

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15, 2026

8:45 & 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.

We are delighted to welcome The Rev. Michael Sullivan, President and CEO of Kanuga, as our guest preacher today. You can learn more about him in the back of this bulletin.

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. Please use the crosswalk to get there!
- Formation is available for children, youth, and adults most Sundays from 10:10 to 10:45am in our Parish House complex across Rutledge Drive.
- 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.

Upcoming Services & Gatherings

Mardi Gras Potluck | Tuesday, February 17, 5:30pm in the Parish Hall

Grab your beads and bring a dish to share for our biennial Mardi Gras potluck in the Parish Hall as we gather for a feast before the fast. Please bring a dish according to your last name: A-G should bring main dishes, H-O should bring salads and sides, and P-Z should bring appetizers, finger foods, or desserts. No RSVP necessary. *Laissez les bons temps rouler!*

Ash Wednesday | February 18, Services at 12:00 and 5:30pm in the Church

Step into our Lenten journey. At these services, all will be invited to come forward to the altar to receive the Imposition of Ashes and Communion. Learn more about all our Lenten offerings at www.stjohnflatrock.org/lenten-journey.

Vigil of Remembrance for Victims of Gun Violence Sunday, February 22, 4:00pm in the Wilderness Room

At this special service, we will hear a few of the stories of those who were killed in our country in 2025 by guns and grieve the reality of this violence. It is hosted as a collaboration between St. John in the Wilderness and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. All are welcome.

Lenten Learning Series: Marks of Mission, with the Rev. Dr. Timothy Ross Tuesdays in Lent Beginning February 24, 5:00-6:30pm in the Wilderness Room

We invite you to a series of adult formation every Tuesday night in Lent with Pastor Tim Ross. The course will ask questions such as: *Who are we as a congregation? What do we stand for? What are we up to in our community? What are we supposed to do with our lives? What is our mission in life?* Please bring a finger food to share, and email missy@stjohnflatrock.org for childcare.

It's Your Funeral: How to Prepare for Death & Why It's Good News Thursday, February 26, 10:00am-2:00pm in the Wilderness Room

Fr. Josh invites you to join him for a workshop to learn about and prepare your plans for the final Office of the Church: Christian Burial. Lunch will be provided. Please register at bit.ly/SJWitsyourfuneral by Monday, February 23.

Souper Bowl of Caring | Extended through Sunday, March 1

We are collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items for IAM to help feed our neighbors in need. The items they are most in need of are canned soup, canned tuna, canned chicken, cereal, and dry pasta, but any items are appreciated. You may leave all items in the donation baskets near the Wilderness Room.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 & 11:00am

PRELUDE: *Hyfrydol*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome & Announcements

ENTRANCE HYMN: #460 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Verses 1-3

Hyfrydol

THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation & Response

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

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.**

GLORIA

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

Dominus regnabit

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
 he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
 he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; *
 he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
 and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
 they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
 they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
 you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

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. Amen.

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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: #137 O wondrous type! O vision fair

Wareham

All remain standing as 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 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and

touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Sullivan

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

The Nicene Creed

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**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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

For the holy Church of God – for Christians around the world gathered this day. Shape us into the Body of Christ that our life together may be a sign, herald, and foretaste of your kingdom, we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for José, our bishop, for Josh, our Rector, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God who minister in their homes, churches, and communities, we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may share the Good News of the Light of Christ with joy and love to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this fragile and beautiful earth that sustains us: that your grace and goodness may speak to us through stars and mountains, frost and snow, trees and waters. And help us to be faithful stewards of your Creation, we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the world: We ask the Prince of Peace to rule in our hearts and we pray for people and communities near and far where warfare and violence have caused so much pain and loss. We pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of this land: that a spirit of respect, gratitude, and understanding might spread over each one of us. And give guidance and wisdom to our elected leaders: for Donald, our President; Josh, our Governor; for Congress, especially Chuck, Tom, and Ted; and for our state and local leaders. We pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We offer thanks and prayers for our friends and family at this time. We also pray for our enemies and those who wish us harm. Redeem all our relationships through your grace, we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. We pray especially for Jeff, Legare, Elijah, Susan, Bob, Betsy, Tawana, Chuck, Jim, John, Nancy, Ginger, Robert, Dottie, Betty, Mason, Mary, Sue, Dale, Mary, and Deacon. Are there others?

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

We pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church [*especially _____*], and those whose faith is known to you alone. In the fullness of your time, bring us with all the saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom; we pray to you, Lord God.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Peace

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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 Wie Schön Leuchtet

Josef Friedrich Doppelbauer

11:00 Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Michael Burkhardt

Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.

All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia!

Jesus is the chosen One, living hope of every nation,
Hear and heed him, everyone; sing, with earth and all creation, Alleluia!

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Doxology

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and 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.

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

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

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-125

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

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 **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.

The Celebrant continues

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 on the back inside cover of the bulletin.

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

COMMUNION MUSIC:

8:45	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Johann S. Bach
11:00	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	Johann S. Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to Truth, unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.

COMMUNION HYMN: #328 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Song 46

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 those to whom you go 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

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

DISMISSAL HYMN: Alleluia, song of gladness

Praise My Soul (Lauda anima)

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can-not die;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

The Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

We Welcome Our Guest Preacher, The Rev. Michael Sullivan!

The Rev. Michael R. Sullivan became Kanuga's 10th president in 2016, bringing with him a deep love for sacred places, strategic vision, and a gift for guiding communities through times of transformation. In the years following COVID-19, he has led Kanuga through a remarkable season of renewal—preserving its beloved traditions while adapting boldly to the needs of a changing world.

Under his leadership, Kanuga has reimagined its role as a sanctuary for the spirit: a place not only to retreat but to rediscover purpose, deepen connection, and inspire action. From launching *Kanuga Fellows: Leadership Renewed* to building stronger pathways for sustainability, spiritual formation, and hospitality, Michael has helped shape a future that is both grounded and expansive in The Episcopal Church and wider world.

A native of Seneca, South Carolina, Michael holds a Master of Divinity from The University of the South (Sewanee), a Juris Doctor cum laude from the University of South Carolina, and a Bachelor of Arts summa cum laude from Wofford College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

“Sometimes I still pinch myself driving onto this land,” he says. “We’ve inherited a place with centuries of sacred gathering—from the Indigenous stewards of this region to the visionaries who founded Kanuga in 1928. It’s always been a place that calls people home to who they are. Now, after all we’ve lived through, I believe Kanuga has an even greater role to play in healing, reimagining, and equipping people to lead lives of meaning.”

Michael is the author of *Windows into the Soul* and *Windows into the Light* (Morehouse Publishing), exploring the role of art in the spiritual journey. He has served on many nonprofit boards, among them as Trustee and then Regent of The University of the South; President and board member of the Episcopal Parish Network; and the Flat Rock Playhouse.

When not working, he enjoys cooking, fitness, gardening, fly fishing, hiking, and writing.

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: Jeff, Legare Head, Elijah Stephens, Susan Rex, Bob Sundeen, Betsy Thagard, Tawana Gibbs, Chuck King, Jim Gibbs, John and Nancy Taylor, Ginger Quarles, Robert Odean, Dottie Dalzell, Betty, Mason, Mary, Sue, Dale, Mary McCarty, and Deacon Whitson.

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Dorothy and Dale Henderson, Susan Henderson Meyer, and Ronald P. Corum, by *Robin Henderson Corum and Family*.

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

	Last Sunday after the Epiphany February 15		First Sunday in Lent February 22	
	8:45am	11:00am	8:45am	11:00am
Lay Readers/ Eucharistic Ministers	John Barker Mary Anne Inglis	Candace Lewis Bill Taylor	Bob Inglis Mary Anne Inglis	E. Christenbury Mark Delk
Acolytes	Jasmine Pharr	Stan Rogan	Laura Teel	Anita Reid
Ushers	Jerry Tanner Stu Holcombe	John Knapp Lisa Kauffman	Clint Adams George Grzenda	Hilton Swing Ned Curtis
Greeters	Lynne Miller D. Brombacher	Becky & Scott Petersen	Brenda Hillyer D. Brombacher	Jann & Jim Cooper
Cart Drivers	Marlin Sanders	Jason Blackwell	Mark Owen	Scott Bell
Videography (Service)	E. Wiescholek	N/A	N/A	Tom Griswold
Videography (Formation)	Tom Griswold		BJ McKee	
Altar Guild	Cathryn Harrell BJ McKee	Diane Skelton Jann Cooper Jim Cooper (<i>Brass</i>)	Sandra Jeffery Lynne Miller	Sara Kester Michael Jeffery (<i>Brass</i>)
Flower Guild	Galen Reuther & Claudia Northrup		Lenten Branches	
Opening Gatekeeper	Clint Adams		Clint Adams	
Closing Gatekeeper	Catherine Popp		Catherine Popp	



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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 Rt. Rev. José McLoughlin, Bishop

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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: Jenifer 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

VESTRY MEMBERS

Jill Owen, *Senior Warden (2026)*

Jim Cooper, *Junior Warden (2027)*

2026

Jon Fitzpatrick

Jim Gibbs

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*