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The Newsletter of St. John's Church

The Good News

October 1, 2019

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

Stewardship 2020

*"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. . . and all who believed were together . . . and the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."
(Acts 2:42-47)*

Dear Friends,

We are most excited about the upcoming year of ministry here at St. John's. As we eagerly anticipate what Jesus Christ has in store for us in 2020, we invite each of you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the mission and ministry of St. John's. We continue to see the Holy Spirit moving in the hearts and lives of the people here, and we trust that the Lord will continue to provide the resources necessary to do the work He has called us to do. Our hope is always that all we do would bring glory to the Lord and draw us closer to Him and to one another.

The ministry of St. John's is rooted in spreading the Good News of the Gospel, caring for the faithful here in our congregation, and reaching out in love and care for those in our community and beyond. God continues to bring new individuals and families into our midst, and our hope is that through the ministry here, the Lord might continue to advance His kingdom. Christian stewardship is all about our hearts. It is about investing our lives and our resources in things that will have eternal significance. Ultimately, our Christian giving is our response to the Lord's generosity to us; our recognition that all we have comes from Him. Our giving to the mission and ministry of Christ's church provides us with an opportunity to return to God a portion of all that He has given us. It is a way for us to acknowledge all that God has done and is doing in our lives, in His church, and in the world.

Brothers and sisters, our giving is ultimately a reflection of our trust in God. He desires that we might be drawn closer to Him through His Son our Savior Jesus Christ. His greatest desire is that we might give Him our hearts and our very lives. Again, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining us as we continue to do the Gospel work Jesus has called us to do. We ask you to please return a pledge card at your earliest convenience. You will be investing in things eternal.

May the blessings of Christ Jesus be with you always,

The Very Reverend Ken Weldon
Rector

*St. John's is exploring online giving options.
For more information, please contact the church office.*

Regularly Occurring Activities

Sundays

- 8:00 - Holy Eucharist (1928)
- 9:00 - Family Eucharist
- 10:00 - Sunday School
- 11:00 - Holy Eucharist

Mondays

- 10:00 - Women's Bible Study
- 1:00 - Women's Prayer Group
- 5:30 - Vestry Meeting (3rd Mondays)
- 6:00 - Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays

- 9:30 - Staff Meeting
- 4:00 - Daughters of the King
(3rd Tuesdays)
- 6:00 - Men's Study Group

Wednesdays

- 7:00 - Men's Bible Study
- 10:30 - Holy Eucharist & Healing
- 11:00 - Adult Bible Study
- 4:30 - Prayer Min. Leadership Team
(1st Wednesdays)
- 6:00 - Choir Practice
- 6:00 - Youth Group

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St. John's Christian Faith Formation

Sunday School

Newcomers & Adult Confirmation Class
Led by Tom Miller; will meet in the Chapel

A History of Christian Theology

What are the basics of our faith? Why do we believe them? How did we come to them? The class will present a conversation on the formation of the ideas that have guided the Christian faith from the church's beginnings to modern times. We will explore the development of the foundations of faith in an attempt to understand the truths that guide our thinking and practice as Christians as well as the controversies that have led to the diverse branches of Protestantism, Catholicism, and the Eastern church. This class is led by Roland Skinner in the Schofield Library.

Ephesians: Doctrine & Application

Led by Father Corey, Father Ken,
and Charlotte in the Poynor Room

Children's Sunday School

3K-2nd Grade will meet in the Noah's Ark room;
3rd - 5th will meet in the Sunday School Room upstairs
6-12th will meet in the Youth Room in the Parish Hall

Weekday Studies

Women's Bible Study

Join us in the Poynor Room on Mondays at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m.; This class will be studying *Nehemiah: A heart that can break* by Kelly Minter; both sessions led by the Rev. Kay Fryman The book may be purchased for \$15 on the first day of class

The Rev. Luke Lucas' Men's Study Group

Meets in the Poynor Room on Tuesdays at 6 p.m
Studying *Revelation for You* by Tim Chester
Book may be purchased on Amazon

Men's Bible Study (ongoing)

Meets on Wednesdays at 7 a.m. in the Poynor Room

Adult Bible Study (ongoing)

Meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Poynor Room,
following the Holy Eucharist & Healing service (10:30 a.m.)

VESTRY NEWS

August actual pledges: \$ 46,125	August budgeted pledges: \$ 55,000
August plate offering: \$ 5,744	August budgeted plate: \$ 9,303
August actual expenses: \$ 70,914	August budgeted expenses: \$ 64,303

The Vestry's September meeting was held on Monday, September 16th. The financial report was given and our revenues are still below budget. The Warden's reported the live stream services were still on schedule to be installed likely in the next few weeks. A motion was made to donate to Help 4 Kids to help cover overhead expenses so 100 % of donations from the public can continue to go towards the backpacks of food for the kids. Stewardship is around the corner and pledge cards will be going out next week. Committee reports included thank you's to all helpers of Rally Sunday and the picnic. Next event will be the Bishop's visit November 3rd. The Youth kicked-off with Messy Games night which was a success with around 70 kids from 3 churches. Bible studies have reconvened. The new St. John's Concert Series will replace the Epiphany Concert Series. There is an upcoming Ladies Salad Supper in October. In the planning stages are a Men's Event, an event for Young Families and an Intercessory prayer ministry. The Assistant Rector updated that the FMU Home Church had their first meeting and everything went well. An online giving platform is in the works. There is also a fully functional library located under the 'Engaged' tab on the website and resources can be 'checked' out. Father Ken mentioned how grateful he is for the staff and all they do and how blessed we are to have Corey on board. Corey closed the meeting in prayer.

VESTRY MEMBERS

Senior Warden, Jay Ham Junior Warden, Val Gleason

Mary Barlow, Tina Cannon, Allan Copp, John Carter Ellington,
Thomas Hunter, Peter McEachin, Tom Miller, James Moloney,
Jay Saleeby, Pinkie Samra, Marli Thompson

Bishop's Visitation November 3rd

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Bishop's Reception
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Adults who would like to be received into the Anglican church or who would like to reaffirm their faith will be recognized by the Bishop during our 10:00 service.

Help 4 Kids Florence Christmas Cards

*Honor a friend or loved one by buying a
Help 4 Kids Florence Christmas card.*

Cards are \$10 each. The **entire** amount of your purchase will be applied toward buying food for the approximately 2,000 "food insecure" elementary school students in all five Florence County School Districts who each week during the school year receive a bag of food for the weekend.

*Cards may be purchased in the church
office during business hours.*

The Anglican Liturgy Spurs Our Discipleship

By Corey Prescott

The theme of these articles is connecting the dots: linking together who we are with what we do in such a way that we may see again, or perhaps for the first time, how the gospel of Jesus unites our identity and purpose in splendid beauty and with sustaining relevance.

In the first article, we defined liturgy as the customs and practices employed in corporate worship. This month we will focus on how our Anglican liturgy seeks to shape who we are through its biblical foundation and its balance.

The Anglican liturgy spurs growth in discipleship.

Personal growth in any area of life begins with focus and discipline: focus to maintain course and discipline to maintain momentum in that direction. Anglican worship is based on scripture and the historic practices of Christians from the church's foundation. As described by the Anglican Church in North America, "The Book of Common Prayer is saturated with the Bible, organizing and orchestrating the Scriptures for worship. It leads the Church to pray in one voice with order, beauty, deep devotion, and great dignity." Anyone who engages with Anglican liturgy must also engage the gospel message, which reveals the very heart of God himself. From the creeds to the prayers, from the songs to the sermon, the gospel of Jesus is proclaimed, and thus our hearts are formed in worship by its life-giving power. Our liturgy seeks to engage you with many and varied ways of participation so that you too may be formed by the gospel. In this way, worship in the Anglican tradition develops in us both an ability to maintain focus on God and a disciplined pattern of conduct to glorify his name in all that we do.

As the ACNA explains in *To Be A Christian*, "The Holy Scriptures teach me how to worship God, and the Church's liturgy guides my worship in keeping with the Scriptures." While no worship is perfect, we find Anglican worship compelling because of its roots in the historic church, its dependence on Scripture, and its focus on engaging the heart of the worshiper with the truth of the gospel. While our liturgy is by no means the only form of worship, it is one that has been tried and tested for centuries. As we gather for worship each Sunday, we do so standing on the shoulders of those who worshiped before us, those who knew the truth of the gospel and sought to pass that truth along to the generations to come. As they have done before, so we now seek in our worship to fix our eyes on Christ, "the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2). To God be the glory!

¹To Be A Christian, p. 50

²To Be A Christian, p. 56

MUSIC NOTES

October ...how is it arriving so quickly? During this month, we're becoming "settled" after a more relaxed schedule during the summer.

Our chancel choir has been at work after taking a break during parts of June and July. They resumed Wednesday rehearsals in mid-August. Their commitment to the worship life of St. John's Parish challenges me! This is an excellent time to join the choir. We could use singers in any voice range, but we particularly are in need of altos! If you're lying on a "hidden talent" we would love to see that talent blossom in our choir. Talk to me at any time if you're thinking about taking the plunge!

After over a decade we're "laying to rest" the **Epiphany Concert Series**. If this is something that continues to mean much to you, don't despair! We are initiating in 2020 a new series, the **St. John's Concert Series**. Rather than concerts each week of the Epiphany season, we will feature once concert a month in October, November, January and February – each on the second Sunday of the month. Watch for an announcement of the opening concert of this new series, and the performers.

Our handbell choir will have its first rehearsal of the season on Sunday, September 29. This group has grown greatly in their musicality and we always anticipate their contributions to worship. Watch for them soon!

Please always remember this – the greatest "music ensemble" at St. John's is our CONGREGATION! Your participation in worship through hymn singing and our other service music is immeasurable. Sing with gusto! Our hymns are some of our greatest expressions of our theology and Christian life. Let the words and the music richly dwell in your hearts. One of the greatest expressions of faith I have ever witnessed has been in nursing homes, when residents who do not remember their family members' names can sing the hymns of faith without missing a word. That is such evidence of the power of music, linked with our faith. Let the hymns nourish and empower our spirits!

Soli Deo Gloria, Jim

Join us for a Ladies'

SALAD SUPPER

10.10.19

6:00-8:00PM

Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of Fellowship!

Our speaker will be Bryan Braddock with The House of Hope. We will hear about plans to build a tiny home community for homeless men, women, and their children.

First Communion Meetings

Sunday, October 6
 Sunday, October 13th
 Following the 11:00AM in the Sanctuary

Parents and children in 5K and above are invited to join us for First Communion meetings on October 6th and October 13th in preparation to receive First Communion during the Bishop's Visit on **Sunday, November 3rd.**

What is Holy Communion?

Why do we do it?

What does it mean?

The First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-6(7-11)12-13; 2:1-4

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted ⁵ “Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told. ⁶ For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own. ⁷ They are dreaded and fearsome; their justice and dignity go forth from themselves. ⁸ Their horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves; their horsemen press proudly on. Their horsemen come from afar; they fly like an eagle swift to devour. ⁹ They all come for violence, all their faces forward. They gather captives like sand. ¹⁰ At kings they scoff, and at rulers they laugh. They laugh at every fortress, for they pile up earth and take it. ¹¹ Then they sweep by like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own might is their god!”¹² Are you not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, you have ordained them as a judgment, and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof. ¹³ You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:(1-5)6-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷ “Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table?’ ⁸ Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink?’ ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

The First Reading: Ruth 1:(1-7) 8-19a

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.” ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, “Is this Naomi?”

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:(3-7)8-15

³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. ¹⁴Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

The First Reading: Genesis 32:3-8, 22-30

And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, ⁴ instructing them, “Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, ‘I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now. ⁵ I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.’” ⁶ And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him.” ⁷ Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, ⁸ thinking, “If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape.”

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (4) I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8a

[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The First Reading: Jeremiah 14:(1-6) 7-10, 19-22

The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought: ²“Judah mourns, and her gates languish; her people lament on the ground, and the cry of Jerusalem goes up. ³ Her nobles send their servants for water; they come to the cisterns; they find no water; they return with their vessels empty; they are ashamed and confounded and cover their heads. ⁴ Because of the ground that is dismayed, since there is no rain on the land, the farmers are ashamed; they cover their heads. ⁵ Even the doe in the field forsakes her newborn fawn because there is no grass. ⁶ The wild donkeys stand on the bare heights; they pant for air like jackals; their eyes fail because there is no vegetation. ⁷ “Though our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you. ⁸ O you hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler who turns aside to tarry for a night? ⁹ Why should you be like a man confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot save? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not leave us.”¹⁰ Thus says the LORD concerning this people: “They have loved to wander thus; they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.”¹¹ The LORD said to me: “Do not pray for the welfare of this people. ¹² Though they fast, I will not hear their cry, and though they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence.”¹³ Then I said: “Ah, Lord GOD, behold, the prophets say to them, ‘You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine, but I will give you assured peace in this place.’”¹⁴ And the LORD said to me: “The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds. ¹⁵ Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name although I did not send them, and who say, ‘Sword and famine shall not come upon this land’: By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed. ¹⁶ And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem, victims of famine and sword, with none to bury them—they, their wives, their sons, and their daughters. For I will pour out their evil upon them. ¹⁷ “You shall say to them this word: ‘Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease, for the virgin daughter of my people is shattered with a great wound, with a very grievous blow. ¹⁸ If I go out into the field, behold, those pierced by the sword! And if I enter the city, behold, the diseases of famine! For both prophet and priest ply their trade through the land and have no knowledge.’”¹⁹ Have you utterly rejected Judah? Does your soul loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good came; for a time of healing, but behold, terror. ²⁰ We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, and the iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against you. ²¹ Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. ²² Are there any among the false gods of the nations that can bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Are you not he, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for you do all these things.

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**3rd Annual
Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 27th
5-6:30pm**

Trunk or Treat is a Halloween event, held in the church parking lot, in which a group of adults decorate the trunks of their cars for Halloween and pass out candy to children of friends and family.

Volunteers are needed to help lead this awesome community outreach as we invite our children as well as children in our neighboring community and residents of local homeless shelters. We will host this event in our church parking lot.

We will have carnival games, hot chocolate, and fresh kettle corn for all to enjoy.

Please consider volunteering to decorate your car, hand out candy and goodies and make this a fun night for our children!

Simply google "Trunk or Treat Ideas" for ideas on how you can transform your car into a fun and festive Trunk

If you plan to participate, please let Charlotte know so we can mark off your parking spot!
csmith@stjohnsflorence.org



Youth News

Youth Sunday School

Meets upstairs in the Parish Hall every Sunday @10AM. Youth 6th-12th are invited to join Tina & Kevin Cannon for a video series discussion focusing on how teens can understand and strengthen their faith

Wednesdays

6-8PM at the Youth Hut
Eat. Play. Pray. Study

MONDO Weekend

October 11-13th

Mondo is an exciting weekend for middle school students that presents the gospel and helps students grow together in their faith. Youth groups come to Mondo to engage in dynamic worship, hear from lively speakers, and enjoy energetic activities. This year's theme is "Unique" looking at how Jesus shapes our identity. Our speaker will be David Gilbert, Youth Minister at St. Philip's Charleston. Music will be led by The Birdsongs!

Regenerate Weekend

November 8-10

Regenerate is an amazing opportunity for high school students to grow in their faith! On this weekend, youth groups come together to hear a dynamic message, engage in lively worship, and enjoy time building relationships with one another. Our theme this year is "Undivided" looking at our identity in Christ. Our speaker will be Nate Morgan Locke. Music will be led by The Birdsongs!

Registration forms for these events can be found on the church website under the Youth tab.

www.stjohnsflorence.org

**Grace Church Cathedral
Fall Flower Festival**
October 30 - November 1

The Grace Church Cathedral Flower Guild and Grace's Dean and Rector, Michael Wright, look forward to welcoming you to our Fall Flower Festival. This year's Fall Flower Festival will be held October 30 - November 3, with seminars October 30 - November 1. The Festival is a celebration of the vital role floral arrangements play in our worship services, and it is a celebration of the Feast of All Saints.

Lee Berrill, an award winning floral designer from England, will be here to demonstrate a variety of flower arrangements and holiday designs suitable for church and home. Mr. Berrill is a National Demonstrator for the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies (NAFAS) and is looking forward to his visit to Charleston. He plans to share design process ideas, mechanics how-tos, and tips on flower and plant selection.

2019 Fall Seminar Schedule

Wednesday, Oct. 30th, 1:00 - 3:30 PM **Thursday**, Oct. 31st, 6:30 - 9:00 PM **Friday**, Nov. 1st, 9:30 AM -12:00 noon

For additional information please visit the Cathedral website at gracechurchcharleston.org/flower-guild.

October 3, 2019 • 6:00 p.m.
The Cathedral, Charleston
(light supper included)

Join us for an extraordinary opportunity to hear from Anglican leaders from around the world. The gathering will begin at 6 p.m. with a light supper and be followed with brief presentations and time for conversation and interaction afterward.

Mark your calendar for
The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina's
*Women's Retreat
at St. Christopher*
October 25-27, 2019

Bishop Mark Lawrence, Speaker Gift & Giver: Life in the Spirit • Workshops
• And more! • www.adosc.org

THANK YOU from
Camp ADAPTabilities



On September 24th, Camp Adaptabilities stopped by St. John's and met with Father Ken to drop off a painting as a token of appreciation for hosting their month long summer camp. Diane Roth said, "We are so thankful and blessed that Father Weldon and St John's have hosted Camp Adaptabilities! We are so pleased to be able to call St. John's home!"

The month long summer camp serves approximately 20 children & young adults in our Florence communities, age 4-16 and a special time each week for ages 17-21. The organization serves those who have multiple and/or severe disabilities with physical impairments, cognitive and often, visual and hearing impairments as well. This summer camp is a place where these special individuals can laugh and sing, make arts and crafts, participate in games & sensory experiences, and challenge themselves in areas they didn't think possible.



In our seventh year, Help 4 Kids Florence will distribute over 2,500 bags of food each weekend of the academic school year to food insecure elementary school children in Florence County. This includes 37 schools and 9 Head Start programs in all five school districts. (Florence, Pamplico, Lake City, Timmonsville, and Johnsonville)

As you are aware, our growth has been necessitated by a significant need in Florence County, and we are especially grateful to you for your willingness to help offset the hunger of so many elementary school children. We also want to thank the members of St. John's for their support of this ministry since its beginning after a Bible study right here in our church.

\$100.00 will provide a bag of food for one child for each weekend during the school year. You can donate online or checks can be made out to Help 4 Kids Florence and placed in the offering plate or mailed to 252 South Dargan Florence, S.C. 29506

If you have any questions or would like to learn more or volunteer, please call **843-580-4111** or visit the website at **www.help4kidsflorence.org**

Diane Welsh, Debbie Watson, and Allie Walker, and Anne Blakelock are the contacts at St. John's.

Birthdays

- 2 - Eddie Buckhouse, Clara Willcox
- 4 - John McInnes, Emma Johnston, Harry Cantey
- 6 - Allen Causey
- 7 - Carter Ellington
- 8 - Katy Rogers, James Wyatt Arthur, Woods Lyles
- 9 - Cory Prescott, Harry Logan, John Etheridge
- 11 - Julianne Skinner, Luke Lucas
- 12 - Richard Walker, Jay Vinson
- 13 - Tina Cannon
- 16 - Jay Saleeby, Sandra Dekle
- 17 - James McCoy, Bill Goldstein, Pete Kennedy,
Fisher Urquhart, Caroline Stone Short
- 19 - Sam Dargan
- 22 - Sligh Commander, Charlton Commander
- 24 - Rett Padgett, Caroline Naso
- 26 - Courtney Sullivan
- 29 - Ben Baroodly, Vivienne Moloney, Jack Greenan
- 30 - Weston Patterson
- 31 - Dick Bryant, Nicky Naso, Emily Coward

Anniversaries

- 4 - Tiffany & John Carter Ellington
- 6 - Lyles Cooper & Brandon Lyles
- 7 - Kay & Gene Fryman
- 10 - Allie & Richard Walker
- 12 - Helen & Pierce Campbell
- 16 - Carol and Bill McRee
- 19 - Tanna & Charles Grantham
- 21 - Molly & Allan Copp

Do We Have Your Numbers?



Please help keep your contact information and church records current by making sure the following data is on file.

- Correct mailing address
- Home phone number
- E-mail address
- Birth and anniversary dates

If you move, don't forget to send your new address to the parish office.

Thank you!

ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

www.stjohnsflorence.org

- *Sunday Morning Schedule*
- *Sunday Sermons*
- *Youth Newsletter*
- *Parish Newsletter*
- *Memorial Garden Policy*
- *Funeral Planning Worksheet*
- *Parish History*
- *Link to the Diocesan Website*
- *Annual Report*
- *Scholarship Application Form*
- *Event Photographs*

*To stay current with diocesan news, sign up to receive the e-newsletter.
Visit www.adosc.org and, under "Main Menu," click on Communications, then E-newsletter.*

IN THANKSGIVING AND LOVING MEMORY

THE FOLLOWING ARE GIFTS THAT WERE RECEIVED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2019

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Nelson Fowler by Sylvia Lee & Diane Gause
- In memory of Nelson Fowler by Allie & Richard Walker
- In memory of Murray Garber by Amy & Malloy McEachin
- In memory of Margaret Hall by Amy & Malloy McEachin
- In memory of Margaret Hall by Ann & James Bearden
- In memory of Priscilla Logan by Amy & Malloy McEachin
- In memory of Lt. Col. Mark Jason Smith by Kay & Gene Fryman

Help 4 Kids Fund

- In memory of Margaret Hall by Kay & Gene Fryman
- In memory of Priscilla Logan by Clare & Bradley Callicott
- In memory of Priscilla Logan by Kay & Gene Fryman
- In memory of Betty McEachin by Kay & Gene Fryman
- In memory of Virginia Miller by Kay & Gene Fryman
- In memory of Eddie Smith by Kay & Gene Fryman

Landscaping Fund

- In memory of Margaret Hall by Clare & Bradley Callicott

Epiphany Concert Fund

- In memory of Nelson Fowler by Carolyn C. Stewart
- In memory of Margaret Hall by Carolyn C. Stewart
- In memory of Ellison Jones by Carolyn C. Stewart
- In memory of Leila Rainwater by Carolyn C. Stewart

Memorial gifts and honoraria can be made to the general Memorial Fund, to one of the following funds, or to any area of parish life that you wish.

Please note on your check to which fund you wish your gift to be designated so that it is sure to be used as you desire.

- Building Fund
- Choir Fund
- Epiphany Concert
- Help 4 Kids Florence Fund
- Landscaping Fund
- Memorial Fund
- Memorial Garden Fund
- Organ Fund
- Outreach
- Rector's Discretionary Fund
- Scholarship Fund
- Smith King Music Memorial Fund
- Youth Ministry Fund
- Youth Mission Trip Fund

MAKE YOUR BIRTHDAY COUNT

Do you know about the birthday golden apple? We all know that weekly birthdays and anniversaries are recognized during announcements on Sundays. However, you may not have noticed that an acolyte stands nearby holding a golden apple. Parishioners are encouraged to place in the apple a gift of \$1 for each year being celebrated. The birthday funds are accumulated and given for outreach purposes twice a year. If you have an idea for an outreach ministry that might be a good recipient of our birthday funds, let one of the wardens know.

Thank You to the St. John's family from **Jo Ann Morgan** for all the prayers, cards and visits during my recent hip surgery and recovery. They were all truly appreciated.

THOSE IN NURSING CARE

Tommy Rogers (Methodist Manor)

Bob Youngblood (Methodist Manor)

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE

- Paul Miller (*Virginia Miller's grandson*)
- Jonathan Carroll (*Jean Waters' grandson-in-law*)
- Matt Harvie (*Lee Garey's great-nephew*)
- Charles Kennedy (*Pete Kennedy's brother*)
- Ricky Tyner (*Anna Patterson Tyner's husband*)
- Mike Shaw (*Cousin of friend of Helen Campbell*)

- Shelton Wilson (*family member of Joe Chaplin*)
- John Taft (*friend of John Chase*)
- Steven Turner (*Rebecca Patterson Turner's husband*)
- Andrew McCarrier (*Coreen Dalrymple's cousin*)
- Bridge Jernigan (*Rod & Lisa Jernigan's son*)
- Allan Copp

October 6, 2019

Lay Readers

8:00 - Bobby Garey
 9:00 - Christine Intemann
 Bill McRee (CB)
 11:00 - Bill McRee

Ushers

8:00 - Jim Wood
 9:00 - John Coleman
 11:00 - Ed Asger
 Richard Walker

Acolytes

11:00 - Maddie Lowe (CR)
 Susan Campbell (T)
 Anabel Ham (T)
 Walker Willcox (CC)

Altar Guild

Coleman/Bryant (Team 4)

Fellowship on the Lawn

Agnes Willcox

Children's Chapel

Charlotte Smith

Altar Flowers

Julia & Mark Buyck

Flower Delivery

Marsha & Dick Bryant
 Martha & Ed McGee

October 13, 2019

Lay Readers

8:00 - Kelly McCallister
 9:00 - Tom Miller
 11:00 - Susan Cantey

Ushers

8:00 - Joe Carson
 9:00 - Chappy Jones
 11:00 - John Carter Ellington
 Pete Kennedy

Acolytes

11:00 - Elizabeth Intemann (CR)
 Morgan Sullivan (T)
 Kellen Kennedy (T)
 Robert Dalrymple (CC)

Altar Guild

Willcox/Samra (Team 5)

Fellowship on the Lawn

Agnes Willcox

Children's Chapel

Charlotte Smith

Altar Flowers

Susan Guyton

Flower Delivery

Pinkie Samra
 Annie & Jay Ham

October 20, 2019

Lay Readers

8:00 - Malloy McEachin
 9:00 - Billy McCrary
 11:00 - James Moloney

Ushers

8:00 - Malloy McEachin
 9:00 - Buzz Rogers
 11:00 - Walker Willcox

Acolytes

11:00 - William Williamson
 Reid Coffman (T)
 Ryan Matney (T)
 Walker Willcox (CC)

Altar Guild

Buyck (Team 1)

Fellowship on the Lawn

Agnes Willcox

Children's Chapel

Charlotte Smith

Altar Flowers

Kathy & Mitch House

Flower Delivery

Pinkie Samra
 Suzie & Chappy Jones

October 27, 2019

Lay Readers

8:00 - Tom Miller
 9:00 - Leslie Lowe
 11:00 - Christine Intemann
 Susan Cantey (CB)

Ushers

8:00 - Joe Carson
 9:00 - Mike Hopewell
 11:00 - Schipp Johnston
 Richard Walker

Acolytes

11:00 - Jackson Lowe (CR)
 Susan Campbell (T)
 John Carroll (T)
 Jenna Carroll (CC)

Altar Guild

Carson (Team 2)

Fellowship on the Lawn

Agnes Willcox

Children's Chapel

Charlotte Smith

Altar Flowers

Eleanor & Joe Carson
 Lee Garey (Narthex)

Flower Delivery

Michelle Matney
 Julia Buyck

St. John's Parish Calendar: October 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		<p>9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting</p> <p>6 p.m. - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 a.m. - Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00a.m. - Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6 p.m. - Choir</p> <p>6 p.m. - Youth Group</p>			<p><u>Lessons for Oct. 6th</u> Habakkuk 1:1-6(7-11)12-13; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:3-10 2 Timothy 1:(1-5)6-14 Luke 17:5-10</p>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (1928)</p> <p>9 a.m. - Family Eucharist</p> <p>10 a.m.- Sunday School</p> <p>11 a.m. - Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>10 a.m. - Women's Bible Study</p> <p>1 p.m. - Women's Prayer Group</p> <p>6 p.m. - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting</p> <p>6 p.m. - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 a.m. - Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00a.m. - Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6 p.m. - Choir</p> <p>6 p.m. - Youth Group</p>	<p>LADIES' SALAD SUPPER 6:00-8:00PM</p>		<p><u>Lessons for Oct. 13</u> Ruth 1:(1-7)8-19a Psalm 113 2 Timothy 2:(3-7)8-15 Luke 17:11-19</p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (1928)</p> <p>9 a.m. - Family Eucharist</p> <p>10 a.m.- Sunday School</p> <p>11 a.m. - Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>10 a.m. - Women's Bible Study</p> <p>1 p.m. - Women's Prayer Group</p> <p>6 p.m. - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting</p> <p>4:00 p.m. - Daughters of the King</p> <p>6 p.m. - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 a.m. - Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00a.m. - Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6 p.m. - Choir</p> <p>6 p.m. - Youth Group</p>			<p><u>Lessons for Oct. 20th</u> Genesis 32:3-8, 22-30 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8a</p>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (1928)</p> <p>9 a.m. - Family Eucharist</p> <p>10 a.m.- Sunday School</p> <p>11 a.m. - Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>10 a.m. - Women's Bible Study</p> <p>1 p.m. - Women's Prayer Group</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Vestry</p> <p>6 p.m. - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting</p> <p>6 p.m. - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 a.m. - Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00a.m. - Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6 p.m. - Choir</p> <p>6 p.m. - Youth Group</p>			<p><u>Lessons for Oct. 27th</u> Jeremiah 14:(1-6) 7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-6 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14</p>
27	28	29	30	31		
<p>8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (1928)</p> <p>9 a.m. - Family Eucharist</p> <p>10 a.m.- Sunday School</p> <p>11 a.m. - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>5 p.m. - Trunk or Treat</p> 	<p>10 a.m. - Women's Bible Study</p> <p>1 p.m. - Women's Prayer Group</p> <p>6 p.m. - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting</p> <p>6 p.m. - Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 a.m. - Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00a.m. - Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6 p.m. - Choir</p> <p>6 p.m. - Youth Group</p>			