



Episcopal CHURCH
of the Ridge



Rev. Lathrop Mosley, Vicar

SEPTEMBER 15 / 10 AM Grace
Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost
Acolyte /Emerson Holmes
Lector /Scotty Scott
Intercessor /Peggy Moss
Eucharistic Minister /Jerrold Watson
Greeters /Muffy Sander / Jay Summer
Altar / Sarah Schwarz
Usher/Jack Schwarz
Hospitality / Kim Walker
Reading 1 / Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
Reading 2 / James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

Livestream the Sunday Service here:

[ECOR YouTube](#)



A word about 9-11...

As I write this, we are honoring the 23rd Anniversary of 9-11. I noticed the flags at half-mast this morning. Many are sharing memories and pictures on social media. It is one of those days that we will always remember exactly where we were and exactly what we were doing, like the Attack on Pearl Harbor, JFK's Assassination, the Challenger Disaster, and many others. It is also one of those days that we perhaps stayed glued to the television in complete and utter disbelief. If we were at work, we did not get anything done as we all listened and waited and perhaps, we might have gone home early. We might have gathered with family because we did not know what might be next. We might have picked children up from school. We might have tucked children in more carefully and spent just a few more minutes with them than we normally would. President George W. Bush was at an elementary school in Sarasota, Florida. We watched his reaction as he was told the news and tried to hold it together and act as normally and calmly as possible, not wanting to frighten a room full of children. Many closings and cancellations followed the attacks on 9-11 as well as cancellation or postponement of sporting and other events. Amusements parks shut down. The entire airspaces of the United States and Canada were closed, except military, police, and medical flights. We heard about Air Force One being the only plane flying at one point on 9-11.

It is interesting how those memories can flood back with just a few pictures, seeing videos or news coverage of that day, reading someone's post or memories. In a matter of less than two hours, we were reminded how vulnerable our country is and how fragile some of our most iconic buildings were. We were reminded that our foreign enemies can attack us on our soil. But perhaps more than anything else, we were reminded how fragile life is and how things can change in an instant. Today, it still reminds us that no one ever knows what a new day has in store. It calls us to live each day to the fullest and never miss a chance to let those closest and dearest to us know how much we love them.

On this 23rd anniversary of the terrorist attacks in our country on September 11, 2001, let us remember those who lost their lives on that day and pray for all who grieve for them and who were affected by the events of that day in any way.

A Collect for 9/11: O Almighty God, who brings good out of evil and turns even the wrath of your children towards your promised peace: Hear our prayers this day as we remember those of many nations and differing faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred. Hasten the time when the menace of war shall be removed. Cleanse both us and those perceived to be our enemies of all hatred and distrust. Pour out the spirit of peace on all the rulers of our world that we may be brought

through strife to the lasting peace of the kingdom of your Son; Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (from The Episcopal Diocese of New York)

Blessings,

Mother Lathrop

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Member **DIRECTORY**

As we update our records to provide everyone with a new directory, it is vital you provide all the information listed on the form. Please do not forget to bring or mail your contact form back to the church. They will be mailed out on Monday September 9th so if you haven't received one please let Muffy Sander know at 303-565-7741 or email her at muffysander@gmail.com, and she will get one out to you right away. All forms should be returned no later than the 31st of October, if we do not have it, we will call you to get the information.



DOK will sponsor a flower arranging workshop for members of the parish on Tuesday, November 12, at ten in the parish hall at Our Saviour. This is a free event, but donations for the work of DOK will be accepted. More details to follow.



Bells Across America

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

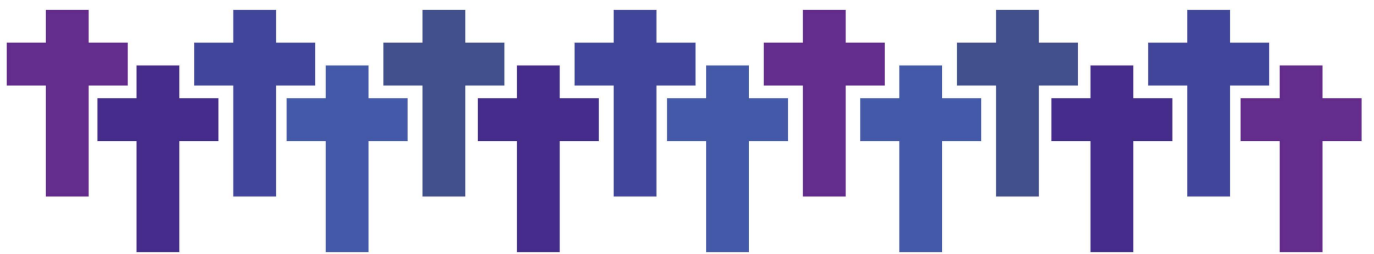
4:00 PM Eastern Time

All across the United States, people will be ringing bells at 4:00 PM on September 17 to celebrate the signing of the Constitution, even with Cell Phones, for Bells Across America!

During the colonial and early days of our country, bells were used to call people together, to alert them to some important announcement or event. Bells called the people of Philadelphia together to hear the Declaration of Independence read publicly for the first time on July 4, 1776. Then again, just over 11 years later, on September 17, bells were used to call people together for the first public reading of our new Constitution. This year marks the 237th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, which is commemorated annually by the "Ring of the Bells" across America. The Old 96 District Chapter of the NSDAR encourages all citizens, churches, schools, etc. to ring their bells for one minute in unison at 4:00 PM Eastern Time on Tuesday, September 17.



We have all the pieces, and we are finally making our lanyards! We would like to wear them out in the community when we are volunteering, whether it be something that Church of the Ridge does, like Meal Packing in Ridge Spring or something you do on your own. Please send an email to Mother Lathrop (vicar@churchoftheridge.org) with your name and other family members' names so that we can make you a name tag. She has already made name tags for those who volunteer to call Bingo, those who regularly pack meals in Ridge Spring, and anyone else who emailed her previously and will bring them with her to church the next few Sundays.



Post General Convention Forum - Midlands

The EDUSC deputation to the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church invites you to participate in a forum to learn more about the work of the convention, which was held in Louisville, Kentucky, on June 21 - June 28, 2024. The forum should last an hour to an hour-and-a-half depending on the amount of discussion and number of questions.

Location: St Michael's & All Angels', [6408 Bridgewood Rd, Columbia, SC 29206](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6408+Bridgewood+Rd,+Columbia,+SC+29206)

Date and time: Sat, Sep 28, 2024 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Link to Register: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/rcff6ha>

Please let Scotty (robtmscott@gmail.com) know if you plan on attending so that we can coordinate riding together/carpooling



September 22 at Trinity immediately following the 10:00am service

October 20 at Our Saviour immediately following the 10:00am service

In case you are wondering, a Lay Eucharistic Minister is a lay person licensed by the bishop to administer the consecrated elements of the eucharist. Lay eucharistic ministers may be licensed to administer the consecrated bread and wine at any celebration of the eucharist in the absence of a sufficient number of priests and deacons to assist the celebrant. Prior to the current lay ministry canons, specially licensed lay readers administered the chalice at the eucharist and were known as “chalice bearers.”

Please let Mother Lathrop know if you have any questions.

Sept 29th 12:00 noon

Covered dish Sunday at Our Saviour. Bring your favorite dish and share some fellowship

September 29th 4:00pm Bring your lawn chairs

Blessing of the animals, Our Saviour. No animal is too big or too small for Mother Lathrop to bless! She will also bless favorite stuffed animals for those who do not have pets as well as pictures of animals if it is too hard to bring them. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Monday, November 4th at 6:00 PM

Vigil for National Life St. Thaddeus in Aiken

November 8th & 9th

Diocesan Convention in Columbia. We will be voted to become a Parish.

December 8th 5:00pm to 8:00pm



One-Minute Sermon of Thanks:

9/15 Renovations to Grace
9/22 Renovations to Trinity
9/29 General Expenses of all three locations



Congratulations to Andy Whitfield, who is a new Councilman for the Edgefield Town Council, representing ward six.

Notes Along the Way

Meditations from Bishop Daniel Richards

updated weekly from the diocese Website

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e=ad64a6cb46](https://mailchi.mp/edusc/notes-along-the-way-15873947?e=ad64a6cb46)



Please consider subscribing to his newsletter so you can get all the diocese news in your inbox.



September 15th at Grace
October 20 at Our Saviour
November 24 Trinity
December: TBD

Our Sunday afternoon services continue to be a success! We had another small, but joyful crowd at Our Saviour on August 18. Mother Lathrop has decided to extend the trial period to the end of the year. We hope that it will give everyone another option, especially if a later service is easier.

All services are at 4:00pm



Do you play a sport? Are you in a band or chorus? Do you take part in a school or community play? Do you volunteer somewhere? Are you in a club or community group? Is there something else you love to do? One of the many things I love about Episcopal Church of the Ridge is that we are small enough for me to do things that are not as feasible to do in a larger church. One of those things which I am excited about is getting out and seeing you do what you love to do. I want to come and see you and cheer you on when you are doing those things. And it can be anything, and this is not just limited to our children and youth. While sports, plays, band, chorus, or volunteering are some of the obvious things. If you participate in something and would like me to come check it out, I want to know!

Please email me at vicar@churchoftheridge.org.

Ways you can **SERVE**

[Request for Volunteers to help with Livestreaming](#)

We have been live-streaming our Sunday services for about 6 months now and are averaging 3 viewers on the livestream and 15 views during the following week. I have spoken with several of our members who view the livestream and it offers them a chance to “visit” with their friends and fellow members on Sunday when they otherwise could not.

To continue this important ministry, we need 2-3 members to step in and learn the process so that we can guarantee that the service is streamed every Sunday.

Due to the technical nature of this role, we need volunteers who have a working knowledge of streaming

to YouTube and a general knowledge of how sound/video systems work. If you are interested in learning more, please call Jay Summer at 330-991-3157 or email at jaysummersc@gmail.com



ACTS - Area Churches Together

Every third Wednesday of the month.

Next date for distribution is **September 18th** at Ridge Spring Farmers Market!

8:30am-11:00am Please consider joining the fun

Rev. Lathrop, Sarah, Greg, Jack, Jerrold and will guide you in helping.
and remember many hands make lite work.



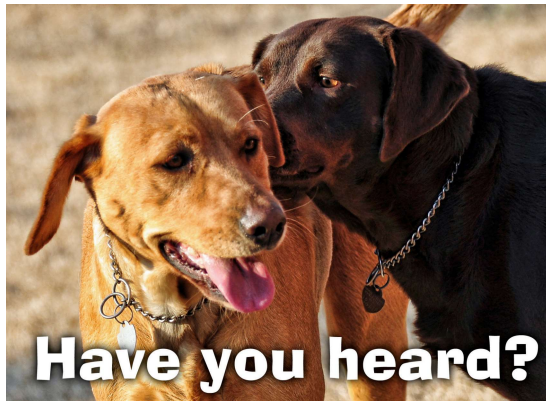
Every 3rd Thursday, Bingo is held at the Edgefield Senior Center from 9am to 11am
Please consider volunteering to purchase gifts or to call Bingo. Contact Cindy Vann at 706-833-3328

Sunday Food Collections - If you bring it, we will deliver it!

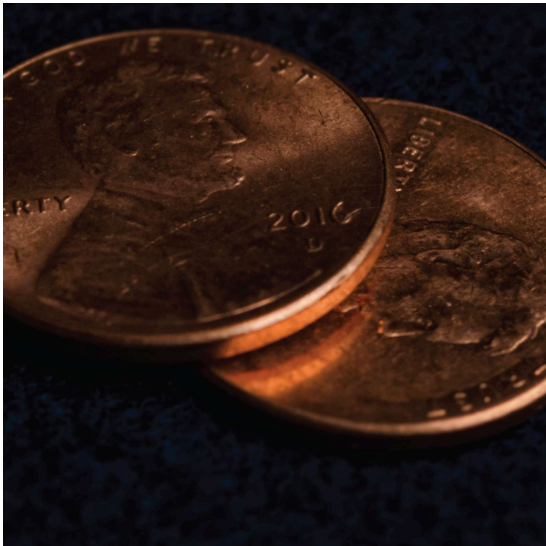
In an effort to simplify our Outreach Ministries, we encourage you to bring donations whenever the spirit moves you! We will sort and transport the donations to the proper agencies. Non-perishable food items (no glass), Spices, Toiletries, and Cleaning supplies, and pet food.

Please do not include any clothing.

For additional information, please contact Jerrold Watson or Ric Vann. Thank you!



The SPCA in Aiken needs donations for the pets out there who are not as fortunate as the ones who live with us. You may donate by going to the following link and choosing which way you would like to donate. <https://www.letlovelive.org/how-to-help/donate/>



Online giving is easy Just click [HERE](#). You can set up a one time donation or monthly donations for your pledge. There are also places to give to the DOK, Endowment, and Building funds.

Please remember The Episcopal Church of the Ridge in your Estate Planning. Bettis Rainsford or Caleb Connor will assist you with questions regarding estate planning

If you have any questions how to use online giving through ChurchTrac or to set up a new account, please contact Muffy Sander or Jay Summer and they will be glad to help you set up your account.



Jennie Boatwright
Dana Buchli
Deacon Chris
James Courtney
Suzanne Derrick
Linda Heos
Bob Hodges
Harriet Boatwright Huiet
Meg Jolly
Joe Lojewski
Jason Mathis
Mary Mathis
William McCollough
Carol Rhoads
Vic Roof
Rebekah Robeson
Brannon Rowland
Mary Lou Seymour
Joe Smith
Bill Turner
Libba Ingram Zion



Art Amos
Pauline Berry
Emma Lou Easley
John Eubanks
Carolyn Lovell
Rick Lovell
Susie Watson

HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY



MISSION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jean Covar (2024)
Deborah Neese (2024)
Cindy Vann (2024)
Bettis Rainsford (2025)
Kathie Stallworth (2025)
Sarah Schwarz (2025)
Muffy Sander (2026)
Caleb Connor (2026)
Jay Summer (2026)

Rev. Lathrop H. Mosley—Vicar
Cindy Vann—Senior Warden
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Monday: 9-1

Tuesday: 10-1

Wednesday: 9-4

Thursday: By Appointment

Friday: Office Closed

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