



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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# Holy Eucharist

## Rite I - 7:45 am

**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 27, 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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# Welcome to St. George's!

View Our Complete Weekly  
Worship Schedule on our Website:  
[StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/worship](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/worship)

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Whether you are worshipping online or in person, we are glad you are here. We hope you will find comfort in the beauty of the worship and encouragement in your personal faith journey.

## New to St. George's?

Thank you for joining us today!

You can use this bulletin to follow along with the worship service. We use liturgies from the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymns are from the blue *Hymnal 1982* and green *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. All are located in your pew. Watch fellow worshippers for when to stand or sit, and please only do what is comfortable for you.

We'd love to get to know you and help get you connected with our parish ministries, formation, and fellowship groups.



Visit [StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/connect](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/connect) or scan the QR code and we'll be in touch. You can also fill out the Newcomer Card in your pew and drop it in the offering plate.

Our rector (lead priest), Rev. Joe Hensley, would welcome the chance to speak with you. Please introduce yourself after the worship service. You can also contact him at: [joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

## Thank You for Your Generous Gifts!

Your financial gifts fund our ministries so we may show the Love of God to all.

This month your gifts have helped:

- Form followers of Christ through new offerings for children, youth, and adults
- Plan and prepare our annual Advent Workshop



You can make a financial gift:

- **In-person:** place gift in collection plate in the aisle.
- **Online - one-time or recurring:** [StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving). Or scan the QR code.
- **Text:** 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:

P.O. Box 7127

Fredericksburg, VA 22404 Thank you!

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# Formation for All Ages: Sundays at 10 am

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One way we explore our spirituality is through learning - be it presentations, reading, or even talking with one another during coffee hour.

**In lieu of Formation today, all are invited to attend our Advent Workshop for All Ages in Sydnor Hall. See the announcement in this bulletin for more information.**

## **Nursery with Amy and Ballu**

Nursery care is available for little ones ages 0 - 4 years old during the 9 am and 11:15 am worship services and the 10 am formation hour. Please see an usher for directions to the nursery.

## **Children**

*Montessori-based faith exploration*

Age 3 - K: Godly Play, a Montessori-based program of stories, wondering, and expressive art or play. In the Godly Play room of the Preschool floor.

Grades 1 - 2: Seasons of the Spirit, an interdenominational program that follows the same schedule of readings used in church, with age-appropriate story and crafts. In the large Preschool room

Grades 3 - 5: Seasons of the Spirit, adapted for older children. In the Youth area on the 3rd floor.

**View staff directory on our website:**  
**[StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/staff](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/staff)**  
**Or call the church office: 540.373.4133**

## **Youth**

*An inclusive, welcoming community*  
Youth Café: Middle schoolers and high schoolers meet up with adult leaders in the small side of Sydnor. We travel in two groups to nearby cafés or rooms in the church for conversation and are back by 11 am.  
*Youth Group meets for fellowship 5 - 7 pm Sundays on the Youth Floor*

## **Adults**

*Forum presentation in Sydnor Hall*  
Meeting ID: 857 9269 1981  
Dial in: 301.715.8592  
*No passcode is needed for this meeting.*

## **Questions about formation offerings?**

General inquiries:  
Church Office - 540.373.4133  
[office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

Children: age 3 - 5th grade  
Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales  
[rosemary@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:rosemary@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

Youth: 6th - 12th grade  
Rev. Will Dickinson  
[will.dickinson@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:will.dickinson@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

Young Adults: age 18 - 45  
Rev. Ethan Lowery  
[missioner@thehousefxbg.org](mailto:missioner@thehousefxbg.org)

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# The First Sunday of Advent

## November 27, 2022

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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. Please take a moment to silence cell phones and alarms. We are glad you are here!*

*The candle(s) of the Advent wreath are lit before the service begins, one for each Sunday of this season of waiting for the coming of Christ!*

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**

**My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his Handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**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 that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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**Isaiah 2:1 - 5** *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 122**

**BCP 779**

**Romans 13:11 - 14** *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew 24:36 - 44**

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore 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.**

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**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.**

**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).*

**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** BCP 338

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. Please come forward and approach the altar rail, kneeling if you wish. Receive the bread with your hands over each other, palms up. You may then receive the wine if you wish, by taking a sip or intincting (dipping). If you require a gluten free wafer, please hold out your hands palms down or make your need known. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms over your chest. After, please return to your pew by the side aisle.*

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**The Blessing**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

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

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### **Giving Tuesday is November 29!**

Mark your calendars for Nov. 29 and support our market-style food pantry, The Table for Giving Tuesday. We will have donate buttons on The Table Facebook page and St. George's website. You can also send a check payable to St. George's with "The Table" in the memo line (P.O. Box 7127, Fredericksburg, VA 22404) or you can text 540.701.4133 with the message: Funds. On Nov. 29, we will have a Donation Station set up in front of Faulkner Hall, 9 am - 2 pm. Stop by, say hello, and see The Table in action!

### **The Consecration of Bishop-elect Mark Stevenson, December 3**

The 14th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia will be consecrated at a special service on Saturday, December 3, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Baptist Church in Henrico. The entire Diocese is invited to witness this moment in person or online. Registration is appreciated for those planning to attend in person. You can find more information here.

### **Micah Street Church Lessons and Carols Service - December 6 5:30 -6:30 p.m. Market Square**

Join our neighbors from Micah Ecumenical Ministries congregations and the Micah Street Church congregation for cookies, hot chocolate, and a service of seasonal lessons and carols, led by Street Church members.

### **Calling All Stars...**

...(and angels, shepherds, magi, prophets, and animals)! Our first, organizing rehearsal for our Christmas Eve Pageant will be held at 11:00 am on Sunday, December 4 (right after the formation hour). Parents are invited to assist, but may also choose to attend the 11:15 service, or just go out for coffee. We'll be in the Youth Room (3rd floor) for about an hour as we check out costumes, assign roles, and imagine! Our second (final) rehearsal will be Saturday, December 17 at 3 pm. All children and youth are welcome, whether enrolled in our Sunday School or not. For more information, contact the Rev. Rosemary Beales ([rosemary@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:rosemary@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)).

### **Tuesday Evening Book Group at 7:15 pm via Zoom**

Our Tuesday book group will be reading and discussing *The True Meaning of Christmas: The Birth of Jesus and the Origins of the Season* by Michael Barber. The discussion will span 4 weeks, beginning on November 29th and concluding on December 20th. The first week's discussion will cover Chapters 1-3. Please contact John Graham ([jrgraham355@gmail.com](mailto:jrgraham355@gmail.com) or 540.907.6521) or Dennis Hardy ([kashardy@gmail.com](mailto:kashardy@gmail.com) or 540.548.4575) with questions. New members can provide their email address and will be sent a link to join the discussion.

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### Advent Workshop Today!

Join us at 10 am today for our the return of our Advent Workshop – come for some snacks, crafts and stories for children, and supplies to create your own Advent wreath to ring in the season! Suggested donation is \$10. The workshop takes the place of Adult, Youth, and Children's formation.

### Christmas Craft Faire at The House

The House campus and young adult ministries are hosting a holiday open house and fundraiser on Sunday December 4, from 12 - 3 pm at The House (820 College Ave). Available for sale will be a variety of homespun art, crafts, holiday decor, and other wares. Pricing will be flexible and your generosity is encouraged to support the work of welcoming young adults in Fredericksburg into the lives of our church communities. A few higher ticket items will also be available for silent auction. Rest assured that The House will smell like Christmas tree and cinnamon and vanilla, Mariah Carey will be playing on repeat, and we will be there to welcome you into our special little space. Got questions or want to offer your support as we prepare? Email Fr. Ethan ([missioner@thehousefxbg.org](mailto:missioner@thehousefxbg.org)).

### Santa Snacks, Dec 3

Our Youth are selling concessions during the Fredericksburg Christmas Parade! Stop by for a snack when you're downtown. Proceeds will be split between Micah Ecumenical Ministries and scholarships for our Youth Winter Weekend.

### Advent Devotional

The Rev. Ethan Lowery, our young adult missionary, has compiled entries for each day of the Advent season, focused on the theme of "rest" with reflections by parishioners and clergy of St. George's, Trinity Episcopal, and Christ Lutheran Church. Hard copies will be available this Sunday and daily posts will be shared on The House's Facebook page.

### Gratitude Offering

You can make a gift in memory of or in 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 services. Paper forms will be mailed and online giving forms available via our website later this week.

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### Today's Altar Arrangement:

is given to the glory of God 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.

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# St. George's Prayer List

For the most up-to-date list of prayers and thanksgivings, sign up to receive our email prayer list: [StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/signup](mailto:StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/signup)

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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 to [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

Names remain on the list for 1 month.

## Our leadership:

For our bishops, Justin, Michael, and Susan; our Bishop-elect, Mark; 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, Michael, and Riley; and for our Vestry.

## Those recently born:

Madeline Imada Blose, daughter of Matthew and Leilani Blose; Gwendolyn Rose Rasmussen, granddaughter of Peggy Mathias and Peter Rasmussen

## Those who have died:

Maher Soltan, brother of Gamal Soltan; Betsy Friedberg, aunt of Brooke Di Lauro; Ruby Benson Bacon, grandmother of Caroline Pritchard; William Woolls Schultz, father of Mary Woolls; Pat Brown, father of Shelby Gleason; Charlena Kunkler, mother of Jason Kunkler; *Paris Swisher, granddaughter of David and Shirley Swisher*

## Those serving our country overseas:

Matthew Martinez, Jeff Bryant

## Those attending seminary:

Kris Rose (formerly Boyd)

## Those homebound:

Betty Stephens, Betty Saunders, Cornelia Bryant

## Those in convalescence:

Al Sharp, Martha Hearn, Daureen Perdue, *Susan Harrison*

## Those with ongoing concerns:

Arya Holmes; Dick Roth; Molly Myers; Deepak Dey; Danielle and Sandi Davis; Randy Donaldson, June Filmore, Martha and Sarah Turner

## Those needing God's grace:

John Vaaler and Mina Sabik; Hrvoje, Snjezana, and Noel Ljubicic; Theo Nemeth; Rose Rubino; Jay Fuller; Claire Simpson

## In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

in celebration of the Ordination and Consecration of the XIV Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia

## In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Ideato - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Our Partners:** St. George's Episcopal Preschool; 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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# 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:**

Michael Alston

**Greeter:**

Peggy Verdine

**Altar Guild:**

Ann Tebbutt,  
C. J. Black,  
Ethel Helman,  
Eleonore Spears,  
Kathy Lober,  
Marvin Stearns

**Flower Guild:**

Jane Hunsucker  
JoAnne Rose  
Ann Tebbutt

**Coffee Hour:**

Barbara Blöse

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**Contact Our Vestry:**

The Vestry is our elected, lay leadership council led by our Senior Warden Caroline Pritchard and Junior Warden Jane Yaun.

The Vestry welcomes your questions, concerns, and feedback. Email them at: [vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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