



**St. George's
Episcopal
Church**

**Holy Eucharist
10:00 am**

**The Second Sunday after Christmas
January 4, 2026**

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

Welcome to St. George's!

**View Our Complete Weekly
Worship Schedule on our Website:
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/worship**

Whether you are worshiping 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 based in 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 worshipers 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. **Families with children:** Nursery services are available during the 9 am and 11:15 am services in the preschool. Please see an usher for directions.



Visit 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 (senior pastor), Rev. Joe Hensley, would welcome the chance to meet you, either after the worship service or via email: 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:

- Nurture new believers in their faith through baptism and formation.
- Support immigrants in our community with friendship, resources, and food.
- Support parishioners who are starting new ministries to help neighbors in our community.

You can make a financial gift:

- **In-person:** place gift in collection plate in the aisle.
- **Online - one-time or recurring:**

StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving. Or scan the QR code.

- **Text:** Send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133
- **Automated bank withdrawal** (contact our parish finance manager, Kevin Carey, to arrange this)
- **Paypal:** www.paypal.com/paypalme/stgeorgesfbg
- **Mail:** P.O. Box 7127, Fredericksburg, VA 22404



Walking Together

Pastoral Care at St. George's is a ministry of the clergy and the laity. By walking with each other through times of joy and times of sorrow, the love of Christ is revealed.

Prayer Ministers are available to pray with you during our worship services and outside of worship times on the phone. Our Prayer Group provides intercessory prayer weekly. Our One Body Response Team (OBRT) offers prayers, sends cards, and responds to other needs as able.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) are available to bring Holy Communion to the homebound.

Our Wednesday Noon Eucharist service in the nave includes prayers for healing and anointing.

Prayer Shawls are available upon request. These mantles of healing and comfort are made by our ministry teams.

If you need support or encouragement, please consider reaching out to our church office (540.373.4133; office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net). You may also contact clergy directly to make an appointment.

If you have a pastoral care emergency (death, serious illness, or other crisis) and need to speak with clergy, please call or text 540.361.8573 to reach clergy on call.

Land and Labor Acknowledgment

We give thanks for the land which God created as a precious gift. We honor the Indigenous peoples who long knew the land of our parish more than 10,000 years before it was established over 300 years ago, including the Patawomeck and Rappahannock Tribes who still live here. Please see our website for the full text of our land acknowledgement.

We also honor the people of African descent whose enslaved labor supported the parish for the first half of its history. Rooted in the Gospel, repentant of sin, we are nurturing faith and seeking justice, healing, and repair of relationships amid the complexity of our times.

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from the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and Enriching Our Worship, supplemental liturgical materials approved by the Episcopal Church.

We are delighted that you have come to St. George's. This bulletin will guide you through the worship service, including times when you need to open one of the books in the pew rack. Take a breath and know that this is a friendly community. Ask for help or directions if you need it. In preparation for the service, we try to observe silence and take time for prayer. Please take a moment to silence cell phones and alarms. We hope this worship service is a time of joy and wonder for all.

Prelude

The congregation is encouraged, as able, to turn in the blue Hymnal 1982 or green Wonder Love and Praise (WLP) for musical notation to aid in singing.

Opening Hymn 93: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Regent Square
Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth

**Refrain: come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ the newborn King.**

**Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light
Refrain**

**Sages, leave your contemplation, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star;
Refrain**

**Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear;
Refrain**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People: You come to your people and set them free.

Welcome is offered to all, including those worshipping via livestream and the children and youth arriving from their Christian formation classes who will join their families during the song of praise.

Song of Praise Hymn 92: On this day earth shall sing
On this day earth shall ring
with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King
born on earth to save us;
him the Father gave us.

Personent hodie

Refrain: Ideo-o-o, Ideo-o-o, Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

His the doom, ours the mirth;
when he came down to earth,
Bethlehem saw his birth;
Ox and ass beside him
from the cold would hide him.

Refrain

God's bright star, o'er his head,
Wise Men three to him led;
kneel they low by his bed,
lay their gifts before him,
praise him and adore him.

Refrain

On this day angels sing;
with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heave's King,
born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us.

Refrain

The Word of God

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect (Prayer) of the Day

BCP 212

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a New Revised Standard Version

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84: 1-8 said in unison

BCP 707

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Sequence Hymn 128: We Three Kings
We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Three Kings of Orient

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worshiping him, God most high.

Refrain

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
heaven sings alleluia,
alleluia, the earth replies.

Refrain

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:41-52 NRSV
People: Glory to you, O Christ.

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Anne-Tillery Melson

Wake Forest Divinity School Senior

The Nicene Creed ¹

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹ The Nicene Creed, written in 325 C.E. and updated in 381, is a shared statement of faith that connects us with Christians across time and around the world.

We speak of God as “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” to reflect the deep relationship within the Trinity. These words come from Scripture and tradition, but they’re symbolic—not literal. God goes beyond all human categories, including gender.

While we honor traditional language, we also affirm that God is beyond male or female—embracing all, limited by none. This more inclusive version of the Creed is faithful to the original and approved for use in The Episcopal Church.

Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying "Holy God hear our prayer."

O God, in this holy Christmas season the Church throughout the world celebrates that your Son our Savior was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God,
Hear our prayer.

There was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in precarity.

Holy God,
Hear our prayer.

As you held Mary who brought your Son to birth, we ask that you hold in your hand those on our prayer list and all who are in pain or distress.

Holy God,
Hear our prayer.

Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world and those we name now.

The people offer their prayers, aloud or silently.

Holy God,
Hear our prayer.

Announcing Christ's birth the angels sang, "Peace to God's people on earth." Guide all the nations of the earth and their leaders in the ways of justice and peace.

Holy God,
Hear our prayer.

The shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.

Holy God,
Hear our prayer.

In the Incarnation of Christ, heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom.

Holy God,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Eternal God, in your love for us you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's shadow with the light of salvation: give to the earth that peace which we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Confession

Enriching Our Worship

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.

Offertory

Celebrant: As we prepare the altar to receive the offering of Christ in the sacrament, we make our offerings in gratitude for God's abundant grace. Please see the instructions later in the bulletin about participating in Communion or receiving a blessing, and the invitation to pray with the personal prayer minister. Know that you are most welcome. Thank you for sharing your gifts in commitment to God and to our ministry together. As we celebrate Christ's Incarnation and birth, "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God (Ephesians 5:2). *You can make your offering in the plate as you come forward for communion or send your offering electronically, by mail, or by automated bank withdrawal. See details on the inside cover of this bulletin for an easy to use QR code. Thank you!*

Offertory Hymn 497: "How bright appears the Morning Star" *Wie schon leuchtet*
How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beaming from afar;
the host of heaven rejoices; O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod!
Thou Son of Man and Son of God;
We, too, will lift our voices; Jesus, Jesus! Holy holy, yet most lowly,
draw though near us; great Emmanuel, come and hear us.

Though circled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a pitying eye
upon his helpless creature; the whole creation's Head and Lord,
by highest seraphim adored,
assumed our very nature; Jesus, grant us, through thy merit, to inherit thy salvation;
hear, O hear our supplication.

Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply; with praise, ye sinners, fill the sky,
for this his Incarnation. Incarnate God, put forth thy power,
ride on, ride on, great Conqueror, till all know thy salvation.
Amen, amen! Alleluia, alleluia! Praise be given ever more by earth and heaven.

Presentation Hymn 99: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching, O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens, There shone a holy light
Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled, When, lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus, That hailed our Savior's birth
Refrain

Down in a lowly manger, The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation, That blessed Christmas morn.
Refrain

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant: The Lord 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.

Enriching Our Worship

The Celebrant says

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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.

The Celebrant continues

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

Sanctus: S130

Franz Schubert

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

The Celebrant continues

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

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.

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.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. 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 [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.

Celebrant: This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People: Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

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.

All who desire it are invited to receive either Communion or a blessing.

Communion is the sacramental body and blood of Jesus Christ received in bread and wine blessed by the Holy Spirit.

- *Proceed forward when prompted (notify an usher if you need to receive at your seat)*
- *To receive the bread, hold your hands out, palms up.*
- *To receive the wine, sip from the cup (a.k.a. chalice) or point to the cup for the bread to be dipped by the minister.*
- *Gluten-free? Hold your hands palms down, then take the wafer from the separate container when offered. Ask for the gluten-free cup if preferred.*
- *To receive a blessing (prayed by the minister), cross your arms over your chest.*

Receiving just the bread or just the wine is a full and valid participation.

For more information about participation in the sacraments of Holy Communion or Holy Baptism, contact the clergy.

Personal Prayer Ministers During Communion

The Celebrant prays for the Personal Prayer Minister in front of the altar. Those desiring to ask for personal prayers of healing, thanksgiving, or for other concerns are invited to come to the prayer minister in the corner to the left. If you would like to receive prayer, please receive Communion from the left line. Those waiting for prayer are asked to stand to the side or may be seated in the nearby reserved front pew.

Communion Hymn 324: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Picardy

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Music During Communion

Instrumental Music

"Laudate omnes gentes"

Taizé

Laudate omnes gentes, laudate dominum.

Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.

Translation: Praise the Lord, all you peoples.

Lay Eucharistic Minister Sending 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 Prayer After Communion

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.

The Blessing

Announcements

Please see announcements in the front and rear of the bulletin and information about our weekly newsletter.

Closing Hymn 109: "The First Nowell"

The First Nowell

**The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel

**They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night**

Refrain

**And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went**

Refrain

**This star drew nigh to the northwest,
over Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay**

Refrain

**Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.**

Refrain

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Worship and Formation

No matter where you are on your faith journey, there's a place for you here.

Upcoming Worship

Tues., Jan. 6: Epiphany Worship and chili dinner: 6:30 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church

Sun., Jan. 26: Combined worship and Annual Parish Meeting at 10 am

New Sunday Worship Schedule

Today we begin a new Sunday schedule

- **8 am:** Holy Eucharist (Communion), Rite I, spoken
- **8.45 am:** Coffee, refreshments, and fellowship
- **9 am:** Christian Formation for All Ages.
- **10 am:** Holy Eucharist. This service is also livestreamed via YouTube Live.
- **11-ish am:** Coffee, refreshments, and fellowship
- **5:30 pm:** Celtic Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays:

12 pm: Rite II Eucharist with prayers for healing and anointing

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 Mon., Wed., and Fri. at 8 am and 5:30 pm.

Meeting ID: 890 4918 9545

Passcode: 638538

Dial in: +1 301 715 8592

Formation for All Ages Resumes Jan 4

Adults

Our new schedule on Sundays at 9 am includes a forum for adults on a variety of faith topics (meet in Syndor Hall) and classes for children and youth (see below). Come early to visit and grab something to eat or drink before we get started.

Young Adults (18 - 45)

Our Young Adult Missioner, Rev. Ethan Lowery, leads a range of activities - both spiritual and social for college age students and older. To get involved, contact Rev. Ethan at: missioner@thehousefbg.org.

Youth (6th - 12th Grade)

Youth group meets on 1st and 3rd Sundays from 5 - 7 pm for dinner, community and fun. Contact Rev. Rock to learn more: rock.higgins@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Youth Formation

Sunday mornings at 9 am, youth grades 6-12 meet with adult leaders on the youth floor for conversation and fellowship.

Children (pre-K - 5th grade)

Sundays at 9 am, children learn about our story as God's people in Godly Play (pre-K-2nd grade) and SPLASH (grades 3-5) classes. Contact stephanie.dolezal@stgeorgesepiscopal.net to learn more.

Mark Your Calendars

For the latest news and events, sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, The St. Georgian: StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/eneews

New Worship Schedule Begins Jan. 4

Beginning today we are changing our Sunday morning schedule. Please see previous page.

Feast of the Epiphany with Trinity

We will celebrate The Epiphany (the visitation of the Magi to the baby Jesus) on Tues, Jan 6, at 6:30 pm with our fellow Episcopalian at Trinity Church (825 College Ave Fredericksburg). The service begins at 6:30 at the church doors and moves to a chili dinner, followed by the Eucharist in the church.

Annual Meeting: January 25, 2026

All members of the St. George's family are invited to our annual meeting Sun., Jan. 25 during the 10 am worship service. We will select four new vestry members and hear brief reports about our ministries and our finances. Please watch for announcements in the bulletin, e-newsletter, and your email.

Shrove Tuesday Returns

Our annual Mardi Gras celebration returns Feb 17 with red beans and rice, pancakes, music, and more! Stay tuned for more information. To volunteer, please email: fellowship@stgeorgesepiscopal.net.

Baptism of Jesus Sunday January 11

We will baptize several new members into the Body of Christ on this special Sunday at the 10 am service. Come support them and be blessed by their faithful witness.

St. George's Preschool

Priority registration for the 2025-2026 school year begins Jan. 12, for current, alumni and parish families. Our Silent Auction returns in February. We are collecting art, hand-crafted items, experiences, and other unique collectibles to offer for bid. For more info, contact Danielle Davis (danielle@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

Baptism and Confirmation

Baptism is formal initiation into the Christian faith. We will offer baptism for adults, youth, and children Jan. 11, Apr. 4 (Easter Vigil) and 12, and May 24 (Pentecost). Bishop Mark Bourlakis will visit St. George's on Mar. 8 to offer the sacrament of confirmation, the reaffirmation of Baptism, as well as reception into the Episcopal Church for those already confirmed in other traditions. Please contact the Rev. Rock Higgins to learn more or express interest in these sacraments

rock.higgins@stgeorgesepiscopal.net.

Becoming Disciples:

The Episcopal Way Course

Our Rector, the Rev. Joe Hensley, is leading an expanded version of this course on what it means to follow Christ in the Episcopal Church. The course continues in January (time tba). The course is designed to have something for everyone, from those who are brand new to those who have been life-long Episcopalian. For more information or to sign up:

joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

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

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. Names remain on the list for 1 month. All new additions listed in italics.

Our leadership:

For our bishops, Sean, Mark, Gayle, and Mark; for Joe, Rock and Ethan, our clergy; for those who are priests and pastors in our community; for our staff—Laurel, Jake, Kevin, Danielle, Barbara, Achim, Riley, Amy, Juliann, and Stephanie; and for our Vestry.

Those needing God's grace:

Dennis and Cindy Sale, Debbie Lore, Jim Davis, Barbara Deal, Teresa Gordon, Stacy Glessner, Abraham Cochin, Alec Benso, Mary Miller, Martha Wilson, Douglas Ferris, Dao Arthur, Sharon Gibson, Marcia Kole, Dan King, Donna Daniels, Kristen Schlee, Dave Schlee, Kevin Compton, Mark Steele, Rev. Aaron Dobynes, Zee Sprouse, Sue Hu (Mother of Stephen Hu), Cathy Powers

Those in convalescence:

Joyce Snead, Gunnar Burns, Peter Bumsted, Ellen Sharp, Vicki Harrison, Jim Lewis, Ron Coen

Those expecting children:

Paola and David Stever, Emma and Alberto Means; Captain Charles Lewis and Olivia Lewis, Julia and Lawson Creekmore

Those recently born:

Jovie May Glasheen (granddaughter of Julie and John Simpson)

Those who have died:

Betty Stephens, Jeannie Klein (sister-in-law of Beth Klein), Betty Jo Bloodgood, Charles Hill (father of Valerie Hill), Loriane (mother of Joanna Catron)

Those recently married:

Ann Bernardi and Rick Applegett (Dec 13)

Those attending seminary:

Anne-Tillery Melson, John Hager

Those serving our country overseas:

Jeff Bryant, Travis Weber, Avery Endler

Those with ongoing concerns:

Arya Holmes, Dick Roth, Molly Myers, Randy Donaldson, Martha and Sarah Turner, Claire Simpson, Paula Mullins, Logan Vaaler, Bill Marshall, Christina Shiel, Annette, Russ Carter, Ron Tebbutt, Betsy, Isobel Hornung, Janis Hales, Helen Taylor, Stephanie Cumming (step-daughter of Vicki Harrison), John Janney and family, Scott Fray, Bill Becker, Makai Kingston Bernardi Brown, Elizabeth Martel, Frank Rowe

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Philip's, Richmond

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of Burundi

Our Partners: St. George's Episcopal Preschool; Notre Dame Parish and School (Port-au-Prince, Haiti), Père Geffrard Ricot; The House college chaplaincy and young adult ministry; SAWs Virginia; Rev. Öshin Jennings, No Barriers Zen Temple; Micah Ecumenical Ministries; Our Little Roses - Honduras

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Vestry

If you have questions or concerns,
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(elected lay leaders).

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

Pete Kelly, 2025

Senior Warden

Kit Burns, 2027

Junior Warden

Brian Davis, 2025

Buildings and Grounds Warden

Brooke Di Lauro, 2025

Peggy Verdine, 2025

Katie Green, 2026

Gabi Kelly, 2026

Rogers Lawson, 2026

Jennifer Vaughan, 2026

Wendy Cannon, 2027

Robert Powers, 2027

Linda Wickersham, 2027

Peggy Mathias

Treasurer

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. Rock Higgins

Preacher:

The Rev. Rock Higgins

Liturgical Coordinator:

Ann Tebbutt

Lectors:

Katie Green
Matthew Judd

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

Dori Eglevsky
Ann Tebbutt
Anne Beals

Greeters:

Kathryn Willis
Casey Hu

Lay Eucharistic Visitors:

Connie Smith
Kathryn Willis

Music:

Brooks Kuykendall

Contact Our Vestry:

The Vestry is our elected, lay leadership council led by our Senior Warden Pete Kelly and our Junior Warden Kit Burns. The Vestry welcomes your questions, concerns, and feedback. Email them at: vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

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