



# THE PARISH CHURCH

— AT HABERSHAM —



CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION  
*and*  
REAFFIRMATION

December 07, 2025  
10:00 am



## A Church Where We Love Our Neighbors

### Who We Are

The Parish Church worships God together in community, offering an opportunity to come to know and love the Lord Jesus. We believe that as we grow in our love for God together, we will also grow closer to one another - being known, sharing life, and loving neighbors as Jesus taught us to do, right where we live.

The Parish Church at Habersham is a daughter church plant of St. Helena in Downtown Beaufort. We are a parish church of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina under the authority of Bishop Charles Edgar.

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION  
and  
REAFFIRMATION  
*with the Laying on of Hands by the Bishop*

*Please stand to sing the opening hymn.*

**Opening Hymn** The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns  
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The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light triumphant breaks,  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills  
and life to joy awakes.

Not, as of old, a little child,  
to suffer and to die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun  
that lights the morning sky.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
and earth's dark night is past;  
O haste the rising of that morn  
whose day shall ever last.

And let the endless bliss begin,  
by weary saints foretold,  
when right shall triumph over wrong,  
and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light and beauty brings,  
Hail, Christ, the Lord!  
Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings.

Bishop: The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,  
*And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.*

Bishop: Your old men shall dream dreams,  
*And your young men shall see visions.*

Bishop: You shall know that the Lord is in the midst  
of his people,  
*That he is the Lord and there is none else.*

Bishop: And it shall come to pass  
*That everyone who calls on the Name of  
the Lord shall be saved.*

Bishop: The Lord be with you.  
*And with your spirit.*

Bishop: Let us pray.

### **Agnus Dei**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

### **The Collect for The Second Sunday In Advent**

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written  
for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn,  
and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort  
of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the  
blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in  
our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

*Congregation, please be seated.*

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 72:1-19

*Please read the psalm responsively by half verse*

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
***and your righteousness to the royal son!***
- <sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness,  
***and your poor with justice!***
- <sup>3</sup> Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
***and the hills, in righteousness!***
- <sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
***give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor!***
- <sup>5</sup> May they fear you while the sun endures,  
***and as long as the moon, throughout all  
generations!***
- <sup>6</sup> May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
***like showers that water the earth!***
- <sup>7</sup> In his days may the righteous flourish,  
***and peace abound, till the moon be no more!***
- <sup>8</sup> May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
***and from the River to the ends of the earth!***
- <sup>9</sup> May desert tribes bow down before him,  
***and his enemies lick the dust!***
- <sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands  
render him tribute;  
***may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!***
- <sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him,  
***all nations serve him!***
- <sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when he calls,  
***the poor and him who has no helper.***
- <sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
***and saves the lives of the needy.***
- <sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life,  
***and precious is their blood in his sight.***

<sup>15</sup> Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him!

***May prayer be made for him continually,  
and blessings invoked for him all the day!***

<sup>16</sup> May there be abundance of grain in the land;

***on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its  
fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in  
the cities like the grass of the field!***

<sup>17</sup> May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long  
as the sun!

***May people be blessed in him, all nations call him  
blessed!***

<sup>18</sup> Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

***who alone does wondrous things.***

<sup>19</sup> Blessed be his glorious name forever;

***may the whole earth be filled with his glory!***

Amen and Amen!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit\*

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be, world without end. Amen***

New Testament

Romans 15:1-13

<sup>1</sup> We who are strong have an obligation to bear with  
the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

<sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build

him up. <sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself, but as it is  
written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you

fell on me." <sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days  
was written for our instruction, that through endurance

and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we  
might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and

encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with  
one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together

you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup> And again it says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup> And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*



## Gradual Hymn:

While We Are Waiting, Come

While we are waiting, come;  
While we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
While we are waiting, come.

With pow'r and glory, come;  
With pow'r and glory, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
While we are waiting, come.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St. Matthew.

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

<sup>8</sup> Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not

presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Gradual Hymn:

While We Are Waiting, Come

With pow’r and glory, come;  
With pow’r and glory, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
While we are waiting, come.

Come, Savior, quickly come;  
Come, Savior, quickly come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
While we are waiting, come.

## 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 PRESENTATION, EXHORTATION  
AND EXAMINATION

*The Candidates and Presenters stand facing the Bishop as  
their Presenters say:*

**Presenters:** *Reverend Father in God, we present these  
persons to receive the laying on of hands.*

Bishop: Have they been adequately prepared?

**Presenters:** *They have.*

*The Bishop then says:*

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, these Candidates desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

*The Bishop then addresses the Candidates:*

Bishop: Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

**Candidates: *I do.***

Bishop: Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Candidates: *I renounce them.***

Bishop: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Candidates: *I renounce them.***

Bishop: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

**Candidates: *I renounce them.***

Bishop: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

**Candidates: *I do.***

Bishop: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**Candidates: *I do.***

Bishop: Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

**Candidates: *I will, the Lord being my helper.***

*The Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying:*

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People: *We will.***

## PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

*The Bishop stands and says:*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Each Confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop then lays his hands upon the person's head.*

## CONCLUDING PRAYER AFTER THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

*The Bishop then says:*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be upon these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that they may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin

*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 Absolution of Sin

## The Comfortable Words

## The Peace (*standing*)

*The congregation greets one another with God's peace and is invited to spend five minutes meeting with and encouraging one another in the Lord. When the pianist plays the interlude, please make your way back to your seats for the service to resume.*

## Offertory

*The celebrant reads one of the offertory sentences and the ushers come forward to pass the collection baskets to the congregation.*

## Offertory Hymn 177 The Lord Will Come And Not Be Slow

The Lord will come and not be slow;  
His footsteps cannot err;  
Before him righteousness shall go,  
His royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flow'r,  
Shall bud and blossom then;  
And justice, from her heav'nly bower,  
Look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might;  
This wicked earth redress;  
For thou art he who shalt by right  
The nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made  
Shall come, and all shall frame  
To bow them low before thee, Lord,  
And glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great  
By thy strong hand are done:  
Thou in thine everlasting seat  
Remainest God alone.

## The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*



## The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift 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 Sanctus

*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. Hosanna in the  
highest.*

## The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People: Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb is  
sacrificed for us.

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. 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.*

## The Invitation

## The Ministration of Communion

## Communion Hymn

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

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Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a Flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter  
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright  
She bore to men a Savior  
When half-spent was the night.

This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens every load.

### 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 the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

### The Blessing

#### Closing Hymn

389 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy  
To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong,  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth;  
Before him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him,  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore him,  
His praise all people sing;  
To him shall pray'r unceasing  
And daily vows ascend,  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious,  
He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all blest;  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand for ever,  
His changeless name of Love.

## The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*



## Make A Note

### **Little Food Pantry**-Every 3rd Sunday

Providing nutrition, fresh food, toiletries, and socks at the pantry site on Joe Frazier Road.

### **Prayer Group**-Parish Church at Habersham, 100 Market **Every Tues.**

9:00am - Establish your prayer patterns with  
The Book of Common Prayer.

### **Every Weds.**

7:30am - Men's Book Study. Park House.

Romans 8-16 For You, by Tim Keller.

Contact Frank Koehn at koehnfe@gmail.com

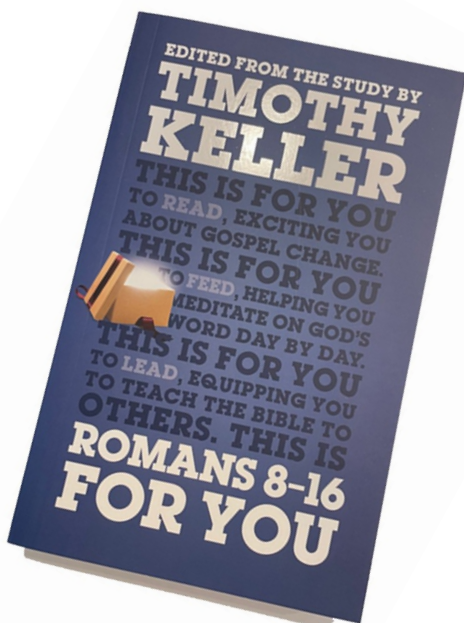
9:00am - Prayer for those in need, sickness, or adversity.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Every Sunday during communion or by appointment. Contact Rev. Claudia Carucci at claudiac@theparish.org

## Thank You for Worshipping with Us!

- To contact the church staff call our parish administrator at 854-236-2550 or by email: [admin@theparish.org](mailto:admin@theparish.org)
- If you would like to support our ministry, go to [TheParish.org](http://TheParish.org) and Click "Give" on the homepage.

## Make A Note: Men's Book Study



*New to Habersham? Why not join a friendly, casual welcoming book study. We'll discuss how the gospel can change your perspective and expand your faith. This is a mixed denomination group. A few books are available for purchase and **the best part is you can jump in at any time!***

*(Coffee will be available for those needing a little wake-up!)*

### **Details:**

7:30am - Men's Book Study. Park House.

Romans 8-16 For You, by Tim Keller.

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## Your Clergy

The Reverend James S. Sosnowski

*Rector*

The Reverend Dr. Christopher R. Seitz

*Theologian in Residence*

The Reverend Joseph Lawrence

*Assisting Clergy*

The Reverend Claudia Carucci

*Deacon*

The Reverend Thad Bullock

*Deacon*

