

**NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS SUNDAY.**

**THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S**

*The nursery (newborns to four-year-olds) is available from 10:15 a.m. to noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Cranmer Hall.*

**8 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION, Church**

*A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following 8 a.m. service.*  
Introit: Psalm 96, BCP p.459-460; The Collect, BCP p. 175-176  
The Epistle and Gospel, BCP p. 176-177

**9 A.M. ACOLYTE TRAINING, Church**

*New and returning acolytes will meet in the church from 9-10 a.m.*

**9:30 A.M. FR. DUNBAR'S CLASS, Cranmer Hall**

*During the summer, Fr. Dunbar's Sunday School class will meet in the Ralston Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Cranmer Hall.*

**10:30 A.M. MORNING PRAYER, Church & Online**

**Music for This Sunday:**

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578, Johann S. Bach  
#88 *Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now*, ST ALBINUS  
#101 *O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown*, KINGSFOLD  
Thou visitest the earth - Maurice Greene  
#91 *The Strife Is O'er*, VICTORY  
Fugue in G Major, BWV 577, Johann S. Bach

**11:45 A.M. COFFEE HOUR, Green-Meldrim House**

**TRINITY SUNDAY, CHORAL MATINS WITH BRASS, JUNE 15, AT 10:30 A.M.**

To contribute toward the cost of the brass on Trinity Sunday, visit [StJohnsSav.org/brass](http://StJohnsSav.org/brass) for a form or contact the office to arrange memorial/honorary intentions to be published in the Parish Paper and Sunday bulletin.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

St. John's is hiring a full-time sexton to support various duties across our campus. We're looking for someone physically capable of lifting 50 lbs. or more and comfortable working in both indoor and outdoor environments. The ideal candidate should be skilled with general tools and light equipment, able to follow instructions carefully, and adaptable to changing needs. Reliability, flexibility, and strong interpersonal skills are essential for fostering a positive community atmosphere. If you know someone who would be a great fit for this role, please contact Janice Woods, Business Manager at 912-232-1251.

**ST. JOHN'S STEPHEN MINISTERS  
Do You Know Someone Going through a Difficult Time?**

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any other life challenge? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need. If you know of someone, speak with one of our Stephen Leaders: Paul Lambert, Sally Lambert, or Rick Wright to discuss how they can connect with them.

# The Parish Paper

OF

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

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**THE LORD'S ASCENSION**

*This Thursday is the Feast of the Lord's Ascension, one of the most important but also most neglected festivals of the church's year. On Ascension Day, Holy Communion will be administered in the Chapel at Noon and 5 p.m.*

According to the prophet Isaiah (55:11), the Word that goes forth from God does not return unto him void, but accomplishes that which God has willed, and prospers in its mission. In the Lord's Ascension into heaven, we rejoice in the homecoming of the Word of God incarnate. He does not return void, but victorious, having accomplished the will of God for our salvation, having prospered mightily in his mission. Having offered in his own death upon the cross the all-sufficient sacrifice for sin, he ascends on high in triumph and takes his seat at the Father's right hand, to reign with him in glory, "from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool" (Hebrews 10.13). Ascended on high in human body and soul, he fills all things with his power, and reigns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, in expectation of the day, when he shall come again in glory, to judge the quick and the dead, and to offer up his kingdom over the world to the Father, "that God may be all in all" (1 Cor 15).

The Ascension thus shows forth the completeness of Christ's finished sacrifice: nothing now stands between man and God, nothing now prevents man's return to God in Christ, nothing now prevents the outpouring of his Spirit upon all flesh. In the Lord's Ascension,

he returns home to the Father, in the humanity he assumed from Mary, when he was conceived and born; the humanity in which he suffered and died; the humanity in which he rose again. In his ascension, for the first time, humanity enters into heaven; humanity attains its end in God, human nature shares the life

**UPCOMING WORSHIP:  
WEEK OF EASTER V**

**Online Morning Prayer:**  
8:15 a.m. Monday-Friday

**Monday, May 26: Memorial Day**  
*Church office closed.  
No services today.*

**Tuesday, May 27:**  
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel  
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

**Wednesday, May 28:**  
Noon *Holy Communion*, Church  
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel  
9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

**Thursday, May 29:  
Ascension Day**  
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel  
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*  
*with Holy Communion*, Chapel

**Friday, May 30:**  
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel

**Saturday, May 31:**  
11 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel

**Sunday, June 1: Ascension Sunday**  
8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church  
9:30 a.m. *Fr. Dunbar's Class*,  
Ralston Room, Cranmer Hall  
10:30 a.m. *Sung Eucharist & Sermon*,  
Church/Online

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**STANDING NOTICES**

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital or hospice.

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR**

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
11 a.m. Mrs. Duncan Pindar (Terry)

**USHERS**

Mr. Mark D. Stevens

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Choir of Adults

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

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Mrs. Jayne G. Holland  
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Mrs. I. David Futrell, Jr. (Penny)  
Ms. Linda H. Pounds  
Dr. H. Robert Jarman

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIR**

Mrs. David A. Reid (Richie)

**FLOWERS**

The flowers in church this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Jane Philbrick by Dr. Thomas Philbrick and Hunter Philbrick.

And in loving memory of Jane Philbrick by Mr. and Mrs. Brian D. Harlander.

And in loving memory of George Anderson Mercer III by Wayne Mercer Willis, Bessie Mercer Halsey and their families.

And on the occasion of the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the institution of Father Gavin Dunbar as Rector of St. John's Church.

And to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of The Right Reverend and Mrs. Paul E. Lambert.

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

**CONDOLENCES**

We extend our condolences to the family of St. John's parishioner, Mary Burnett, who died on Sunday, May 18. A funeral at St. John's Church was held Wednesday, May 21, at 11 a.m.

of heaven, and participates in the divine nature. Indeed, in the ascension of Christ, believers, who are members of his mystical body, have also ascended: invisibly but really we are already in the heavenly places in him, already blessed by all spiritual blessings, and already have attained our end. Outwardly and visibly we remain in the world; inwardly and invisibly we are already sharing in the life of God. That gives us an entirely new orientation and perspective to our lives: "seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth; for ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:1). When we hear in the liturgy: "Lift up your hearts"; let us lift them up unto the Lord; lift them up in praise and prayer of faith and love to that place, where we are present with Christ in his unity with the Father, where Christ nourishes and sustains our souls with the bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation.

The heavenly perspective established by Christ's Ascension is the key to the Christian understanding of the Lord's Supper. Christ's presence in the Supper is to be understood not in earthly but in heavenly terms. Concerning the words of Christ over the elements of bread and wine, Thomas Cranmer wrote: "the old doctors [the catholic church fathers] do call this speaking of Christ tropical, figurative, anagogical, allegorical; which they do interpret after this sort, that although the substance of bread and wine do remain, and be received of the faithful, yet notwithstanding, Christ changed the appellation thereof, and called the bread by the name of his flesh, and the wine by the name of his blood... "not that it is so in very deed, but signified in a mystery": so that we should consider, not what they be in their own nature, but what they import to us and signify; and should understand

the sacraments, not carnally, but spiritually; and should attend, not to the visible nature of the sacraments, neither have respect only to the outward bread and cup, thinking to see there with our eyes no other things but only bread and wine; but that, lifting up our minds, we should look up to the blood of Christ with our faith, should touch him with our mind, and receive him with our inward man; and that, being like eagles in this life, we should fly up into heaven in our hearts, where that Lamb is resident at the right hand of his Father, which taketh away the sins of the world; by whose stripes we are made whole, by whose passion we are filled at his table; and whose blood we receiving out of his holy side, do live for ever; being made the guests of Christ, having him dwelling in us through the grace of his true nature, and through the virtue and efficacy of his whole passion; being no less assured and certified that we are fed spiritually unto eternal life by Christ's flesh crucified, and by his blood shed, the true food of our minds, than that our bodies be fed with meat and drink in this life: and hereof this said mystical bread on the table of Christ, and the mystical wine, being administered and received after the institution of Christ, be to us a memorial, a pledge, a token, a sacrament, and a seal". – GGD

**INAUGURAL MEN OF ST JOHN'S BURGERS, BREWS & BOURBON**  
*Wednesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.*

We invite all the parish men to the inaugural Burgers, Brews & Bourbon end-of-year event in the garden mall. Join them at 5:30 p.m. for brews, 6 p.m. for burgers, and 6:30 p.m. for bourbon. The cost is \$15 for parishioners and free for their male guests if signed up by June 1. After June 1, the price is \$20. Purchase online at [StJohnsSav.org/men](http://StJohnsSav.org/men).