St. John's 1610
Hampton, Virginia

St. John's Mission is to live in the Spirit of Christ
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November 15, 2026
Proper 28 - 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 Chalicer (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 thanksgiving for my family and my church family by Ruth Simmons.

Listening assistance devices are available – ask any usher.

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

Prelude — Thomas Keeseker

Beautiful Savior

Processional Hymn *Stand as able.* — 1982 Hymnal #290

Come ye thankful people come

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



The Collect of the Day — BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

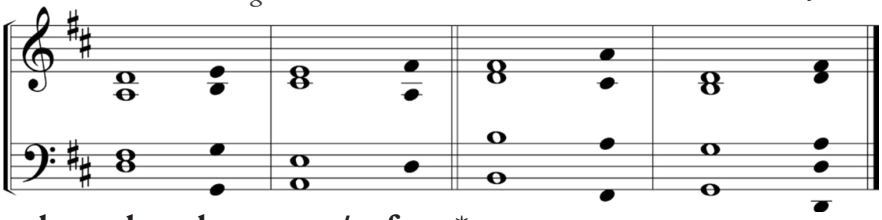
The First Lesson *Seated.* Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;

for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM *Chanted together.* Psalm 90:1-12



Lord, you have been our / refuge *
from one generation to a- / nother.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were / born, *
from age to age you are / God.

You turn us back to the dust and / say, *
"Go back, O child of / earth."
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is / past *
and like a watch in the / night.

You sweep us away like a / dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the / grass.
In the morning it is green and / flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and / withered.

For we consume away in your dis- / pleasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indig- / nation.
Our iniquities you have set be- / fore you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your / countenance.

When you are angry, all our days are / gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a / sigh.
The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even / eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are / gone.

Who regards the power of your / wrath? *
who rightly fears your indig- / nation?
So teach us to number our / days *
that we may apply our hearts to / wisdom.

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Stand as able.* 1982 Hymnal #405

All things bright and beautiful

The Gospel Lesson *Remain standing.* Matthew 25:14-30

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid

his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon — The Rev. Dr. Stan Sawyer

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.

Prayers Of The People—Form III BCP 387

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.**

CONFESSION *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. *Petite Prière* Blanche Rozan

11 a.m. *A Jubilant Song* Alan Pote

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

Eucharistic 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



Remain standing or kneel

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

Post-Communion Prayer *Kneel or stand as able.* BCP 366

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 #541

Come, Labor on

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude W. A. Mozart

Sonatina in C - Rondo

Participating In Today's Service

LEMs

9 a.m. Dave Messersmith, Linda Serwatka

11 a.m. Billie Ray Jeffries, Jim Klotz

Ushers

9 a.m. Ruth Simmons, Don Heath

11 a.m. Anne Abraham, Warren Coleman

Altar Guild

9 a.m. Cary Frances Mackey

11 a.m. Debbie Woodward

Acolyte Master

9 a.m. Connie Heath

11 a.m. Wendy Cumming

Music Director Deborah Carr **Special Music** 11 a.m. St. John's Choir
Flower Delivery Margaret McFarland

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, Shirley Nunn, Niecsa Chisum, Kaye Locke, Leslie Stay, Rick Bagley, Bonnie Jones, Carol Winarski, Susan Edmonson, Jerry Markham, 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, Claire, Sharon, Melanie, Mike, Eldon James, Barbara Urick, Bunny Neff, Pam Withrow, Shellene Desjardins, John Lawson, Ann Ridle, Amanda.

We give thanksgivings for the birthdays of Thomas Munson (11/19) and Brooks Holder (11/20).

Announcements

Cookie Bakers Wanted: We're baking about 400 cookies for the Let Christmas Thrive distribution on Thursday, November 19, at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Kitchen, and we hope you'll join us. If you have a stand mixer you could lend, please drop it off on Wednesday, November 18 with your name on it.

Office Opening Late Wednesday: The parish office will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

Book Club: The next meeting of the St. John's Book Club will be held on Monday, November 16, at 4:00 PM on the parish house stage. For that meeting we will read *The Bitter End Birding Society* by Amanda Cox through page 165 (through the end of Chapter 25). New members are welcome! For further information, please contact Susan Edmonson at 757-287-7440 or at edmonson4@cox.net.

Our New Digital Directory: Be Part of It! St. John's is moving to an online parish directory, and it replaces the printed one. *There will be not be a new paper directory.* If you want to be in our directory, this is the way in. A directory is only as good as its participation, so we hope every household will take part. Once you've joined, you can find fellow parishioners and keep track of your giving to St. John's. If you didn't get an invitation, or you'd like help finding your way around, call or email Patrick in the office.

Altar Flowers: Available Dates: Jan. 17, 24; Feb 7; April 11, 25; JULY 4, 18, 25. No March, May, June or August dates are available.

Bible Study: We will be continuing our Bible Study on the Book of Daniel 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.

Community Events

Cereal Box Collection: We're collecting empty cereal boxes for tours the Hampton History Museum is doing for students in November with St. John's. Bring your cereal boxes to the office!

Let Christmas THRIVE. Since 2020, when it began at St. John's, THRIVE Peninsula has given a joyful Christmas to the children of verified low-income families who received financial help during the year. Parents get gift cards so they can shop for their own children, which protects the family's dignity and lets them share in the joy of Christmas. This year, the program's seventh, almost 900 children are eligible, and the goal is over $70,000. If you've already given, thank you! If not, please consider a gift of any size. One 2025 parent wrote: "To see her so happy fulfilled my heart beyond words." To give, mail a check payable to THRIVE Peninsula, with "CHRISTMAS" in the memo line, to 12749 Nettles Drive, Newport News, VA 23606. You can also give online at thrivepeninsula.org/christmas

Vancosta's Fundraiser. On November 15 from 12:30 to 3:30 PM, Vancosta's on Kecoughtan Road will host a fundraiser for Let Christmas THRIVE. The dinner is sold out, but you can still help by ordering a take-out meal, buying 50/50 raffle tickets, or bidding on gift baskets and other items. This year's silent auction offers a week at a newly renovated 7-bedroom, 5-bath Sandbridge beach house across from the ocean that sleeps 16. The winner can choose any Saturday-to-Saturday week in April 2027 (starting April 3, 10, 17 or 24). For details, contact Leigh Mead at Vancosta's at 724-407-8861.

Calendar

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Sunday

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

Monday

10 a.m. Tours
1 p.m. Prayer Circle
8 p.m. AA

Tuesday

10 a.m. Tours
6:30 p.m. Vestry

Wednesday

10 a.m. Tours
6 p.m. Handbells
7p.m. Choir

Thursday

10 a.m. Tours
12 p.m. Bible Study
1 p.m. Cookie Baking
8 p.m. AA

Friday

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

Saturday

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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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