



# St. John's Parish Church

## DO YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE CHURCH?

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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

### *Christmas Eve, Dec. 24*

#### In-Person Services

10:30 a.m. in the Church

5 p.m. in Walton Hall

7 p.m. in the Church

Masks required indoors at all times

No Nursery on Dec. 24

#### Service Readings

Isaiah 9:1-7

Psalm 96

Titus 2:11-15

Luke 2: 1-20

Sermon – God's Promises:

"I Am the Fulfillment of the Father's Promises"

#### Facebook Live Online

Morning Prayer 8 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m.

### *Christmas Day, Dec. 25*

#### Facebook Live Online

Morning Prayer 8 a.m.

Christmas Day Service 7 p.m. from Grace Chapel

### *First Sunday of Christmas, Dec. 27*

8 a.m. in the Church

9 a.m. in Walton Hall

10:30 a.m. in the Church

Masks required indoors at all times

Nursery available

Facebook at 9 a.m.

Nursery available 9 a.m. to noon

#### Readings

Isaiah 61:10-62

Psalm 147:13-20

Galatians 3:23-24

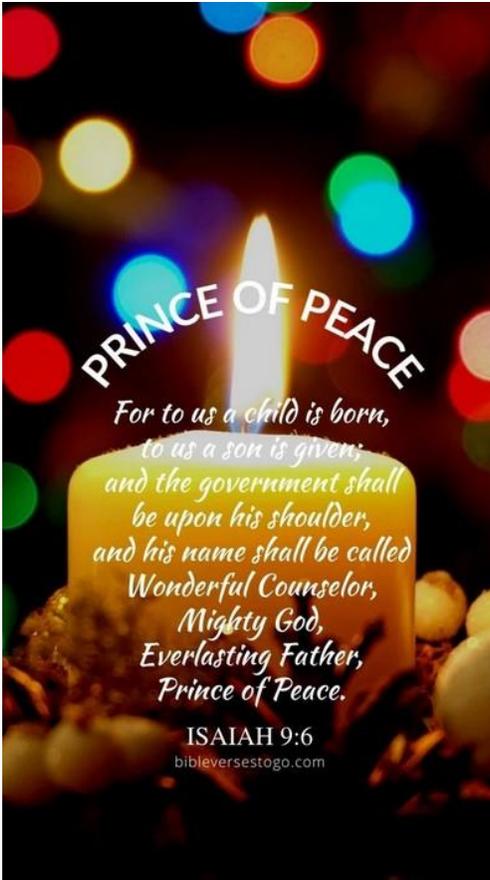
John 1:1-18

Sermon – The Rev. Tom Hample

#### Facebook Live Online

Sunday Service 9 a.m.

## *At St. John's*



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

### *Welcome our New Parish Administrator*

Sally Dixon, our Director of Music, organist, and choir Director, has agreed to serve as our part-time interim Parish Administrator for 2021. Sally will be available in the office two days a week from January 4.

Sally has been instrumental in ensuring that many of the non-financial details of running the parish have continued since Agnes Dixon retired from the position. Sally will complement the work of Elizabeth Bumpas as bookkeeper. We are so blessed to have Sally take over the reigns of parish administration.

### *Peru Days*

We have raised more than \$200 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 20, 2020. Altar flowers were given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Jay and Paulette Withington.*



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. We are now taking bookings for 2021. Please contact Sally Dixon (balact@bellsouth.net; 843-709-4894) or complete the dedication form inside the Church entryway.

## PRAYERS

### *Collects*

#### **Christmas Eve**

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

# PRAYERS

## *Collect*

### **Christmas Day**

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Sunday, Dec. 27**

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## *We pray for persecuted churches around the world.*

We pray for persecuted churches around the world. For the month of December, we pray for the nations of **Armenia** and **Azerbaijan**.

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.

## *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*

Christ–St. Paul's, Yonges Island

The Very Rev. Craig Borrett

The Rev. Dr. Kendall Harmon

## *The Anglican Cycle of Prayer*

The Anglican Diocese of the South

Archbishop Foley Beach, and his wife, Allison

Bishop Frank Lyons, and his wife, Shawnee

## *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*