



# 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

Dec. 2, 2020

## Sermon—God's Promises Part 13

"I Will Give You All Good Things" by Fr. Greg+ on Sunday, Dec. 6, will cover these texts:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 85

James 1:2-18

Matthew 7:7-11

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](mailto:anna.s.whitworth@gmail.com)).

**Preparing for Christmas**

*Dec 6, St. Nicholas Day*  
A special visitor will be here after communion at the 9am service and at the beginning of the 10:30am Service

*Dec 20 Christmas Under the Oaks 5pm*  
*Dec 24 Christmas Eve 10:30am, 5pm & 7pm*  
*Dec 25 Christmas Day online*

*More to come...*

*Joy*

## Advent 2 Dec. 6 St. Nicholas Day

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## Upcoming Ordinations to the Priesthood

- The Rev. Chip Bateson — Thursday, Dec. 3, at Reconciliation Anglican Church, Verona, Pa., in the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh
- The Rev. Zach Miller — 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at St. Helena, Beaufort
- The Rev. Tom Hample — 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at The Cathedral of St. Luke & St. Paul, Charleston. Fr. Hample will preach at St. John's on Dec. 27

## St. Michael's Advent Concert, Dec. 11

St. Michael's Church, Charleston, presents "The Angels Sing," a choral service for Advent and Christmas, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 in the church. Professional singers from across Charleston join together under the direction of St. Michael's Director of Music, Dr. Chris Keenan, to perform a wide variety of music for the season, ranging from the Renaissance to the 21st century.

Seating will be limited, and masks will be required. The event will also be streamed online through the [parish website](https://stmichaelschurch.net/) (<https://stmichaelschurch.net/>) or its [YouTube channel](#).

## Order Your Christmas Poinsettias

St. John's will adorn the Church and Walton Hall in preparation for Christmas and to remember and honor loved ones. You may purchase as many poinsettias as you wish at \$17 each. We need to receive orders by Dec. 14.

Return your form with a check payable to St. John's Parish Church in the offering plate or by mail to St. John's Parish Church, P.O. Box 125, Johns Island SC 29457-0125, or pay online and designate for *Poinsettias 2020*.

## Altar Flowers

*November 29, 2020. Altar flowers were given to the glory of God and in memory of our grandmothers, Marytine Oliver Smith and Olga "Texy" Klein*



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](mailto:balact@bellsouth.net); 843-709-4894).

## Vestry Nominations

Please begin to think about the nomination for next year. There are four openings. The Nomination form is available at the church office and Walton Hall as well as on the website.

## Lieber Correctional Institute Ministry Christmas Stockings

There are 1,100 inmates at Lieber Correctional Institute in Ridgeville. Inmates have had no visits at all from their families for eight months as they have been locked down amid COVID-19. The inmates have to rely on family and volunteers to give them items for personal hygiene, and they desperately need these items.

Last year at Christmas, in an event organized by the prison ministry at St. Claire of Assisi on Daniel Island, some of the correctional officers and volunteers stuffed 80 red-felt stockings with soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, white tube socks, and a sweet.

This year, correctional officers at Lieber have asked St. Clare of Assisi to ask other churches and organizations for help as they strive to give every inmate a Christmas stocking.

That means they need to identify 22 churches and organizations to donate. If you can help by donating supplies for stockings, it would be a real blessing for the inmates at Lieber.

Here is a list of items for the drive:

- Simple red-felt stockings, homemade or available at Dollar General for \$1 each
- Regular-size toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Regular-size bars of soap
- Men's white, short-sleeve undershirts, various sizes
- Regular-size containers of deodorant, any brand
- Packaged candy canes, cookies, or candy bars
- Handwritten cards or notes or hand-drawn pictures of encouragement (a perfect way to involve children or teens)

*Please do not stuff the stockings or wrap any of the items, as they must be cleared through security. Inmate volunteers at Lieber will stuff the stockings, as they did last year.*

Items must be dropped off no later than **Dec. 13** at St. John's Parish. Boxes will be located in both Guerry Hall and Walton Hall.

Thank you! The inmates at Lieber will be very grateful and blessed by your generosity this Christmas season. If you have questions, contact Chrissy Binz, Debbie Hawkins, or Libby Puckette.

# PRAYERS

## *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.

### *Collect*

**For Advent 2, Dec. 6**

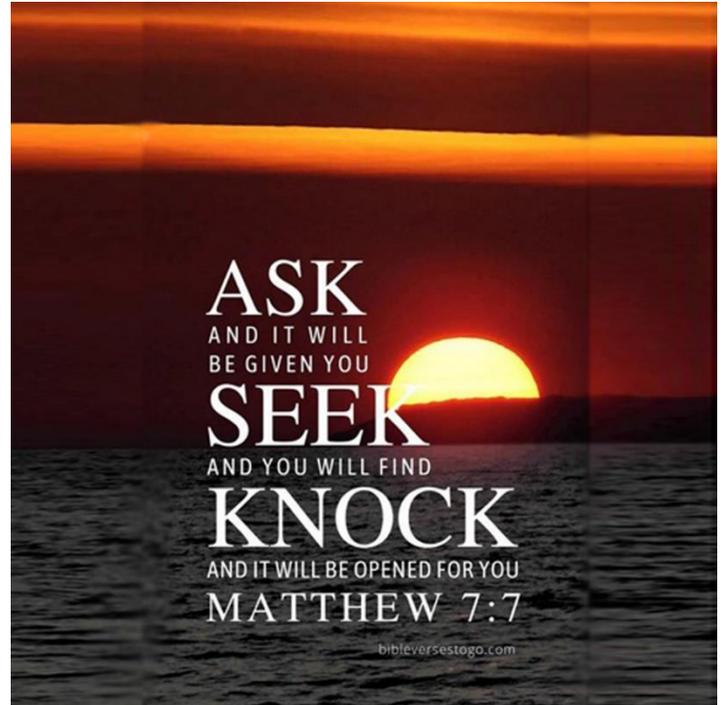
Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### *Pray for Operation Christmas Child*

Please continue to pray for your Christmas child. While our gifts in the boxes only last for a short time, the gift of Jesus is eternal. We want to open children's hearts to not only receive the box but also the message of love and hope in Christ Jesus.

Samaritan's Purse works with pastors all over the world to find communities where children have not received a shoebox. The organization's goal is to provide one shoebox in each child's young life so that the project will reach and touch more children each Christmas season with the gospel.

## *At St. John's*



### *The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*

Holy Comforter, Sumter

The Rev. Marcus Kaiser

The Rev. Charles F. Walton

The Rev. John Sosnowski

Deacon Phil Osborne

The Rev. Joe Rhodes

### *The Anglican Cycle of Prayer*

Anglican Province of South America

The Most Rev. Greg Venables and his wife, Summer

### *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.