



12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026

We've been expecting you.

*Please maintain prayerful silence and
turn off cell phones before the service.*

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(Please stand)* **Red Hymnal 371**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

THE GLORIA **Red Hymnal S-280**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it,

and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. *(Genesis 45:1-15)*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133 *(Prayed in unison)*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

THE EPISTLE

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. *(Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32)*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *(Please stand)* **Red Hymnal 531**

THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly. *(Matthew 15:10-28)*

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

THE SERMON **Fr. Nathan Wilson**
A period of silent reflection is observed after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED **Prayer Book 358**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.....Prayer Book 388

THE CONFESSION.....Prayer Book 360

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY Red Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A (Please stand)..... Prayer Book 361

THE SANCTUS (“Holy, holy, holy”).....Red Hymnal S-129

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Prayer Book 364

THE AGNUS DEIRed Hymnal S-163

COMMUNION & HEALING

All who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—regardless of denomination—are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Anne’s. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, fold your arms across your chest as the minister approaches. If you would like information about baptism at St. Anne’s, please speak to the priest after the service.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you have trouble coming to the altar, notify an usher so that the priest can come to your pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC

I Come with Joy.....Blue Hymnal 706

I Need Thee Every Hour.....476

Rain Down..... 444

His Name Is Wonderful.....102

Crown Him King of Kings..... 340

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYERPrayer Book 366

THE BLESSING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand) Red Hymnal 544

THE DISMISSAL.....Prayer Book 366

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Today’s flowers are given by Joan Whatley to the glory of God and in memory of Derrell Whatley.

TODAY: Sunday School for all ages begins after Mass. Drop by the Parish Hall for a quick snack, then head over to the Ministry Center. Children and Youth meet upstairs, while Episcopal 101, for the adults, serves as both a confirmation class and as a refresher for long-time Episcopalians. Everyone is welcome.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS: All kids are invited to join their friends at St. Anne’s on Wednesday evenings, beginning this week on August 19. After supper for parents and kids (see below), there are PreYC activities for children through Grade 5, while EYC is for Grades 6-12. A nursery is provided for the smallest ones while evening activities are going on, including Wednesday night Mass and choir practice. Please complete a registration form via the link in the newsletter to sign up.

Did you know that we serve between 50 and 60 people for supper every Wednesday? Parents and children gather in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m. for a light meal. We need help to put it on the table! If you can provide something simple (hotdogs, sandwiches, chicken tenders, pizza), donate funds for a supper, or help with setup and cleanup, please talk to Sarah Cook or use the signup link in your newsletter.

PARISH RETREAT: On October 9-11, we invite all members of the St. Anne’s congregation to join us for a weekend of fellowship, worship, service, and renewal at Honey Creek Episcopal Conference Center. The retreat will include a variety of activities for all ages, including a Saturday Low Country Boil, a community service project at Honey Creek, worship services, and opportunities to relax and enjoy time together.

Please use the link in your newsletter this week to access important retreat information, including the weekend schedule of activities, Honey Creek lodging and reservation details, and a Google Form that the Retreat Committee asks all interested participants to complete by September 1, 2026. We look forward to sharing this special weekend with you as we gather to relax, revive, and rejoice together.

ST. ANNE’S SHIRTS: We were so proud of the amazing shirts our VBS and mission trip volunteers got for this summer that we want to offer these for purchase by the whole parish! Shirts are \$20 each and can be ordered until September 1. These are great to show off your love for St. Anne’s at All Hallows’ Eve, the upcoming parish retreat, or around town when you’re out on errands. Orders will be delivered during social hour in mid-September. Please complete the order form below or call Sarah Cook for more info. All proceeds will benefit St. Anne’s Youth Programs. Payment can be made to Emily in the church office. Please include a note for “St. Anne’s Shirts.”

UPCOMING DATES:

August 19: EYC & PreYC Wednesday Nights Resume

October 9-11: Parish Retreat at Honey Creek

November 15: Bishop’s Visit



YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE: St. Anne’s runs solely on the generosity of its members. Give today via the offering plate; or text STANNESTIFTON to 73256; or scan this code to give online. Every gift, large or small, sustains the church we love.

OUR GIFTS AT WORK: St. Joseph’s Cantina. The Cantina is an outreach ministry of St. Anne’s that partners with community partners to provide a hot meal on the first Sunday of each month to the growing homeless community in the Tifton Area. Please, consider volunteering. It is not hard and a great way to put your faith to work outside the walls of the church. Please contact Ricky Day with any questions or to put your name on the calendar.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

JANUARY - JULY 2026	
Income: \$260,544	Expenses: \$249,006

TODAY’S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MC	Clayton Riehle
Vestry	Lana Hendrix
Lectors	Earl Denham, Teddie Denham
LEMs	Brenda Doss, Kim Onyeri
Media	Ron Elizondo
LEV	Rich McDonald
Greeters	Ann Clayton, Lana Hendrix
Acolytes	Sarah Johnson, Acolyte Master; Riley Johnson, Ella Johnson, Eli Johnson, Oliver Johnson, Alyssa Johnson, Korbin Huggins, Jenna Logan
Altar Guild	Lorie Fellton, Glenda Johnson, Brenda Doss
Ushers	Chris & Heather Grimes, Micah Johnson, Darrell Walker

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Carla, Heather, Sallie, Carole, Lucille, Bucky, Mary Anne, Molly Kate, Johnny, Jason, Karen, Mike & Marion, Jerry, Cheryle, Debbie, Lisa, Elsa, Sheila, Tommy, Jackie, Paula, Grace

BIRTHDAYS: Molly Gatewood, Jules Carmichael, Clarence Lewis, Loraine Sullivan, Chris Hammond, Justin Cook, Lilah Dru Rogers

FOR THE DEPARTED: Ken Hopkinson, Chase Streicher

OUR CLERGY: The Rt. Rev’d Frank Logue (Bishop),
The Rev’d Nathan Wilson (Rector)

OUR SEMINARIAN: Brandon Medley