



St. John's Parish Church

DO YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE CHURCH?

We are located by the Angel Oak Tree

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8 a.m. Monday to Friday

9 a.m. Sunday

In-Person Sunday Service

8 a.m. Church

9 a.m. Walton Hall

10:30 a.m. Church

Nursery open 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Masks required



THIS WEEK

Dec. 17, 2020

Sermon—God's Promises Part 15

"I Will Lift Up the Lowly" by Fr. Jeremy+ on Sunday, Dec. 13, will cover these texts:

Isaiah 7:10-17

Psalms 2:7-10

Hebrews 10:1-10

Luke 1:39-56

Pre-consecrated Communion wafers and wine will be available 9-11 a.m. Saturday, outside of the main entrance to Walton Hall for those watching Sunday service online.

The Nursery is open Sunday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Contact Anna Gervais, nursery coordinator (anna.s.whitworth@gmail.com).

Preparing for Christmas

Dec 20 Christmas Under the Oaks 5pm
Lessons & Carols ★ Worship ★ Chili ★ Smores
Warm clothes, masks recommended outside and required indoors.

Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Traditional Services in Church 10:30am and 7pm
Contemporary Service in Walton Hall 5pm
Live on Facebook 5pm

Dec 25 Christmas Day Worship Service online Joy

Please bring a chair for Christmas Under the Oaks 5pm this coming Sunday.

Let us know which Christmas Services you will attend so we can plan additional services if needed for proper social distancing.

At St. John's

"Behold, I have come to do your will..."
And by that will we have been sanctified
through the offering of the body of
Jesus Christ once for all

If anyone needs support through Christmas and New Year please contact one of the staff or vestry or call the church at 843-559-9560.

Christmas Stockings for Lieber Correctional Institute Ministry



THANK YOU to all the parishioners who donated to the inmates at Lieber Correctional Institute in Ridgeville. Through your generosity, we collected: 99 greeting cards, 97 Christmas stockings, 143 toothbrushes, 15 tubes of toothpaste, 73 deodorants, 288 bars of soap, 19 T-shirts, 1624 pieces of candy, 1 basketball, 28 pairs of socks, 150 masks and in-kind donation of \$100.

The gifts will be taken to St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church of Daniels Island, the non-profit organization that was asked by Lieber correctional officers to spearhead this effort. Nancy Bloodgood, a representative of St. Clair, was thrilled to see the donation from St. John's Parish. She was especially excited to see the number of cards that were written as they were greatly needed.

As we joyfully anticipate celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, let us all pray for those who are incarcerated. Let us pray that each inmate will feel the love of God and care from the Christian community through the stockings and Christmas cards and will want to seek out or further develop a closer relationship with Christ.

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison..... Hebrews 13:3

For more information, contact Chrissy Binz, Debbie Hawkins, or Libby Puckette.

Peru Day

On Peru Day, Dec. 13, we raised more than \$150 for the benefit of our friends in Peru. The fundraiser sold Christmas gifts made by Peruvians. Thank you, St. John's parishioners.



Vestry Nomination

Can you nominate someone to serve on the vestry or are you willing to be nominated by another? Please let us know. We have four spots to fill and one nomination so far.

Altar Flowers

December 13, 2020. Altar flowers were given to the glory of God by St. Anna Chapter Daughters of the Holy Cross.



St. John's Altar Flower Ministry designs new flower creations each week for Sunday Church Services. Flowers are individually selected and prepared on Friday. The cost to dedicate flowers is \$70 for both vases or \$40 for one. Please contact Sally Dixon (balact@bellsouth.net; 843-709-4894).

Christmas Services

On Christmas eve there will be 3 services: In the church at 10:30am and 7pm, in Walton Hall and online at 5pm.



Christmas Day will be online with a recording from Grace Chapel available on Facebook, the Mobile App and the website.

PRAYERS

We pray for persecuted churches around the world.

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Heavenly Father, Christians and Christian churches in those countries are suffering due to violence, Islamic persecution, and war against each other. We lift them up in your Holy Name, asking for your mercy to surround them. We pray for the Christian churches in Armenia and Azerbaijan to persevere through the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Collect

For Advent 4, Dec. 20

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Pray for Operation Christmas Child

Please continue to pray for your Christmas child. We want to open children's hearts to not only receive the box but also the message of love and hope in Christ Jesus.

For Times of Social Distress or Conflict

Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and you again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Jude's Walterboro
Rev. Newman Lawrence, rector, and his wife, Trish
Atonement, Walterboro

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast
Bishop Clark Lowenfield, and his wife, Tricia

Prayers for Healing

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their schools close
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,
let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot
physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God
to our neighbors. *Amen*