



the EPISCOPAL DIOCESE *of* UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA

April 1, 2021

Dear Clergy of Upper South Carolina,

My prayers of gratitude are with you in the midst of Holy Week.

The long awaited **Visitation Schedule for 2021** is attached to this email, as well as a link for the Bishop's Customary [here](#). As communicated during the Clergy Check-in, the primary goals in developing the schedule are 1) to begin with the 2020 cancelations due to COVID-19, and 2) factoring in the data we received related to confirmation preparation completed at the local congregation. My hope is that the schedule will meet the overall needs of our congregations while keeping in mind a few strategies to support the individual needs of a congregation.

Bishop Waldo will serve as the officiant and preacher at each Sunday visitation. Wednesday evening visitations will be more informal and normally will not include a liturgy. An opportunity for Bishop Waldo to meet with the Vestry and other key leadership will serve as the focus for the mid-week visits. In the near future I will be in touch to schedule the Wednesday evening visitations while also providing further conversation about the use of that time.

Area Confirmations

For those congregations that are not scheduled for a visit in 2021, two area confirmations will be provided.

- Upstate: Resurrection, Greenwood - April 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM
- Midlands: St. David's, Columbia – May 19 at 6:00 PM.

Please contact Tracy Forman (tforman@edusc.org) if you plan to send confirmands to either date.

Presenting Confirmands at another Visitations?

If the area confirmations do not meet the needs of your confirmands, you can also contact another congregation on the visitation list to see if they will have space for additional confirmands. Please contact Tracy to keep her updated.

Need to Reschedule?

If your congregation is planned for a visitation on a date that needs to be rescheduled, please email other clergy in your convocation to see if someone wishes to switch dates with you. Such a change will be finalized on the Bishop's calendar when you contact me regarding the change.

Telephone appointment with Bishop Waldo

All visitations will be preceded with a phone call with Bishop Waldo. He will speak directly with you regarding COVID-19 Guidelines and other questions you may have. Tracy Forman will be in touch to schedule.

Ordos

As with previous visitation, please send your ordo to Frank Ballard (fballard@edusc.org) 2 weeks prior to the Visitation for review. Frank will also serve as a wonderful resource when navigating decisions between the customary and COVID-19 guidelines.

Thank you all for your attention to this material and your willingness for flexibility.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

d'Rue Hazel

2021		Bishop Waldo's Visitations	
MONTH	DAY	CHURCH	
April			
Easter	4	Trinity Cathedral	Columbia
	11	St. Stephen's	Ridgeway
	18	All Saints'	Clinton
	25	Upstate Confirmation @ 10AM: Resurrection	Greenwood
	28	Redeemer, Greenville (Wednesday)	
May			
	2	St. Luke's	Columbia
	9	Christ Church	Greenville
	16	Trinity Cathedral	Columbia
	19	Midlands Confirmation @ 6:00 PM: St. David's (Wednesday)	Columbia
	23	Our Saviour	Rock Hill
	30	RESERVED	
June			
	6	RESERVED	
	13	Holy Cross	Simpsonville
	20	Grace Church	Anderson
	27	St. Martin-in-the-Field's	Columbia
	TBD	All Saints, Beech Island (Wednesday)	
July			
	4	RESERVED	
	11	St. John's	Shandon
	18	Church of the Ridge	Trenton
	25	Epiphany	Spartanburg
	TBD	St. Peter's, Great Falls (Wednesday)	
August			
	1	Holy Trinity	Clemson
	8	RESERVED	
	15	RESERVED	
	22	Good Shepherd	York
	29	St. Mark's	Chester
	TBD	St. John's Winnsboro (Wednesday)	
September			
	5	RESERVED	
	12	St. Thaddeus	Aiken
	19	St. Peter's	Greenville
	26	RESERVED	
	TBD	Church of the Cross, Columbia (Wednesday)	

October			
	3	St. George's	Anderson
	10	Christ Church	Lancaster
	17	St. Matthew's	Spartanburg
	24	All Saints'	Cayce
	31	Reserved (Presiding Bishop at Trinity)	
	TBD	St. Thomas, Eastover (Wednesday)	
November			
	7	Diocesan Convention Weekend	
	14	Trinity Abbeville	Abbeville
	21	St. Philip's	Greenville
	28	RESERVED	
	TBD	Good Shepherd, Columbia (Wednesday)	
December			
	5	RESERVED Province IV Bishops & Spouses Meeting	
	12	St. Barnabas	Jenkinsville
	19	Advent	Spartanburg
Christmas	24	St. Luke's	Columbia
	26	RESERVED	
	TBD	St. Augustine (Wednesday)	Aiken