



Episcopal CHURCH
of the Ridge



Rev. Lathrop Mosley, Vicar

October 27th 10 AM Grace
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte /Smith Connor
Lector /Larry Vann
Intercessor /Muffy Sander
Eucharistic Minister /Jerrod Watson
Greeters /Muffy Sander / Kathie Stallworth
Altar /Jean Covar
Usher /James Courtney
Hospitality / Ellen Courtney



Mother Lathrop cannot wait to see all our children, young, old, and young at heart dressed up for our Halloween Party after at Grace on Sunday.

She has even agreed to dress up! Can you guess what she will be? You'll have to come and find out!

Livestream the Sunday Service here:

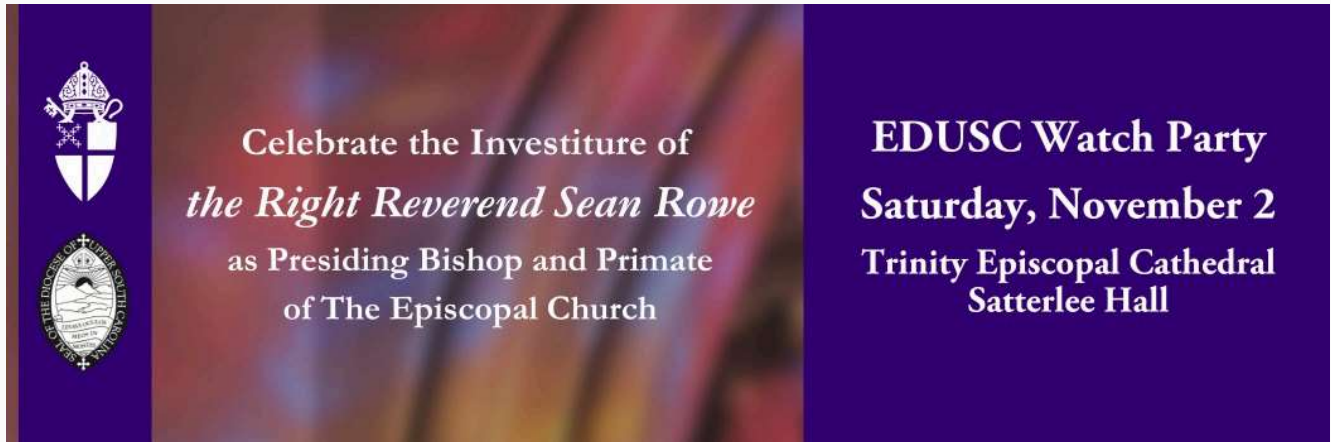
[ECOR YouTube](#)

Did you know we are on Facebook and Instagram? Look for us. Like us on

Facebook. Follow us on Instagram. Share our news and events on your social media!



11/2/2024



Join us as we welcome our new Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, on **Saturday, November 2** at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

Event Details:

- **9:15 AM:** Doors Open
- **9:30 AM:** Diocesan "Roll Call" video shout-outs
- **11:00 AM:** Virtual Service of Holy Eucharist begins

This casual, drop-in event will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral's Satterlee Hall.

We'll enjoy coffee and light refreshments as we usher in our new Presiding Bishop.

This event is free to the public, but we'd love to know if you're coming so we can have a seat ready for you and your party. Bring your camera to capture the moments

and post them with the national hashtag: **#PB2**.

Parishes are encouraged to bring a group. Click the button below to reserve your place.

And we're thrilled that **Mother Lathrop** will be attending the celebration!

Let's come together and celebrate! 🙌

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

1100 Sumter Street
Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 771-7300



I'm coming to the watch party

11/3/2024



All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is right around the corner!

We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints' Day on November 3rd . All Saints' Day is one of the 7 principal feasts of the church year. It is also one of the four feast days recommended for baptism. In addition to renewing our

baptismal vows, we will read the names of people who are dear to us who have died in the last year. We will also include them in the bulletin. If you would like someone's name read during the service, please email Muffy Sander (muffysander@gmail.com) by Wednesday, October 30.

11/4/2024



As our nation conducts one of its most important and solemn duties choosing our elected leaders, the Church is called to keep vigil and prayer that those who are elected will take on the heavy mantle of leadership with a spirit of humility, honor, and justice. **Join us on the eve of the election, Monday, November 4 at 6pm at Saint Thaddeus Episcopal Church 125 Pendleton St. SW, Aiken 29803.** for a Vigil for National Life, which will be a service of Evening Prayer and Eucharist, hosted by the Gravatt Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina. We will welcome our Bishop, The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards as our preacher and The Reverend Lathrop Mosley as our celebrant. During this service, we will pray for those offering themselves for election to public office, for our nation, for democracy, and we will also renew our baptismal vows in preparation to receive the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

The Rev. Lathrop H. Mosley, Vicar
The Episcopal Church of the Ridge



A word about Clergy Conference and being in Western North Carolina...

This week, I was at Lake Logan in Canton, NC. Lake Logan is the Diocese of Western North Carolina's Camp and Conference Center. It was absolutely beautiful, the leaves were starting to turn colors, the weather was chilly in the morning. Lake Logan sort of reminds me of Kanuga, but there is not a lodge with hotel type rooms, there are only cabins, most of which are near the lake. It is spread out over a gorgeous piece of property.

There were also clear signs that Hurricane Helene had been through there. Once getting on I-40 from I-26, there were signs every so often to remind everyone that I-40 West was closed at Exit 20 until at least 2025. After getting off the interstate along the windy roads to Lake Logan, there were piles of debris on the sides of the roads and not just trees and limbs and other yard debris like we have seen in our area. There are piles of debris from houses. There are also cars and trailers that were clearly swept by the water to a different place. There were bridges that had been swept away. As I looked at my GPS on the screen in my car, I could see the roads that were marked as closed. At Lake Logan, an area that was once all grass for large group games was nothing but dirt and sand. The tennis courts were no longer. In the lake, there were clear piles of debris and rocks on the sides and even in the middle of the lake.

After Hurricane Helene, Bishop Richards decided to cancel our time at Lake Logan and was working on other plans for some time for us to be together, even if it was just for the day. Bishop José A. McLoughlin, the Bishop of The Diocese of Western North Carolina, asked Bishop Richards to reconsider to bring much needed support and presence to Lake Logan and the Diocese of Western North Carolina. So, Bishop Richards agreed for us to still have Clergy and Spouse Retreat

at Lake Logan. Our time together was much more laid back than usual. We spent lots of time just being together and worshipping together. We did spend some time in Bible Study with our Bishop as well as taking some time to check in and support one another. We always have a Clergy Business Session the last day in which Bishop Richards, Canon Rhoades, and Archdeacon Wilson update us on things going on within the Diocese and at Diocesan House. We also heard from the clergy who are leading our Hurricane Helene Disaster Response. On Tuesday evening, Bishop José joined us for dinner and thanked us for coming, for our prayers and support, for our gathering of supplies, and for our readiness to come and help when we get the green light.

It was a good time for me to be away and with my clergy colleagues and with our Bishop for an extended period of time. It was also a very visual reminder of how much our sister Diocese in Western North Carolina needs our support and prayers.

Love,

Mother Lathrop+



🎵 Join Our Music Ministry! 🎵

Hello everyone,

We're excited to invite all music enthusiasts to be a part of our vibrant Music Ministry. Whether you're a seasoned singer, an instrumentalist, or someone who's passionate about worship through music, we have a place for you!

For those interested in joining our choir, no previous experience is necessary. Your voice, commitment, and spirit are what we need.

If you play an instrument, we'd love to have your talents enrich our services. Whether it's piano, guitar, violin, or any other instrument, come share your musical gifts with us.

Rehearsals are fun, fulfilling, and a great way to connect with fellow church members. Plus, you'll be playing a key role in uplifting our worship services. We practice Every Wednesday at 4:30pm at Our Saviour.

Come and be part of something beautiful. For more information or to sign up, please reach out to Peggy Ann Moss at 803-384-0056, or speak to any choir member. We will be glad to welcome you.

Let's make a joyful noise together! 🙌🎵

☀️ A Heartfelt Acknowledgment & Call to Action ☀️

We are incredibly blessed to have three sacred historical churches that we are privileged to worship in. Let us give thanks to those who had the vision to establish these churches and to all who have maintained their historical integrity.

Our Saviour's Beginnings Our Saviour owes its beginnings to the dedication and love of two remarkable women—Miss Lizzie Day and Miss Sue Hatcher. They organized in 1878, and thanks to their efforts, Our Saviour was consecrated on June 30, 1882, by Bishop William B. W. Howe, on land donated by Mrs. S. T. Hughes. Fun fact: the town of Trenton was known as Pine House before the railroad was built in 1877.

Maintaining Our Churches Keeping our three churches operational and maintained requires funding. This is why pledges are vital for budgeting necessary repairs, preventative maintenance, and improvements.

Recent Improvements at Our Saviour

Constructed a much-needed Parish Hall in February 2021 (approx. \$150,000).

Refinished heart pine flooring added new carpet and pew cushions and repaired the Day-stained glass window.

Installed new HVAC units and placed stucco on the foundation to keep critters out.

Upcoming Projects

Rework the handicap ramp from the Sunday school (high priority).

Wish List: Connecting walkway from the Church to the Parish Hall, cosmetic improvements to the Sunday school wing, and utilizing the second story above the Parish Hall.

Though our roof and painting are in good condition for now, they are expensive projects that will eventually need attention.

Your Pledge Matters. Please consider the costs of maintaining our three cherished churches when making your pledge this year. Your contribution enables us to budget for these essential items.

Thank you for your support and dedication! 🙏🏠

A red graphic of a hurricane eye with swirling lines, positioned behind the text.

Hurricane RELIEF

Please let us know if you have any needs after Hurricane Helene. We are here for you! If you also have any updates please let us know so we can get the word out to everyone. Contact Mother Lathrop for assistance at your earliest need.

Here is the [link](#) on the diocesan website for any and all resources for disaster relief related information. Including donations of money to the diocese of Western North Carolina.

The diocese has determined the best thing right now for relief is through monetary donations. Please follow the link above and you will see all things hurricane relief related.

DOK would like to suggest that the congregation put money/checks (made out to ECOR and noted for Helene) in the envelopes that are in each pew. Mark on the outside "other" or Helene. The money collected over the next few weeks will be sent directly to the Diocese of Western North Carolina.



After we had an unexpected visitor on September 22 at Trinity, the Mission Council made some initial decisions regarding the safety of our children and really all of us.

We will continue to have ongoing conversations about safety and plan on having written procedures for each of our historic buildings for when we have such occurrences as this, but also for other things.

The initial decisions we would like you all to know about are:

- At Trinity we will share an officer with Edgefield First Baptist Church. We had one this past Sunday and it worked very well. He parked in the parking lot next to Trinity and was a visible presence as people were arriving for the service
 - At Our Saviour we will also have an officer
 - We are still working on having law enforcement presence at Grace
 - At all three churches Miss Nikki will lock the doors once the children are back with her and they will remain locked until the children come back into the service.
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🔍 Lost and Found Alert! 🔍

Great news—We now have a Lost and Found section in our newsletter! Our illustrious organist, known for her stunning jewelry, has misplaced one of her cherished clip-on pearl earrings at Trinity Church.

She believes it might be in the Parish Hall somewhere. It could be clipped to her robe or even someone else's robe. It might even be by the Organ.

If you find it, please turn it in to the church office so we can reunite Miss Peggy Ann with her valuable earring.

Thank you for your help!



Have you turned your form in yet?

Important Directory Update Reminder! 🕒

We still have a significant number of questionnaires outstanding—only 74 out of the needed 139 have been filled out. This means over half of the congregation has yet to update their information.

For your convenience, there are forms at each church to fill out.

It's vitally important that we have current records to ensure your pastoral needs are being met.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!



Floral Design Workshop with Margaret Brown

Join us on November 12 at 10:00 am at Our Saviour for an inspiring workshop with renowned floral designer, Margaret Brown. Learn how to create beautiful fall arrangements using flowers from your yard and the grocery store. This free event is sponsored by DOK.

We do need to know how many will attend so we can prepare.

Please text Kathie at 803-215-4280 to RSVP.

Don't miss this opportunity to unleash your inner florist! 



“Celebration Time”

background music & tambourine shaking.

Everyone, PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! reserve Friday, November 8th on your calendar! The Episcopal Church of the Ridge will hit a MAJOR milestone. After 50 years of being one of the first Mission Church “experiments”, we will be making history in gaining Parish Status! This is a HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT!

I had the privilege to attend convention many years ago when a Church went from Mission to Parish status.

There was so much excitement and enthusiasm – with noise makers, streamers and banners to the applause of all in attendance. It was truly an uplifting moment during the convention. All noise makers and streamers have been ordered. Mother Lathrop has sent out information on how to register for dinner only and suggested hotels if you would like to stay over; we will get best arrival time out to all once we get the finalized agenda.

I invite you all to participate in this exciting moment in our Church history. I PROMISE it will be a fun celebratory time!

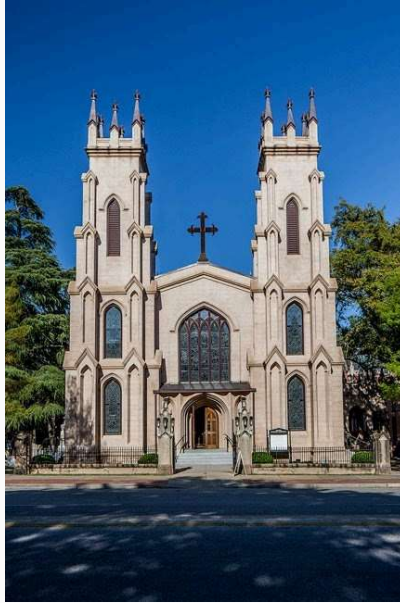
Please let me know if you plan to attend. I will help arrange carpool with others signed up.

And if needed, we can see about a van and driver.

Celebrate!

Cindy Vann

102nd Annual Convention



Date:

November 8 & 9, 2024

Location:

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

1100 Sumter Street

Columbia, SC 29201

Clergy, Delegate, and Guest Tickets for Convention

[Register Here](#)

Who needs to register?

- Canonically Resident Clergy (Non-retired);
- Non-Canonical Clergy serving with a Letter of Agreement or Appointment;
- Retired Canonically Resident Clergy (who wish to attend);
- Clergy Spouses (who wish to attend);
- Postulants (who wish to attend);
- Lay Certified Delegates to the 102nd Annual Convention;
- Lay Diocesan Executive Council Members;
- Lay Deputies to the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church;
- Diocesan Officers;
- Diocesan House Staff;
- Diocesan Youth Leadership Council Representatives;
- Vendors and Invited Guests

Downloadable Forms

[Call to Convention \(2024\)](#)

[Lay Delegate Replacement Form \(2024\)](#)

[Nomination Form \(2024\)](#)

[Resolution Form \(2024\)](#)

[Change to Constitution and Canons Form \(2024\)](#)

[Vendor/Exhibitor Form \(2024\)](#)

Discounted Hotel Reservation Links

[The Graduate – The Inn at USC](#)

[Hilton Garden Inn](#)

[Home2 Suites](#)



Make sure you mark your calendars. We have a very busy 4th quarter and don't want you to miss any of the details! ALWAYS REFER TO THE EBLAST FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING ANY OF THE DATES BELOW. AS THE DATES COME CLOSER MORE DETAILS WILL BE ADDED

- **October 27** Halloween Celebration hosted by Ellen Courtney
- **October 31** Edgefield Town Square Trunk or Treat 6-8PM
- **Nov 1** All Saints Day/ Dia de las Muertos
- **November 3** All Saints Day Celebration Baptismal covenant
- **November 3** Eucharist Minister Training at Trinity. right after the service if needed

- **November 4** Convocation Prayer Vigil, **6PM** In addition to **Mother Lathrop** being the celebrant for the Vigil for National Life at **St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church 125 Pendleton St. SW, Aiken 29803. Bishop Richards** will be the preacher for that service. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this service along with others in our Gravatt Convocation.
 - **November 8-9** Diocesan Convention at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia (Cindy Vann is Contact) register [here](#) for dinner. reservations must be made in advance as they need to have an accurate headcount.
 - **November 10** Gravatt Pop-UP Store
 - **November 12** Our Saviour DOK is sponsoring a flower arranging class Please see announcement in eblast for details
 - **November 17** Grace Church 150th birthday Celebration. Lots of details to come!
 - **November 17** 4:00pm service at Trinity
 - **November 24** Stewardship Ingathering
 - **December 1** Advent (Beginning of New Liturgical year)
 - **December 8** Christmas Parade - Edgefield
 - **December 8** Tour of Churches Ridge Spring 2-4pm
 - **December 8** Wine and cheese Party Beth and George Thornton's 5-8pm
 - **December 15** Edgefield Tour of Churches 2-4pm
 - **December 15** ECOR 52nd birthday and Parish Status Celebration (Trinity)
 - **December 20** Cook Dinner for Military Retreat at Gravatt
 - **December 24** Christmas Eve 4:00pm Our Saviour
 - **December 25** Christmas Day 10:00am at Our Savior
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☀️ One-Minute Sermon of Thanks ☀️

☀️ One-Minute Sermon Lineup ☀️

Here's your one-minute sermon lineup:

- **10/27 (G) Sunday School:** Mother Lathrop
 - Children's Stewardship Sermon
 - Halloween Party
- **11/3 (T) Altar Guild:** Jean Covar
 - All Saints Sunday
- **11/10 (OS) Gravatt:** Connor Children – all stand up and say one thing they love about Gravatt
 - Gravatt Pop-Up Store
 - Possible Stewardship Sermon
- **11/17 (G) DOK:** Kathie
 - Grace's Birthday Celebration (150th) so it will be BIG!
- **11/24 (T) Acolytes:**
 - Pledge Ingathering

Let's keep the spirit of gratitude alive! 🙏



☀️ **Sunday Afternoon Monthly Services** ☀️

November 24 Trinity

December: December 22 - Our Saviour

Good news! Our Sunday afternoon monthly services will continue on November 24th at Trinity. Each Sunday, we see more and more attendees, and we couldn't be more grateful.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there! 😊 🙏

Ways you can SERVE

📺 Request for Volunteers to Help with Livestreaming 📺

We've been livestreaming our Sunday services for about 6 months now, with an average of 3 viewers live and 15 views during the following week. This initiative allows members who can't attend in person to "visit" with friends and fellow members on Sunday.

If you feel this ministry might be the right fit for you, **regardless of your experience**, please consider having a conversation with Jay. He will be glad to talk to you to see if it's a match.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Jay Summer at 330-991-3157 or jaysummersc@gmail.com.

Your help would mean the world! ✨ ✨



🤝 ACTS - Area Churches Together 🤝

Every third Wednesday of the month, join us for a meaningful and fun morning at Ridge Spring Farmers Market! The next date for distribution is October 16th, from 8:30am to 11:00am.

Rev. Lathrop, Sarah, Greg, Jack, and Jerrold will be there to guide you. Remember, many hands make light work.



We'd love to have you with us! ✨



 **Bingo at the Edgefield Senior Center!** 

Every 3rd Thursday, join us for Bingo at the Edgefield Senior Center from 9am to 11am. We're looking for volunteers to help purchase gifts or call Bingo.

If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact Cindy Vann at 706-833-3328.

Hope to see you there!  

 **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.

Requested Items:

- Non-perishable food items (no glass)
- Spices
- Toiletries
- Cleaning supplies
- Pet food

Please do not include any clothing.

For additional information, please contact Jerrold Watson
or Ric Vann. Thank you for your generosity! ❤️





Jennie Boatwright
Dana Buchli
Deacon Chris
James Courtney
Suzanne Derrick
Angela Fay
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
Libba Ingram Zion



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



Cathryn Brice Oct 27
Jack Kornaus Oct 28



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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)

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Sarah Schwarz — Junior Warden
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