



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Let There Be Light Advent and Christmastide 2020

You are welcome at
St. George's Church:
Regardless of race,
nationality,
sexual orientation,
gender expression,
or tradition.

Let There Be Light

This Advent, we wait for the birth of the Messiah: our unfailing light. We'll seek a love that dispels the shadows of night. We'll follow a star and trust that it shows us the way. We'll proclaim that God has the power to make us new each day.

This brochure lists a wide variety of ways to explore Advent through personal, family, and group activities and events in addition to our usual schedule of worship and formation on Sundays. More information is also available on our website (StGeorgesEpiscopal.net). Check for updates as we may have changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic conditions.

Worship Services:

Thursdays:

Noon Prayer: via Facebook Live. This short, prayerful service is a lovely way to add some time for reflection in your day.

Sundays

9 am: Live stream service via YouTube Live and posted to Facebook after the service ends.

8 pm: Facebook Live Sung Compline via our Compline Facebook Page.

Thursday, December 24

2 pm: Socially distanced, in-person Christmas Eve worship outdoors and under cover. Reservations required. Stay tuned for more information!

4 pm: Family Christmas Story: Our family favorite Christmas service will premiere at 4 pm on Facebook and be available on our website and YouTube.

5:30 pm Celtic Christmas Lessons and Carols: The beloved Lessons and Carols service will include Celtic music and prayers. This pre-recorded service will premiere at 5:30 pm on Facebook and be available on our website and YouTube.

Friday December 25

11:15 am Livestream Worship:

Christmas Day Livestream Worship from our Nave, via YouTube and posted to Facebook after the service ends.

Sunday, December 27

Micah Lessons and Carols Service

The churches of Micah Ecumenical Ministries will offer a pre-recorded Lessons and Carols service. All are invited to a watch party via St. George's Facebook page.

Monday, December 28

12 pm: Special livestream Noon Prayer service via Facebook Live for Holy Innocents Feast Day.

Friday, January 1

12 pm: Special livestream Noon Prayer service via Facebook Live for The Holy Name Feast Day.

Special Sunday Events for Advent

Advent 1 Nov. 29 11:15 am: In-person worship in Market Square, live streamed on Facebook. Reservations required as seating is limited. See our website to sign-up.

Advent II Dec. 6: Private prayer in the Nave. Registration recommended. See our website for more information.

Advent III Dec. 13: Celebration of Rev. Bob Miller's 25th Anniversary of ordination at our 9 am service.

Advent IV Dec. 20 5:30 pm: Join us for a service centered around remembrance and grief. This service will create sacred space, acknowledging the imprint that grief leaves in one's heart while also

remembering that we worship a God who is with us, even in the darkest of times. who is with us, even in the darkest of times.

Dec. 21: Micah will offer their annual Homeless Memorial Service on the longest night of the year to remember our homeless neighbors who have died during the year. 7 pm in Market Square.

Sharing Generosity Give to St. George's:

You can make a gift in memory of or thanksgiving for a loved one or for the blessings in your life. Give online or mail a check to the church, designating your memorial/thanksgiving. We will publish memorials in the church bulletin and newsletter for Christmas Eve. See our website for more information.

Holly Jolly Backpacks:

Since many of our neighbors are housed over the winter, the Cold Weather Shelter is seeking donations for Holly Jolly Backpacks, filled with much needed supplies. This is a wonderful way to serve our neighbors and to be the Church outside our walls. St. George's has committed to providing 25 backpacks with the following. See our e-newsletter for details. Pam Jewett-Bullock is collecting the backpacks and can be reached at 540.729.0840 for more information.

New Year's Eve Haiti Benefit Concert:

Join us Dec. 31 at 8 pm on Facebook Live for an organ concert benefiting our Haiti Mission. Proceeds will help our sister church, Notre Dame Parish and School in Port-au-Prince, one of the oldest parishes of the Episcopal Church in Haiti. Every dollar raised helps support the 383 school-children with food, clothing, supplies and medical care.

Individual and Household Practices Explore the Way of Love:

Seven practices for a Jesus-centered life. See a variety of resources at www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love.

#AdventWord:

Experience a global online Advent Calendar with #AdventWord. Virginia Theological Seminary is offering meditations and images during this holy season beginning Sunday, November 29. Experience images and meditations via the #AdventWord website, direct daily emails, as well as on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and ASL videos via YouTube. adventword.org.

Advent-to-Go:

We are offering Advent to Go kits on Nov. 29 from 12 - 2 pm in front of Faulkner Hall. The kits will include Advent wreath materials (candles, platform, and greenery) and resources for prayer at home.

Make an Appointment with Clergy or Lay Ministers:

Reach out for prayer or other support. Contact us by phone or email or via the prayer request form on our website.

Christmas Notes:

Send notes to other members of St. George's since we will not see each other as much this year. Need a church directory? Contact the church office.

Daily Prayer Time:

Gather the household over a meal or at bedtime, spend time in prayer on a certain topic of your choosing, (e.g., the health of loved ones, members of your church, people groups close to your heart, etc.).

Crèche:

As a family, set up a crèche (or nativity set) in your home. Consider completing the set with the Magi for Epiphany (Jan. 6).

Advent Calendar:

Have a daily reflection together with an Advent Calendar. See our website.

Epiphany - January 6:

We will have at home worship materials available. Stay tuned to our website for more information.

Community and Study

12 Days of Christmas Prayer

Dec. 25 - Jan. 5 at 8 pm, we will offer a short prayer service via telephone. Call 929.205.6099, Meeting ID 838 7199 7224, Passcode 093396.

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HFFI Candlelight Tour:

We are excited to be a part of Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc.'s (HFFI) 50th Anniversary Candlelight Tour! This year, the tour runs Dec. 1 - 31 and will highlight the exteriors of many homes and buildings downtown. Thank you to our Flower Guild for decorating our front steps. You can purchase tickets through HFFI (www.hffi.org)

Coffee Hour:

Sundays at 10:45 am via Zoom, join a virtual coffee hour to see friendly faces and catch up with other St. Georgians www.zoom.us/join or call 929.205.6099. Meeting ID: 392 738 239 Password: 107758.

Adult Christian Formation:

Join us at 10 am on Sunday mornings in Advent to explore "The Way of Love in Advent". This curriculum moves through the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke as a pattern for living the Way of Love as individuals, families and as a community. (www.zoom.us/join or call 929.205.6099. Meeting ID: 392 738 239 Password: 107758.

Children's Formation:

For children PreK3 - 5th grade, we have weekly formational videos with suggested activities. These short, formational videos invite children to worship and explore our traditions. A new video is published on YouTube each week. See our website. Contact Hecti Musa (hector.musa@tgeorgesepiscopal.net) to receive the lessons each week via email.

Youth Formation:

Youth are exploring environmental stewardship and caring for God's creation. 5 - 6 pm (middle school), 6 - 7 pm (high school) Sundays on Zoom For more information, contact [Hecti Musa](#).
