St. John's Church - Savannah

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity
November 8, 2026
11:00 AM

Welcome to St. John's

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.

How to follow 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. Sunday School for all ages is at 10AM

Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. At 11AM, 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.

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

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.

Morning Prayer

Please maintain a reverent silence before the service

Voluntary: Rhapsody in D-flat, Op. 17, No. 1 — Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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 370 "Spirit divine, attend our prayers" — GRAEFENBERG

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: William Harris (1883-1973)

The People remain standing and join in reciting

The Psalm Appointed *(said by All)*

Psalm 44 *Deus, auribus* BCP, p. 394

At the conclusion of the Psalm, the following is said

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 3:1–25

In those days: Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever. Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image: And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we

are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flames of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

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:

Philippians 3:17–21 — BCP, p. 222

Matthew 22:15–22 — BCP, p. 222

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. 222, 256, 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 Offering

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

The Anthem

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; *
they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, *
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words: Psalm 122:6, 7
Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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 589 "O what their joy and their glory must be" O QUANTA QUALIA

The People are seated for the Annual Meeting as the Choir departs the Chancel

Annual General Meeting

- Invocation - The Reverend Gavin G. Dunbar
- Call to Order - The Senior Warden
- Approval of Minutes
- Reports:
  - Treasurer - Mr. Floyd Whittington, Jr.
  - Stewardship Committee - Mr. Graham Sadler
  - Senior Warden - Mrs. James Holtzclaw (Sherry)
  - Associate Rector's Report - The Reverend Jonathan Jameson
  - The Rector's Report - The Reverend Gavin G. Dunbar
  - Nominating Committee - Mr. Graham Sadler
- Election of four Vestry members for the class of 2027-2029
- Unfinished Business
- New business
- Closing Prayer - The Reverend Gavin G. Dunbar
- Adjournment