



## St. George's Episcopal Church

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# Holy Eucharist Rite I - 8:00 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)**

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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from the red Book of Common Prayer  
(BCP)

*We invite you to prepare for worship by observing silence or taking time for private prayer. Please take a moment to silence cell phones and alarms. We are glad you are here!*

Celebrant: Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Summary of the Law

BCP 324

Kyrie

BCP 324

## The Word of God

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day*

BCP 163

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 all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee 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.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

BCP 617

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**1 Corinthians 1:10-18 New Revised Standard Version**

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 326**

**Prayers of the People**

**BCP 383**

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## The Confession BCP 330

### The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

*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. 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!*

**The Great Thanksgiving Prayer II**

**BCP 340**

**Sanctus + Benedictus**

**BCP 341**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 336**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 337**

**O Lamb of God, Prayer of Humble Access**

**BCP 337**

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## **Invitation to Communion**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*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.*

## **The Prayer After Communion**

**BCP 339**

## **The Blessing**

### **Announcements**

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

## **The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord

*The congregation responds Thanks be to God!*

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# Formation for All Ages at 9 am:

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**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

### *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: *The State of the Parish***  
As we prepare for the parish Annual Meeting during the 10 am service, we will have an interactive conversation at 9 am about highlights of the past year, opportunities of the present, and visions of the future at St. George's. Come prepared to listen and share. Facilitated by our Rector, Joe Hensley.

## 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

[rock.higgins@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:rock.higgins@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

Young Adults: age 18 - 45

Rev. Ethan Lowery

[missioner@thehousefbg.org](mailto:missioner@thehousefbg.org)

Adults

Rev. Joe Hensley

[joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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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)

## Annual Meeting - Today

All members of the St. George's family are invited to our annual meeting today, Jan. 25 at the 10 am service. We will select four new vestry members and hear brief reports about our ministries and our finances.

## 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: Feb 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.

## 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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# Serving This Sunday

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

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**Clergy:**

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

**Preachers:**

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

**Lector:**

Michael Alston

**Greeter:**

Peggy Verdine

**Altar Guild:**

Jemma Judd  
Julie Lang  
Marilyn Farrington

**Flower Guild:**

Brooke Di Lauro

**Coffee Hour:**

Trip Wiggins  
Barbara Blose

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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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