

Pastoral Leadership

Rev. Wm. Kevin Cooley
Senior Pastor

Today's Worship Leaders

Dr. Robert Heritage
Director of Music

Steve Grant
Organ

Chancel Choir
Song Leaders

Marshall Pickens
Liturgist

Cindy Lowery
Crucifer

Anna Kathryn Bowen
Acolyte

Other Staff

Julie Lee
Youth Director

Jimmy Barrs
Facilities Manager

Ashlei Vickery
Office Manager

Russell Nelson
Communications

Lawrence Webb
Custodian

Michael Bracone
Custodian

Kathryn Brackney
Nursery Worker

Patricia Chabotte
Nursery Worker

Help Us With Worship—We are looking for volunteers to help with two important ministries with worship—Greeters/Ushers and Nursery Workers. Please contact the Church Office at 224-6563 or Rev. Kevin Cooley at kcooley@stjohnsanderson.com for more information.

Clothes Closet Needs —

Men's Summer Clothing – especially knit shirts, T-shirts, and shorts
Women's summer 2X & 3X clothing—especially skirts and sundresses
Underwear for everyone – especially small women's panties
Please bring only summer clothing until mid-October.
Keep the towels and sheets coming!
Especially need KING & QUEEN sheets!

Donate at our backdoor, 305 John Street, Mondays & Wednesdays, 8:30-11:30.

Committees and Groups — A brochure of ALL committees, classes, groups, etc. is being created for use by the congregation and for visitors. If you are the "teacher" "leader" or "head" of a committee, group, class, etc, please write a short paragraph about your group and invite interested people to contact you for more information. Send your paragraph to Nurse@stjohnsanderson.com. Call Sarah @ 864-622-8042 for more information.

Reconciling Ministries —The St John's Reconciling Ministries group will be starting a new bible study based on the book "This I Know: A Simple Biblical Defense for LGBTQ Christians" by Jim Dant, led by Maren Reaves. **Our next meeting will be on October 9 at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall.** All are welcome to join. For additional information contact Pam Melbourne or Chip Reaves: psmelbourne@yahoo.com or chip@bigger-brains.com.

New Bible Study—The church will host a Bible study exploring the Gospel of John on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The backdrop for this study will be *Invitation to John* by Robert Kysar, which is part of the *Disciple* Bible series. Join us for this in-depth look at John's portrayal of Jesus as the incarnate Word of God.

Clothes Closet SWITCH—Twice a year the Clothes Closet switches their seasonal inventory and deep cleans the Clothes Closet while the racks are empty. We could use some extra help. This is the schedule of volunteer opportunities:

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| Wednesday, Sept. 28: | Afternoon – Pack-up summer clothing |
| Thursday, Sept. 29: | Morning – Deep Clean Clothes Closet |
| | Afternoon – Restock Clothes Closet |
| Tuesday, Oct. 4: | Morning – continue restocking |

For more information and to volunteer, please contact Pat Smith, PatSmith132@gmail.com or 864-760-0353(voice) or 864-221-7535(text).

Coming October 11—Join the Happy Group for lunch and fellowship. Everyone is welcome! Tom Gibson will present his award-winning photos of vintage cars from around the world.

Realm Connect—Invitations will be going out to create and/or update your Realm Connect account app. If you need any assistance, please contact Ashlei in the church office.

Prayer List

To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

OUR FAMILY

Josephine Brown

Xiao Ling Bruce

Susan Campbell

Alan & Alice Cannon

Mayne Collins

Relmon & Mary Cartee

Joe Dean

Edmund Holmes

Dottie Lee

Bishop Jack Meadors

OUR MILITARY

Trey Arant

William Baum

Justin Dutton

J. Evan Inglett

Parker Lewis

James Pinson

Harry Yon *and others in the military*

Gil Arant

Steven Brown

Herb Franklin, Jr.

Stephen Knight

David Neely

Al Roberts



Contributions can be given electronically using the QR code on the left. Checks can be mailed to the office. Cash or checks may be placed in the offering plates on the altar before, during, or after worship



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stjohns@stjohnsanderson.com Office: 864-224-6563

Church Office:
Monday through Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



September 25, 2022 Order of Worship 16th Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE "Rejoicing in Seven" *Stephen Best*
Steve Grant, Organ

As the prelude begins, please take the opportunity to center yourself for our worship time together.

WELCOME

*TRINITY CHIMES "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" *Gardner's Sacred Melodies*
Steve Grant, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" HYFRYDOL
The Chancel Choir

*HYMN 139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" *UMH #880*

**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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*THE GLORIA PATRI *MEINEKE*
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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Stewardship Report for September 18, 2022

Worship Attendance: 127

Online Worship: 206

Received Prior Week:

Operation Budget: \$9,032.00
Other Designated Funds: \$775.00

Received Year to Date:

Operation Budget: \$543,169.53
Other Designated Funds: \$37,786.81

Operational Budget Needs:

Monthly Need: \$67,360.02
Weekly Need: \$15,544.62
To Date Need: \$590,688.81

Spending Year To Date:

Spent YTD: \$527,936.67

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

"Awake, Awake"
The Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 8:1-7

(Pew Bible, New Testament Page 222)

Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ²a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up. ³For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. ⁴Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. ⁵They offer worship in a sanctuary that is a sketch and shadow of the heavenly one; for Moses, when he was about to erect the tent, was warned, 'See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.' ⁶But Jesus has now obtained a more excellent ministry, and to that degree he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted through better promises. ⁷For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need to look for a second one.

SERMON

"Covenant of a Better Promise"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

"Sheep May Safely Graze"
Steve Grant, Organ

J. S. Bach/Arr. E. Power Biggs

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 374

"Standing on the Promises"

PROMISES

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"How Great Thou Art"
Steve Grant, Organ

Stuart K. Hine/Arr. Steve Grant

During the Postlude we encourage you to remain seated. Please be mindful of those who wish to listen to the Postlude as they prepare to re-enter the secular world if you exit before it is complete.

*Please stand, if you are able. The hymns are found in the blue United Methodist Hymnal in the Pew Rack.

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Rev. Kevin Cooley
Liturgist: Marshall Pickens
Crucifer: Cindy Lowery
Acolyte: Anna Kathryn Bowen

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Nancy Freeman Stringer by Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Rainey and Family.

The rosebud on the altar is in honor of Bennett Matthew Howard. Bennett was born September 18, 2022, the son of Christopher and Carole Cochran Howard, the grandson of William E. and Carole F. Phillips and the great grandson of Dot Fant.



September Sermon Series

- September 4 "Covenant of Promise," Genesis 17:1-8
- September 11 "Covenant of Response," Exodus 34:1-10
- September 18 "Covenant of the Heart," Jeremiah 31:31-34
- September 25 "Covenant of a Better Promise," Hebrews 8:1-7
- October 2 "The Heart of the New Covenant," Matthew 26:26-29

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, September 26th

8:30 a.m. - Clothes Closet is open for Donations until 11:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - Happy Group Exec. Meeting, F. H.
6:30 p.m. - KLAPAS, Small Group Bldg.

Tuesday, September 27th

10:30 a.m. - Soul to Sole, Zoom
6:00 p.m. - Trustees Meeting, Parlor/Zoom

Wednesday, September 28th

8:30 a.m. - Clothes Closet is open for Donations until 11:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting, Osteen Building
5:45 p.m. - Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. - Kid City, Gym
6:00 p.m. - Preteen/Youth Class, Gym
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Bulletin/Announcement info is due by 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 2nd

World Communion Sunday

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
9:30 a.m. - Worship Talk Thru, Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship, Sanctuary



MAMMA MIA!

The Broadway Musical



St. John's members and their friends are invited to join Happy Group as we travel Thursday, Oct. 27 to Flat Rock Playhouse, Hendersonville, N.C.
Cost: \$82 includes ticket, motor coach transportation, time for lunch & shopping, visit to Sky Top Orchard



Mamma Mia is a sellout!

To get on the "waitlist"

contact Ben & Marion Hursey
864-261-6642h or 864-221-3369c
benhur@bellsouth.net



Seasonal Switch

Help Wanted

September 28th & 29th

Wed. afternoon - help packing summer clothes
Thurs. morning - help cleaning Clothes Closet
Thurs. afternoon - help restocking for winter

For more info contact Pat Smith (864) 760-0353 or
Pat Smith132@gmail.com

Please hold fall/winter donations til mid October

Our nursery opens at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. During Morning Worship, we have Bible lessons, a snack, and fellowship. Ages nursery through 12th grade are included.