



## St. George's Episcopal Church

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# Holy Eucharist 10:00 am

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 25, 2026**

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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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# Welcome to St. George's!

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

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Whether you are 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 10 am service. Our nursery room (in the office hallway, one level below the main church) is not quite ready due to construction, so nursery services will resume in the preschool! Please see an usher or greeter for directions.**



Visit [StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/connect](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/connect) or scan the QR code and we'll be in touch. You can also fill out the Newcomer Card in your pew and drop it in the offering plate. Our rector (senior pastor), Rev. Joe Hensley, would welcome the chance to meet you, either after the worship service or via email: [joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

## Thank You for Your Generous Gifts!

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

This month your gifts have helped:

- Offer joyful and welcoming Christmas services with over 800 souls participating
- Feed, clothe, and house vulnerable neighbors through our ministries and ministry partners

You can make a financial gift:

- **In-person:** place gift in collection plate in the aisle.
- **Online - one-time or recurring:**  
[StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving). Or scan the QR code.
  - **Text:** Send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133
  - **Automated bank withdrawal** (contact our parish finance manager, Kevin Carey, to arrange this)
  - **Paypal:** [www.paypal.com/paypalme/stgeorgesfbg](http://www.paypal.com/paypalme/stgeorgesfbg)
  - **Mail:** P.O. Box 7127, Fredericksburg, VA 22404



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# Walking Together

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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](mailto: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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## The Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 25, 2026

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 657: "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" Hyfrydol**  
Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

**People: You come to your people and set them free.**

## Welcome

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**Trisagion**  
**Holy God,**  
**Holy and Mighty,**  
**Holy Immortal One,**  
**Have mercy upon us.**

**The Word of God**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect (Prayer) of the Day*

**BCP 215**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Isaiah 9:1-4 New Revised Standard Version**

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Sequence Hymn WLP 756: "Lead me, guide me"  
Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way.  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

Doris M. Akers

I am weak and I need the strength and power  
to help me over my weakest hour,  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.  
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

*Refrain*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
be my aid when satan and sin oppress.

I am putting all my trust in thee.  
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

*Refrain*

I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without thy light to see;  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.  
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

*Refrain*

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**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew 4:12-23 NRSV**

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles--the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea-- for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.**

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

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.**

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**The Nicene Creed <sup>1</sup>**

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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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### **Prayers of the People**

O God, in this season the Church throughout the world remembers Christ was manifested to your people and to the Nations.

**Renew your Church as the manifestation of Christ.**

Guide all the nations of the earth and their leaders in the ways of justice and peace.

**May we manifest Christ's justice, rooted in mercy and love.**

Reveal your good news in the world you have made.

**Give us grace to manifest the Gospel of Christ's redemption for the welfare of all creation.**

Hold in your hand those on our prayer list and all who are in pain, illness or distress.

**May we manifest Christ's care for them.**

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.*

**May we manifest Christ's light in the darkness.**

Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom.

**May we manifest the faith of Christ with all the saints.**

Celebrant: Eternal God, in your love for us you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's shadow with the light of salvation: reveal to all nations and peoples the brightness of Christ's glory in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **The Confession**

Let us confess our sins to God.

### *Enriching Our Worship*

**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.**

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## 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 give thanks for God's abundant grace, "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 Anthem: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Victor Johnson

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come;

and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Amen.

### Presentation Hymn WLP 883: "Arise, shine"

Carl Haywood

**Refrain: Arise, shine, for your light has come, his glory is upon you.**

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**Eucharistic Prayer A***Expansive Language Version*

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus: S129**

Robert Powell

**Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for many 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.**

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### *The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for 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.**

Fraction Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread: S163

Robert Powell

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

## 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.*

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### 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

"My soul is at rest"

*Taizé*

My soul is at rest in God alone,  
my salvation comes from God.

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### **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 594: "God of Grace and God of Glory"      Cwm Rhondda**

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;  
crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

### **The Dismissal**

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

People: Thanks be to God!

### **Postlude**

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# Formation for All Ages at 9 am:

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

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

## Nursery

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

## Children's Formation: *Canceled Due to Inclement Weather*

### Children

#### *Montessori-based faith exploration*

- Age 3 - 2nd Grade: Godly Play, a Montessori-based program of stories, wondering, and expressive art or play. Located in the Godly Play room of the Preschool floor.
- Grades 3 - 5: SPLASH (Spirit, Play, Love All Spoken Here) using a curriculum designed by the Episcopal Church. We will meet in the Library behind Sydnor Hall.

### Youth

#### *An inclusive, welcoming community*

- Youth in grades 6-12 gather on the Youth Floor for some interesting conversation and explorations of topics related to our faith and how we practice it in the world.
- Youth Group: Meets first and third Sunday evenings from 5 - 7 pm on the youth floor. To be added to our text and/or email list, contact Youth Group Coordinator, Amy Bogardus at [bogardae@yahoo.com](mailto:bogardae@yahoo.com) or 540-226-5183.

### Adults:

#### *Coffee and Fellowship in Sydnor Hall*

- **Adult Forum: *Canceled due to Inclement Weather***

## Questions about formation offerings?

General inquiries:

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

Children: age 3 - 5th grade

Stephanie Dolezal

[stephanie.dolezal@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:stephanie.dolezal@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

Youth: 6th - 12th grade

Rev. Rock Higgins

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Young Adults: age 18 - 45

Rev. Ethan Lowery

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Adults

Rev. Joe Hensley

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# Announcements

**For the latest news and events, sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, The St. Georgian: [StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/enews](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/enews)**

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## **Annual Meeting - POSTPONED**

The 2026 Annual Meeting which was supposed to take place today during the 10 am worship service, has been postponed due to inclement weather. We will reschedule at a later time.

## **ECW Meeting - January 28**

ECW invites all St. George's women to its January 28th meeting, 5-7pm in Sydnor Hall. John Hennessy, former Chief Historian for Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Park, will present "Crisis and Chaos: St. George's Amidst War." The program begins at 6 pm. Questions? Please email Maureen Aylward ([mmavab@gmail.com](mailto:mmavab@gmail.com)) for more information on ECW.

## **Associate Rector Search Renewed**

We have recently reposted the job description for our Associate Rector position in the hopes of finding a candidate who can begin serving sometime this summer. Please pray for our search and feel free to share this with anyone who might be interested or know potential candidates.

## **Newcomer Tour- February 1**

We will offer a brief tour of the church buildings immediately after the 10 a.m. service on Feb 1. Meet at the rugs near the front of the church after service.

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## **Today's Altar Arrangement:**

The altar flowers are given by Tommy Thompson in loving memory of his parents, arranged by Flower Guild member Brooke Di Lauro.

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## **Mardi Gras Planning Meeting – February 1**

Our parish celebration of Mardi Gras returns on Shrove Tuesday (Feb. 17). If you'd like to help, please come to a short meeting on Feb 1 at 11:30 am in Sydnor Hall. We need help with setup, cleanup, cooking, and décor. Questions? Please email: [fellowship@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:fellowship@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

## **Preschool Silent Auction - February 8**

Our annual fundraiser for the Preschool Scholarship Program will be held online this year. Bidding opens Feb. 6 at noon and runs through Feb. 8 after Coffee Hour. Auction link will be in this week's St. Georgian. Raffle baskets will also be available; tickets sold on site. Thank you to all who donated items—we have a wonderful selection this year! For more info, contact Danielle Davis ([danielle@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:danielle@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)).

## **Adult Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows**

Baptized adults who wish to join the Episcopal Church are formally welcomed when our bishop visits on March 8, 2026 through either Confirmation (for those not previously confirmed) or Reception (for those previously confirmed in another tradition). Confirmed members may also renew their faith by reaffirming their Baptismal Vows before the bishop. Please contact Rev. Rock at [rock.higgins@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:rock.higgins@stgeorgesepiscopal.net) if you are interested.



## 2025 Annual Report

*Now available for download*

Our 2025 Annual Report is now available! This report is a celebration of our parish life together. Take a few moments to read about 2025 – complete with ministry highlights and financials.

We hope you will rejoice as you see how vibrant our parish was last year.

To request a hard copy of the report, please contact the church office:  
540.373.4133, [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

Scan the QR code to view the report:



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# Get to Know Our 2026 Vestry Nominees

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## Caleb Cherry - Attends 10 am Service



I feel called to the vestry as a newer member who deeply values our church's legacy of service and inclusion. I hope to offer a fresh perspective while honoring that tradition, and to serve by devoting my professional and analytical skills to thoughtful contributions and advocacy.

Additionally, I bring these skills to contribute:

**Organizational:** I excel at planning and working through ambiguity, helping to create clear paths from the unknown to actionable steps.

**Risk/Analysis:** Solving complex problems and bringing clear analysis to decision-making.

**Leadership:** I practice servant leadership, focusing on supporting others and advocating for all voices as we pursue a shared mission

**Ministry Involvement:**

I have yet to serve in any leadership/managerial capacity at St. George's, but if this includes attendance in things outside of regular worship service I have the following:

- Fr. Joe's Discipleship Series
- Bible Study "Marc on Mark" in early 2025
- Regular attendee of Shrine Mont since joining St. George's

**Professional / Volunteer Experience:**

- Amazon - Industry Specialist
- Olympus - Program Manager
- US Army - Intelligence Analyst
- Youth Football Coach
- Leader and frequent volunteer within Amazon Affinity Groups service / volunteer events

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## Joseph Lyttle - Attends 10 am Service



In 2021, St. George's had a "Spiritual Gifts Workshop" and my top 3 gifts were: Discernment, Teaching and Administration. I also serve as the Executive Director of FA-HASS (local nonprofit). My hope is that if I am selected to serve, my gifts and skills would be useful to St. George's.

I'm just willing to help where I can. I hope I can contribute in a positive and meaningful way.

### **Ministry Experience**

- Lay Eucharistic Minister
- General Endowment Fund (GEF) Trustee
- The House - Our Campus and Young Adult Ministry

### **Professional / Volunteer Experience:**

- Fredericksburg Area Health and Support Services (FAHASS)
- LGBT Life Center of Hampton Roads
- Vice Chair of Fredericksburg Regional Continuum of Care Board of Directors
- Primary Organizer of Community Connections Expo held annually at the Fredericksburg Convention Center

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## Kathy Maxfield - Attends 10 am Service



I feel like it is time to serve our church in new and different ways. To date, much of my involvement has been tied to my children. It's time for something new. I look forward to the opportunity grow spiritually while working for the growth of our community.

I have strong organizational skills and am very comfortable speaking in front of crowds. I have experience leading committees and planning programs for large groups of people. I have a lot of experience working with children and teens.

### **Ministry Experience**

- Lector
- Preschool Board Member
- Children's Formation
- Greeter

### **Professional / Volunteer Experience:**

- Elementary School Reading Specialist in Prince William Country
- Marching Band Booster for Colonial Forge High School
- Parent Volunteer for Scout Troop 1889

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## Elvin Rivera-Orellano - Attends 10 am Service



I would like to contribute with my experiences and the gifts that God has provided me with our St. George's family. Looking forward to provide my voice and heart in this ministry.

I would bring organizational and leadership skills, along with plenty of experiences, gathered throughout my life as an educator, scientist, engineer, foster parent, among many other different roles.

### Ministry Experience

- Youth Formation (Middle School, Rite 13, Confirmation)
- Sunday Produce Team for The Table
- Greeter

### Professional / Volunteer Experience:

- Engineer at Dahlgren Naval Base
- Educator for Secondary and Undergrad Levels in Puerto Rico
- Local school support for STEM related activities as part of the NSWC Dahlgren STEM initiatives

# 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](http://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](mailto: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, 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, Paul Sungenis, Helen Soheili, Soheili Family, Emily Croner

## 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, Chris and Jordan Hinkebein

## Those recently born:

Calvin Paul Creekmore

## Those who have died:

Debbie Lore, John Blake, Morgan Birge, Tyler Fry, David Croner

## 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 (stepdaughter 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:

Grace, The Plains; Leeds, Markham; St. Andrew's, Ada; Clark Parish (Grace & St. Mary's), Berryville

## In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

**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. Ōshin Jennings, No Barriers Zen Temple; Micah Ecumenical Ministries; Our Little Roses - Honduras

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## Vestry

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

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**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*

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# Serving This Sunday

Thank you to our worship leaders serving today. If you would like to volunteer, contact the church office: [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

## Clergy:

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.  
The Rev. Rock Higgins

## Preacher:

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

## Liturgical Coordinator:

David Morgan

## Lectors:

Libby Humphries  
David Morgan

## Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

Cindy Helton  
David Morgan  
Ann Tebbutt  
Liz Talbot  
Jeanette Cadwallender  
Dick Juergns

## Personal Prayer Minister:

Rev. Joyce Beschta

## Lay Eucharistic Visitor:

Rev. Joyce Beschta

## Acolytes:

Sandi Davis  
Caroline Di Lauro  
Marina Di Lauro  
Maddy Bergeria

## Greeters:

Cindy Helton  
Dori Eglevsky

## Ushers:

Tommy Thompson  
Jane McDonald  
David Durham

## Livestream Tech:

Aimes Wickersham

## Altar Guild:

Jemma Judd  
Julie Lang  
Marilyn Farrington

## Flower Guild:

Brooke Di Lauro

## Coffee Hour:

Fellowship

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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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