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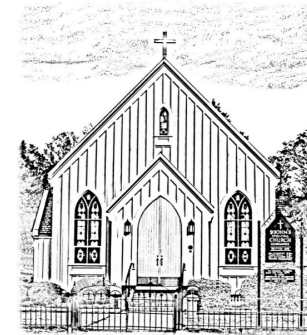
SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CONGAREE
1151 Elm Savannah Road, Hopkins, SC 29061

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

September 27, 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. Dr. Arthur Turfa.

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

September 27, 2026 to October 3, 2026

Today	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Today	11:45 AM	Covered dish luncheon
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

Our monthly covered dish luncheon is today following the worship service! Please join us as we break bread together and for the awesome fellowship time. AND for the ECW annual THANK YOU Ice Cream Social! If you forgot to bring a dish, join us anyway. There's always plenty to share.
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

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

Paul	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.

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, Rosewood and Sandel Elementary Schools, Alcorn and Crayton Middle Schools, Heyward Career Center and CA Johnson High Schools, and The Citadel. 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 have been sent and are available for viewing on our website.

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

September 27 - Lisa Clarkson
 October 4 - Fran & Al Burnett
 October 11 - Lisa Clarkson
 October 18 - Corrie Blasi
 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 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Videographer</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Sep 27	Van Lott	Anne Lott	Jose Peraza	Louise Barker
Oct 4	Jim Hiott	Aaron Floyd	Van Lott	Debbie Davis
Oct 11	Fran Burnett	Rita McCaskill	Selman Watson	John Davis
Oct 18	Louise Barker	Julie Claytor	Frank Claytor	The Claytors
Oct 25	Van Lott	Anne Lott	Jose Peraza	MA Hiott

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



STEWARDSHIP *Month*

OCTOBER AT ST. JOHN'S

"Our purpose, much like the mustard seed or the kingdom of heaven, is to be a sanctuary of God's love for the world's broken, and it is our blueprint and our prayer."

— Rev. Katie Ayers, Sermon, July 26, 2026

October is Stewardship Month at St. John's, a time for us to reflect on the many blessings and gifts God has graciously entrusted to us.

As we give thanks for God's abundance in our lives, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you would like to express your gratitude through your financial commitment to the ministry and mission of St. John's.

Please complete your pledge card and return it to the church by **Sunday, November 1**. Pledge cards may be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate during worship. Additional pledge cards will be available in the narthex.

Thank you for your continued support of God's ministries at St. John's through your faithful stewardship. We are blessed by a congregation of dedicated and generous people who seek to share God's love and make a positive difference in our church, our community, and our world.

Faithful Together

GROWING IN FAITH.
SHARING GOD'S LOVE.

Many gifts. One purpose. Growing God's kingdom together. ♥

To donate online, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/stjohnspledge2026> or scan this QR code:



If you have questions, please call Julie Claytor, Stewardship Chair, 803.606.2369.

GADSDEN BACKPACK PROGRAM

Capri Sun. Fruit cups. Pop Tarts. Instant oatmeal packets. GoGo squeeZ applesauce. Etc. Can you help us provide nutritional items for the Gadsden Backpacks this next week? Put your donation in the red wagon, please, and watch to see who pulls the wagon up the aisle. Thank you for participating in 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.

POST YOUR CALENDAR FOR A SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENT

The Ukaloonies 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.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Katie Ayers – September 28
Zach Davis – September 28
Michael Thompson – September 28
Julian Rose – September 30
Louise Barker – October 1
Parris Claytor Balazs – October 3

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Mattie & Jeff Anderson – September 27

ECW NEWS

- At the covered dish lunch today, the ECW will host an Ice Cream Social in thanksgiving for the fabulous support of our congregation.
- 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."
- The next ECW meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 18 at 9:30am.

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!

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Hymn Book

Prayer Book

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