

God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Holy Spirit Our Comforter,  
Humankind Our Family

## Saint John AME Church

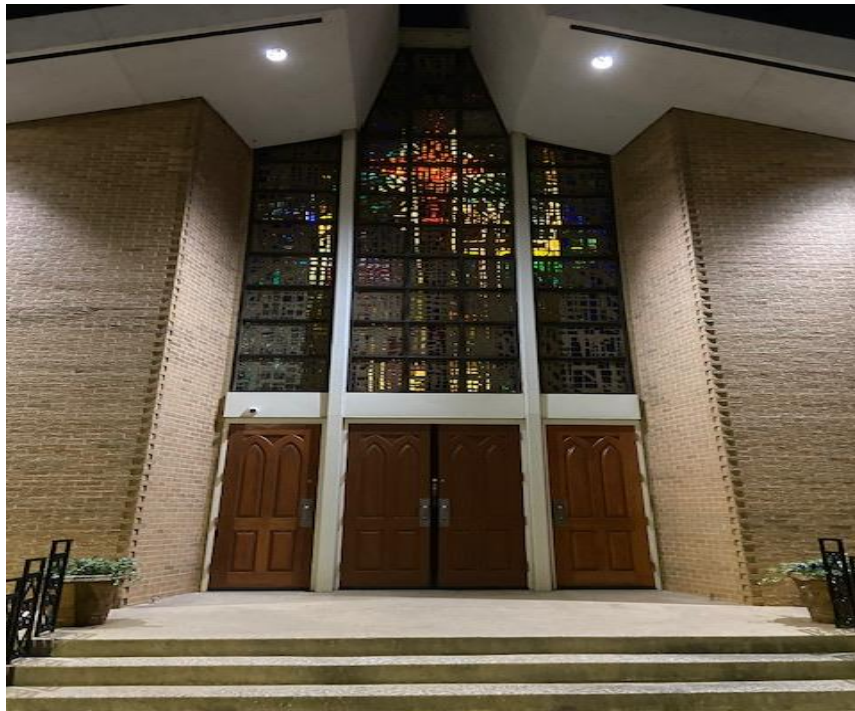
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### Mission

Saint John's mission is to "love God and love others" by ministering to the social, spiritual, and physical development of all people.



**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

**First Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Praise & Worship.....Music Ministry**

**The Doxology**

**AMEC Hymn No. 647 [Tune: Old 100]**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Call to Worship.....Brother Charleston Collins**

**Leader:** I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord! Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

**People:** **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand, elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

**Leader:** For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

**People:** **They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God.**

**Leader:** O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

**People:** **But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.**

**Leader:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

**People:** **O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, sing praises!**

**The Hymn of Praise.....“How Great Thou Art”**

O Lord my God, when I an awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Refrain**

Then sings my soul,  
My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art!  
How great Thou art!  
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My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art!  
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When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden, gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, and then proclaim, " My God, how  
great Thou art!"

**The Invocation**

**The Choral Response..... Saint John Mass Choir**

**The Scripture Lesson(s) - Easy-to-Read Version**

**Old Testament .....Brother Eron Collins**

**Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup> LORD our Lord, your name is the most wonderful in all the earth!  
It brings you praise everywhere in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> From the mouths of children and babies come songs of praise to you.  
They sing of your power to silence your enemies who were seeking  
revenge.

<sup>3</sup> I look at the heavens you made with your hands.  
I see the moon and the stars you created.  
<sup>4</sup> And I wonder, "Why are people so important to you?  
Why do you even think about them?  
Why do you care so much about humans<sup>[a]</sup>?  
Why do you even notice them?"  
<sup>5</sup> But you made them almost like gods  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
<sup>6</sup> You put them in charge of everything you made.  
You put everything under their control.  
<sup>7</sup> People rule over the sheep and cattle and all the wild animals.  
<sup>8</sup> They rule over the birds in the sky  
and the fish that swim in the sea.  
<sup>9</sup> LORD our Lord, your name is the most wonderful name in all the earth!

**"This is the Word of the Lord."**

**New Testament.....Sister London Davis**  
**2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

<sup>11</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, be filled with joy. Try to make everything right, and do what I have asked you to do. Agree with each other, and live in peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Give each other the special greeting of God's people. All of God's holy people here send you their greetings.

<sup>13</sup> I pray that you will enjoy the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

**"The Word of God for the people of God."**

**Gospel .....Brother Trey Roscoe**  
**(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)**  
**Matthew 28:16-20**

<sup>16</sup> The eleven followers went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. <sup>17</sup> On the mountain the followers saw Jesus. They worshiped him. But some of the followers did not believe that it was really Jesus. <sup>18</sup> So he came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me. <sup>19</sup> So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in

the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach them to obey everything that I have told you to do. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of time.”

**"May the Lord bless the hearers and doers of His Word."**

### **The Preface to the Decalogue**

#### **AMEC Hymn No. 69 From All That Dwell Below the Skies**

*From all that dwell below the skies,*

*Let the Creator's praise arise;*

*Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.*

#### **The Decalogue (Summary)**

Hear what Christ our Savior saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto It; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**The Gloria Patri:** *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.*

#### **Ministry of Stewardship (Tithes/Offerings/Benevolent)**

*All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen*

#### **Announcements, Acknowledgements and Visitors**

**The Worship through Music.....Saint John Mass Choir**

**The Message..... Pastor Sterling**

#### **The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**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 arose from the Dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Doxology (Contemporary)**

**Benediction..... Pastor Sterling**