



*November 23, 2025*  
*Christ the King Sunday*

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## Reminder Today is Stewardship Sunday

If you did not bring your pledge card with you today, ushers will be handing some out. You may also call Nancy Fairgrieve at any time with how you would like your pledge made, and she will confidentially record it as such. Her contact number is 803-648-6891, ext. 217.

## Office Closure During Thanksgiving

The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, November 26 through Friday, November 28 for Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Monday, December 1.

## Epworth Angels

Many thanks to the generous people at St. John's, as you make Christmas special for the children at Epworth! All gift tags have been claimed. REMINDER: All gifts will be due in the collection bin just outside the main Church office by November 30, 2025

## Christmas Cards for Veterans

Warm the hearts of veterans now living in Aiken area care facilities. Express your gratitude and help spread our Christian love at this joyous time of year. Write the same message on 10 cards (or more), sign your name, do not seal the envelopes, then deposit the bundled cards in the boxes located in the Narthex, the Faith Center lobby and Ward Hall corridor. Detailed writing instructions are available on/near the drop off boxes. Thank you for your time and kindness.

## First Sunday Communion

Please note that our regular first Sunday Communion that is celebrated at our 8:30am service each month will be held in December on the second Sunday, December 14th at 8:30am. We are moving it by a week for December only, as we look forward to enjoying our Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata on December 7th at our 8:30am and 11:00am services. Our 9:02am service will also enjoy special music on the 14th. We look forward to our times of worship during the Advent season.

## Poinsettia Sales Start Soon

Orders for poinsettias will be taken November 30 and December 7 in the main lobby or the Faith Center lobby. Orders will be limited as only 60 plants have been ordered. The cost per plant will be \$25.

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**WORSHIP SERVICES:** Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Will Altman; Director of Traditional Music - Dr. Matt Caine; Organist - Christopher Nash; 9:02 Band Leader - Jane Timmerman; The 9:02 Band - Chuck Carver, Juli Davis, Earl Melton, Matt Osteen, George Collins, Steve Davis, Alec James, Jeff Krok, Jonathan Cook, Susan Lawson, Marshall Sanders

**Crucifer:** Hyatt Wilhelm      **Acolytes:** Mason Wilhelm and Ethan Wood

**November 8:30 Ushers:** Tom Miniard, Randy Shelley, Greg Lowry

**November 11:00 Ushers:** Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Diane O'Connor, Penny Rue, Sara Carmichael, Doug Carmichael, Commie Pebbles, Jean Geiger, Missy Poe, Bruce Carrera, Gerry Hansen, Dawn Beam, Leah Lewis

**November Worship Support:** Christy Kisner, Nita Bell, Libby Taylor, Peg Robinson & Judy Keaton

You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 1-888-364-4483 and following the instructions. Images and texts used with this service have permission granted under CCLI #2220845.

*The 11:00 service is broadcast over W KSX 92.7 at 12 p.m., one week delay.*

# November 23, 2025

## Children's Ministry

Gingerbread Nativity has been moved to – December 10th at 6pm! Sign up here: <https://links.stjaiken.org/2025Gingerbread> or use this QR code on the graphics page.

Confirmation Sunday will be December 14.

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Dec. 14:** Children's Christmas Caroling, 3pm – 5pm, meet in the SEED parking lot.

**Dec. 21:** Children's Christmas Party during Sunday School

The 5pm Christmas Eve Nativity practice: Date and time to be determined soon.

## Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Prayers for our students returning from Asbury Hills today. Youth will not meet today or November 30. Enjoy time with your family during Thanksgiving weekend. Sunday Night Youth will meet again on December 7.

Youth Choir will meet on November 30 from 3:30pm – 5pm

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

**Dec. 10:** Gingerbread Nativity, 6pm in the gym.

**Dec. 14:** Youth Christmas Party from 5pm – 7pm at the church. Get your ugly Christmas Sweater ready!

## Young Adults Ministry

Sunday School meets in room 237 at 10am.

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

**Dec. 4:** Christmas Cookie Baking, 6pm, location to be announced in GroupME. Please use the following GroupME QR code:

**Dec. 18:** Christmas Lights at Hopeland Gardens, 6pm



## St. John's Missions News

Thank you, St. John's, for meeting the needs of our Grace Kitchen friend and completely filling his empty apartment to make it a home and thank you to the young men who transported all the donations. God has provided through you!

For the month of **November**, we are collecting **new blankets & sleeping bags**. Please place any donated items in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship service and in front of Ward Hall. Please place only the requested donation items in the Grace Kitchen boxes as these are the current items needed.

## Men's Night Out

Next week's Men's Night Out attendees will be viewing "October Sky." This film tells the true story of Homer Hickam, a coal miner's son who was inspired by the first Sputnik launch to take up rocketry against his father's wishes.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
by Judy Clark in loving memory of COL William "Bill" Clark.**

### **Wednesday Night Supper**

Wednesday Night Supper and Ministry Meals have officially begun the Holiday Hiatus, due to Jim Hanna having shoulder replacement surgery in early December. Prayers for Jim! Both ministries are scheduled to resume January 14, 2026. Thank you to all of our volunteers that support these programs. Have a safe holiday season!

### **Sunny Monday**

Senior Adult Council will host Sunny Monday on Monday, December 8, 2025. The program will feature Barb Rollins with the Aiken Academic Band as they play "Music of Christmas." The program will start at 10:30am in the Faith Center. Lunch will be served at 12pm following the program at \$5 per plate, with the menu being: Chicken Spectacular, salad, roll and key lime pie. Please call the church at 803-648-6891 by 12pm on Thursday, December 4 to make your lunch reservation.

### **ACTS Monthly Collection Item**

**November—Canned Beans**

*Collection bins are located in both the Narthex and the Faith Center*

### **Attendance—11/16/2025**

8:30 | 112    9:02 | 263    11:00 | 283

In-person Total | 658

9:02 On-line Live | 139    11:00 On-line Live | 144

### **Financials**

#### **Operation Budget as of 11/19/2025**

Year-to-date offering given for what God is asking us to do:	\$2,241.297.15
Year-to-date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$1,874.750.96</u>
	\$ 366,546.19

#### **Missions Budget: Year 2025–2026**

Year-to-date offering given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$ 302,099.85
Year-to-date disbursements:	\$ 259,250.00

*We thank you for your generous support of  
St. John's Ministries & Missions!*

Please use our new GIVING QR code to give online.





### FINANCE COMMITTEE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

As we approach the end of the calendar year, the Finance Committee wants to review two “gifting” options for our church members.

- 1.) Gifting highly appreciated securities (i.e., stocks, bonds, etc.) - please contact Nancy Fairgrieve and/or speak to Mary Ann Barrett, Janney, Montgomery Scott LLC, Aiken office (803-649-6304) per the church’s local brokerage account. We ask that transfer instructions be in process on or before 12/20/2025.
- 2.) Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) - for charitable gifts from IRAs. Please have check made payable to and as beneficiary “St. John’s Methodist Church,” PO Box 809, Aiken, SC 29802. Nancy Fairgrieve can provide further assistance if needed.

Both of these options can provide advantageous tax benefits to individuals and couples. Please consult your own personal tax advisor if appropriate.





## Order of Worship – 8:30 A.M.

*We welcome you, no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*      J. S. Bach  
Chancel Choir

**\*OPENING HYMN No. 327, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**      DIADEMATA

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**      **Matthew 13:44-46**      **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

**SERMON**      **"The Curse of Oak Island"**      **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      **The Apostles' Creed**

*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.*

**\*GLORIA PATRI No. 71, "Glory Be to the Father"**      GREATOREX  
*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. Amen.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      *My Eternal King*      Jane M. Marshall  
Chancel Choir

**DEDICATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS**      LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 715, "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"**      DARWALL'S 148TH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE No. 43, Chorus, "Hallelujah," *Messiah*** George Frideric Handel  
Chancel Choir

### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand, as able.*



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*We welcome you, no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.*

### PRELUDE

**PRAISE SONG**                      **How Great Is Our God**                      *Tomlin*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAISE SONG**                      **All to You**                      *Lincoln Brewster*

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**OFFERTORY**                      **King of Glory**                      *Third Day*

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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**SERMON**                      **"The Curse of Oak Island"**                      **Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon**

**PRAISE SONG**                      **I Thank God**                      *Maverick City/Upper Room*

### **BENEDICTION**



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*We welcome you, no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. This service will be livestreamed today at 11am on our website [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org), our Facebook Page, and the St. John's App. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please silence all electronic devices.*

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#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM pg. 39

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*Children K4-2nd grade may now follow the Crucifer to Children's Church.*

*Chancel Choir members who sang at the 8:30 service may now leave.*

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