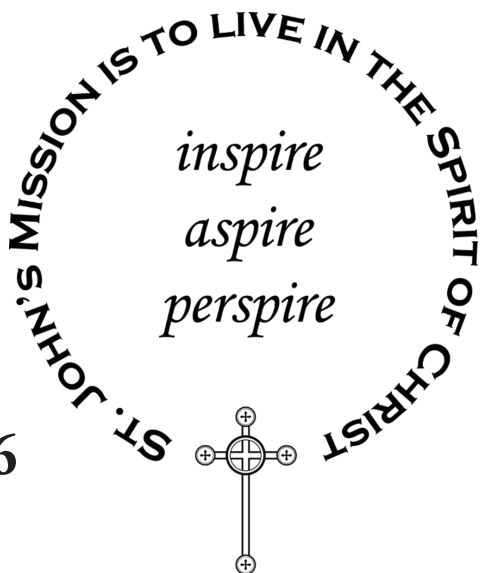




September 20, 2026
Proper 20 - Track 2
Holy Eucharist — Rite II
9 & 11 a.m.

Welcome!

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. You may receive from the common cup by drinking directly from the cup or handing the host to the LEM (the person giving you the cup). They will then dip the host in the wine and place it in your hand. You may also choose to just consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward. Cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

Nametags are available in the pews. Please participate by wearing one so we can know the names of those people who sit next to us.

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jay and Paula Hogg's 42nd wedding anniversary, "to my lovely bride",
by Jay Hogg.*

Listening assistance devices are available – ask any usher.

Children's worship bulletins and bags are located in the vestibules.

*Barcarolle*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Stand as able.*

1982 Hymnal #408

Sing praise to God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Carl Haywood

Glo-ry, Glo-ry Hal-le-lu -

- jah, Lord we praise your Ho-ly name. — Glo-ry, Glo-ry Hal-le-lu -

- jah, Lord we praise your Ho-ly name. —

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

Jonah 3:10–4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

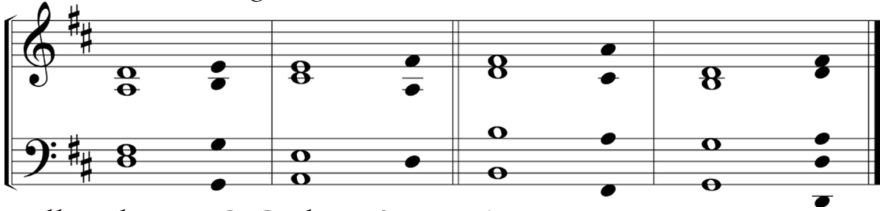
But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



I will exalt you, O God my / King, *
and bless your Name for ever and / ever.
Every day will I / bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and / ever.
Great is the LORD and greatly to be / praised; *
there is no end to his / greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to an / other *
and shall declare your / power.
I will ponder the glorious splendor of your / majesty *
and all your marvelous / works.
They shall speak of the might of your wondrous / acts, *
and I will tell of your / greatness.
They shall publish the remembrance of your great / goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous / deeds.
The LORD is gracious and full of com / passion, *
slow to anger and of great / kindness.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted

you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Stand as able.*

1982 Hymnal #404

We will extol you

THE GOSPEL LESSON *Remain standing.*

Matthew 20:1-16

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

A brief silence is observed following the sermon.

NICENE CREED *Stand as able.*

BCP 358

LEM Let us stand and affirm our faith by saying together the words
of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Remain standing or kneel as able.

Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Reader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Reader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Reader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSIO *Kneeling.*

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us
and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk
in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION *Remain kneeling.* BCP 360

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE *Stand as able.* BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

9 a.m. *Andante* from 'Orfeo ed Euridice' C.W. von Gluck

11 a.m. *Strengthen for service, Lord* Healey Willan

DOXOLOGY *Stand as able.*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

BCP 372

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you
alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from
before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill
them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of
your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Betty Pulkingham

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of

pow'r and might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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Ho-san-na in the high - est Bless-ed is he who

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comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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Remain standing or kneel as able.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1982 Hymnal #344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

F.J. Haydn

Allegro in D Minor

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LEMs

9 a.m. Dave Messersmith, David Bishop

11 a.m. Brian McMahon, Linda McMahon

Ushers

9 a.m. Warren Coleman, H Shaw

11 a.m. Ruth Simmons, Will Andrews

Altar Guild

9 a.m. Anna McKay Radcliff

11 a.m. Margaret McFarland

Acolyte Master

9 a.m. David Bishop

11 a.m. Linda McMahon

Music Director Deborah Carr

Special Music 11 a.m. St. John's Choir

Flower Delivery Margaret McFarland

Coffee Hour Warren Coleman & Billy Ray Jeffries

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Staff pray for people on our prayer list by name weekly.

We pray for healing in the lives of Ruth Purinton, Mary Scalisi, Charlotte Weber, Diana Youngclaus, John Hutson, Bill Saunders, Don Klovstad, Jane Price, Stocky Hobart, Shirley Nunn, Niecsa Chisum, Kaye Locke, Leslie Stay, Rick Bagley, Bonnie Jones, Carol Winarski, Inmates and Staff at Hampton City Annex, Bob Ridle, Regina Cicchetti, Mike Fox, George Edmonson, Dave Forrest, Paige, Mary Jane Long, David, Donald Crandol, Jan Crandol, Bishop Haynes, David Copley, Warren Petri, Steve, Bob Cumming, Linda Seely, Grace Taylor, Josh, Glenn Irwin, Gail Conway, baby Autumn Gwendolyn, Lewis, Sally, Meg Hoffman, Jay Horne, Claire, Sharon, Melanie, Mike, Eldon James, Barbara Urick, Bunny Neff, Pam Withrow, Shellene Desjardins.

We give thanksgivings for the birthdays of Milo Dickerson (9/23), Shannon Olson (9/23), Dave Bowen (9/24), Courtney Lowrey (9/25), and Carol Winarski (9/25).

We give thanksgivings for the anniversaries of Paula & Jay Hogg, III (9/22) and Dana & Phillip Epstein (9/24).

CALENDAR

September 20 — 26

Sunday

- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10 a.m. Children's
Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 8 p.m. AA

Monday

- 4 p.m. Book Club
- 8 p.m. AA

Tuesday

- 6:30 p.m. Vestry

Wednesday

- 10 a.m. Heritage
- 6 p.m. Handbells
- 7 p.m. Choir

Thursday

- 12 p.m. Bible Study
- 8 p.m. AA

Friday

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Al-Anon

Saturday

- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Portraits with
Bob Harper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit Our New Website: St. John's has a new website, rebuilt from the ground up to make things easier to find. You'll find service times and the parish calendar, sermons and livestreams, online giving, and a new blog that gathers more than a hundred articles from past newsletters. Take a look at stjohnshampton.org and tell us what you think.

Nursery: The nursery is closed this week.

Book Club: The next meeting of the St. John's Book Club will be held on Monday, October 5, at 4:00 p.m. on the Parish House stage. For that meeting we will read *The Things We Never Say* by Elizabeth Strout. New members are welcome! For further information, please contact Susan Edmonson at 757-287-7440 or at edmonson4@cox.net.

Bible Study: We will be continuing our Bible Study on the Book of Esther on Thursday at noon in the Library. If you are interested, contact Roger or Lorrie Peckham at peckham4@cox.net. All are welcome to join.

Directory Photographs: Help Us Build Our New Church Directory! St. John's is creating an online parish directory, and we need you in it. Bob Harper is providing portrait sessions for every parishioner and family, free of charge, with a complimentary gift portrait for your own keeping. Sessions take about 20 minutes and are being offered Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Sundays, 12 noon – 3 p.m. through November 1. (portrait sessions not available Saturday, October 17). Weekday appointments are also available directly with the studio. To sign up for a weekend time, contact the Church Office. For a weekday session, contact Bob directly. A directory is only as good as its participation, so please make an appointment today.

Veterans! St. John's wishes to recognize your service to our Nation for the upcoming Veterans' Day. We are planning to have a display with photographs of our vets and a brief summary of service dates and places. If you are a veteran of any service and a St. John's parishioner, you are asked to contact Bob Harper, the Project Lead, at 757-325-8300 or bob@bobharperportraits.com. You may use a photograph of your choosing for the display or Bob will create one for you at no cost.

Golf Outing: Join fellow St. John's golfers for our second annual Golf Outing on October 17 (no skills needed). Tee time is 9:30am, at Woodlands Golf Course. \$29.70 gets you the game, taxes and fees, and a cart. Contact the office to sign up. Questions? Ask Dory Holder!

St. John's Saints: Do you think it is important for our children to learn about God and the teachings of Jesus? Do you think our children benefit from making church friends in a positive and safe environment? Do you enjoy helping and interacting with children? If so, the Christian Formation Team and our St. John's children need you! We need at least one more teacher or assistant, and we need substitutes. Please prayerfully consider and then talk with Lisa about this ministry.

Altar Flowers: THANK YOU to all who sponsor our Altar Flowers! Upcoming available date for Altar flowers is November 29.

Chanco Chatter

Volunteer Work Weekend Friday, September 25 – 27

We are gearing up to complete projects to keep Chanco's beautiful campus in tip-top shape for campers & retreat visitors alike. So, pack up your work gloves, dress to get dirty, and let's get to work! Feel free to bring your own tools or use Chanco's. No special skills are required—just a willingness to lend a hand. And work is only part of the weekend. There will be time to reconnect with old friends, meet other members of the Chanco community, and enjoy being in a special spot on the James. Accommodations & meals provided. To register, visit chanco.org/event/fall-work-weekend-3

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If you would like to make an offering, you may do so online at bit.ly/stjhgive or by scanning the QR code. In the "Fund" drop down menu, please select the fund to which you would like to donate.



ST. JOHN'S VESTRY

2026 — Scott Curtis, *Sr. Warden*; Ellen Griffith; Bettyrene Pope, *Jr. Warden*

2027 — Bob Harper; Andrew Mackey; Anne Rutherford

2028 — Wendy Cumming; Dory Holder; Jon Wallner

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