St. John's Church - Savannah

The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity
October 25, 2026
11:00 am

Welcome

Whether you are visiting, seeking a church home, returning after time away, or exploring the Christian faith, we are glad you are here. Join us even if worship is unfamiliar or you are uncertain what you believe. We hope you will find answers to your questions, encouragement in faith, and the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Our mission. We seek to honor the Lord and build up faith and love by presenting the truth of the gospel in the beauty of Anglican Common Prayer. Our standards of doctrine and worship are the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and its Articles of Religion.

Following the service. This leaflet prints the congregation's words. You may listen to the clergy's parts or follow the page numbers in the smaller red Prayer Book in the pew rack. Hymn numbers refer to the taller red Hymnal.

Posture. We use our bodies in worship: "kneel to pray, sit to listen, and stand to praise." Follow the leaflet's directions as you are able, adopting a comfortable posture if physically limited.

Children. We welcome children and support parenting in the pew! Nursery care through kindergarten is available in Cranmer Hall; an usher or greeter can direct you. Its Fellowship Room is also available if your child needs a break. Our child-friendly family service is at 9 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages is at 10 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. At 11 a.m., Morning Prayer is offered on the second and fourth Sundays; Holy Communion on the first, third, and fifth. Communion is normally received by those baptized and confirmed. Baptized visitors who have reached the age of discretion and receive Communion in their home church are welcome to receive here.

Receiving Communion. Kneel at the altar rail as you are able. Receive the bread with palms up, right hand over left, then lift it to your lips. For the cup, hold your head upright and gently guide the chalice to your lips as the minister tips it. To receive a blessing without Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

Practical help. Ushers at the church door can assist you and direct you to restrooms in the church or Cranmer Hall.

After worship. Please introduce yourself to the clergy at the door. On Communion Sundays, join us for Lemonade on the Lawn, weather permitting; on Morning Prayer Sundays, for Coffee Hour at the Green Meldrim House, across the garden mall north of the church.

Stay in touch. To learn more about our faith and parish life or contact the clergy, complete a Visitor Card and place it in the collection plate.

Finding Cranmer Hall. Our Christian formation and fellowship building is the gold stucco building at Whitaker and West Charlton Streets. Leaving the church, turn right and walk toward its west end; Cranmer Hall is across Charlton Street.

Morning Prayer

Please maintain a reverent silence before the service

Voluntary: Chanson de Matin, Op. 15, No. 2 — Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

At the sound of the bell, the People kneel and a Priest says the opening prayer to which they respond

Amen.

As the procession enters the Nave, the People stand and sing

Hymn 289 "O God, our help in ages past" — st. anne

The Confession of Sin — The Book of Common Prayer, p. 6

The Officiant bids the Confession, the People kneel and say together

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults, Restore thou those who are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant alone stands and pronounces the Absolution to which the People respond

Amen.

All remain kneeling and say together

The Lord's Prayer — BCP, p. 7

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 Preces *(said by the Officiant and People)*

℣ O Lord, open thou our lips.
℟ And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
℣ O God, make speed to save us.
℟ O Lord, make haste to help us.

The People stand and the Officiant continues

℣ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
℟ As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.
℣ Praise ye the Lord.

℟ The Lord's Name be praised.

The People remain standing as the Choir sings

The Venite *(sung by the Choir)*

BCP, p. 9
Music: Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

The People sit for the singing of the Psalm and stand at the Gloria Patri.

The Psalm Appointed *(sung by the Choir)*

Psalm 90 *Domine, refugium* BCP, p. 453

The Old Testament Lesson: 1 Samuel 17:4–11, 32–51

In those days: there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass. And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders. And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him. And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee. And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. Then

said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands. And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

The People stand and join in singing

Canticle: Te Deum *(sung by All)* BCP, p. 10; Hymnal, p. 708, Setting C

The New Testament Lessons:

Ephesians 6:10–20 BCP, p. 219

John 4:46–54 BCP, p. 219

The People stand and join in singing

Canticle: Benedictus *(sung by All)* BCP, p. 14; Hymnal, p. 717, Setting 638

The Apostles' Creed *(said by All)* BCP, p. 15

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The ✠ Resurrection of the body: And the Life Everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers *(said by the Officiant and People)*

℣ The Lord be with you.
℟ And with thy spirit.
℣ Let us pray.

The People kneel, and the Officiant continues

℣ Lord have mercy upon us;
℟ Christ have mercy upon us;
℣ Lord have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer *(said by All)*

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. Amen.

The Suffrages

℣ O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
℟ And grant us thy salvation.
℣ O Lord, save the State.
℟ And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
℣ Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
℟ And make thy chosen people joyful.
℣ O Lord, save thy people.
℟ And bless thine inheritance.
℣ Give peace in our time, O Lord.
℟ For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.
℣ O God, make clean our hearts within us.
℟ And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects BCP, pp. 219, 17

The Officiant says the Collects and may add other prayers, to each the People respond

Amen.

The Officiant continues with the prayers for the faithful departed

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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP, p. 20

The Officiant continues with

The Grace BCP, p. 20

The People respond

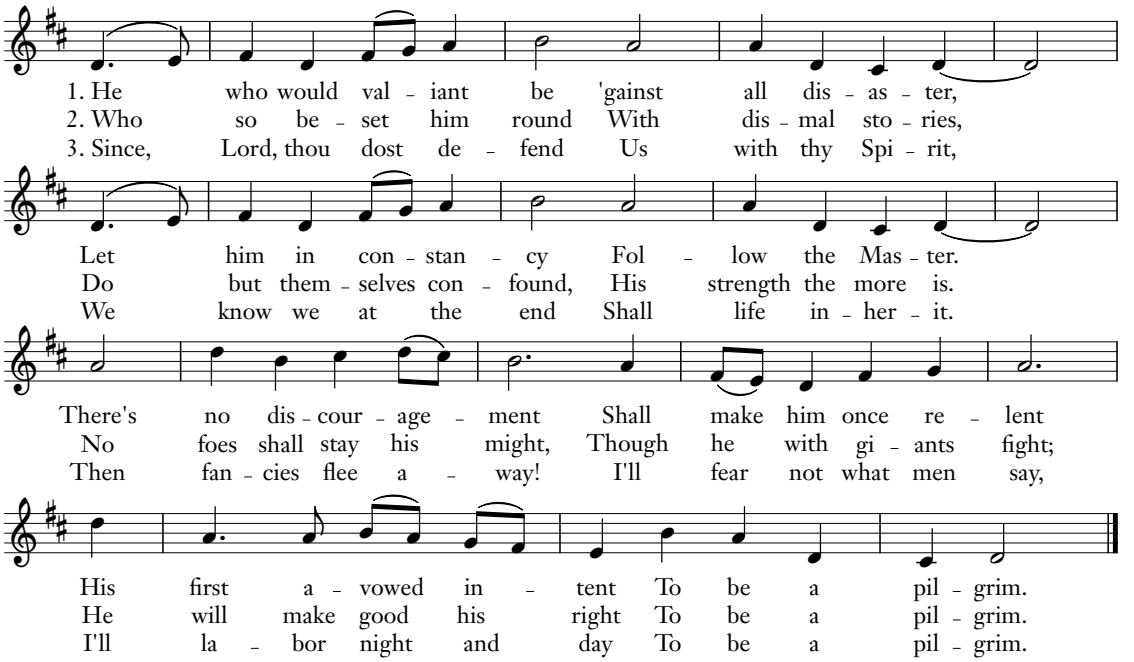
Amen.

The People sit for

The Notices

The People stand and join in singing

Hymn "He who would valiant be" MONK'S GATE



THE ADDRESS The Right Reverend Frank Logue, *Bishop of Georgia*

THE OFFERING

The People stand and the Priest begins the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. After which, the People sit.

THE ANTHEM

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills *
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, *
The Lord that made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, *
He that keepeth thee shall not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, *
My God in whom I will trust.

Words: Psalm 121:1-4; Psalm 91:2
Music: James Rogers (1857-1940)

The People stand as representatives of the congregation bring the People's gifts to the Priest and sing

Hymn 139 "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn 141 "My country, 'tis of thee" Verse 4 AMERICA

Our father's God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King.

The Priest then says

All things come of thee, O Lord,
People and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

Then the Priest continues with

The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Priest Let us pray.

The People kneel and join in saying the following

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The People remain kneeling and a Priest (or Bishop, if present) pronounces a blessing to which they respond

Amen.

The People stand and join in singing

Hymn 551 "A mighty fortress is our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

The People kneel and the Priest says

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost:
People Praise him and magnify him for ever. Amen

VOLUNTARY: Ein' feste Burg Wilhelm Rudnick (1850-1927)

The People are invited to be seated for the voluntary or depart silently

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Green-Meldrim House following the liturgy for refreshments and fellowship.