and using the Book of Acts as a roadmap, Dave travels the Mediterranean region to share the people, places, and events that launched the Christian faith. This class will investigate what happened after the Gospel accounts of Jesus Christ. Dave follows the lives of the disciples through Israel, and travels the missionary routes of Paul and his companions. We finish with John on the island of Patmos, and drive through the seven churches of Revelation in Asia Minor.

Sunday Mornings for Children

We will begin Sunday School on September 12 at 9:30 for children 5th grade and under, parents please plan to walk your child to class and pick your child up from the door at 10:15 for the first week. Children will be sent home with behavioral covenants; please read and sign those with your child.

Classrooms:

3 & 4 year old Little Lambs: Room 129

3rd-5th: Room 215

K-2nd: Room 226

6th-8th: Room 221

High schoolers will meet at the sundial after the 10:30 service for lunch and conversation. High schoolers are invited to help with K-2nd and 3rd-5th grade Sunday School; it is helpful, but not required, to tell Maggie if you will be there to help!

Weekly Adult Formation

Young Men's Bible Study

The Young Men's Bible Study, meeting on Friday mornings at 7 am, have been reading *The Samson Syndrome*, by Mark Atteberry. It describes twelve tendencies revealed in the biblical account of Samson's life that clearly contributed to his erratic behavior, his spiritual decline, and ultimately, his failure as a deliverer of God's people. These tendencies are common to men of strength in every generation. This book offers some specific, positive suggestions on how strong men can overcome such

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

TMMBS continues to meet on Tuesdays at 7 AM in the Barr Center Dining Room to read and discuss the Book of Job. As Harold Kushner wrote a few years back, what do we do when bad things happen to God's people? Job and his friends struggle to answer that question, as do we all. Davis Bourne provides a hearty breakfast. No books to buy; just bring a Bible and your inspired thoughts for good fellowship.

Rector's Bible Study

We have kicked off a new study of the Sermon on the Mount, with a book by Amy-Jill Levine. Books are available in the breakroom for \$14. Email Fr. Beasley (nmb@stjohnscolumbia.org) to be added to our email list. We are staying on Zoom for a while longer.



Help Out Families!

Family Promise of the Midlands is requesting Gift Cards this to help out local families. St. John's will be supporting four families. They could use gift cards for Walmart (\$50-\$100), fast food restaurants, and gas stations (\$40). Additionally, one family doesn't have transportation and would appreciate an Uber gift card (\$25). *Those cards may be dropped off at the church office no later than Friday, September 9.*

Grow in Faith

Women's Bible Study

Mondays, October 4 – November 1

7 pm, Multi-purpose Room

We are happy to be resuming an in-person women's bible study this fall! This season, we will explore the theme of trust using Lysa TerKeurst's 6-week study of 1&2 Kings, "Trustworthy: Overcoming Our Greatest Struggles to Trust God." In this time of uncertainty where so many things do not seem to be going according to "plan", this study seems particularly relevant. St. Johns encourages the use of masks and safe distancing, so we will spread out in the multipurpose room with appropriate spacing at tables. Please let Kristen Long (kristenahlong@gmail.com) know if you have any questions and/or are interested in participating by September 24 so that study materials can be ordered. Participants are asked to bring \$15 for the cost of the study guide to the first class on October 4 where books will be distributed. We look forward to resuming this Bible study!

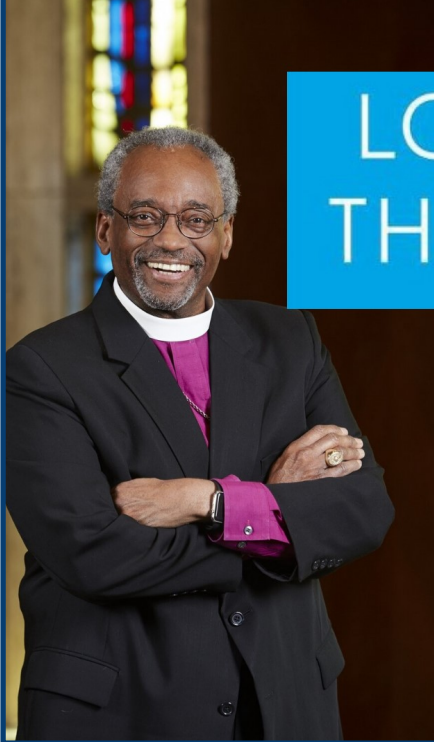
New or Visiting?

If you are new or visiting with us, please fill out a card so we can get to know you and help you get to know us! Our heart is to prepare you to accept God's grace, grow in faith, and serve Christ in the world. We would love to connect you with staff, clergy and lay ministers.



St. John's Clergy & Staff

W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop of Upper South Carolina
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LOVE IS THE WAY

Michael Curry
Presiding Bishop
of the Episcopal Church

**Saturday
October 30**

The University of
South Carolina
Conference Center

Walk the path of love with one of the warmest, most beloved spiritual leaders of our time, and learn how to put faith into action. As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. Much of the world met Bishop Curry when he delivered his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle. Here, he expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love Is the Way* shows us how America came this far and, more important, how to go a whole lot further. Registration Deadline: October 15, 2021 There is no cost. However, seating is limited *Please note that this event will follow the University's Pandemic Protocols. Read more and register here:

<https://scsynod.com/2021-south-carolina-bishops-dialogue/>

Music Ministry

The Chancel Choir is in need of sopranos! If you are interested in joining this ministry at St. John's, do not hesitate to contact Michael Brown at (mtb@stjohnscolumbia.org).



Comings and Goings at St. John's

We had a fine farewell for Fr. Scott and Victoria last Sunday, and I am deeply thankful for the energy and generosity St. John's showed over the last few weeks of Scott's ministry. The depth and quality of our relationships is revealed at times like this and is a measure of the church's spiritual wellness. After a couple of days of respite in Charleston, the Fleischers are moving along in the moving process. Keep them in your prayers.

I'm your remaining full-time priest for now but am so glad that the Rev. Deedie Phillips Marshall has been back at St. John's as Priest Associate for a couple of years. Deedie will serve on Sunday during our interim period and assist in our pastoral care ministries. She will be in the office for the equivalent of one day a week, in addition to her Sunday ministry. You can find her in Fr. Scott's old office on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please welcome Deedie into this bigger role while we search for our next Associate Rector.



How goes that search? We have several applications and are getting ready to schedule a first set of interviews, as the application deadline nears. We hope to call a new priest before the end of the year, but it is entirely possible that it will take much of the next school year to get someone moved and underway in ministry. I'm determined to call someone who is the very best fit for our ministry, even if it takes a little longer. I am organizing an interview committee that will help me with this search.



Our new Parish Administrator starts on Tuesday! You may have met Rebekah O'Donnell at St. John's. She and her family arrived here from Southern Pines/Ft. Bragg, NC about a year ago. Her husband Mike is a battalion commander at Ft. Jackson. Rebekah and Mike have three children, William, Louise, and Thompson; she is working during school hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, coordinated with our Administrative Assistant Megan Griffin. We will keep Rebekah as long as the Army keeps Mike in Columbia and are fortunate to have her in an intense hiring environment. Let me also mention a new addition to our custodial staff. Gertrude Wallace is working at St. John's on Monday and Thursday mornings in a housekeeping role.

Please see other announcements for some revisions to our fall plans required by our continuing COVID problems. There are signs that this recent rise in cases is peaking and that an improved situation might not be far away. While we wait and hope for that, we'll make some minor adjustments. I'll be thankful for your patience as we navigate the continued problems of the pandemic and some transitions on the staff. I'll be praying for your safety and continued spiritual growth amidst the challenges of life. *Nicholas †*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for another happy year by Beaver & Rhett Hardy, and in loving memory of Colleen Robinson by Bill Robinson.

Those participating in worship:

Lector & Chalice: Bill Eccles (8:00),
Angela Daniels, Janine Lewis
Ushers: Keith Axson, Scott Ballew,
Will Bozeman
Greeters: Mackie O'Keefe, Jordan Mancini,
Dan Fulton
Altar Flowers: Robin Campbell

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Friday 9 - 12 pm