



St. George's  
Episcopal  
Church

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# Holy Eucharist *with* Pageant *for the* Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Christmas Eve**  
**December 24, 2025**  
**4:00 pm**

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

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December 24, 2025 and  
December 25, 2025

**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. Additional seating for the 4 pm service with a live feed of the Pageant is available in Sydnor Hall.

### Connect with Us

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.



### Nursery

Nursery care is available for little ones ages 0 - 4 years old during Christmas Eve at the 4 pm and 7.30 pm services. On Christmas Day, the nursery is unattended, but open as a cry room. Please see an usher for directions to the nursery.

### Office Hours

Please note our office is closed December 22 - 26 and at 12 pm December 31 - January 1. On January 2, staff will be working remotely. If you have a pastoral emergency and need to speak with clergy, please call or text 540.361.8573.

### Festive Church Decorations

The greenery and decorations in the church have been lovingly arranged by our Flower Guild in honor of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

### 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 acknowledgment: [www.stgeorgesepiscopal.net/about-us/land-acknowledgment](http://www.stgeorgesepiscopal.net/about-us/land-acknowledgment).

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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# Support Our Ministries

## Giving

We believe in a generous, loving, and giving God. We invite our church family to embrace generosity as a lifelong, joyful, transforming, and liberating response to God's call to us. Thank you for your generous support.

### Christmas Offering

All cash or offerings to St. George's designated, "Christmas Outreach" (check or electronic) received at our Christmas services will benefit two ministries beyond our walls. Notre Dame de l'Anonciation Episcopal parish and school in Port Au Prince, Haiti has been connected with St. George's for over 12 years. Our financial support allows the school, which serves students aged 4-15, to remain open as a beacon of hope in one of the neighborhoods in the Haitian capital most impacted by gang violence. Our local recipient is the Weekend Nutrition Program which provides vital food to students experiencing food insecurity in the Fredericksburg City Public Schools.



You can make a financial gift:

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



### Open to All in Love Construction Project

This year, we began construction for our Open to All in Love Capital Campaign which seeks to improve accessibility, build an endowment for long term building care, address deferred maintenance, and build a columbarium in our graveyard. So far, repairs to Faulkner Hall, internal accessibility ramp, office hallway bathrooms, and refurbishments to the nursery and Elsie Rooms are nearly complete! We hope to begin our next

phase, which includes adding an accessible ramp entrance to narthex (front of church). Many thanks to all who have given in support of this important work. If you would like to learn more or make a pledge of support, please scan the QR code to the right.



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# The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

## December 24, 2025

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based upon the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and supplemental liturgical materials from the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion

*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!*

### Prelude:

Pastorale 'Gesù Bambino'

Pietro A. Yon

Gabriel's Message

Iain Farrington

Carol of the Bells

Kristina Arakelyan

**Opening Hymn 83 (St. 1 - 3): "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

*Adeste fideles*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;

come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

### Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,

lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;

only-begotten Son of the Father;

[Refrain]

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;

sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

glory to God, glory in the highest;

[Refrain]

Celebrant: Alleluia! Unto us a child is born.

People: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia!

### Welcome

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**Song of Praise: "Glory Be to God on High"**      *Angels we have heard on high  
Glory be to God on high, to all people, peace on earth,  
Angels, shepherds, drawing nigh, Join to celebrate his birth.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

**Jesus Christ, we now declare Lamb of God and Lord of Love.  
Grant us mercy, hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en above.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Praises to the Holy One, Praises sing in highest heav'n;  
To the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit giv'n.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**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, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

**Isaiah 9:2-7 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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**Hymn 79 (St.1 + 5): "O little town of Bethlehem"**  
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

*St. Louis*

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

### **Prayers of the People**

*The people stand, as able. The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Jesus our Savior, God with us, hear the prayers we offer to you this Christmas night.

Jesus, praised and beloved throughout the world on this holy night: we pray for the Church and all her people, ministers, and ministries.

O Christ our great high priest,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Jesus, worshiped by kings and shepherds, we pray for the nations of the earth and all those in authority. We pray that your peace may break out over all lands and peoples.

O Christ our ruler,

**People: hear our prayer**

Jesus, born of Mary: we pray for families of all kinds, and especially those who are sick or sad or lonely this Christmas.

O Christ our brother,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Jesus, cradled in a manger: we pray for refugees and those without a home, for the welfare of the world.

O Christ our holy visitor,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Jesus, made flesh and bone: we pray for all of creation, for lands and waters and all living things.

O Christ our Wisdom,

**People: hear our prayer.**

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Jesus, fulfilling the prayers of the ages: we pray for all on our hearts whom we share now, silently or aloud.

*The people offer their prayers.*

O Christ our great high priest,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Jesus, crucified and risen: we pray for all who have departed this life and all who mourn:

O Christ our Savior,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Jesus Christ, born in a lowly place and praised in the highest heaven, you come to us and love us. You share our lives, give us grace, and hear our prayers. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Gospel Pageant**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew and Luke, told in story and song.

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

*The people are seated.*

Long, long ago--at the start of our story,  
long before the coming of Christ in His Glory,  
there were many wise people, prophets of Old,  
who had messages from God--some told, some untold.  
These people, the prophets, had a whole lot to say  
about the coming of Jesus--'bout His birth Christmas Day!

*All sing:*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Then, when the world would least expect--  
when nobody knew who God would select,  
a young girl, so strong and so gentle  
was chosen by God to give birth to The Child.  
The air was still; the stars were bright.  
The world was at peace, on that Holy Night.

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*All sing:*

**Away in a manger no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

There in a stable, with animals all 'round,  
with birds in the rafters and straw on the ground -  
Mary had her baby, with Joseph standing by.  
They wrapped Him in a blanket,  
so He'd be warm and dry.  
They put Him in a manger, the cow's eating place,  
And the Love that they felt shone on each happy face!

*All sing:*

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

Meanwhile, in a field not too far away,  
'mong the rolling green hills and the rocks brown and gray,  
the trees were all resting their heads in their hands,  
in the still of the evening throughout the whole land.  
Then, all of a sudden without any warning,  
the sky was ablaze just like it was morning!

*All sing:*

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold;  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven's all gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

There were angels, LOTS of angels! There were angels all 'round--  
in bunches and clusters, in the air, on the ground!  
They sang out the news of this glorious event.  
They told of Christ's birth with great Joy--and then went.  
Their voices rang out over all of the earth--  
to spread to God's people the news of His birth!

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*All sing:*

**Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies.  
With angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
Hark the Herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!**

The shepherds who watched their flocks on that night  
were astonished, overwhelmed, and they quivered with fright.  
When the angels first came to tell them the news,  
they stumbled and fell and shook in their shoes!  
But the angels said, "Shepherds, do not be afraid.  
We bring you good news of the birth of a babe.  
Go see for yourselves, His home is a stable.  
You'll find Him asleep, a manger, His cradle.

*All sing:*

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.  
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.**

While the shepherds adored the babe in the manger,  
far out in the desert were three kings in danger.  
They followed a star which would lead to the place  
where lay the New King of the whole human race.

*All sing:*

**We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

Here are the manger, the baby and mother--  
with animals and birds of one kind or another.  
Here are the prophets, angels, shepherds and sheep.  
Stars and trees stand in silence. The baby's asleep.  
From the prophets of old to all here in these pews,  
this is the Gospel--this Child, God's Good News.  
Our pageant is over, but not yet complete--  
The story lives on, in you and in me.

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*All sing:*

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Savior.

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

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*The children return to sit with their families. All are now invited to exchange a sign of peace.*

### **Offertory Invitation**

Unto us a child is born! Glory to God in the highest heaven. During the offertory, we prepare the altar for Holy Communion. Please see the instructions later in the bulletin for anyone who wishes to come forward for communion or to receive a blessing prayer by the minister. Please take time to read the information in the front of the bulletin about ways to connect with our congregation and seasonal announcements in the back of the bulletin including the list of Christmas memorial and thanksgiving gifts. Thank you to everyone who contributed their generous offerings. Many thanks to all those serving and who make these Christmas services so special. It is our Christmas service tradition to dedicate the cash offerings or those designated for "Christmas Outreach" beyond our church walls. This year we are supporting our mission partners at Notre Dame Parish and School in Port Au Prince, Haiti and the Weekend Nutrition Program for students in the Fredericksburg City Public Schools. Thanks be to God that we are able to share from what God has provided us. "O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." (Revelation 4:11). *You may place your gifts 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).*

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**Offertory Anthem:** "The First Light of Christmas"  
*Sung by St. George's Children's Choir*  
A time of celebration, a time for stars to shine,  
A time to find in humankind a spark of light divine.

Mark Burrows

It's the first light of Christmas where the warmth and wonder starts.  
Oh, the first light of Christmas is the light of love we hold in our hearts.

A light of hope and healing , a light to fill the night,  
A light of love from God above who makes our darkness bright.

It's the first light of Christmas where the warmth and wonder starts.  
Oh, the first light of Christmas is the light of love we hold in our hearts.

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria, in excelsis De-o! Gloria, in excelsis De-o!

It's the first light of Christmas where the warmth and wonder starts.  
Oh, the first light of Christmas is the light of love we hold in our hearts.  
In excelsis De-o!

*The people stand, as able, and join in the hymn.*  
**Hymn 99 (St. 1):** "Go tell it on the mountain"                    *Go tell it on the mountain*  
**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.

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.**  
**Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*A Eucharistic prayer for Christmas adapted from Common Worship for the Church of England*

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.**

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*The Celebrant says*

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Savior, born of Mary. Living among us, Jesus loved us; he suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**Sanctus:** Hymn WLP 858

*Land of Rest*

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**Great is the mystery of faith:**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Loving God, as we offer this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts may be to us Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honor and praise belong to you, Lord God, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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## The Breaking of the Bread

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem: S154

David Hurd

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### 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.*

### Hymn 115: "What Child is This"

Greensleeves

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?**

**Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?**

#### Refrain:

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?**

**Good Christians, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.**

**[Refrain]**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**[Refrain]**

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## Music During Communion

**Handbell Anthem:** "Joy to the World"

*St. George's Children's Chimes*

*Mendelssohn*

**Hymn 87:** "Hark! the herald angels sing"

*Carol*

**Hymn 89:** "It came upon a midnight clear"

*Gloria*

**Hymn 96:** "Angels we have heard on high"

*Cradle Song*

**Hymn 101:** "Away in a manger"

*Stille Nacht*

**Hymn 111:** "Silent night"

*The people stand, as able.*

## 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 Christmas Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthy and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who is the Mother, the Wisdom, and the Breath of Life, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn 100:** "Joy to the World"

*Antioch*

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;**  
**let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,**  
**and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,**  
**while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,**  
**repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;**  
**he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,**  
**far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove**  
**the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,**  
**and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

## The Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** Toccatina on 'Joy to the World'

Brenda Portman

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## Gratitude Offerings

**Thank you to all who offered  
financial gifts in celebration of God's  
blessings!**

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*Thank you to all those who donated to St. George's in gratitude for blessings or in memory or honor of others. Every gift is a reminder of God's gift of grace.*

***In Memory of:***

*Deacon Jerry Beschta*

*by Anon*

*Lois Walker*

*by Anon*

*Mary and Dave Angerer*

*by Mary Ellen Arthurs*

*Curtis and Virginia Backus; Herb and Sue Miller*

*by Curtis and Barbara Backus*

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*by Mike Fray*

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*by Aron Golembiewski*

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*by Lewis and Susan Graves*

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*by Deborah Haliday*

*Reggie Harrison*

*by Susan Harrison*

*Frank M. Hartman*

*by Salli Hartman*

*Charles Hurlock*

*by Patricia Hurlock*

*Paul and Aidan Kelly*

*by Nancy and Anthony Kelly*

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*Dorothyjean Jamieson*

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*by Achim and Laurel E. Loch*

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*by Phillip Makely*

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*by James and Kathy Maxfield*

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*by Jane McDonald*

*Edward McElhinney and Kris Southwick*

*by The McElhinney Family*

*Bob O'Neill*

*by Mary Jane O'Neill*

*My loved ones, especially Diane*

*by Ralph Powell*

*Rick Redmond*

*by Mary, Sean, Nancy*

*Our parents and grandparents*

*by Mary and Bob Ryan*

*Our parents- Warren and Jinxie Forbush*

*by Daughters Sarah Southworth, Jane Bailey and Mary Hayden*

*My husband, Tim and my brother, Doug*

*by Jan Waltonen*

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*by Mark and Berkeley Whitley*

*Joseph Ulrich and Steven Dodd*

*by Patricia and Kevin Wiedel*

*Beryl Harrison, a dear friend*

*by Janet Ziegler*

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***In Thanksgiving for:***

*Mr. and Mrs. David Schlee and Karen Pierce*  
*by Anon*

*Our grandchildren-Margaret and Virginia Bass and Henry Cleland*  
*by Sarah and Marty Bass*

*Our family and friends*  
*by Gail and Harrison Braxton*

*Truett Riley Burns*  
*by Kit Burns*

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*by Linda and John Coker*

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*by Ryan and Valerie Deloney*

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*by Mike Fray*

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*by John Graham and Bert Fulford*

*Our Family*  
*by Lewis and Susan Graves*

*Our children: William and Karen Helon and Monecia and Tom Shelton*  
*by Bill and Cindy Helton*

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*by Jim and Vicki Lewis*

*Our daughter Lori and her family, Tom, Cali, Nick and Meghan, Kati*  
*by Jim and Vicki Lewis*

*Our daughter Melissa and her family, Derek, Cason and Ava*  
*by Jim and Vicki Lewis*

*Kate McDonald, Family and Friends*  
*by Jane McDonald*

*Katie, Matt, Angela, Kyle and Gwen Rasmussen*  
*by Peter Rasmussen and Peggy Mathias*

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## Gratitude Offerings

**Thank you to all who offered  
financial gifts in celebration of God's  
blessings!**

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*Charlie and Charlotte Fletcher*

*by Connie Fletcher Smith*

*Mary and Bob Ryan*

*by Ann and Ron Tebbutt*

*Our many blessings*

*by Karin and Jim Weber*

*Our parents: Marty and Dick Wilson and Judie and Chuck Whitley*

*by Mark and Berkeley Whitley*

*Ann Tebbutt and Vicki Lewis*

*by Linda Wickersham*

*My dear friends Wendy Cannon, Jennifer Vaughan and Diane Young*

*by Linda Wickersham*

*Our beautiful children and grandchildren*

*by Chuck and Janet Ziegler*

### ***In Honor of:***

*Our 53rd Wedding Anniversary*

*by Linda and John Coker*

*Ann Tebbutt*

*by Linda and John Coker*

*Vicki and Jim Lewis*

*by Kathryn and Chip Willis*

*Open to All in Love Campaign Construction workers*

*by Tom and Jan Meredith*

*LEMs, Lectors, and Liturgical Coordinators*

*by Liz Talbot*

# Worship and Formation

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

## Upcoming Worship

**Thurs., Dec. 25:** Christmas Day 9.30 am  
**Sun., Dec. 28:** Lessons and Carols 10 am  
**Sun., Jan. 4:** New worship and formation schedule begins  
**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

Beginning Jan. 4, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/eneews)

## New Worship Schedule Begins Jan. 4

Beginning Sun., Jan. 4 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 Episcopalians 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Episcopalians. For more information or to sign up:

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# Get Involved

## How are you called to serve?

Serving builds our parish and local community as we give thanks to God and follow Christ's example.

There are a number of ways you can get involved at St. George's:

- Worship leaders and support teams
- Music ministries - singers and instrumentalists
- Feeding our neighbors at Monday night Community Dinner and at The Table - our market-style food pantry
- Media and technical support for livestream services
- Extending care and prayer for church members
- Volunteering with our children and youth ministries
- Hospitality and fellowship ministries that bring us together for fun and making friends.

## Want to learn more?

Contact the church office (540.373.4133, [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)), visit: [www.stgeorgesepiscopal.net/share](http://www.stgeorgesepiscopal.net/share), or scan the QR code below.



Questions? Or would you like to get connected with clergy? Please contact the church office: 540.373.4133 [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)



## Pastoral Care

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.

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

Prayer Ministers are available to pray with you during Sunday worship services and outside of worship times on the phone. Our Prayer Chain receives urgent requests for prayer that are sent by email to prayer ministers (email Ann Tebbutt [anntebbutt@hotmail.com](mailto:anntebbutt@hotmail.com)) 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](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)). You may also contact clergy directly to make an appointment.

Would you like to join one of these ministries? Contact the church office or speak to a member of clergy to share your gifts with our parish family.



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# Serving this Christmas Eve

**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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Jim Lewis  
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Jake DeNap

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Jemma Judd  
Barbara Blose  
Lee Anne Hecker

**Flowers and Greenery:**

The St. George's Flower Guild

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**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](mailto:vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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