



From the Desk of the Rector

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that this letter finds you in good spirits. Summer is a time when we deviate somewhat from our normal routines and enjoy various activities that only the season can provide. Many parishioners took time out of their schedules to ensure that the parish and parish grounds were maintained. It was good to see so many people at different times caring for the House of God. Many of you also answered the clarion call to help fund the Chorister Fund. Thank you for your contributions to the Chorister Fund and to the Blakely-Robinson Music Fund. Thank you to all of you who continued to support the parish financially during this season. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and help to ensure that the parish runs smoothly and effectively. Also, thank you to those who led the Ante Communion services and read the homilies in my absence. It was good to see that the attendance did not drop during the summer months. Lastly, but certainly not least, thank you to the Wardens for their leadership during these months and while I was on vacation. When we all work together, God works in us through the Holy Spirit.

This year has flown by like a whirlwind. By the time you read this, it will be August. There is much to look forward to as we continue on our journey until the new church year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. There is opportunity for growth all around us if we take the time to share the Good News and to invite people to visit our historic parish. People often pass or drive by wondering what goes on inside. It is our duty to invite them to experience the liturgy; the experience that is the Episcopal Church. Many people only worship in one way because they think that is all there is. The majority of non-Cradle Episcopalians who unite with the Episcopal Church come through the door by way of invitation or participating in a ministry of the Church. As we travel on through the rest of this year, let us continue to model the life in which Jesus would have us to live. Let us continue to be open and receptive to the work of the Holy Spirit.

In Peace,

Fr. Raphiell+

August 1, 2025

The Eighth Friday after Pentecost

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Member and former acolyte **Christina Caldwell** graduates from Spring Valley High School. She plans to further her education at Midlands Technical College.



Member **Amy Husmann & Family** visit Point Lobos in Monterey, California this summer



Member **Levi "Vari" Johnson** has been chosen to serve as contributor to the SC Black News and co-administrator for the SC Black News Facebook page.



August Liturgical Calendar & Servants for the Lord

August 3 - 10:00 am - Nave - The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Old Testament Lesson: Lorin Palmer

Epistle: Deadra Bowden

Prayers of the People: Trinessa Kirby

Chalice: Sheryl Belcher

Ushers: Patricia Cokley, Cynthia Goines, Darnell Holmes

Oblation Bearers: Karen Caselli, Rachel Hall

Acolytes: Jaylen Caldwell, Herman Hickman

August 10 - 10:00 am - Nave - The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Old Testament Lesson: Rachel Hall

Epistle: Karen Castelli

Prayers of the People: Reginald Reed

Chalice: Corliss Wise

Ushers: Gloria Eaddy, Loretta Johnson, Venesia Johnson

Oblation Bearers: Audrey Smith, Cynthia Goines

Acolytes: Jaylen Caldwell, Cory James

August 17 - 10:00 am - Nave - The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Lesson: Jean Indriago

Epistle: Errol Porter

Prayers of the People: Joni James

Chalice: Marie Martin

Ushers: Rudolph Wise, Judy Battiste, Darnell Holmes

Oblation Bearers: Loretta Johnson, Venesia Johnson

Acolytes: Jaylen Caldwell, Cory James

August 24th - 10:00 am - Nave - The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Lesson: Gwen Bynoe

Epistle: Corliss Wise

Prayers of the People: Amy Husmann

Chalice: Cynallyhia Indriago

Ushers: James Kelley, Ronald Turner

Oblation Bearers: Gloria Johnson, Patricia Ancrum

Acolytes: Jaylen Caldwell, Cory James

August 31st - 10:00 am - Nave - The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Youth Sunday

Old Testament Lesson: Kennedy Johnson

Epistle: Cory James

Prayers of the People: Jaylen Caldwell

Chalice: Jaylen Caldwell

Ushers: TBD

Oblation Bearers: Angela Franks, Marie Martin

Acolytes: Jaylen Caldwell, Cory James, Levy Johnson, Jr

August Parish Calendar

Monday

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Rector's Day off

Tuesday

5th - Rector's meeting with Wardens - 5:30 pm - Rector's Office

12th - Archives Committee - Archives Room - 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
 - Finance Committee - Griffin Hall - 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

19th - Vestry Meeting - Griffin Hall - 6:30 pm

26th - Buildings & Grounds - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Griffin Hall

Wednesday

6th - Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- Fresh Start Ministry Advisory Committee - Griffin Hall - 6:00 pm via Zoom

20th - Quilters and Crafters - Griffin Hall - 10:30 am

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Hurley Music Room

Thursday

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - Fresh Start Ministry - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon - The O'Neal Center

Friday

1st & 22nd - Columbia Laboratory Rehearsal, "Pirates of Penzance" - Nave - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - Parish Office Closed; Rector's Sermon Prep/Spiritual Diredtion Day

Saturday

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - Parish Office Closed

9th - 2nd Saturday Feeding - 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm - Griffin Hall Entrance Doorway

16th - Daughters of the King (DOK) - Griffin Hall - 3:00 pm

23rd - 4th Saturday Feeding - 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm - Griffin Hall Entrance Doorway

Sunday - See Liturgical Calendar

3rd - Episcopal Church Women - Youth Room - 12:00 noon

17th - Memorial Garden Committee - Griffin Hall - 11:45 am

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St. Luke's Vestry

Class of 2025

Judy Battiste, Jr. Warden
Deadra Bowden
DeNell Hickman
Jean Indriago

Class of 2026

Yvonne Hall
Daryl Hammonds
Joni James
Errol Porter, Sr. Warden

Class of 2027

Angela Blalock
Robert Green
Joseph Ray
Rudolph Wise

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Patricia Ancrum, Clerk of the Vestry
Sheryl D. Belcher, Parish Secretary

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Karen Castelli, Website Administrator
Shauna Hicks, Newsletter Editor
Valerie Riley, Executive Director—Fresh Start Ministry

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Patricia Cokley, Parish Treasurer
Darnell Holmes, William Smith, Jr., Asst. Parish Treasurers
Sheryl D. Belcher, Assoc. Parish Treasurer

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“The Episcopal Church is a secret too well kept. Many are starved for what we experience daily and too easily take for granted. Invite others to come to your parish to experience this joy.”

Louie Crew, author of 101 Reasons to be Episcopalian