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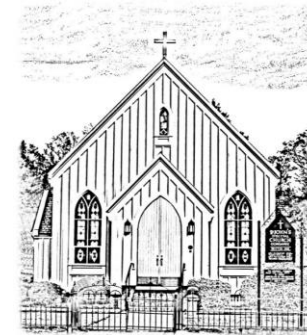
SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CONGAREE
1151 Elm Savannah Road, Hopkins, SC 29061

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Porter C. Taylor, Celebrant/Priest

October 11, 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. Porter C. Taylor 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. Mark Abdelnour.

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.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

October 11, 2026 to October 17, 2026

Today	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
Saturday	8:30 AM	ECW Bake/Craft Sale

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.

VESTRY MEETING

Vestry members, please plan to attend the vestry meeting scheduled for Monday, November 9 at 6:30pm. Your presence is needed. Minutes from the October meeting will be sent and are available for viewing on our website.

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 Grimbail
Liz Grice
Susan Grice
Janet McKinney
Our Military
Morris Tajman
Andrew Knight
Paul
Deacon Ann Pilat
Ally Lambert

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
Van Lott
Bev Watkins
Rita McCaskill
Parish
Nikita Floyd/Parish

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
Mary Mason Walker	Danielle Floyd
Mary Ann Hiott	Parish

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

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, EE Taylor and JP Thomas Elementary Schools, Hopkins and WA Perry Middle Schools, Blythewood and Richland Northeast High Schools, and Shandon United Methodist Preschool. Please add the students and staff of these schools to your prayers at home.

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

October 11 - Corrie Blasi
 October 18 - Lisa Clarkson
 October 25 - Louise Barker/Wendy Thompson

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. All Sundays in October are available for giving.

WORSHIP TEAM FOR OCTOBER

	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Videographer</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Oct 11	Fran Burnett	Rita McCaskill	Selman Watson	Debbie Davis
Oct 18	Louise Barker	Julie Claytor	Frank Claytor	John Davis
Oct 25	Van Lott	Anne Lott	Jose Peraza	MA Hiott

GADSDEN BACKPACK PROGRAM

Last week in church Julie described the bags we pack each week for our Gadsden students. It's always exciting to have something in the wagon to be blessed at the altar. Thank you all for supporting this ministry. Who will pull the wagon this week?

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee's mission is to provide comfort and nourishment during difficult times and times of joy. If a need arises for you or someone you know, please contact Debbie Davis at 803-622-2929 or the church office. If you would like to be added to the circle of volunteers also please let Debbie know. Everyone is welcome to serve! Volunteers will be getting a request to help with food for the Ukuloonies Band Concert/Reception.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Please see Insert!

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: By now you should have received mail for your opportunity to support St. John's in 2027. Please send in your pledge card by November 1! If you have questions, please call Julie Claytor, Stewardship Chair, 803.606.2369.

ECW NEWS

- The BIG Bake/Craft Sale will be THIS SATURDAY, October 17 at Mr. Bunky's from 8:30am until. Please plan to attend, donate, and support this important outreach fund-raiser.
- The next ECW meeting is next Sunday, October 18 at 9:30am.
- The ECW continues to collect food items for Senior Resources each covered dish Sunday. Thanks for your support of this project.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE BIG DAY

Next Sunday, we are in for a real treat. The Ukuloonies Band will be with us once again at 5pm in the sanctuary. The concert is free and there will be refreshments following in Zion Hall. Please plan to attend this delightful and entertaining band concert.



ANNUAL ALL SAINTS' DAY/HOMECOMING

This year, we celebrate All Saints' Sunday and homecoming on November 1st. There is flyer on the Narthex Table with all the information you will need to plan for and enjoy the weekend.

Please use the insert form to pre-order your hams and pulled pork. Without your order, hams will not be available at the pit. Orders are due by October 24th.

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.

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!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Drew Robb - October 14

Tegan Floyd - October 17

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Olivia & Scott Tatum - October 17

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Hymn Book

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