



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

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

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2025
7:30 pm

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

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

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 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.

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.

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. 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.



The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

December 24, 2025

from 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:

What Child is this?
O Come, Emmanuel
A Child Is Born
Go, Tell It on the Mountain
On This Silent Night
Three Carol Settings

Greensleeves, Arr. John H. Vreeland
Elaine Hagenberg
Thad Jones, arr. John H. Vreeland
Spiritual, Arr. John H. Vreeland
Sarah Quartel
Traditional

Opening Hymn 83 (st. 1, 2, 3, 6): "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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;

Adeste fideles

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]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
[Refrain]

Celebrant: Alleluia! Unto us a child is born.
People: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia!

Welcome

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.

Sequence Hymn 87: "Hark! The herald angels sing"

Mendelssohn

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 the angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;

Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.

Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel!

Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,

born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Risen with healing in his wings, Light and life to all he brings,

hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:1-20 NRSV

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn 84: "Love came down at Christmas"

Gartan

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

The Sermon

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

The Nicene Creed¹

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

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.

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.**

Hymn 107: "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

In dulci jubilo

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

The Peace

Celebrant: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

Offertory Anthem: "Cradle Hymn"**Kim André Arnesen**

Hush, my dear, lie still and slumber; Holy angels guard thy bed;

Heavenly blessings without number Gently falling on thy head

See the kindly shepherds round him, Telling wonders from the sky!

When they sought Him, there they found Him, With his Virgin-Mother by

See the lovely babe a-dressing; Lovely infant, how He smiled!

When He wept, the mother's blessing, Soothed and hushed the holy child

Mayst thou live to know and fear Him, Trust and love Him all thy days;

Then go dwell forever near Him, See His face, and sing His praise!

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***Enriching Our Worship***

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.

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

John H. Vreeland

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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,
the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, 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
you 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: 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem:

"Alleluia! Christ Our Passover"

John H. Vreeland

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Choir: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, 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. (Refrain)****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]***The people are seated.***Music During Communion****Hymn 96: "Angels we have heard on high"****Gloria****Hymn 79: "O little town of Bethlehem"****St. Louis****Hymn 89: "It came upon a midnight clear"****Carol****Hymn 111: "Silent Night"****Stille Nacht***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 Almighty God, who sent Jesus to take our nature upon him, bless you in
this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the
light of holiness. Amen.****May God, who sent her angels to proclaim the glad news of the Saviour's birth,
fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.****May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to
heaven, give you their peace and favor. Amen.**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly 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.**

Closing 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

Deacon: The people who walked in darkness

People: Have seen a great light.

Deacon: For to us a child is born

People: To us a son is given.

Deacon: Glory to God in the highest!

People: And peace to all people on earth!

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Christmas Time is Here

Vince Guaraldi

arr. John H. Vreeland

Gratitude Offerings

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

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

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by Janet Ziegler

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In Thanksgiving for:

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by Anon

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by Sarah and Marty Bass

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Lydia Byrd
by Patricia Hurlock

Our Son Jimmy and his family, Cheryl, Cory and Savannah
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

Gratitude Offerings

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

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.

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 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.

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 Episcopalians. For more information or to sign up:

joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Get Involved

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

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), visit: www.stgeorgesepiscopal.net/share, or scan the QR code below.



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) 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.

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.



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.

Clergy:

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.
The Rev. Rock Higgins
The Rev. Deacon Salli Hartman

Preacher:

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

Liturgical Coordinator:

James Maxfield

Readers:

Kathy Maxfield
David Morgan

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

David Morgan
Ethel Hellman
James Maxfield
Jennifer Vaughn

Acolytes:

Anna Maxfield
Callie Gleason
Patrick Gleason
Sandi Davis

Greeters:

Kathryn Willis
Ethel Hellman

Ushers:

Tommy Thompson
Gabi Kelly
Brian Davis
Chip Willis

Livestream Tech:

Josh Rollins

Altar Guild:

Jemma Judd
Barbara Blose
Lee Anne Hecker

Flowers and Greenery:

The St. George's Flower Guild

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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