

St. Francis Anglican Parish is a community of reverence and relationships that reflects the timeless truths of Jesus Christ's love and teaching to Central North Carolina.

The Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle (Observed) August 24, 2025 (Proper for the Feast Day of St. Bartholomew the Apostle)

Items in **bold type** are **spoken** or **sung** in unison. (†) indicates you may make the sign of the cross.

Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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 Summary of The Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ (†), with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you gave your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-18

Moses said, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91

Whoever dwells under the defense of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,

my God in whom I will trust."

For he shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence.

He shall defend you under his wings, and you shall be safe under his feathers;

his faithfulness and truth shall be your shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,

nor of the arrow that flies by day,

Of the pestilence that walks in darkness,

nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.

A thousand shall fall beside you, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you.

Indeed, with your eyes you shall behold and see the reward of the ungodly.

Because you have said, "The LORD is my refuge," and have made the Most High your stronghold,

There shall no evil happen to you,

neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over you,

to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands,

that you hurt not your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder;

the young lion and the serpent you shall trample under your feet.

"Because he has set his love upon me, therefore I will deliver him; I will lift him up, because he has known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him;

indeed, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him and bring him honor.

With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation."

Second Reading I Corinthians 4:9-16

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum

of the world, the refuse of all things. I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Leader The Word of the Lord lasts forever. What is the Word that is

living? It is brought to us through his Son Jesus Christ.

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel......Luke 22:24–30

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves. "You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn I Sing a Song of the Saints of God, p. 12

Homily Fr. Dan Hardin

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 (Prayer lists are on page 16 of your bulletin.)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For Stephen, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America; Alan, Steven and Quigg, our Bishops; for all the clergy and people of our diocese, Christ Our Hope, and for our parish family at St. Francis. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, praying especially this week for those in the Uzbekistan. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service [especially]. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in need of spiritual guidance and those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____(Lists are found on p. 16.)]. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, (†) [especially _____ (Lists are found on p. 16.)] in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sin (The people may kneel.)

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 or Priest stands and says:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon (†) and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. JOHN 3:16

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Announcements

Doxology

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 Offertory

Celebrant ... All things come from you, O Lord, **People** And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving (The Sursum Corda)

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with your spirit.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations, and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (†) Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer Of Consecration

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace. On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us (†) also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. 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 forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 Fraction

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

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Holy Communion......Lord, I Need You/Cornerstone, p. 13

The Post Communion Prayer

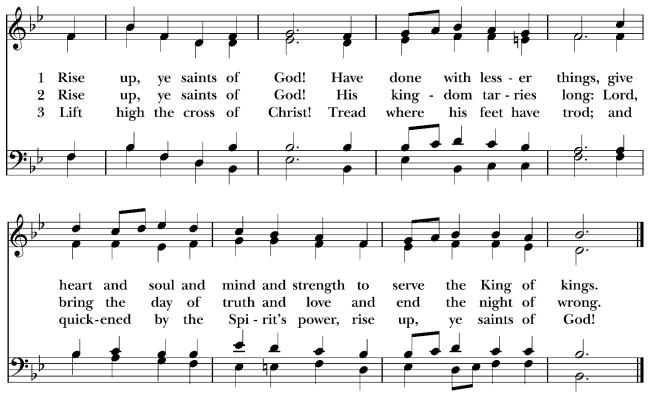
Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

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The Dismissal

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God



Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: Festal Song, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

For All the Saints

- 1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed.

 Alleluia, alleluia!
- Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.

 Alleluia, alleluia!
 - 3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

 Alleluia, alleluia!
 - 4 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 - 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

 Alleluia, alleluia!
 - 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

 Alleluia, alleluia!
 - 7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way.

 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, alleluia!

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, #287 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God



Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: Grand Isle, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me Where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

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Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

repeat

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the
Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil
Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne

Chorus

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Those Serving Today

Dana Garrett
The Lloyds
Mark Mahaffey & Tom Reese
Cameron Hanna
Scarlet Turpin
Marty & Linda Pate
Andrew & Danielle Bass
(8:45) & Gina Buswell (9:45)
The Basses
Rosemary Parten
Bennetts, Team Coordinator
h Puckett, Carolyn Washburn

Staff

Organist: Rosemary Parten

Vestry

Through 2026: Roger Buswell; Jimmy Washburn, *Jr. Warden;* Larry Wicker, *Sr. Warden* Through 2027: Dana Garrett, Pam Kerley, Rhonda Lloyd Through 2028: Oliver Crawley, Marty Pate, Jessie Turpin

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Announcements

- WOULD YOU LIKE PRAYER FOR YOURSELF OR OTHERS? Please see a prayer team member (standing at the back of the church wearing a red badge) during communion or fill out a beige pew PRAYER card and drop it in a red prayer box by the back or side door of the sanctuary after church.
- **FOYER ART:** The next exhibition will be Textile Arts (installed 9/30-10/4). Our spring exhibit (installed 1/20/26) will showcase our youth. Artwork can be delivered to the church on any day but we ask that you contact us first so we can meet you there to pick it up. The last day to deliver art for the Textile Art exhibit is September 24, 2025. Questions? Contact Karen Tatum (919-721-0300 kthasart@gmail.com) or Crystal Champaigne (928-302-4853 crystal.champaigne@gmail.com).

Mark Your Calendar

- COOKOUT (5:30 P.M.) AND POOL PARTY (7:00 P.M.) tonight at West Lake Valley Clubhouse & Pool (1321 Gormly Circle)
- CHURCH FAMILY MEAL AND EVENING PRAYER: Taco bar at Steve and Portia Young's (3122 Sandwedge, Carolina Trace) at 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 29. Don't miss this delightful time with our church family. Please sign up online or at church so your name will be at the gatehouse. Also, please note if you would like to bring a side, dessert or beverage.
- SATURDAY MORNING WHIMSICAL WOMEN WALKING WEEKLY: Meet in front of the splash pad at Kiwanis Park at 8:00 a.m.
- 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: The schedule of events includes:
 - o September 17: Please sign up on sheet or by emailing greese.sfap@gmail.com
 - Evening event for adults at Oakland Farm (3355 Rosser Road, Bear Creek, NC) at 6:00 p.m.
 - Childcare, dinner and activities for children and youth at church at 5:30 p.m.
 - o Saturday, October 4:
 - Morning: Serve the city by doing projects with local ministry partners
 - **Afternoon:** Blessing of the pets at the St. Francis parking lot
 - o **Sunday, October 5:** Parish Picnic at the Kerleys' (427 Hawk Road).

Summer/Fall Sunday School Offerings

- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: K-Grade 5, meet with Leslie Hanna in the choir room to sing and learn about saints of the church. Regular classes will resume September 7.
- YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Grades 6-12, attend (or help with) Children's Sunday School or join the adults. Regular classes will resume September 7.
- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS
 - New Acts Study meets upstairs. Bruce Ledford and Jimmy Washburn lead the class.
 - o Anglicanism 101 meets upstairs. Peggy Nelson teaches the class.
 - o "The Chosen, Season 5" will resume downstairs after the Anglicanism course ends.

Adult Bible Studies

- TUESDAY NIGHT STUDY OF JOHN: Meeting September 2 and 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Emmanuel Room.
- WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets at 10:00 a.m. Can't make all the classes? Come to the ones you can!

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

For the concerns weighing on the hearts and minds of members of this congregation:

Kristen Allen	
Bob Alwine	
June Bale	
Eric Baumgartner	
Ernestine Blackburn	
Birdie Bueno	
Frank Caltagirone	
Hailley Chapman	
Jeff Cummings	
*Paul Dempster	
*Mary Ann Dusenbury	
* Roland Frechette	
Ed Garrison	
Karen Griffin	
*Nancy Griffin	
Jerry Hamm	
Kevin Haney	
Jimmy Hare	
Alex Haynes	
*Brian Haynes	

*Kurt Heinz
Mike Hendley
Ron Hewett
Jimmy Holt
Jay Honeycutt
*Jessie Honecutt
*Arlene Jackson
Sam Jackson
Joey Jervis
Scott Keller
*Charline Kugler
Michelle Leonhardt
*Elliot Mann
Aileen Mashburn
Carlie Anne Nicholson
Jennifer Nicholson
Mike Odom
Edwin Patterson
Barbara Perry
Greg Poe
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Bill Ray *Tom Reese Mark Rice Susan Rush Sephanie Sellars Richard Shaw Hannah Shutt *Kathi Smith Cherry Stanley **Eddie Stanley** Cathy Stinson *Mackenzie Stinson The Sullivan Family **Charley Swing** *Jayne Taylor Kristin Vernon CH Michael Voudouris Christy Welch *Charles Wick David Wilkerson

*Member of St. Francis

We remove names after one month if we have no updates to guide our prayers, but if someone you added still needs prayers, please contact Peggy Nelson or Gordy Reese to extend the time.

To add, update information on, or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact Peggy (phnelson149@gmail.com) or Gordy (greese.sfap@gmail.com).

Pray for those serving in our military all over the world: Corbin Andrews, Alex Bogaski, Roger Buswell, Josh Carpenter, Christian, Fortune Egbulefu, Eliza, Ellis, Evan, Katherine Gladd, Noah Gibson, Garrett Hill, Shane Lawrence, Jim Makepeace, Isaac Owensby, Matt Pate, William Puckett, Fr. Lucas Rees, Devan Siler, Fr. Nick Stavlund, Fr. Dan Steiner, Mac Swingle, Trevor, Brent Turpin, Jason Williams

Pray for the Departed: Mary Clark, Tommy McDonald, Brent Smith, John Stark

The altar flowers are given by Brian and Mary Ella Teeter to the glory of God and in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary.