



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Holy Eucharist

Rite I - 7:45 am

First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021

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.

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:

- Produce an Advent daily devotional authored by our college and young adult ministry and members of St. George's, Trinity, and Christ Lutheran
- Create Advent-to-Go bags with resources for observing Advent at home

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

Our Annual Giving Campaign for 2022 is Moving

For many years, we have held a campaign each fall inviting households to make an estimate of their giving in the coming year. This year we are moving our campaign to January - February of 2022. In the meantime, we ask you to keep giving and give thanks for every gift in support of our ministry together.

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.

Adult Formation - 10 am

Episco 101 - Youth Floor: Rev. Bob Miller leads these weekly sessions designed for those new to the church or who want a refresher.

Advent-to-Go Bags - Faulkner Hall

10 am - 12:30 pm: Suggested donation is \$10.

Coming Up:

- 12/5: Coffee Hour

Children's Formation - 10 am

- 11/28: One-room Sunday school in Renwick (for kids up to 5th grade). We'll be starting our Advent program.
- 10-12:30 pm: Distribution of Advent to go bags from Faulkner (as mentioned in the announcement). Suggested donation is \$10.

Youth Formation

Our next youth groups are Dec 5, labyrinth walk at 12:30 pm and at 5 pm tbc, Dec 19 - holiday party

Worship Schedule

Sundays:

- **7:45 am:** spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.
- **9:00 am:** Holy Eucharist according to the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship, a supplemental resource approved by the Episcopal Church. Our jazz band and jazz choir lead the music (This service also livestreamed on YouTube live).
- **11:15 am:** Holy Eucharist Rite II. Our organists and St. George's Choir lead the music.
- **5:30 pm:** Celtic evensong with Holy Eucharist. Our Celtic ensemble and vocalist lead the music
- **8:00 pm:** Sung Compline. This service is offered by our Compline Choir (Facebook Live and in-person).

Daily Office:

The Daily office (Morning and Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer) is offered on Zoom and led by a group of lay persons on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8 am and 5:30 pm. All are welcome.
Meeting ID: 890 4918 9545
Passcode: 638538
Dial in: +1 301 715 8592

Wednesdays:

12 pm: Rite II Eucharist with healing prayer

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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

Magnificat

BCP 50

The Advent Candle(s) are lit as we share in Mary's song.

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 159

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 33:14 - 16 *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1 - 9

BCP 614

I Thessalonians 3:9 - 13 *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21:25 - 36

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. William S. Dickinson

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Confession of Sin

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).

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer II

BCP 340

Sanctus + Benedictus

BCP 341

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 people are seated. Please come forward pew by pew in a single file line, socially distanced. All are welcome at St. George's to receive communion. As you approach the priest, please hold out your hands over each other palms up to receive a wafer and reverently consume it in your pew. If you require a gluten free wafer, please approach palms down or make your need known. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest.

The Post-communion prayer

BCP 339

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among 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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Advent-to-Go Bags:

Today 10 am – 12:30 pm

Today from 10 am – 12:30 pm we will be distributing Advent-to-Go bags outside of Faulkner Hall. The bags include devotionals, Advent calendar, crafts, and materials to make your own Advent wreath. There are resources for families of all ages! Suggested donation is \$10.

Winter Coat Drive

Please consider donating new or gently used jackets and coats, toddler through teen sizes, which will be provided to children in need at Hugh Mercer Elementary school. There is a box located in the narthex for winter coat donations. Donations will be collected on Sunday, December 12.

Today's Altar Arrangement:

is given to the Glory of God by Mr. and in loving memory of our parents, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. John H. Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Roth, by Bryn and Dick Roth. And in honor of our 25th wedding anniversary.

#GivingTuesday is November 30 – Support The Table

It's that time of year again when The Table participates in GivingTuesday, a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and You!

On Tuesday, November 30, you will have the chance to make a difference in our community. The Table in Market Square serves our local community by providing fresh, healthy food to anyone who comes to us on Tuesdays. The fresh food goes to the elderly, the disabled, and people who are employed but need a supplemental source of healthy food. In addition to The Table in Market Square, once a month we provide fresh produce to 8 additional Table in the World Sites (TITW). We hope you will join us and be a part of this important work in our community.

Helping our Afghan Allies

St. George's Afghan Allies Ministry, in partnership with Bethany Christian Services, is leading a clothing drive to support Afghan women and children refugees who have recently arrived in Virginia with only the clothes on their backs. While they are safe and awaiting resettlement, they are in need of coats, gloves, hats, and socks in Women's Small and Medium sizes and all Children's sizes. St. George's will be welcoming donations Sunday, November 14, 21, and 28 in the nave (the front entryway of the church).

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Angel Tree

Our yearly ministry returns! St. George's offers gifts for children in our local schools whose families are unable to this Christmas season. Pick up a tag or a few on the First Sunday of Advent (Nov. 28), shop for your gifts, and return them wrapped with the tag clearly visible on Dec. 5 or 12.

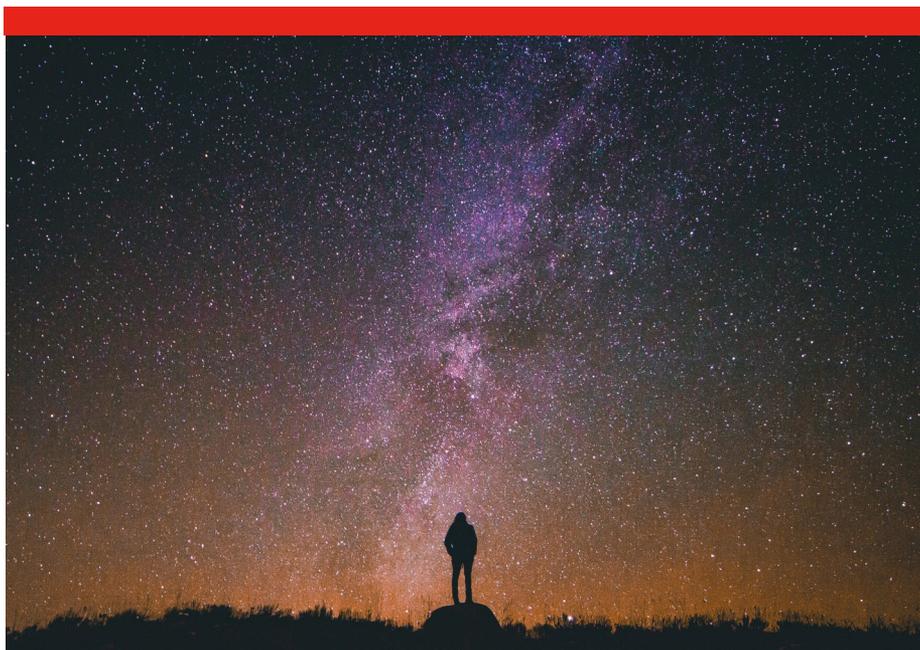
Invitation to serve on St. George's vestry

We will elect four new members to the vestry at our annual meeting in January. We are looking for a slate of at least six persons willing to serve. A candidate must be a confirmed, adult (16+) member of the parish who contributes financially to the church and attends services regularly. We will be holding interest meetings in December via zoom for potential candidates. Dates to be announced. Contact Joe Hensley or a member of the vestry for additional information.

Commemorative Ornaments

To celebrate our 300th anniversary, we have limited edition, commemorative ornaments designed by a local artist. Purchase yours Nov. 28 from 10 am - 12:30 pm in Faulkner (with Advent-to-Go bags) and during the 10 am coffee hour on Dec. 5. Contact Marilyn Farrington (marilyn.farrington@gmail.com) if you'd like to purchase an ornament outside these times. Cost is \$30 with all proceeds benefiting our Landmark Building Fund.

Advent is Here



Watch. Wait. Wonder.

It's time to watch for miracles. It's time to wait for the birth of the Messiah. It's time to wonder at the unfailing light and love of God. Advent is here.

Please see our Advent and Christmastide practices brochure for a list of personal, family, and group activities and events in addition to our usual schedule of worship and formation on Sundays throughout Advent and Christmas.

St. George's Prayer List

"Prayer is powerful"
James 5:16

Regarding the Prayer List: We strive to extend the power of the congregation's prayer to those who feel they would benefit from its embrace. Please submit prayer requests in writing. New additions this week are in italics. For rehabilitation, concerns, and grace and assistance lists, we keep a name on the list for 1 month, unless asked to do otherwise. If a name is removed that should still be on, please contact the church office to have their name returned to the list.

Pray for our leadership:

For our bishops, Justin, Michael, Susan, Porter, and Jennifer; for Joe, Areeta, Will, and Ethan, our clergy; for those who are priests and pastors in our community; for our staff—John, Ben, Jan, Nicholas, Amy, Danielle, Lisa, Achim, Laurel, Barbara, and Riley; and for our Vestry.

Pray for those expecting babies:

Andrea Wilkins and Thomas Cunningham, daughter of Marsha Wilkins; Jenny Neff-Norman and Matt Norman; Alison Goss and Robert Mueller, daughter of Curt and Bess Goss

Pray for those recently born:

Ernest Linwood Beaton V (Quint), grandson of Pat Davis and Teri Clark;
Isaac Oliver Baldwin, grandson of Faylee and David (deceased) Hydorn

Pray for those who have died:

Mark Hower, Geraldine Marous, Lucy George, Wayne Morris

Pray for All who are affected during the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

All those sick with the novel corona virus and their loved ones, those who have died, health workers and chaplains, undertakers, food workers, internet service workers, educators, social service providers, families at home adjusting to new routines and roles, homeless neighbors with nowhere to shelter, government and community leaders, all who are out of work, and so many others.

Pray for healthcare workers and first responders:

Dr. Betsy Schinstock, Dr. Heather Masters, Cameron Simmons, Elizabeth Anderson, Morgan Ellis, Leilani Blose, John Gleason, Brad Houck, Jeffrey French, Susan Larson, Randi Thompson, Robin Rose, Zach Rose, Suzanne Simmons, William McNitt, Heidi Taft, Charlotte Martin, Philip Pendleton, Dr. John Chinault, Dr. Mark Macedon, Dr. Jeniffer Huhn, Dr. Joe Lee, Amy Bogardus, Kristen Brandford, Dr. Matthew Whitehurst, Trish Stenger, Cindy Hales Tyler, Rebecca Durham, Dr. Ashley Frost.

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Pray for those serving our country overseas:

Ian Patrick Hume, Michael Sweaney, Katrina Martin, Kyle Browne

Pray for homebound parishioners:

Bill Poole, Judy Barton, Betty Stephens, Anne Brooks Brauer;
All persons in care facilities who cannot receive visitors right now.

Pray for those in rehabilitation or in convalescence:

Al Sharp, Kathleen Pool, Dottie Davis, Cary Montague, Deloris Smith, Marion Zimmermann, Mary Smith, Gloria Rodriguez, Mary Davin, Barbara Atkins, Faylee Hydorn, Chris McCrae, Rose Marie Schlemm, Terry Johnson, John Harrison, Pat Davis, Fran, Reid Seims, Linda Hensley, Barbara Backus, Julie Keadle, Wayne Harmon

Pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Arya Holmes, Molly Myers, Dot Morris, Pam Allen, Dick Roth, Tommie Woollen.

Pray for those who need God's grace and assistance:

Norman Marous, Maggie Stiles, Rebecca Eagen, Dwayne, Erin and Micah Harris

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Christ of Our Redeemer, Aldie; Church of Our Savior, Montpelier

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Church of Bangladesh

Pray for: Our Little Roses (Honduras); Notre Dame Parish and School (Port-au-Prince, Haiti), Père Frantz Cole; The House college chaplaincy and young adult ministry; SAWs Virginia; Rev. Óshin Jennings, No Barriers Zen Temple; Micah Ecumenical Ministries (our work to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God along with other congregations in Fredericksburg).

Pray for: St. George's Preschool.

Serving This Sunday

Thank you to our worship leaders
serving today. If you would like to
volunteer, contact the church office:
office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net.

Clergy:

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.
The Rev. Areeta D. Bridgemohan
The Rev. William S. Dickinson
The Rev. Ethan Lowery

Preacher:

The Rev. William S. Dickinson

Lector:

Jessica Atkinson

Greeter:

Peggy Verdine

Altar Guild:

Barbara Baker
Ethel Hellman
Eleonore Spears

Flower Guild:

Barbara Backus
Karin Beals
Marian Matthews

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