



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

The Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost
June 20, 2021

7:45 am Rite I with Holy Communion

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

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The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.
- Book of Common Prayer, pg. 855

Welcome to St. George's!

Whether you are worshiping online or in person, we are glad you are here.

Thank you for continuing to wear your facial covering (such as a mask) during indoor services as it allows us to more safely reduce other restrictions on distancing and singing.

Connect with Us

If you'd like to find out more about St. George's, please fill out an online Newcomer Card on our website at: bit.ly/stgnewcomer.

To stay up-to-date on the latest news and events, sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, The St. Georgian: bit.ly/stgnews.

Request Prayer

We share in each other's joys and concerns. Send us your prayer requests at: bit.ly/stgprayer.



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Giving

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Your generous gifts help fund our ministries and serve the community. Thank you.

In person donations are welcomed at one of the collection plates in the entryway or in the aisle.

You can make a one-time or recurring gift electronically or text to give (send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133). You can also mail a check to the church office. For assistance, contact Business Manager [Ben Hicks](#).

Your Gifts at Work

Recently, your gifts to St. George's have helped us to:

- Support the Micah Street Church congregation which offers worship and community among neighbors who have experienced homelessness and neighbors who care.
- Empower our youth to give to others in service to the local community during an upcoming Mission Week.

These and many other ministries happen because of your generosity. Thank you!

Formation for All Ages

**“Make me to know your ways,
O Lord; teach me your paths.”
Psalm 25:4**

Learning and Growing in Christ

No matter where you are on your faith journey, there's a place for you here. We offer a number of faith formation opportunities for all ages. You are invited to visit or join at any time.

Please note the changes to our children and youth formation for the summer (June - August)

Children's Ministry Summer Schedule

Our Formation will be held from 9 – 9:30 am. The first Sunday of the month will be a children's live Zoom gathering (except for July 4th). The link will be provided in the children and families Facebook Group. The third Sunday of the month we will offer an in-person story time for our children in front of the Renwick building downtown (the grassy area across the street from Sydnor Hall). The last Sunday of the month will be a pre-recorded children's homily led by one of our clergy (posted to our [St. George's children's YouTube page](#)). Our program year resumes in September.

Youth Ministry Summer Schedule

Our youth group will be held from 11:30 am – 1pm the second Sunday of every month (6/13 tubing at the Virginia Outdoor Center followed by picnic at Old Mill Park, 7/11 Scavenger hunt at the Fredericksburg Area Museum, 8/8 tubing at the Virginia Outdoor Center followed by picnic at Old Mill Park). Our program year resumes in September.

Worship Schedule:

Updated for the Summer!

Sundays:

7:45 am: Rite I with Holy Communion, in-person worship

10 am: Rite II with Holy Communion, in-person and livestreamed. Features liturgies from the *Book of Common Prayer* and *Enriching Our Worship*. It premieres on YouTube Live at 10 am and is posted on Facebook after the service ends.

11 am: The Episcopal church has recently released the findings of a Racial Justice Audit of Church leadership. Join us to learn and reflect on the results of this process.

www.zoom.us/join or call

929.205.6099

Webinar ID: 392 738 239

Password: 107758

Distribution of Holy Communion in the narthex for those who have participated in the online service. The church will also be open for private prayer.

5:30 pm: 3rd Sundays Celtic Evensong. It premieres on YouTube Live and is posted on Facebook after the service ends.

Please note our Compline service is taking a break over the summer

Wednesdays:

Noon Prayer via [Facebook Live](#)

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from the red Book of Common Prayer
(BCP)

We invite you to prepare for worship by observing silence or taking time for private prayer.

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

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

Collect for Purity

BCP 323

The Summary of the Law

BCP 324

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

The Word of God

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

BCP 178

O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

1 Samuel 17:32 - 49

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the

LORD be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand." When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 9:9 - 20

BCP 593

II Corinthians 6:1 - 13

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good

repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 4:35 - 41

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. William S. Dickinson

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

In recognition of Juneteenth and the anniversary of the announcement of freedom to enslaved peoples in 1865 in Texas, let us pray together for the ongoing work of justice and liberation:

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Confession

BCP 330

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

All are now invited to exchange a sign of peace with a wave or bow.

Announcements

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. We invite you to share your gifts in support of our ministry within and beyond our congregation. You may place your gift in the offering plate. You can also give online (bit.ly/stggive) or text to give (send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133).

Prayer for Father's Day

Gracious God, you made us in your image and gave us power to help create life. In human fatherhood we see a reflection of your divine blessing and care. Make us thankful for our life and for all fathers and father figures whose work has blessed us. Comfort those for whom this is a day of sorrow or struggle. Help us continue to pray with all the holy mothers and fathers in the communion of saints, praising you in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer I

BCP 333

Sanctus + Benedictus

BCP 334

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

O Lamb of God, Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Post-communion prayer

BCP 339

The Blessing

BCP 339

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The congregation responds **Thanks be to God!**

Announcements

For details on these events
and more visit
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Celtic Evensong Today at 5:30 pm

Worship with us today at 5:30 pm for our Celtic Evensong. The service will include Holy Communion. We will offer it in-person and live stream via our YouTube Live Channel.

Shrine Mont Registrations

We are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to gather in the mountains of Shrine Mont this Fall! We plan to gather the weekend of October 8-10 for a chance to reconnect with nature and each other, and we still have about 25 more spots left! We are limiting the number of people in our group, so act fast if you would like to join us! Register online at (stgeorgesepiscopal.net). [Contact Danielle Davis](#) for more info.

Recurring Gifts Keep on Giving

Summer is wonderful time to make the switch to gifts which recur automatically from your bank account or credit card. This ensures a steady flow of resources to empower our ministries and helps the donor as well. For more information, contact our business manager, [Ben Hicks](#). Thank you for your generous support.

Pride Month:

St. George's love and supports LGBTQ+ persons (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and other expressions of gender and sexuality), many of whom are observing Pride month in June as a celebration of their identity, culture, history, and community. St. George's has a long history of being an affirming and welcoming congregation. We will have a table at this year's FXBG Pride festival on Saturday, June 26, from 10 am - 6 pm at Maury Park (across from Freddy Donuts on William St.). Contact Fr. Will Dickinson for more information.

Today's Altar Arrangement:

is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Tommy and Natalie (Patterson) Daniels, married yesterday at St. George's.

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Announcing the St. George's Landmark Building Fund

We established this fund, which is housed at the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region a few years ago, in anticipation of the 300th anniversary, for the preservation of the historic landmark of St. George's Church in the long term. Between now and November 22, we have a goal to reach \$300,000 in this fund. We are inviting the parish and the entire community of Fredericksburg to consider making a gift or designating the fund in your estate plans, to give thanks for and preserve our iconic landmark which is so closely linked with our city. You can donate via the [Community Foundation here](#).

Staff Transition Announcement

Hecti Musa, our Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry, has discerned a call to step down from their role at St. George's to pursue their education in New York City. In thanksgiving for Hecti's ministry, we will be collecting a care package, and we invite you to send cards and other expressions of gratitude to the church office by Friday, July 2. Please join us in offering prayers for Hecti and Karin as they prepare to embark on this exciting adventure.

300th Anniversary Art Show

"Brushes to Bridges" is an art exhibit extended to artists who know Fredericksburg and St. George's best, those in our local region. We have published the official Call for Entries on our website. Please visit bit.ly/stg300thart for more information and share with your local artists friends!

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Serving This Sunday

Thank you to our worship leaders
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