

# Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

November 2, 2024  
3:00pm



**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.*



# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

3:00pm

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Acclamation & Response

*The people stand as the procession begins.*

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*The Celebrant then says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **First Lesson:** Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;  
like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,

and the Lord will reign over them for ever.  
Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 130**

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 **For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.**
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 **I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.**
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 **O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;**
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**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: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and reorient themselves to the Gospel of our Lord as it is processed into the congregation.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel:** John 5:24-27

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

“Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** The Rev. Ian Williams

*All stand.*

**The Prayers**

*Celebrant* Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

*People* **He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies Through his indwelling spirit.**

*Celebrant* My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
My body shall also rest in hope.

*People* **You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we have commended to Almighty God our brothers and sisters and have committed their bodies to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless them and keep them, the Lord make his face to shine upon them and be gracious to them, the Lord lift up his countenance upon them and give them peace. **Amen.**

We seem to give them back to You, O God, who gave them to us. Yet as you did not lose them in giving, so we have not lost them by their return. Not as the world gives do you give, O Lover of souls! What you give, you do not take away. For what is yours is ours always, if we are yours. And life is eternal; and love is immortal; and death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight. Lift us up, O God, that we may see further; cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly; draw us closer to yourself, that we may know

ourselves nearer to our beloved who are with you. And while your Son prepares a place for us, prepare us for that happy place, that, where they are and you are, we too may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Commemoration of Our Faithful Departed

*Those related to St. John in the Wilderness:*

Joanne Adams	Caleb James Hoffman
Julian Albergotti	Jack Horton
Sarah Cleveland Pinckney Ambler	Marian Horton
Katharine Baker	Jerry Horton
Gene Banks	Walter Griffin King
The Rev. Dn. Jerry Beschta	Donald Wayne Kirkman
Terry Blackwell	Joseph M. Kovaz
Fred Boehmer	Gerald Liedl
Bob Bollman	Jenny Mishkin
Cam Boyd	Susan Nilsson
Harry A. Brunson	Delbert Oldenburg
Jeff Carter	Frank Oliveaux
Bobby Jean Coleman	Loretta Orentas
Kristopher D. Corlett	Marilyn Owen
Kerry J. Corlett	Perry
Katherine L. Corlett	Liza Phillips
Charles Cornwell	Virginia Pierson
Mike Covell	Barbara Poling
Beverly Creely	Raymond Powell
Newell Smith Doty	Jerry Price
JoAnn Ebbs	Paul Pullen
Elaine	Wendell Rector
Rebekah Anne "Becky" Fanelty	John Schmidt
William Christopher Fanelty	George Schroeder
Knight M. Fee	Jane Sherrill
Michael Lynn Franz	Bruce Stahle
Susan Fretwell	Gene Staton
Gustavo Garcia	Martha Stevenson
William Rock Gardner	Pamela Howerton Stone
Len German	James Benjamin Thomas
Bill Gordon	Bernice Richardson Thomas
Gregg Graham	Bob Vickery
Charlotte Grzenda	James "Jim" Wagner
Hilda Hahn	Edith Andrews Williams
R. Phillip Haire	Scotty Wood
Charles S. Harrell	Amanda Woodard
Roger Hart	Elizabeth "Libby" Maybank Wright
Carol Ray Hawbaker	

*And those who perished as a result of Hurricane Helene:*

Keith Max Arvey	Jody Henderson	Michael Obrist
Stephen Ayers	Monica Hernandez	Christopher Mark Owens
Sabrina Barnett	Bertha Mendoza	Freddie Pack
Lisa Peeler Brady	Johnny Wayne Peterson	Terri Pack
Lester A. Brown	Jerry Hunter	Leandra Lee Palmer
Alvaro Burgos-Guitierrez	Lula Jackson	James Walter Parrish
Ceresa Butler	Omar Khan	Lisa Peeler Brady
Rocco Chieco	Jessica Kirby	Derrill Eugene Pitts
Kathy Chieco	Aaron Marshall Lance	Lisa Plemmons
Angie Craig	Jim Lau	Sandra Rogers
Ronnie Craig	Melissa Lawrence-Neislar	Eileen L. Rouchau Myers
Sandy Craig	Julie Ann Le Roux	Robert Ross
Charles Daly Dean III	Moreno Arnez-Maddox	David Russell
James Dockery	Shirley M. Bellfy Mains	Robert Brandon Ruppe
Judy Dockery	Phyllis Ann Matherson	Jerry Savage
May Drye	Angie Maybin Walker	Marcia Savage
Micah Drye	Karen Denise McCall	Christine Lynn Schmeiske
Nora Drye	Boone McCrary	Ralph Selle
Micheal Drye	Lyn McFarland	Jimmy Southern
Sarah Ann Farr	Patrick Andrew McClean	Lois Southern
Fay Farr Webber	Caleb Newton Meister	Kim Stepp
Alex Fields	Tetiana Novitnia	Bruce Tipton
Sandy Lee Fisher	Anastasia Novitnia-Segen	Jimmy Tucker
Annamaria Fletcher	Dmytro Segen	Lidia Verdugo
Bobby Jean Foster	Yevhenii Segen	Jimmy Lee Wall
Brian Gaddis	Patricia Radford	Jeff Weems
Chase Garrell	Nola and Robert Ramsuer	Kobe Williams
Battalion Chief Tony Garrison	Shirley Ray	Khazmir Williams
Melissa Guinn	Knox Petrucci	Khyzer Williams
James Harbison	Alison Wisely	Daniel Wright
Gordon Hargrove	Felix Wisely	Evelyn Wright
Sherry Hart	Lucas Wisely	Samira Zoobi
Donna Hart	Jean Marie Obrist	

*Celebrant*

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord;

*People*

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Celebrant*

May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

## 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.*



*As the offering is brought forward, the people stand.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*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 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 risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*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,

*Celebrant and 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. All are invited to come forward and kneel as you are able. If you would rather not receive Communion, you are invited to still come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest to indicate for the priest to bless you.*

*If you are receiving Communion, please do one of three things when you kneel: 1.) Most traditionally, place one hand in the palm of the other and receive the Body of Christ which you consume immediately. When the chalice comes around, guide it to your lips and drink directly from the chalice. 2.) To receive Communion in one kind (the bread alone), simply receive the bread as described above and when the chalice comes around, cross both arms over your chest. 3.) If you would like to practice intinction, upon arriving at the altar rail, place one arm diagonally across your chest until the priest notices your preference, then put one hand in the palm of the other to receive Communion. The priest will intinct for you and then place the Body and Blood of Christ in the palm of your hands. A gluten-free option is available upon request.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

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

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.***

**The Blessing**

**Dismissal**

## **THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP**

<b>Lay Reader</b>	E.R. Haire
<b>Acolyte</b>	Sandra Jeffery
<b>Ushers</b>	Clint Adams & George Grzenda
<b>Greeters</b>	Judy Petersen
<b>Cart Drivers</b>	Jill Owen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Brenda Hillyer & Lynn Redmond
<b>Videography</b>	BJ McKee



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

PO Box 185, 1905 Greenville Highway, Flat Rock, NC 28731

828-693-9783 | [www.stjohnflatrock.org](http://www.stjohnflatrock.org)

*In the case of a pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office and dial 5.*

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

**The Rev. Josh Stephens**, Rector: [rector@stjohnflatrock.org](mailto:rector@stjohnflatrock.org)

**The Rev. Ian Williams**, Curate: [ian@stjohnflatrock.org](mailto:ian@stjohnflatrock.org)

**The Rev. Deacon Sandy Rex**, Deacon: [cwrexiii@rmmidwest.com](mailto:cwrexiii@rmmidwest.com)

**Mims Yeargin**, Director of Parish Communication & Administration: [officeadmin@stjohnflatrock.org](mailto:officeadmin@stjohnflatrock.org)

**Stacy Knapp**, Parish Financial Assistant: [finance@stjohnflatrock.org](mailto:finance@stjohnflatrock.org)

**Kevin Hunt**, Sexton: [sexton@stjohnflatrock.org](mailto:sexton@stjohnflatrock.org)

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**Buildings and Grounds Committee:** Jerry Tanner

**By Laws, Canons & Insurance:** Jim Olson

**Christian Formation:**

**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:** Jerry Holt

## VESTRY MEMBERS

Senior Warden: Jerry Holt

Junior Warden: Will Rodriguez

2024

E.R. Haire, Jr.

Marisa Pharr

Kim Sanders

Clint Adams

2025

Laura Teel

Patrice German

2026

Jim Gibbs

Jill Owen

Jon Fitzpatrick

Sandy Skelton

## PARISH OFFICERS

Margaret Barker, Clerk of the Vestry

Tom Griswold, Treasurer

## OTHER COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES

**Acolytes:** Betsy Tibbs

**Altar Guild:** Cathryn Harrell, Laurie Morris

**Chefs of St. John:** Jim Vint

**Churchyard Trustees:** Pete Petersen

**Docents:** Polly Morrice & Scott Bell

**Endowment Trustees:** Ned Curtis

**Episcopal Church Women:** Carmen Curtis, Elizabeth Christenbury

**Flower Guild:** Patrice German

**Flower Memorials:** Gaston Motes

**Funeral Reception Ministry:** Brenda Hillyer

**Gatekeepers:** Dick Zecher

**Golf Cart Ministry:** Jill Owen

**Good News Gardeners:** Kathryn Whitten, Luann Ham

**Greeters:** Betsy Tibbs

**Heritage, Archives & Gift Committee:** John Barker

**Holy Hikes-WNC:** Cynthia Easterling

**Lay Readers:** Mark Delk

**Meal Ministry:** Janelle Walker

**Needle Work Ministry:** Judy Petersen

**Newsletter Editor:** Mims Yeargin

**Sustainability:** Elizabeth Christenbury

**Ushers:** Clint Adams, Bettie Orr

**Visitor Ministry:** The Revs. Patricia Tanzer Askew and Stephen Askew

**Wedding Coordinator:** Elaine Howe