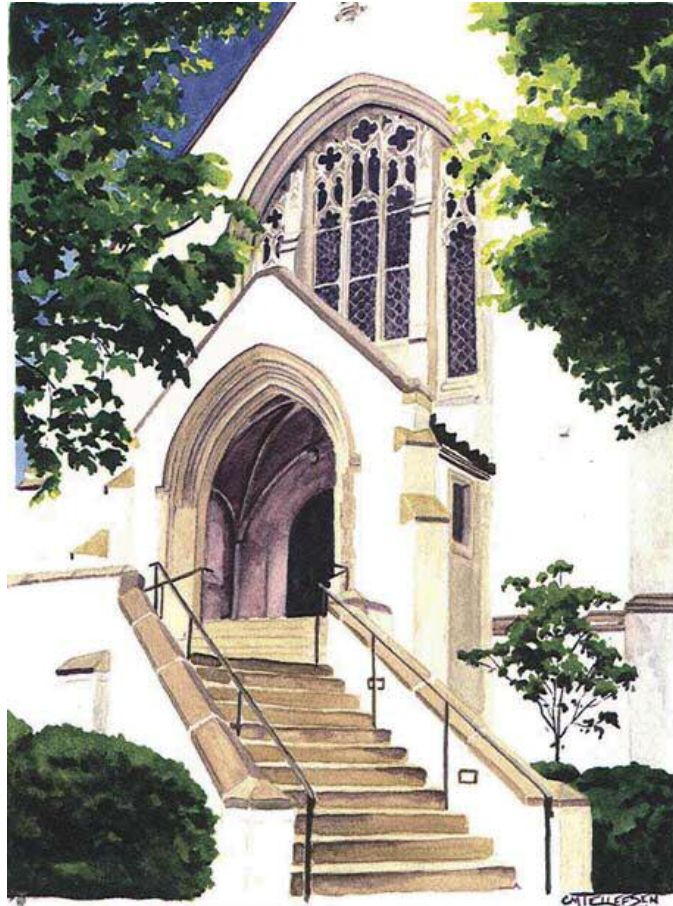


# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

## Parish Profile



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## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH TODAY

St. John's Episcopal Church is a parish of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. Established in 1911 and located in the suburban Rivermont section of the city, St. John's is a vibrant, growing parish seeking to serve Christ in all persons, loving neighbor as self.

Church membership exceeds 1,550 and average Sunday attendance is 416. St. John's staff includes a rector, two associate rectors, five full-time and three part-time employees. The Vestry has 15 members who provide leadership for our five Parish Commissions. Our current budget is approximately \$1,000,000.

We place special emphasis upon the liturgies of the Church and our worship services capture not only the ancient liturgical traditions but the modern times in which we live. Music constitutes a major element of our worship tradition and we have historically provided some of our city's best sacred music.

Our education programs are wide ranging, well attended, and actively engage all ages within our congregation. We are proud of our weekday preschool that draws students from both the parish and the greater community. Our parish life and care is compassionate and gracious. Our fellowship offerings are frequent and varied.

Outreach has long been a hallmark of our identity and in recent years we have renewed our commitment to service in the name of Christ through a variety of partnerships and programs.

All aspects of our life together shape and focus our mission--to *share Christ's love*.

## OUR MISSION

- + To ensure the responsible stewardship of financial, physical and human resources by providing the leadership necessary to foster a community of openness, honesty, and integrity as we strive to live as God's people.
- + To provide enhanced educational, programmatic, and physical resources to live fully as the body of Christ.
- + To strive to enhance the celebration of Christ's love through the liturgy of the spoken word and communal Eucharist, altar and flower guild preparation, music/choirs ministry, and clergy and lay participation.
- + To reach out to all God's children and to change lives together.
- + To provide activities, services, and programs that meet the parish life and care needs of all generations and to make all aware of opportunities to share Christ's love while serving and ministering to others.





## Characteristics of the Ideal Rector

St. John's Episcopal Church seeks as its 9th rector:

- + A Christ-centered, spiritual person.
- + A strong preacher who can deliver a clear message based on sound theology and personal faith.
- + An organized administrator with experience in overseeing staff, lay leaders, and volunteers.
- + A warm, engaging person who is blessed with a sense of humor and can relate to all age groups.
- + An experienced and inspirational leader with confidence in dealing with a diverse parish of highly skilled and outreach-oriented individuals.
- + A supporter of our strong, high quality music program.
- + A supporter of our Christian Education, Youth, and Day School programs.
- + An individual who loves children and strives to know each parishioner.

## PRIORITIES FOR THE RECTOR

- + Preach and direct our liturgy to deepen spiritual growth.
- + Assemble and lead a team of clergy and staff in support of our mission—to *share Christ's love*.
- + Lead and inspire the Vestry-led Commissions on Administration, Christian Formation, Liturgy, Outreach, and Parish Life and Care to wise decisions and actions.
- + Offer appropriate pastoral care and counseling to those in need.
- + Assist parishioners in welcoming and involving new members in the worship, programs, and outreach mission of the parish.
- + Provide education and leadership to enhance our understanding of stewardship in its fullest sense.
- + Assist the parish leadership with our imminent capital fund campaign to correct moisture issues.
- + Serve as a non-voting member of the endowment committee.





## THE DIOCESE AND THE GREATER CHURCH

St. John's is deeply involved in and committed to the mission and ministry of our Lord through the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia ([www.dioswva.org](http://www.dioswva.org)) and the Greater Church.

Our bishop is the Rt. Rev. F. Neff Powell, D.D., who was consecrated as the 5th Bishop of Southwestern Virginia in 1996. We have had, over the years, a large number of parishioners and clergy involved in the leadership of the diocese and Greater Church, deputies to General Convention, members of the Standing Committee, the Executive Board, and the many committees and commissions of the Diocese.

We take very seriously the fact that our sense of stewardship compels us to share the resources with which God blesses us beyond our walls. Our yearly pledge to the Diocese and our active participation in supporting Episcopal Relief and Development and the UTO emphasize this conviction and commitment.

## Compensation and Benefits

St. John's offers a compensation and benefits package which meets or exceeds the Diocesan guidelines and which will be commensurate with the background and experience of the successful candidate.

## Selection Information

- + Both the Search Committee and the Vestry will conduct in-person conversations with final candidates.
- + Oxford background checks will be performed on all final candidates at parish expense.
- + The parish will pay reasonable visitation expenses.
- + The parish anticipates the new Rector will be called by July 31, 2010.
- + Resumes and CDO profiles are to be sent to: [StJohnsSearchCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:StJohnsSearchCommittee@gmail.com) or to the diocesan deployment officer, The Rev. Gene Anderson at: [ganderson@dioswva.org](mailto:ganderson@dioswva.org).



## Lynchburg, Virginia

Lynchburg was settled in 1757 on the banks of the James River, in the eastern foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Lynchburg has a population of approximately 69,300 and the metropolitan area has a population of approximately 250,000. Popular as a community for retirees, the city is also cherished as a wonderful place to raise a family. Unemployment and crime rates are low, and the city supports a variety of recreational, athletic, and fine arts offerings.

Both our public and private schools are excellent; the two city high schools are nationally recognized. Randolph College, Lynchburg College, and Liberty University are located within the city; Sweet Briar College is just beyond the city limits. Central Virginia Community College is located here and eight other well-known colleges and universities are within a 75-mile radius. Lynchburg is also home to Virginia Episcopal School, a co-ed preparatory school, and the Virginia School of the Arts, a nationally renowned residential program that sends graduates into some of the country's finest professional dance companies.

The city has outstanding and affordable health care services, including regional neonatal, trauma, and coronary care facilities.

Tourism, due to the area's rich Civil War and Jeffersonian history, the National D-Day Memorial nearby, and the city's proximity to the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Appalachian Trail, is an increasingly successful industry.

A focused restoration and renovation of the inner city is well underway and many older homes and commercial buildings in the historic districts have been resurrected for residential and business use.

Known as "The City of Churches," Lynchburg has, including St. John's, four Episcopal churches.

Much more information is available at:  
[www.lynchburgchamber.org](http://www.lynchburgchamber.org).