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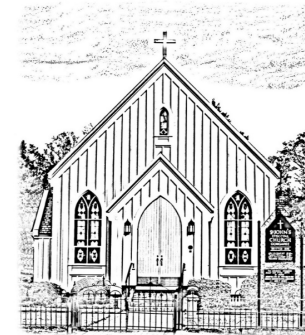
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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Mark Abdelnour, Celebrant/Priest

October 18, 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. Mark Abdelnour 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.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

October 18, 2026 to October 24, 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

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 Grimball
Liz Grice
Susan Grice
Janet McKinney
Our Military
Morris Tajman

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

Andrew Knight	Bev Watkins
Paul	Rita McCaskill
Deacon Ann Pilat	Parish
Ally Lambert	Nikita Floyd/Parish
Susan Voelker & Family	Marion Crane
Alicia H. & Isaac J. Mikell IV	Jenks Mikell/Parish
Jason Gant	Rita McCaskill
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, Watkins-Nance and Webber Elementary Schools, Sanders and Southeast Middle Schools, Ridgeview and Spring Valley High Schools, and Clemson University. Please add the students and staff of these schools to your prayers at home.

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

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 18	Louise Barker	Julie Claytor	Frank Claytor	John Davis
Oct 25	Van Lott	Anne Lott	Jose Peraza	MA Hiott

GADSDEN BACKPACK PROGRAM

Thanks to those of you who bring that little extra something to the red wagon on Sundays. All of our donations are meaningful to the 20 children we serve

at Gadsden Elementary. Last week we didn't have any school aged children to pull the wagon to the altar, but we did have the youngest member in attendance step up to do the job. Thank you, Mary Ellen!

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! My thanks to those who contributed food for this evening's reception which follows the Ukuloonies Band Concert.

MONTHLY COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

Please remember that next Sunday is covered dish. Please bring your signature dish to share and we will break bread together. If you are a visitor, lunch is on the house and if you forgot to bring a dish, come anyway. The fellowship and fun are worth it!

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the Congregational Assessment Tool for St. John's. This is the first step in our mission to call a new priest for St. John's and it is an important tool for use in our search. If you did not get the survey in an email on Monday, October 12th, please let Van know.

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! Stewardship is "heart" work. If you have questions, please call Julie Claytor, Stewardship Chair, 803.606.2369.

ECW NEWS

-Many thanks to everyone who attended, contributed, worked at, and supported the Bake/Craft Sale yesterday. With God's and your help, it was a **great** success!

- And thank you to those who got up early and attended our meeting this morning. The next ECW meeting will be November 15 at 9:30am.

-The ECW continues to collect food items for Senior Resources each covered dish Sunday. Thanks for your support of this project.

TODAY IS THE BIG DAY

This evening, 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 pre-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

Rusty Davis - October 20

Gina Byars - October 23

Blanche Holliday - October 24

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Dorothy & Ed Kendall - October 19

Holly & Jason Davis - October 21

WORK DAYS FOR SALLIE'S GARDEN

On Wednesdays, October 21 and 28 at 8:30am, plans are to clean up/spruce up Sallie's Garden. Please help if you can.

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