



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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# Holy Eucharist

## Rite I - 7:45 am

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 7, 2022**

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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 worshipping online or in person, we are glad you are here.

### 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

Your generous gifts help fund our ministries and serve the community. 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 ([StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving)) 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. Thank you!

### Your Gifts at Work

Recently, your gifts have helped:

- Re-open our Nursery for our 10 am worship service
- Prepare Back to School Blessing for August 14

### Summer Worship Schedule

#### Sundays:

*Coffee hour is temporarily canceled and masks are required for the 10 am service due to rising infection rates*

- **7:45 am:** spoken Holy Eucharist Rite I.
  - **10 am:** Holy Eucharist according to the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship, a supplemental resource approved by the Episcopal Church. Also livestreamed on YouTube live.
  - **5:30 pm:** Celtic evensong with Holy Eucharist. Our Celtic ensemble and vocalist lead the music
- Our formation hour for all ages is on break for the summer. Stay tuned for information on special fellowship events.

#### 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**

**The Summary of the Law**

**BCP 324**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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 180**

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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**Genesis 15:1 - 6<sup>1</sup>** *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 33:12 - 22**

**BCP 626**

**Hebrews 11:1 - 3, 8 - 16** *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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1 During the season between Pentecost and Advent, we're given a choice of two "tracks" of readings from the Old Testament and Epistles. Track 1 tells continuous stories week to week from the prophets and other books. This year we are using Track 2, readings which emphasize themes from the week's Gospel.

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## The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:32 - 40

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

the Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 326**

**Prayers of the People**

**BCP 328**

**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](http://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**

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**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**

**The Dismissal**

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

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# Announcements

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

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## Worshipalooza!

### Training Day on August 27

All who currently serve as worship volunteers on Sundays – or those interested in volunteering – are invited to a special training day called Worshipalooza! on Saturday, August 27. All are invited to lunch at noon – which will be served outside. Please call the church office (540.373.4133) to RSVP.

Here is the schedule for training:

9 am: Altar Guild – Nave

10 am: Greeters and Ushers (Greeters done early) – Sydnor

11 am: Lectors / Intercessors – Nave

12 pm: Lunch (all invited! Please RSVP to the church office) – Sydnor

1 pm: LEMs and Liturgical Coordinators (Nave)

2 pm: Liturgical Coordinators (continued)

3 pm: Acolytes - Nave

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## Today's Altar Arrangement:

is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her sister, Wildoran R. Gaythwaite, her brother, Myles W. H. Gaythwaite, her father, Myles Gaythwaite, and her mother, Doris M. Gaythwaite. by Dr. and Mrs. Andre Eglevsky

## Now Hiring

We are now hiring three positions to join our ministry staff at St. George's: a part-time Children, Youth, and Families Ministries Assistant, part-time Ministry Assistant, and a full-time Director of Mission and Evangelism. Please share these opportunities with people you know who may be interested. And, please join us in praying for those God is calling to join our staff ministry team. Read the job descriptions and information on applying on our website [StGeorgesEpiscopal.net](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net).

## Play, Pray, and Wonder – Exploring Children's Spirituality

All are invited to learn more about children's spirituality in three special events, led by our Associate Priest, the Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales.

Join Rev. Rosemary *today* and on **Sunday August 21** in Sydnor Hall following the 10 am worship service (around 11 am) for a discussion on children's spirituality. No registration is required. Childcare will be available in the nursery (0 - 4 years old). No previous experience with children is required to enjoy these information sessions.

**On Saturday, August 20:** 10 am - 12 pm, Youth Floor, Rev. Rosemary is hosting a Children's Formation Planning Session for the upcoming program year. All who have volunteered in the past and anyone interested in helping are welcome to attend. Please register to attend.

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# Back to School Sunday

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Backpack  
Blessing  
August 14

## **Back to School Sunday – August 14**

Calling teachers and students of all ages! Sunday, August 14 is Back to School Sunday with a special Backpack Blessing during the 10 am service.

Bring your backpack or laptop bag for a blessing during our worship service.

Fellowship time with popsicles and lemonade in Market Square will follow the worship service.

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# St. George's Prayer List

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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, and Jennifer; for Joe, Will, Rosemary, 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:**

Matthew and Leilani Blose; Bryan and Lorie Coker O'Neal; Peyton and Philip Carter

**Pray for those recently born:**

**Pray for those who have died:**

Charles "Dick" Richardson, father of Tami Morello; Tom Schaible, brother of Karen Pierce; Jack Young, brother of Allyn Young; Julie Quinn, aunt of Caroline Pritchard; *Dennis Martin*; *Richard Hall, cousin of Diane Powell*

**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, 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, 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, John Sielski.

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**Pray for those serving our country overseas:**

Ian Patrick Hume, Matthew Martinez, Jeff Bryant

**Pray for homebound parishioners:**

Bill Poole, Betty Stephens

**Pray for those in rehabilitation or in convalescence:**

Al Sharp, Dottie Davis, Pastor Mike Byrd, Mathew Cadwallender, Linda Wollesen, Marcella Holland, Melissa Mooney, Susan Hall, *Jay Landis*

**Pray for those with ongoing concerns:**

Arya Holmes, Molly Myers, Pam Allen, Dick Roth, Sondra

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

Jim Branscome, Alice-Cole Reynolds, John Vaaler and Mina Sabik, Scott Boyd, Maddie Stroud and Lydia Bryant, Austin Reeder, Janet Scherer, Maureen Friedheim, Pat McNeill, Kathleen Poole, John Lesser, Doug Hardy, Reed Creaser, *Linda Martin*

**For our seminarian:** Kris Boyd

**Pray for:** St. George's Preschool.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray**

**for:** Ushers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray**

**for:** The Church of the Province of the West Indies

**Pray for:** 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 Little Roses - Honduras

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# Vestry

If you have questions or concerns,  
please reach out to our Vestry  
(elected lay leaders).

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To reach the Vestry, please email: [vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net). To reach an individual vestry member, please contact the church office at [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net) or 540.373.4133.

**John Graham, 2024**

Worship and Music  
World Mission

**Josue Rivera-Orellano, 2022**

Generosity  
Preschool

**Casey Hu, 2023**

Fellowship

**Anne Carey O'Connor, 2024**

Pastoral Care

**Beth Klein, 2023**

Youth Formation

**Mac Smith, 2024**

Newcomers

**Jason Kunkler, 2022**

Buildings and Grounds

**Stuart Whitford, 2022**

Connections and Membership

**Meghan O'Connor, 2023**

Grace in Action  
Finance

**Jane Yaun, 2023**

Junior Warden  
Communications  
Administration and Personnel

**Michele Prout Alston, 2024**

Adult Christian Education

**Caroline Pritchard, 2022**

Senior Warden  
Children's Formation  
Racial Justice and Healing  
Administration and Personnel

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# Serving This Sunday

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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**Clergy:**

the Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.  
the Rev. William S. Dickinson  
the Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales  
the Rev. T. Ethan Lowery

**Preacher:**

the Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

**Lector:**

Susan Harrison

**Greeter:**

Joanna Catron

**Altar Guild:**

Joyce Steele  
Barbara Blose  
CJ Black  
Casey Hu  
Vicki Harrison

**Flower Guild:**

Gail Braxton

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