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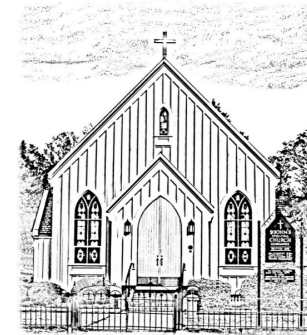
SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CONGAREE
1151 Elm Savannah Road, Hopkins, SC 29061

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Mark C. Lee, Celebrant/Priest

September 20, 2026 * 10:30 AM



MISSION STATEMENT

We, as members of St. John's Episcopal Church, Congaree,
are an open, caring, nurturing community committed to

living the Word of God by witnessing through Christ and growing in grace through prayer, fellowship, education and service.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CONGAREE

We are glad you are here today, and we hope that your worship with us will be a blessing. This is the Lord's table; it does not belong to any earthly power: all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. If you do not wish to partake of the cup, simply cross your hands over your breast and the Chalice Bearer will know your intentions. Also, if it is difficult for you to come to the altar rail, the rector will bring the Eucharist to you. ALL ARE WELCOME ALL THE TIME!

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

Today we welcome The Rev. Dr. Mark C. Lee as our guest priest and celebrant. We are delighted to have him lead our worship and we appreciate his being here. Next week, our guest celebrant/priest will be The Rev. Dr. Porter C. Taylor.

PRAYER FOR THE VESTRY AND SEARCH COMMITTEE

Praying in unison: *Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*
(BCP, page 818)

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

September 20, 2026 to September 26, 2026

Today	9:30 AM	ECW Meeting
Today	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study group meets at Lizard's Thicket on Garners Ferry Road at 8:00 AM on Tuesdays. The group uses the weekly lessons as their study guide.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The women are studying the book of Mark using the workbook Mark: A 12-Week Study by Dane Ortlund. Please join them at Lizard's Thicket on Garners Ferry at 10:00 AM on Tuesdays.

COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

Remember – next Sunday, September 27, is our monthly covered dish luncheon! Bring your favorite dish and join in for the fellowship and delicious food. All are welcome!

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please Pray For:

Brenda Manning
Mary Clarkson
Debby Watson
Judy Addison
Michelle
Holly Davis
Maria Brady
John Train
Don Burton
Tom Moore
Austin Mintz
Lesley Antley Marshall
Roy Brazzell
Heather Tsahalís
Betty Thompson
Penny Teague
Jewell Sams
Laura Timmons
Charlie & Phyllis King
Jacob & Angela Pendleton
The Owens Family
John Grimball
Liz Grice
Susan Grice
Janet McKinney
Our Military
Nick Brady
Morris Tajman
Andrew Knight
Paul

Requested by:

Ed Manning
Parish
Parish
Parish
Jane Rye
Parish
Debbie Davis
Selman Watson
Selman Watson
Carol Fowles
John & Lynn Davis
Annie Antley
Tammy Brazzell
Corrie Blasi
Parish
Debbie Davis
The Floyd Family
Lisa Clarkson
Julie Claytor
Lisa Clarkson
Bev Watkins
Parish
Sheryl Moureaux
Sheryl Moureaux
Bev Watkins
Parish
Debbie Davis
Van Lott
Bev Watkins
Rita McCaskill

Stephen	John Lott
Deacon Ann Pilat	Parish
Ally Lambert	Nikita Floyd/Parish
Jim Parker	Van Lott
Susan Voelker & Family	Marion Crane
Alicia H. & Isaac J. Mikell IV	Jenks Mikell/Parish
Jason Gant	Rita McCaskill
Patricia	Bev Watkins
Margaret Dydecka	Corrie Blasi
Brooke Moran	Corrie Blasi

Please let us know if you have someone to add to the Prayer List. Also, please let us know if your person has recovered.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

LaBruce Alexander – September 22
 Levi Nichols – September 22
 Olivia Tatum – September 22

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Mary Alice and Scott Anderson – September 22

PRAYING FOR SCHOOLS IN OUR COMMUNITY

During the year, St. John's prays for specific area schools each week. This week we are praying for Gadsden, Pine Grove and HB Rhame Elementary Schools, Summit Parkway Middle School, Dreher and AC Flora High Schools, and Eastminster Day School. Please add the students and staff of these schools to your prayers at home.

VESTRY MEETING

Vestry members, please plan to attend the very important vestry meeting scheduled for Monday, October 5 at 6:30pm. Your presence is needed. Minutes from the September meeting will be sent and will be available for viewing on our website.

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 20 – Fran & Al Burnett
 September 27 – Lisa Clarkson

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

For flower donations, there is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in Zion Hall for those who wish to donate flowers on a given Sunday in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$50. Please make your check payable to St. John's, Congaree and notate "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. Sunday available in September is the 27th.

WORSHIP TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER

	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Videographer</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Sep 20	Lisa Clarkson	Alex Peraza	Frank Claytor	MA Hiott
Sep 27	Van Lott	Anne Lott	Jose Peraza	Louise Barker

CAMP GRAVATT SCHOLARSHIPS

The ECW will be offering scholarships to help cover some of the cost of a 2027 summer camp session at Camp Gravatt. Please let Julie Claytor or any ECW member know by the end of October if you would like your child or any other family member to be considered for one of our camp scholarships. You can go to www.campgravatt.org to learn more about camp registration, cost, and the 2027 session dates.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you for your continued and committed giving to St. John's. To donate online, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/stjohnspledge2026> or scan this QR code:



October is Stewardship month: Watch the mail for your opportunity to support St. John's in 2027! If you have questions, please call Julie Claytor, Stewardship Chair, 803.606.2369.

GADSDEN BACKPACK PROGRAM

Wow! Look what was in the wagon last week: "Fruit by the Foot" snacks, box of 48; 6 apple sauce cups; 6 bottles (plastic) of Welch's grape juice; Cheetos, 6 pack box; assorted Nabisco cookies, box of 10; 2 Complete meals; and 4 individual cartons of noodles. This really adds to our inventory and will be packed in the bags going to Gadsden. Did you see the cutie-pie who pulled the wagon last week? He did a remarkable job maneuvering it at the altar. Thanks to all who support this important ministry.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY

We provide Forward Day by Day to parishioners as a simple and effective daily prayer practice. Each day features a Bible verse from the daily readings and a related reflection written by a different author each month, all in less than 200 words. It even includes the daily feast days, as well as prompts to take faithful action in your daily life. Copies of the August, September, October daily devotional booklets are available on the Narthex Table.

CAN'T PHYSICALLY BE WITH US?

When you can't join us in church, you can watch the service on Facebook even if you don't have a Facebook account. Go to the church's website and scroll down on the first page to find the Facebook icon. Click on it and you'll go right to the Facebook page in order to watch. "Like" or leave us a message!

ECW NEWS

- Thank you to those who attended our meeting this morning.
- At the covered dish lunch on September 27, the ECW will offer an Ice Cream Social in thanksgiving for the fabulous support of our congregation. No need to bring a dessert that day!
- The ECW continues to collect food items for Senior Resources each covered dish Sunday. Thanks for your support of this project.
- The BIG Bake/Craft Sale will be on October 17 at Mr. Bunky's from 8:30am until. It's never too early to get "crafty."



POST YOUR CALENDAR FOR A SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENT

The Ukaloones Band will be with us once again on Sunday, October 18 at 5pm. The concert is free and there will be refreshments following in Zion Hall. Please plan to attend this delightful and entertaining band concert.



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Hymn Book

Prayer Book

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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