

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026
8:45 and 11:00am



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

Est. 1836 | Flat Rock, North Carolina

Mission Statement

To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in His name.

Welcome to St. John in the Wilderness

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. See the note to our visitors on the back inside cover for more information about receiving Communion and joining the church.

Reminders for Worship

- Children of all ages are most welcome in worship, and during the service they may enjoy the activity bags, which are in the Tower Entrance. Nursery care is available for children from infancy to pre-K across Rutledge Drive in our Parish House Education Building from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Sundays. Please use the crosswalk to get there!
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.
- A restroom is available near the front of the church and can be accessed through an exterior door. Please see an usher for directions.
- You will find hand sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.

Everything Episcopal

Receiving a sacrament - an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual grace - is a significant part of the Episcopal tradition. In our tradition, we observe seven sacraments which we share with Catholics: Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, Reconciliation of a Penitent or Confession, Holy Confirmation, Holy Unction or Last Rites, Holy Matrimony, and Holy Orders.

What's Going on at St. John?

Upcoming Formation Series: Send Us Out

Sundays, September 13 – November 22, 10:00am, Wilderness Room

Mtr. Kathy will teach an 8-part series on her book *Send Us Out*. The time together will include lecture, discussion prompts, and opportunities to put the ideas into practice. Registration is encouraged at bit.ly/sendusoutclass.

Fellowship after Loss | Thursday, September 10, 11:30am, Treska's

If you have suffered a loss of a significant other and could benefit from a fellowship group, please plan to join us for the next Fellowship after Loss gathering at Treska's. RSVP by September 9 to Mtr. Kathy.

Young Family Ministry End-of-Summer Social

Sunday, September 13, 1:00 – 4:00pm, Camp Ton-A-Wandah

Families with children are invited to an afternoon of picnicking and swimming. Please bring a side to share and RSVP by September 9 at bit.ly/yfm913.

Churchyard Workday | Saturday, September 19, 9:00am – 12:00pm

The Historic Churchyard Committee invites one and all to join in a morning of cemetery maintenance. Please bring tools and RSVP to Jim Olson.

Friends of Music & the Arts: Banrigh, a Celtic Harp Quartet

Sunday, September 20, 4:00pm, Parish Hall

The combined talents of Banrigh's musicians delight audiences everywhere they perform. Admission is free, with no reservation required.

Seasons of Grief

Tuesdays, September 22 – October 27, 1:00 – 2:30pm, Lower Conference Room

Seasons of Grief is a support group that helps a person walk through a time of mourning following the death of a loved one. Learn more and register at www.stjohnflatrock.org/seasons-of-grief.

Holy Hike to Sam Knob | Thursday, September 24

Carpool Meetup at 8:30am, Trailhead Meetup at 10:00am

This 4.1-mile trail is rated moderate with an elevation gain of 850 feet. Register by emailing Cynthia Easterling.

Baby Blessings Drop-In | Saturday, September 26, 10:00 – 11:00am, Wilderness Room

Please stop by as we celebrate with Rosanna Couture and Fr. Josh Stephens and Maggie and Tyler Klein and their growing families. A brief prayer and blessing for the families will be offered at approximately 10:30am by Mtr. Kathy. All are welcome.

Holy Hike Retreat: A Canticle with Creation

October 25-28, Valle Crucis Conference Center

We can learn to lead our lives like songs on the land! Led by Charles and Kathy Hulin, this retreat is in dialogue with traditions associated with Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi, giving participants opportunities to connect imaginatively with creation. Learn more at bit.ly/hhretreat2026.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 and 11:00am

PRELUDE: Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome & Announcements

ENTRANCE HYMN: #400 All creatures of our God and King
Verses 1, 4-7

Lasst uns erfreuen

THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation & Response

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

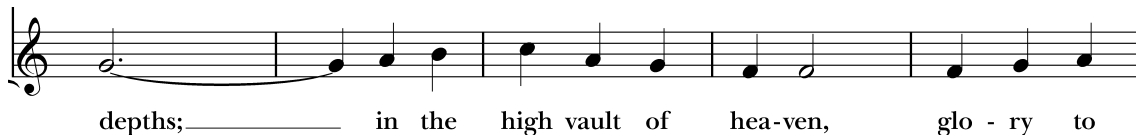
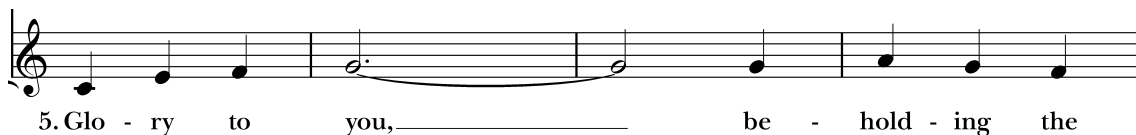
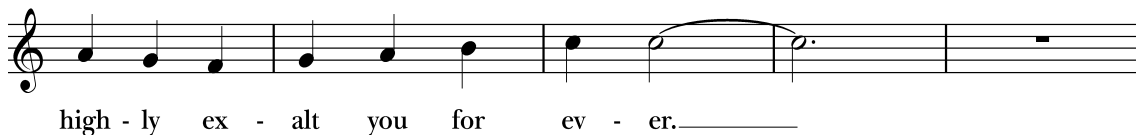
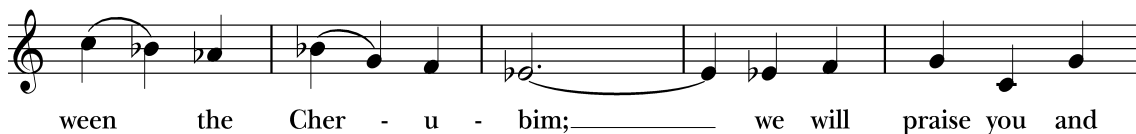
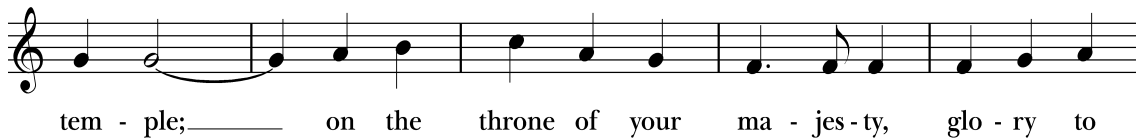
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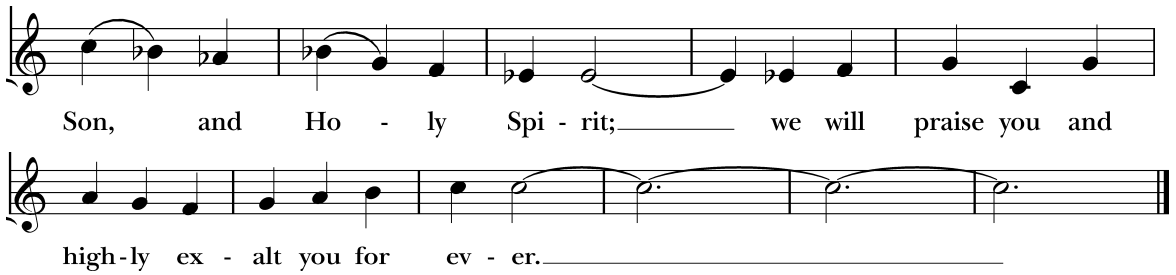
1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will





The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign

for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149 *Cantate Domino*

Simplified Anglican Chant S-411

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse at 8:45 and sung in unison at 11:00. The 11:00 congregation remains seated as it sings the Psalm.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Chant setting, #411 from The Hymnal 1982, Service Music
Music: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945). Copyright © 1979 Robert Knox Kennedy.

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new / song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the / faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his / maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their / King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the / dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and / harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his / people *
and adorns the poor with / victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in / triumph; *
let them be joyful on their / beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their / throat *
and a two-edged sword in their / hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the / nations *
and punishment on the / peoples;

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8 To bind their kings in / chains *

and their nobles with links of / iron;

Sing second half of chant for verse 9

9 To inflict on them the judgment de- / creed; *

this is glory for all his faithful people. Halle- / lujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the / Son,*

and to the Holy / Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is / now,*

and will be for ever, a- / men.

Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

As the music begins, all stand for the gradual hymn and reorient themselves to the Gospel of our Lord as it is processed into the congregation.

GRADUAL HYMN: #581 Where charity and love prevail

Cheshire

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Kathy Hulin

After the sermon, there is a brief moment of silence. When the Celebrant rises, the congregation stands.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

A moment of silent prayer follows each petition.

Through being stirred by Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for people who serve the church as leaders and missionaries; for the Anglican Communion; for the Episcopal Church and our Diocese; for the members of this parish. Pray for the church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations, especially in places of war and conflict; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper awareness of God's presence. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Lori Griswold. Pray for the family and friends who grieve their passing.

I ask your prayers for Eleanor, Bob, Ron, Stephen, Sue, Dale, Mason, Joshua, the Elmore Family, Mary, Toni, Betsy, Tawana, Chuck, Dottie, MarthaJean, Al, Jim, Carter, Legare, Jennifer, Mary, Katherine, Arthur, Chris, Sam, John, Kelsey, Linda, John, Tom, Arna, and Fernando. We also pray for Maggie, Rosanna, and their families as they prepare for babies to be born. Are there others?

The people may include the names of those for whom they are praying either silently or aloud.

I ask your thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, especially St. John in the Wilderness Mountain Biking. Are there others?

The people may add their petitions silently or aloud.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom God has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify God in our own day.

The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.

Confession of Sin

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel. Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The people sit.

Blessing of the Choir and their New Vestments (11:00)

The Choir gathers at the front of the church facing the altar. The Rector shares a brief reflection then the Choir turns to face the congregation.

Clergy

Lord, open our lips.

Congregation & Choir

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Clergy

Come let us sing to the Lord:

Congregation & Choir

Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Clergy

Bless, O Lord, these your servants, who minister in thy temple.

Choir

Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Clergy

Clothe your ministers with righteousness:

Choir

Let your people sing with joy.

Clergy

Let us pray.

O God, you revealed your Son clothed in majesty and glory: Accept and bless these vestments for the use of the choir, that, being clothed with humility as they minister to you, they may show forth his eternal splendor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All join in singing the following:

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, _____
5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____

1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, _____
5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! _____

1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____

1-4 Final Ending
— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

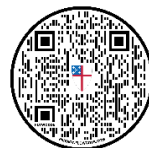
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Celebrant then shares an offertory sentence.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table. Online gifts may be made using the QR code to the right.



OFFERTORY MUSIC:

8:45 The King of Love my Shepherd Is Harry Rowe Shelley
Lucy Hoyt, soprano; Max Moorehead, baritone

*Text is found in the Hymnal at Hymn #645.
Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23.*

11:00 Let the Praise Go Round William Boyce/arr. Hal H. Hopson

Hallelujah! Sing and rejoice, O praise the Lord!
Praise him: let the sound go 'round, let our praise abound, sing Hallelujah.
Rejoice and sing Hallelujah.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Doxology

Old 100th

A musical score for the Doxology, featuring a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove ye heav' nly host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appropriate.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. A gluten-free option is available upon request. For further instructions about Holy Communion, see the note to our visitors in the back of the bulletin.

The choir often begins by singing while the congregation receives the Sacrament. Following the choir's musical offering, please join in as we sing the Communion Hymn together.

COMMUNION DUET (11:00): The King of Love My Shepherd Is Harry Rowe Shelley
Lucy Hoyt, soprano; Max Moorehead, baritone

Text is found in the Hymnal at Hymn #645.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23.

COMMUNION HYMN: #674 Forgive our sins as we forgive *Detroit*

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant With whom will you share this communion?

Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts
that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup.**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The people stand or kneel for the Post-Communion Prayer.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious **Body and Blood**
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the **Body of your Son,**
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

DISMISSAL HYMN: #376 Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable; arr. E. Power Biggs

The Prayers of the People is that part of our liturgy which offers intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Eleanor Flowers, Bob Odean, Ron Kauffman, Stephen, Sue, Dale, Mason, Joshua, the Elmore Family, Mary Curtis, Toni Piowaty, Betsy Thagard, Tawana Gibbs, Chuck King, Dottie Dalzell, MarthaJean Liberto, Al Orentas, Jim Spry, Carter Carson, Legare Head, Jennifer, Mary McCarty, Katherine Gee, Arthur Zellner, Chris Walker, Sam, John Merrill, Kelsey, Linda Giltner, John DeForest, Tom Griswold, Arna Campbell, and Fernando Sanchez.

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of John Mellott, *by his family*; in loving memory of Mrs. Bettie Friedell Watford, *by Bettie Watford Orr*; in loving memory of Mr. Walter S. Montgomery, Jr., *by Betty Montgomery*; and in loving memory of those who died on September 11, 2001, *by Bf McKee*.

Eucharistic Visitors share the Body and Blood of Christ with those who receive care from our Visitor Ministry. We thank God for the ministry of Clint Adams, Art Mack, Judy Petersen, Anita Reid, Stan Rogan, and Bill Taylor.

To Our Visitors: We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive the Sacrament or a blessing. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. To receive Communion, simply come forward to kneel at the altar if you are able. Put one hand in the palm of the other and the Celebrant will share the Body of Christ with you. You may then intinct or drink from the Chalice. A gluten-free option is available upon request. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP				
	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6		Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13	
	8:45am	11:00am	8:45am	11:00am
Lay Readers/ Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Petersen	Bill Taylor	Sandra Jeffery	Will Rodriguez
Acolytes	Laura Teel	Beau Singletary Arlo Stephens	Jasmine Pharr	Stan Rogan
Ushers	Jodi Sundeen Debby Staton	Bettie Orr Ned Curtis	Marlin Sanders George Grzenda	D. Christenbury Karen Conley
Greeters	D. Brombacher Cathryn Harrell	Jann & Jim Cooper	Worth Gordon Annabelle Hurd	Jann & Jim Cooper
Cart Drivers	George Grzenda & BJ McKee	John Knapp	Mark Owen	Sandy Skelton
Videography (Service)	Jennifer Shelton	N/A	N/A	David Burge
Videography (Formation)	N/A – Breakfast		BJ McKee	
Refreshment Time	N/A – Breakfast	N/A – Breakfast	Kathryn & Steve Whitten	Ceil Salvadori
Altar Guild	Candace Lewis Kathy Newbold Elaine Harris (Sat.)	Diane Skelton Joy Coe Gibson Sims (Brass)	Brenda Hillyer Laurie Morris (Sat./Brass)	Lynn Savage Lucie Earhart Slava Morris (Brass)
Flower Guild	Patrice German & Sandy Gulbrandsen		Virginia Rehn & Elaine Howe	
Opening Gatekeeper	David Dethero		Clint Adams	
Closing Gatekeeper	Sandy Skelton		Liz Carson	



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Worship Services: 8:45 & 11:00am | Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm M-F

Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Children: 10:00am

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service: Wednesdays 10:30am in the Wilderness Room

The Rev. Josh Stephens, Rector: rector@stjohnflatrock.org

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VESTRY MEMBERS

Jill Owen, *Senior Warden (2026)*
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2026

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Sandy Skelton

2027

Kitty Olson
Catherine Popp
Steve Sittnick

2028

Liz Carson
Mark Delk
Worth Gordon
Lynne Miller

PARISH OFFICERS

Marlin Sanders &
Bill Williams, *Treasurers*

Kim Sanders, *Clerk*

STANDING COMMITTEES

Appointments: Carol Rector

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Jerry Tanner

By Laws, Canons & Insurance: Jim Olson

Christian Formation: Missy Izard

Communications & Publicity: Joey Popp

Finance: Gary German

Historic Churchyard Committee: Sandy Rex

New Member Ministry: Brenda Hillyer & Judy Petersen

Outreach: Jennifer Shelton

Personnel: Margaret Barker

Stewardship: Jim and Jann Cooper

OTHER COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES

Acolytes: Laura Teel

Altar Guild: Cathryn Harrell, Laurie Morris

Chefs of St. John: Jim Vint

Churchyard Trustees: Pete Petersen

Docents: Polly Morrice & Scott Bell

Endowment Trustees: Mike Teel

Episcopal Church Women: Jan Tanner

Flower Guild: Patrice German

Flower Memorials: Gaston Motes

Funeral Reception Ministry: Brenda Hillyer

Garden Guild: Jerry Tanner

Gatekeepers: BJ McKee

Golf Cart Ministry: Jill Owen

Good News Gardeners: Cathy & David Burge

Greeters: Worth Gordon & Carmen Curtis

Heritage, Archives & Gift Committee: John Barker

Holy Hikes-WNC: Cynthia Easterling

Lay Readers: Mark Delk

Meal Ministry: Catherine Popp

Needle Work Ministry: Judy Petersen

Sustainability: Elizabeth Christenbury

Ushers: Clint Adams & Bettie Orr

Visitor Ministry: Clint Adams

Wedding Coordinator: Elaine Howe