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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA  
**CHORAL EUCHARIST**



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Bishop of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION  
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

**Cover image:** *Glaube, Liebe, Hoffnung (Faith, Love, Hope)*  
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*Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion in Charleston  
and the Peninsula Deanery.  
Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

## Convention: Call to Order

### Voluntary

*Divertimento No. 3 (Allegro)*  
(Clara Godshall, Organist; Katie Hardwick, Flautist)

W.A. Mozart

*At the conclusion of the voluntary, please stand for the procession.*

### Processional Hymn

*The love of Jesus calls us*

Aurelia (Hymn 525)

1. The love of Jesus calls us  
Our joyous praise to sing;  
Our deeply felt thanksgivings  
We now together bring,  
For all God's many blessings,  
Unasked yet still received,  
And for the generations,  
Who faithfully believed.
2. The love of Jesus calls us,  
That we may always be  
Companions on a journey,  
Where all the world may see  
That serving Christ is freedom  
Which time does not destroy;  
Where Christ's command is duty,  
And every duty joy.
3. The love of Jesus calls us  
To go where he would go,  
To challenge all that limits,  
To change, to learn, to grow,  
To know that Christ has freed us,  
That prisons are no more;  
For those who seek his kingdom,  
Christ opens every door.
4. The love of Jesus calls us  
In swiftly changing days,  
To be God's co-creators  
In new and wondrous ways;  
That God with men and women  
May so transform the earth,  
That love and peace and justice  
May give God's kingdom birth.

Herbert O'Driscoll

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Acclamation and Response

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

**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.*

1. You are the God we praise,  
The Lord whom we acclaim,  
Eternal Father, all the world  
Bows down at your great Name;  
To you angelic hosts  
And all the powers of heaven,  
The Cherubim and Seraphim,  
Sing praises without end.
2. Holy, thrice-holy Lord,  
The God of praise and might,  
The heavens above and earth beneath  
Are filled with glorious light;  
The apostolic band,  
Prophets and martyrs praise,  
Throughout the world the holy Church  
Acclaims you Lord always;
3. Father, of majesty,  
Your only Son and true,  
And Holy Spirit, Advocate,  
To you all praise is due;  
Lord Christ, the Father's Son,  
In glory, King above,  
You did not shun the Virgin's womb  
To set us free in love.
4. You overcame death's sting  
And opened heaven's door  
To all the faithful where you reign  
In glory evermore;  
Come, then, and help all those  
For whom your blood was spent  
And bring us with your holy saints  
To glory without end.

### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

### The First Reading: Isaiah 45:11-13, 18-19

Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Will you question me about my children, or command me concerning the work of my hands? I made the earth, and created humankind upon it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host. I have aroused Cyrus in righteousness, and I will make all his paths straight; he shall build my city and set my exiles free, not for price or reward, says the Lord of hosts. For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it a chaos, he formed it to be inhabited!): I am the Lord, and there is no other. I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, "Seek me in chaos." I the Lord speak the truth, I declare what is right.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Refrain** (*sung first by Cantor, then by all*)

Set your heart on the high er gifts, on the things that come from your Mak-er in heav-en.

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These three gifts are all that re main: faith, hope and love, and the great est is love.

**Cantor:** If I speak with the tongues of the living,  
and of angels, but speak without love,  
I am only brass without song,  
an empty noise on the wind.

**All:** **Refrain**

**Cantor:** And if I understand ev'ry myst'ry,  
having wisdom, but think without love,  
had I faith to scatter the hills,  
I am nothing at all.

**All:** **Refrain**

**Cantor:** And if I should renounce all my riches,  
feed the hungry, give over my life;  
without love my profit is loss,  
my caring finds no reward.

**All:** **Refrain**

### The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*



1. Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
We are travelers on the road.  
We are here to help each other,  
Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will weep when you are weeping,  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
Till we've seen this journey through.

4. When we sing to God in Heaven,  
We shall find such harmony.  
Born of all we've known together,  
Of Christ's love and agony.
5. Brother, let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to,  
Let you be my servant, too.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

### The Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

**Deacon:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Please be seated.*

### Bishop's Convention Address

*A period of silent reflection is kept.*

*Please stand.*

### **The Nicene Creed** *(said together)*

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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**

**Bishop:** Cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, and one in communion with all the saints of every time and place, let us offer our prayers to the God who loves us, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** For Skip our Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, and for the holy church of God throughout the world, that the Lord may confirm it in faith, sustain it in hope, and deepen its communion in love, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** For those who wield earthly power, that they may recognize in the disciples of Jesus children of God anxious to serve in building up the earthly city, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** For those beset by persecution for righteousness' sake and those weighed down by trial and distress, that the example of the saints may give them courage and the help of believers give them hope, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** For this assembly gathered to celebrate the Eucharist in communion with the church in heaven and throughout the world, that nourished by the word of truth and the bread of life we may bear witness in our own generation to the timeless gospel of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** For those in any anguish of body, mind, or spirit, remembering the sick and those who care for them, and all who are in any trouble, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Intercessor:** For the departed, especially those in our diocesan family who have died in the last year; that they may join the innumerable throng of holy ones gathered before the throne and the Lamb, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Bishop:** Lord, you invited the beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind, to eat and drink at your table and to feast in your kingdom: and lo, here we are. Grant us the grace to extend to others the same generosity you have shown to us; for you are our Lord, our God forever and forever. *Amen.*

## The Peace

**Celebrant:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

## Welcome

The Reverend Jeffrey Richardson  
Priest-in-Charge, Church of the Holy Communion

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Anthem

*Though I speak with the tongues of men*

Edward C. Bairstow

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge: and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail: whether there be tongues, they shall cease: or whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: Now I know in part; but then I shall know ev'n as I am known. And now abideth faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is charity.

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.*

*The offering from today's service is designated for Thistle Farms and Lowcountry Orphan Relief.*



Please stand.

## Presentation Hymn

*Doxology with Alleluias*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him all creatures here below.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Common Worship, Prayer F*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and singing:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, —

5  
heav'n and earth — are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

9  
Bless - ed — is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho -

13  
san - na in — the high - est. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendor and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you 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.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favor on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Bishop:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer** *(said together)*

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 Breaking of the Bread**

*Silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem S154

Healey Willan

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
 world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us your peace.

The Communion of the People

People may receive Communion at the Altar, or at the station near the Baptismal Font. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing.

Communion Anthem (choir)

The Father's Love

Simon Lole

As the Father has lov'd me, so have I lov'd you. Remain in my love. This is my commandment: that you love one another, as I have lov'd you. God is love, and those who live in love. Live in God and God lives in them. God is love. If you keep my commandments, love one another, as I have lov'd you. To remain in my love. Then your joy's complete. And your joy will be complete.

Communion Hymn

Taste and see

Lift Every Voice and Sing II

The congregation is invited to join in singing the Communion Hymns.

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

1. — His praise — shall al - ways — be on my  
 2. — To - geth - er — let us all — praise His  
 3. — You'll — want for noth - ing — if you

1. lips; — my soul — shall  
 2. name. — I called — the  
 3. ask. — Taste — and

1. glo - ry — in the Lord; — for  
 2. Lord — and He an - swered me; — from  
 3. see — that God is good; — in

1. He — has been — so good to me. —  
 2. all — my trou - bles — He set me free. —  
 3. Him — we need — put all our trust. — **D.C.**

## Communion Hymn

*Where charity and love prevail*

St. Peter (Hymn 644)

1. Where charity and love prevail  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love  
by love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear  
his charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and strength  
now love him in return.
3. Forgive we now each other's faults  
as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well  
in Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown,  
let all contention cease;  
be his the glory that we seek,  
be ours his holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells God's begotten Son;  
as members of his Body joined  
we are in him made one.
6. Love can exclude no race or creed  
if honored be God's Name;  
our common life embraces all  
whose Father is the same.

## Communion Hymn 603

*When Christ was lifted from the earth*

St. Botolph

1. When Christ was lifted from the earth,  
his arms stretched out above  
through every culture, every birth,  
to draw an answering love.
2. Still east and west his love extends  
and always, near or far,  
he calls and claims us as his friends  
and loves us as we are.
3. Where generation, class, or race  
divide us to our shame,  
he sees not labels but a face,  
a person, and a name.
4. Thus freely loved, though fully known,  
may I in Christ be free  
to welcome and accept his own  
as Christ accepted me.

*Please stand.*

### The Postcommunion Prayer *(said together)*

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup, bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

### The Blessing

**Bishop:** Our help is in the name of the Lord;  
**People:** The maker of heaven and earth.  
**Bishop:** Blessed be the name of the Lord;  
**People:** From this time forth for evermore.  
**Bishop:** The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**Refrain:**

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

2. Each new-born servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory.

**The Dismissal**

**Deacon:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**

*Festive Gloria*  
Loretta Haskell, Organist

Aaron David Miller



*The flowers in the church are given to the Glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for the ministries of  
The Right Reverend Gladstone B. Adams, III  
and  
The Reverend Becca Stevens*



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*Service Participants*

**Celebrant and Preacher**

The Right Reverend Gladstone B. Adams, III  
*Bishop of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina*

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*Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston*

The Reverend Michael Smith  
*Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston*

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Bonnie Adams and Patty Richardson

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*Church of the Holy Communion*

The Reverend Becca Stevens  
*Thistle Farms*

The Reverend Dr. Philip C. Linder  
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The Reverend Matthew McCormick  
*Calvary, Charleston*

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Eudora Holland  
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Dorothy Holland  
Patty Richardson

*Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston*



## Convention Keynote Speaker

### Becca Stevens

We welcome our Convention Keynote Speaker, Becca Stevens, to The Episcopal Church in South Carolina and Church of the Holy Communion. Becca led two convention workshops on Creative Justice at Calvary Episcopal Church today, and will give her keynote presentation on Saturday here at Holy Communion.

Becca is an author, speaker, priest, social entrepreneur, founder and president of Thistle Farms. After experiencing the death of her father and subsequent child abuse when she was 5, Becca longed to open a sanctuary for survivors offering a loving community. In 1997, five women who had experienced trafficking, violence, and addiction were welcomed home.

Twenty years later, the organization continues to welcome women with free residence that provide housing, medical care, therapy and education for two years. Residents and graduates earn income through one of four social enterprises. The Global Market of Thistle Farms helps employ more than 1,800 women worldwide, and the national network has more than 40 sister communities.

(Becca's team from Thistle Farms is with us at Convention, and you will find a table with Thistle Farms bath and body products in our exhibit area.)

Becca has been featured in the New York Times, on ABC World News and NPR, was recently named a 2016 CNN Hero and a White House "Champion of Change." She was featured in the PBS documentary, *A Path Appears*, named Humanitarian of the Year by the Small Business Council of America and inducted into the Tennessee Women's Hall of Fame. Stevens attended the University of the South and Vanderbilt Divinity School. She has been conferred three honorary doctorates.

Her newest book, *Love Heals*, was published by Harper Collins in September of 2017 and is available for purchase here. Becca lives in Nashville with her husband, Grammy-winning songwriter Marcus Hummon, and their three sons.

## Today's Offering



**Thistle Farms** works to heal, empower, and employ women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. They do this by providing safe and supportive housing, the opportunity for economic independence, and a strong community of advocates and partners. Thistle Farms believes that in the end, love is the most powerful force for change in the world.

Thistle Farms' comprehensive model offers women hope and healing through a holistic residential program, employment with one of its social enterprises, and a growing national and global network dedicated to changing a culture that allows human beings to be bought and sold.

A two-year residential program based in Nashville, Tennessee, provides housing, medical care, therapy, education, and job training free of charge for up to 32 women and serves hundreds more with advocacy and referral services. Residents and graduates of the residential program are employed in one of the divisions of Thistle Farms' diverse social enterprise, including a natural body and home product company, the Café at Thistle Farms, the Studios, and Thistle Farms Global.

Its national network includes a community of sister organizations utilizing Thistle Farms' model in cities across the country, along with myriad other partners, advocates, and organization. Thistle Farms Global connects women producers in 10 countries directly to customers by distributing and selling their handmade products. Their shared trade model increases their share of profit margin, creates economic opportunity, and builds community. Learn more at [thistlefarms.org](http://thistlefarms.org).



**Lowcountry Orphan Relief** provides support services and aid to meet the needs of Lowcountry children identified as at-risk or suffering from abandonment, abuse and/or neglect. Its vision is that no child should be without the basic necessities in life, regardless of their life circumstances.

Lowcountry Orphan Relief believes that all children have intrinsic value and deserve to be nurtured, loved and protected. They are entitled to have caring adults who help them develop to their full potential. LOR works directly with other non-profits, schools, foster parents, and government agencies to identify the individual needs of these and other children in severe situations. Since 2006, they have clothed more than 28,000 children in the Tri-County area.

Community volunteers at their Distribution Center collect and shelve donations, filling bags of necessary items for children from area shelters, foster care and those removed from the custody of their parents. The bags include 2 weeks worth of clothing, toiletries, books and school supplies. They also partner with community schools to create Just In Case Closets to fill the immediate needs of children in the school setting.

Lowcountry Orphan Relief has created Foster the Future, monthly life skills classes and a three week day-camp in the summer – all focused on teaching important leadership skills and confidence boosting to undeserved children in our community. Learn more at [lowcountryorphanrelief.org](http://lowcountryorphanrelief.org).



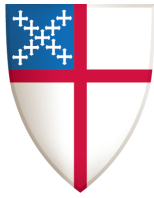


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