



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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# Holy Eucharist

## 9 am

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 12, 2021**

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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

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### **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](http://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](http://bit.ly/stgnews).

### **Request Prayer**

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

### **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:

- Prepare the way for Advent and Christmas with our Advent-to-go bags and a devotional booklet organized by our young adult missionary
- Respond to the needs of Afghan allies arriving in our community

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.

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# Formation for All Ages

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**"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:** Today is the concluding session in this series and will be an opportunity to look at our gifts (spiritual and natural) and how God is calling us to use our gifts to meet the needs of the world.

**Labyrinth 10 am - 1 pm Sydnor Hall:** Take some time to slow down in Advent as you walk the winding path of the St. George's prayer labyrinth.

### Coming Up:

Join us on Dec. 19 for a hymn sing in Sydnor Hall.

### Children's Formation - 10 am

One-room Sunday school in Renwick (for kids up to 5th grade). We'll embrace the meaning of the Advent season with an Advent Journal Club where we read stories that illustrate the weekly Advent theme. Masks required.

### Youth Formation

Join us on Dec 19th for a holiday party with dinner at Penny Lanes Bowling Alley (51 Towne Centre Blvd, FXBG)! Please plan to bring a gift \$5 or under for a White Elephant gift exchange. Pick-up and drop off at the bowling alley, from 5 - 7pm. It'll be lots of fun!

## 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), and *Enriching Our Worship*, sup-  
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*We invite you to prepare for worship by observing silence or taking time for private prayer.*

**Prelude:** Lament

J.J. Johnson, arr. John H. Vreeland

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Hymn 67:** "Comfort, comfort ye my people"

*Psalm 42*

**1** Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness  
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover,  
and her warfare now is over.

**2** Hark, the voice of one that crieth  
in the desert far and near,  
calling us to new repentance  
since the kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise to meet him,  
and the hills bow down to greet him.

**3** Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
make the rougher places plain:  
let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits his holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
and all flesh shall see the token  
that the word is never broken.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

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**Song of Praise S247: "Magnificat"**

Betty Carr Pulkingham

*all invited to sing while wearing a mask*

*While we sing the Magnificat, we light the candle(s) of the advent wreath, a visual symbol marking the progress of this season of watching for the light of Christ to come into the world.*

**Antiphon:**

My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the  
Lord, my spir-it re-joic-es in God my Sav-ior; \_\_\_\_\_  
for he has looked with favor on his low-ly ser-vant. \_\_\_\_\_

**2** From this day all generations shall call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name.

**3** He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

**Antiphon**

**4** He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud n their conceit.

**5** He has cast down the might from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

**Antiphon**

**6** He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty,

**7** He has come to the help of his servant Israel,  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

**8** The promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

**Antiphon**

**The Word of God**

**Celebrant:** God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day*

**BCP 212**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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### Zephaniah 3:14 - 20

Rejoice, Daughter Zion! Shout, Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem. The Lord has removed your judgment; he has turned away your enemy. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you will no longer fear evil. On that day, it will be said to Jerusalem: Don't fear, Zion. Don't let your hands fall. The Lord your God is in your midst—a warrior bringing victory. He will create calm with his love; he will rejoice over you with singing. I will remove from you those worried about the appointed feasts. They have been a burden for her, a reproach. Watch what I am about to do to all your oppressors at that time. I will deliver the lame; I will gather the outcast. I will change their shame into praise and fame throughout the earth. At that time, I will bring all of you back, at the time when I gather you. I will give you fame and praise among all the neighboring peoples when I restore your possessions and you can see them—says the Lord.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Alleluia:** "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ" John H. Vreeland  
*all invited to sing while wearing a mask*

Choir: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

Choir: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. His mercy endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

### The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke 3:7 - 18

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

*Common English Bible (CEB)*

Then John said to the crowds who came to be baptized by him, "You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don't even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham's children from these stones. The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire." The crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" He answered, "Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same." Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He replied, "Collect no more than you are authorized to collect." Soldiers asked, "What about us? What should we do?" He answered, "Don't cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay." The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals.

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He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out." With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

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

**The Sermon**

Meghann Cotter, Micah Ecumenical Ministries  
The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

**Prayers of the People**

Let us offer our prayers to God, pondering in our hearts, like Mary the mother of Jesus, what we are watching and waiting for in this season of Advent.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, its members and mission. What might we release in order to become the Church we are called to be?

*Silence*

We pray for our Diocese as we seek our next bishop. How will we seek the will of God as one church across Virginia?

*Silence*

We pray for our nation and all the nations of the earth, for our state, region, and localities, and all who hold authority that they may work for the health of all. What is the world we yearn to see, with God's help?

*Silence*

We pray for the well-being of the world, for all God's creatures and all that God has made. How might we embrace a sense of wonder at the beauty of God's creation? How might we learn from creation to wait in this season?

*Silence*

We lift up to God the concerns of our local community. Where are we to watch for the needs of others as we wait and work for restoration?

*Silence*

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We ask God to heal us and all who suffer and be with all of us who are in any trouble. Who are the people we wish to name, silently or aloud?

*Silence*

We pray for those who have died and all who mourn their loss. As we wait for the coming of Christ, what sorrows and hopes for new life might we offer to God?

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect:*

Almighty God who has taught us to watch and wait with hopeful anticipation, hear our prayers as we look for the light that has come and is coming again into the world, our savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **The Confession**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*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](https://bit.ly/stggive)) or text to give (send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133).*

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**Birthday Blessing** (*said in unison*)

BCP 830

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Offertory Anthem:** Canticle 9

Carl Haywood

*Surely it is God who saves me;*

*I will trust in him and not be afraid.*

*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.*

*I will trust in the Lord...*

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.*

*And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name.*

*I will trust in the Lord...*

*Make his deeds known among the peoples;*

*See that they remember that his Name is exalted.*

*Sing praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.*

*I will trust in the Lord...*

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,*

*For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.*

*I will trust in the Lord...*

**The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer 1)**

*Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant: God 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.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth: Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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Therefore joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Sanctus all sing*

John H. Vreeland

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

**People and Celebrant: You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.**

Celebrant: But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

**People and Celebrant: Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.**

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

*At the following words, concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

**People and Celebrant: By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Fraction Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread:**

"Christ Our Passover"

John H. Vreeland

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

**Therefore let us keep the feast**

**Invitation to Communion**

*The congregation remains standing and sings the following hymn before the distribution of communion.*

**Invitation to Communion**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. *and may add*

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

*The people are seated. An usher will dismiss each pew to receive communion.*

*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.*

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Hymn WLP 724 (St. 1,2,5): "People Look East"

*Besañon Carol*

*All invited to sing while wearing a mask*

**People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year.**

**Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.**

**People, look East and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.**

**Furrows be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:**

**Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flow'r may flourish.**

**People, look East and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.**

**Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.**

**Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.**

**People look East and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.**

### **Music During Communion**

**"De noche iremos"**

Taize

**De noche iremos, de noche, que para encontrar la fuente.**

**Solo la sed nos alumbra, solo la sed nos alumbra.**

*Translation: By night, we hasten in darkness to search for living water.*

*Only our thirst leads us onwards.*

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Offered privately by those who are not able to be physically present.*

**Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though we cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine together, we thank you that we have received Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love, be renewed for your service, and be reflections of the awakened and risen Lord. Amen.**

### **Lay Eucharistic Visitor Prayer said on Sundays when a LEV visit occurs.**

**Celebrant:** [Name of LEV], in the name of this congregation of St. George's, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that [name of parishioner] may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**People:** **We who are many are truly one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

### **The Post-communion prayer**

**Enriching Our Worship**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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## **The Blessing**

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal Hymn: "Christ is Coming"**

Edward V. Bonnemare

*All invited to sing while wearing a mask*

**Christ is coming; prepare the way. Christ is coming; prepare the way.**

**Christ is coming. Christ is coming.**

**Christ is coming; prepare the way. Christ is coming; prepare the way.**

**Postlude: Pantano**

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# Announcements

For details on these events  
and more visit  
[stgeorgesepiscopal.net](http://stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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## Walk the labyrinth TODAY

The prayer labyrinth will be available today in Sydnor Hall for walking between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Let the winding path help you slow you down in this season and draw nearer to God.

## Winter Coat Drive Ends Today

If you have new or gently used jackets and coats, toddler through teen sizes, for children in need at Hugh Mercer Elementary school, please place them in the box in the narthex today.

## Concert Series:

### Christmas Music at St. George's

Join us Sunday, December 19 at 3 pm for an afternoon of music guaranteed to get you in the holiday spirit! Featuring the music ensembles of St. George's, this concert benefits our Haiti Mission Partners. Concert is free with donations for our Haiti Mission Partners accepted at the door.

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## Today's Altar Arrangement:

is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Janet Nelson Ballou, Major Edwin G. Nelson and Dr. Nathaniel Talley Ballou by their daughters, Amy Warren, Janet Gibson, and Susan Wilford

## Angel Tree Gifts Due Today

Please bring your wrapped gifts with the tag clearly visible today and place them under the tree.

## Commemorative Ornaments

To celebrate our 300th anniversary, we have limited edition, commemorative ornaments designed by a local artist. Purchase yours from 10 am - 11 am today Faulkner Hall and Dec. 19 in Sydnor Hall.

Contact Marilyn Farrington ([marilyn.farrington@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Demons and the Episcopal Tradition: An Advent Workshop

Everything you ever wanted to know about demons but were too afraid to ask! We don't talk much about them much in our tradition, but Scripture has much to say about the demonic. As we enter into a season about the Second Coming, what's the right emphasis for our Church today? Join Fr. Will in Faulkner Hall on Thursday, December 16 at 7 pm for a wide-ranging discussion about demons, evil, the church's traditions, and how we live in light of them. Please RSVP to Fr. Will ([will.dickinson@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:will.dickinson@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)).

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### **Advent Young Adult Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 pm on Zoom**

Join in this Advent season for a young adult Bible study this Advent season. We meet on Zoom at 7pm for a little over an hour. For the four Wednesdays of the season (Dec 1, 8, 15, 22), we'll be reading through stories related to the Nativity of Jesus. "Young" "Adult" is loosely defined meaning kind of anyone between the ages of 18-45 -- if you're feeling sheepish or unsure, be in touch! If you're interested in joining, want the Zoom link, or want more information, please be in touch with our Missioner, Fr. Ethan at [missioner@thehousefxbg.org](mailto:missioner@thehousefxbg.org).

### **Invitation to serve on St. George's vestry**

We will elect four new members to the vestry at our annual meeting on January 23. We are looking for a slate of at least six persons willing to serve a three-year term. A candidate must be a confirmed, adult (16+) member of the parish who contributes financially to the church and attends services regularly. View our informational video about vestry service here. We will have a live Q and A opportunity on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 5 pm and Monday, Dec 13, at 7 pm on Zoom. Contact Joe Hensley to attend the Zoom or to request a nomination form. Nominations are due by Dec 22.

### **Christmastide Worship Schedule**

Worship with us in-person or online for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

#### **Christmas Eve:**

**4 pm:** A COVID-mindful Christmas pageant with Holy Eucharist. There will be seating in the nave, balcony, and Sydnor Hall. Reservations highly recommended. We will include a link to the reservations in next week's e-newsletter and bulletin. This service also livestreamed on YouTube Live.

**7:30 pm:** Rite III worship with Holy Eucharist. Our Jazz Band and Choir provide festive music. There will be seating in the nave, balcony, and Sydnor Hall. Reservations highly recommended. We will include a link to the reservations in next week's e-newsletter and bulletin. This service also livestreamed on YouTube Live with American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation.

**11 pm:** Rite II worship with Holy Eucharist. Our choir and chamber ensemble provide festive music – starting at 10:30 pm. There will be seating in the nave and balcony. There are no reservations for this service.

#### **Christmas Day:**

**10 am:** Spoken Christmas Day worship with Holy Eucharist

#### **Sunday, December 26:**

**7:45 am:** Rite I, spoken Holy Eucharist.

**10 am:** Lessons and Carols (no Eucharist). This service also live streamed on YouTube Live.

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# Gratitude Offering

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"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3

God has blessed us in so many ways. I feel blessed to be your rector and invite you to join me in making a special Gratitude Offering to St. George's this season to offer our thanks to God. This is an opportunity to share gratitude for the blessings in our lives or to remember someone special at Christmas. We will print the names of honorees or any blessings you specify in the Christmas bulletins.

Visit our website to make your gift:  
[www.stgeorgesepiscopal.net/gratitude](http://www.stgeorgesepiscopal.net/gratitude)

You can also mail a check to the office (P. O. Box 7127; Fredericksburg, VA 22404). Please include "Gratitude Offering" in the memo line and also note who you wish to honor or remember with your gift.

Our offerings will further bless others through supporting our overall ministry. Please make your gift by **December 15** in order for your honoree to be included in the bulletins

Thank you for your generous and caring hearts that sustain our work together.

Your rector and brother in Christ,

*Joe<sup>+</sup>*

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# St. George's Prayer List

**"Prayer is powerful"**  
**James 5:16**

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**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; 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) Hy-dorn; Henry Norman, son of Jenny Neff-Norman and Matt Norman

**Pray for those who have died:**

Lucy George, Wayne Morris, Wayne Harman, Michele Lavin, Mike Miller

**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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# St. George's Prayer List

**"Prayer is powerful"**  
**James 5:16**

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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, Barbara Backus, Julie Keadle

**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, Alice Cole, Lovely George, *Bryce Doxzon*

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:** Emmanuel, Rapidan; St. Andrew's, Burke; St. Christopher's, Springfield

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

**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. Ōshin 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.

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# Serving This Sunday

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

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