



**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Sunday, August 20, 2023

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion



**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  

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**SAVANNAH**

*The Truth of the Bible  
In the Beauty of the Anglican Tradition.  
Believe. Worship. Love. Serve.*

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

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**Mission.** St. John's Church is building a community in Christ that is grounded in historic faith and reverent worship and is committed to sharing the life-transforming truth of the Gospel.

**Worship Schedule.** Our regular Sunday schedule is: 8 a.m. Holy Communion in the church; 9 a.m. Family Worship Service (Morning Prayer in the church on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month and Holy Communion in the chapel on the second and fourth Sundays); and 11 a.m. Main Service (Holy Communion in the church on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month with Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays). The 11 a.m. is also livestreamed. Morning Prayer is online each weekday at 8:15 a.m. **Please see page 8 for this week's services or visit [StJohnsSav.org](http://StJohnsSav.org).**

**Children's Nursery.** This nursery is available in Cranmer Hall for the 11 a.m. service.

**For Guests and Visitors.** We extend a warm welcome to guests and visitors worshipping with us today and look forward to getting to know you!

**Interactive Worship.** The congregation participates actively in worship, and this booklet is a guide to taking part in it. It is based on the **1940 Hymnal**, and the smaller **1928 Prayer Book**.

**Ways to Give:** To support the ministries at St. John's Church, you may choose to give in several ways.

- **Collection Plate** – You may give in the offering, perhaps using an offering envelope.
- **Text** – Simply text 1928BCP to 73256 and receive a link where you can donate online.
- **Online** – Visit our website at [StJohnsSav.org](http://StJohnsSav.org) and click GIVE (top right of menu)
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## HOW WE WORSHIP AND WHY – THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

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Because we are embodied souls, we worship God not only with our souls, but also with our bodies. When these bodily ceremonies are executed not perfunctorily but with reverence and mindfulness, they stir up and strengthen our faith and love for Christ. One of these bodily ceremonies is the sign of the cross. In the baptism in which Christian life begins, the priest makes it upon us, "in token that hereafter he shall not ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end". We can also make it upon ourselves, as the children's rhyme instructs us: "Head, heart, / Left, right/ That's the sign/ By which we fight". Because Christ has redeemed us by his cross, in the sign of the cross we acknowledge our entire reliance on his grace, and our entire consecration to his service. The use of this sign is entirely at the discretion of the worshipper, but the customary points at which to do so are these: when the priest makes a sign of the cross over the people, at the absolution (at Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Holy Communion) and at the blessing. The priest and people may also make it upon themselves at numerous other points: at the beginning of the gospel canticles (Benedictus, Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis), at the end of the creeds, at the invocation of the Trinity, at the announcement of the gospel (three tiny crosses made with the thumb, on forehead, lips, and heart), at "Rest eternal", at "Blessed

**THE ORDER FOR  
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  
OR HOLY COMMUNION**

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful people,  
and kindle in them the fire of thy love.



HYMN #463 *O Thou Who Camest From Above*.....Hereford

**THE ANTE-COMMUNION**

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*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*Answer:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

The Collect for Purity (*All kneel.*) .....Prayer Book, p. 67

**PREPARING IN PENITENCE**

The Summary of the Law (*All kneel.*).....Prayer Book, p. 69

KYRIE ELEISON (*all kneel*) Hymnal #710 (p. 752) .....Healey Willan

Lord have mercy upon us. / Christ have mercy upon us. / Lord have mercy upon us.

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*Answer:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Minister:* Let us pray.

The Collect for the Day (*All kneel.*)..... Prayer Book, p. 204

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

The Epistle (*all sit*) 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 .....Prayer Book, pp. 204-205

*Grace is freely given that we may labor in works*

HYMN (*all stand*) #60 *With Broken Heart* .....Babylon's Streams

The Holy Gospel (*all stand*) St. Luke 18: 9-14.....Prayer Book, p, 205  
*Works not the cause of grace.*

Priest: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, in the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 9<sup>th</sup> verse.

Answer: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**A**T that time: Jesus spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Answer: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED (*Standing, said by all*).....Prayer Book, p. 71

**I**BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements (*All sit.*)

The Address

## THE OFFERTORY

Sentences (*All stand.*)

**W**hatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets. St. *Matthew. 7*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (*all sit*) *The Pharisee and the Publican* ..... Heinrich Schütz

(Text: Prayer Book, p. 205)

soloists: Nayaraq Armstong, tenor; Kaleb Wimes, bass

Presentation of Alms (*All stand.*) Doxology #139.....Old Hundredth  
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. **Amen.**

*Priest:* All things come of thee, O Lord,  
*Answer:* and of thine own have we given thee.

### The Biddings and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

*Minister:* Of your charity I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:  
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;  
*Answer:* **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Prayer for Christ's Church (*All kneel.*) ..... Prayer Book, p. 74–75

## THE PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Invitation, Confession (*Said by all, all kneeling until Blessing.*).....Prayer Book, p. 75

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Absolution and Comfortable Words .....Prayer Book, p. 76

Sursum Corda #734..... Hymnal #734, p. 788 or Prayer Book, p. 76

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do ...**

SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS #711 & #797 ..... Healey Willan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory;  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. **Amen.**  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration: Institution, Oblation, and Invocation.....Prayer Book, p. 80-81

The Lord's Prayer (*Said with the congregation.*)..... Prayer Book, p. 82

**O**UR 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.**

Prayer of Humble Access (*Said with the congregation.*) .....Prayer Book, p. 82

**W**E do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI #712 (Hymnal, page 754) .....Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

***Receiving the Sacrament.***

*Those who are baptized, have attained to years of discretion, and who have been admitted to communion (which at St. John's, is normally by confirmation, but for visitors may have taken place by some other means) are welcome to receive the sacrament. All others are welcome to receive a blessing at the altar rail (please kneel and cross arms over your breast to signify your intention).*

*To receive the host, please place right hand over left, palm up, at the level of your chest, and lift the host to your lips. To receive the chalice, keep your neck and head straight, and lightly grasp the bowl or stem of the chalice to guide it to your lips. For reasons of hygiene, self-intinction (dipping) of the host in the chalice is not permitted. If you do not wish to receive the chalice, you may get up after receiving the host, or cross your arms over your chest.*

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* .....Joe Utterback

HYMN #462 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*.....Windsor

COMMUNION MOTET: *Turn Thy Face From My Sins* ..... Thomas Attwood

Turn Thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds;  
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me .  
(Text from Psalm 51)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*Said with the congregation.*) .....Prayer Book, p. 83

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of

all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #713 (Hymnal, page 756).....Healey Willan  
 The Blessing (*all kneel*) .....Prayer Book, p. 84  
 HYMN #599 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*.....Vigiles et Sancti  
 FINAL VOLUNTARY: Fanfare in C .....Henry Purcell, arr. E. Power Biggs



*This week is the Kick Off for our new Sunday Schedule!  
 See our classes below— and turn to p.9 for a full list of class details and locations.*

ST JOHN'S CHURCH  
**CHRISTIAN  
 EDUCATION**  
 Fall 2023

**The Gospel of Matthew** (Fr Dunbar)  
**Devotional Classics** (Bp Lambert)  
**Faith & Fellowship** (Fr Jameson)  
**Augustine's Confessions** (Mr Sparks)

For more details please visit  
[StJohnsSav.org/GROW](http://StJohnsSav.org/GROW)

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

**YOUTH &  
 CHILDREN**

**FALL SUNDAY  
 SCHOOL**

**5TH - 12TH GRADE**  
 PHILIPPIANS: FRIENDSHIP,  
 FAITHFULNESS & JOY  
 WITH MR VANDERLIP

**1ST - 4TH GRADE**  
 STORYMAKERS: EXODUS  
 WITH MS ROSS

**PRE-K & K**  
 THE BEGINNERS BIBLE  
 WITH MS WYLLY & MS ROSS

**YOUTH GROUP**  
 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS AT 5 PM

GOSPEL | HOSPITALITY | VIRTUE | WORSHIP

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

### VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

11 a.m. Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings (Stacy)

### USHER CHAIRS

Mr. Frank Somoskey; Mr. Joseph R. Ross (Rusty)

### CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara), Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea), Mrs. B. Ray Summerell (Melanie), Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally), Mrs. I. David Futrell, Jr. (Penny), and Mrs. R. Gilbert Wells (Jane).

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Mrs. Patty C. Gaillard, my sister, Trish Snyder, and my brother George Gaillard by Sally Fiveash.

And in thanksgiving for St. John's and in loving memory of John Pindar Bradshaw Schaller, Sandford Graham Simmons and Julia Floyd Smith by Marie Simmons.

And in loving memory of their father, George Oelschig, and their mother, Shirley Oelschig, on what would have been their 71st wedding anniversary, by their loving children George Oelschig, Jr., Joan Oelschig Dyer, and Kurt Oelschig.

And in loving memory of Betty Mercer Gilbert by Wayne and Rhett Willis, Rhett and George.

*To offer flowers for the Altar, call the Church office. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-in.*

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to the family of **Grady Harold Stribling**, the father of Amanda Stribling Futrell, of this parish, who died on August 10th, 2023.

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We offer heartfelt condolences to the family of **Cecelia Bostick Williams**, daughter of Charlie and Julia Williams, of this parish, who passed away on Wednesday, August 16th. Her Burial Office will be **Tuesday, August 22, at 11 a.m.** in the church. A catered reception will follow in the Green-Meldrim House, with interment at Bonaventure Cemetery after the reception. The service will also be livestreamed at the church's website, [www.stjohnssav.org/funeral](http://www.stjohnssav.org/funeral)

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We send our sincere condolences to the family of **Jack Wray**, husband of Karen Wray, of this parish, who passed away this week. A Requiem will be held on **August 25th at 11 a.m.**; a reception will follow at the Green-Meldrim House.

## UPCOMING WORSHIP WEEK OF TRINITY XI

**Monday-Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

### Monday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

### Tuesday:

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

### Wednesday:

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel

12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*

9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

### Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle & Martyr

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel

12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel

### Friday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

### Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, Trinity XII

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

9 a.m. *Family Holy Communion*, Chapel

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Church/Online

12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, Green-Meldrim House



## FALL 2023 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & FELLOWSHIP LIST

8:00am – 10:30 am	Breakfast	1st Floor Fellowship Hall, Cranmer Hall
8:45 am – 12:30 pm	Nursery with Ashley Rhetta & Briana Rivers	1st Floor Front Room, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<b>Children’s Sunday School : PreK -Kindergarten</b> <i>The Beginner’s Bible</i> with Margaret Wylly and Kathy Ross	2nd Floor Room off Children’s Chapel, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Children’s Sunday School : 1st grade – 4th grade</b> <i>Storymakers, Old Testament</i> with Sarah Ross	2nd Floor Children’s Chapel, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Children’s Sunday School : 5th grade – 12th grade:</b> <i>The Letter to the Philippians: Friendship, Faithfulness, &amp; Joy</i> with Steven Vanderlip	3rd Floor Classroom, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Faith &amp; Fellowship:</b> Reading <i>Crazy Busy: A (Mercifully) Short Book about a (Really) Big Problem</i> with Fr. Jameson	3rd Floor Reading Room, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Adults:</b> <i>Devotional Classics:</i> Continuing the Lifetime Road to God with Bp. Lambert	3rd Floor Ralston Room, Cranmer Hall
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Adults:</b> <i>Study of Matthew</i> with Fr. Dunbar (Note: to participate remotely, email dkarls@stjohnssav.org for a link)	St. Mary’s Chapel, Church 1st Floor
10:00 am- 11:00 am	<b>Adults:</b> <i>St. Augustine’s Confessions</i> with Matthew Sparks	3rd Floor Prayer Book Room, Cranmer Hall
<b>5:00 pm–7:00 pm</b> <b>2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</b>	<b>THE SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS:</b> special guest speakers (see <a href="http://stjohnssav.org/sns">stjohnssav.org/sns</a> for dates and further details)	Green-Meldrim House
<b>5:00 pm–7:00 pm</b> <b>2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</b>	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b> with Steven Vanderlip. (Young child care is also provided.)	Cranmer Hall

## PARISH PAPER ESSAY

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### TOO MANY BOOKS

*This essay from 2008 has been revised.*

The Stoic author Seneca (a contemporary of Saint Paul) did not approve of reading many different authors and books – or rather, the practice of not reading them, but skipping from one to another, “making flying visits to them all” but never “acquiring an intimate acquaintance with any one great writer”. “Food that is vomited up as soon as it is eaten” (a deplorable habit of Roman gourmands), “is not assimilated into the body and does not do one any good; nothing hinders a cure so much as frequent changes of treatment; a wound will not heal over if it is being made the subject of experiments with different ointments; a plant which is frequently moved never grows strong. Nothing is so useful that it can be of any service in the mere passing. A multitude of books only gets in one’s way”. His advice: “always read well-tried authors”, “writers whose genius is unquestionable”, “and if at any moment you find yourself wanting a change from a particular author, go back to the ones you have read before”. It is very good advice. I can’t say that I live by it all the time. I like nothing so much as acquiring more books, and find it very difficult to get rid of any. Though I do go back to books I have read before, I also do skip from book to book. It is deplorable. There is one exception to my bibliogourmandizing, and that is the Bible and the Prayer Book. When I began to be serious about the Christian religion, it was impressed upon me very strongly that I should take up the discipline of reading Morning and Evening Prayer every day (the daily “office” or duty of a priest), and by and large I have done so ever since.

This has meant not only reading the psalms and prayers in the Prayer Book, but also reading the Bible in a systematic way over the course of each year, according to a lectionary (schedule of

readings). The office lectionary in the 1928 Prayer Book is not very good (it’s one of its few weak points); we use the English Church’s 1922 lectionary in the chapel and in online Morning Prayer.

Like any discipline, reading the office can be a bit of a chore, and sometimes leaves me bored or confused. Yet like any discipline, the fruit it bears is undeniable. When I first began reading the Bible, I often found myself puzzled and confused. It seemed rather strange and sometimes indigestible, a kind of wilderness in which one could get lost. There are still times when I feel that way! But I have also seen this wilderness turn to paradise. For an Episcopalian, I have a fairly well stocked memory of Bible passages, which I can refer to without much trouble. More strikingly, I notice the slow growth of understanding.

Passages that once struck me as opaque and puzzling now speak to me clearly and powerfully. In the filling of the memory and the illumination of the understanding, a foundation is laid for the purification of the will in prayer, which is the whole point. As Cranmer said, “In reading of God’s Word, he most profiteth not always, that is most ready in turning of the book...; but he that is most turned into it, that is most inspired with the Holy Ghost, most in his heart and life altered, and transformed into that thing which he readeth”.

To that end, Seneca adds this further counsel for our reading: “After running over a lot of different thoughts, pick out one to be digested thoroughly that day. This is what I do myself; out of many bits I have been reading I lay hold of one”. What Seneca describes is the process of assimilation, vividly caught in the familiar language of the collect for Advent 2, “read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest”. In selecting this “thought for the day” from the reading or hearing of the daily office, we choose the scriptural word to which we will return over the course of the day

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through memorization, meditation, and prayer. “Lord, what love have I unto thy law! All the day long is my study of it” (Psalm 119:97). By this process, the fruits of reading the Word of God in the daily office are multiplied, and our own souls and lives conformed more fully to it. “Blessed is the man”, says the psalmist, whose “delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law will he exercise himself [i.e. meditate] day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side, that will bring forth his fruit in due season. His leaf also shall not wither; and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper”. “Thy word have I hid within my heart, that I should not sin against thee” (Psalm 119:11”).

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### THE SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS

*Wine. Small Bites. Big Ideas. Real Conversation.*

Beginning next Sunday, **August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**, St John’s will present Sunday evenings with thought-provoking speakers in the Green-Meldrim House. The first session will feature Andy Squyres, a musician and poet, speaking on *“Christ is at your kitchen sink”*.

A \$25 donation is suggested. Youth group and childcare will be offered in Cranmer Hall at the same time. Contact Fr. Jameson or the office with any questions. To reserve your place, visit [stjohnssav.org/sns](http://stjohnssav.org/sns) and click on the RSVP link.

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

### STEVEN BRANYON RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED

Steven Branyon, Organist-Choirmaster of St. John’s since 2014, has announced his intention to retire. His last Sunday on the bench will be **September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, and he plans to move back to his hometown of York, S. C., where he will be caring for his mother. Mr. Branyon is known for his passionate commitment to musical excellence, his use of rare and unusual repertoire, and his fresh and imaginative approach to hymn accompaniment. Those wishing to contribute to a purse for him may send checks made out to St. John’s (with ‘Branyon purse’ in the memo line), or made out to Mr. Branyon directly. An announcement of the appointment of an interim organist-choirmaster is expected soon.

### THANK YOU FROM OUTREACH

A warm thank you to the generous parishioners and volunteers who donated backpacks and school supplies to the Urban Hope children and to the Kingambo Family. We were able to provide 88 backpacks, funds for uniforms, and fresh foods from Davis Produce to help these students have a great start to the new school year!

### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group resumes Sunday, **August 27<sup>th</sup>!** Youth Group meets on Sunday nights from **5-7 pm** in Cranmer Hall: join us for an activity, dinner, and a study of the theme of “royal priesthood” in the Bible as we come to understand our occupation as priests in God’s creation. The youth group is open to all youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above. Childcare is offered for younger children and parents are welcome to join *The Sunday Night Sessions* with Fr Jameson.

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