



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Holy Eucharist

Rite I - 8:00 am

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 15, 2026

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

Welcome to St. George's!

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

Whether you are worshiping online or in person, we are glad you are here. We hope you will find comfort in the beauty of the worship and encouragement in your personal faith journey.

New to St. George's?

Thank you for joining us today!

You can use this bulletin to follow along with the worship service. We use liturgies based in the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymns are from the blue *Hymnal 1982* and green *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. All are located in your pew. Watch fellow worshipers for when to stand or sit, and please only do what is comfortable for you. We'd love to get to know you and help get you connected with our parish ministries, formation, and fellowship groups.

Families with children: Nursery services are available during the 10 am service. Our nursery room (in the office hallway, one level below the main church) is now ready after a period of construction! Please see an usher or greeter for directions.



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

Thank You for Your Generous Gifts!

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

This month your gifts have helped:

- Prepare and welcome new church members and their families through baptism.
- 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. Or scan the QR code.
- **Text:** Send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133
- **Automated bank withdrawal** (contact our parish finance manager, Kevin Carey, to arrange this)
- **Paypal:** www.paypal.com/paypalme/stgeorgesfbg
- **Mail:** P.O. Box 7127, Fredericksburg, VA 22404



Walking Together

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Land and Labor Acknowledgment

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

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

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from the red Book of Common Prayer
(BCP)

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 165

O God, who before the passion of thy only begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Exodus 24:12-18 New Revised Standard Version

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

2 Peter 1:16-21 New Revised Standard Version

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew 17:1-9 NRSV

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

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 and Announcements

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

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 Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord

The congregation responds **Thanks be to God!**

Formation for All Ages at 9 am:

View staff directory on our website: StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/staff
Or call the church office: 540.373.4133

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 9 am formation hour and the 10 am worship service. Please see an usher for directions to the nursery.

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 or 540-226-5183.

Adults:

Coffee and Fellowship in Sydnor Hall

- **Adult Forum: Racial Justice and Healing Commission** will share the story of the Rev. Absolom Jones, the first Black Episcopal priest (ordained 1802) and then invite conversation about how Jones' story connects with current events and our Baptismal call to "strive for justice and peace among all people and to respect the dignity of every human being."
- **Becoming Disciples: The Episcopal Way - Sunday at 9 am in Faulkner Hall**
Our rector is leading this series on how we follow Jesus in the Episcopal Church. Open to all and required for adults preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation.

Questions about formation offerings?

General inquiries:

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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

Preschool Silent Auction – Today

Our Preschool Silent Auction ends today!

Items will be displayed in Sydnor Hall, but all bidding will take place online. Scan the QR code to view items and



make your bids. We are also offering 8 exciting raffle baskets! Tickets will be available for purchase today during morning offerings. Winners will

be drawn at 11:30 am. All

proceeds benefit our Preschool Scholarship Program.

BST Band – Today at 3pm

St. George's Episcopal Church invites the community to a free concert today, February 15, 2026, at 3:00 pm in our nave, featuring BST Band: *Black History Celebration Music of the African Diaspora*. Come and celebrate Black History Month with the jazz funk and world music of the BST Band, a fusion of world musicians brought together by Becky (keys/vocals) and Slam (drums) with other musicians such as their sister, Tanyah Dadze (synth/vocals) of local fame "Gaye Adegbalola and the Wild Rutz", and Marta Fuentes (on percussion/vocals).

Today's Altar Arrangement:

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for the ministry of our outgoing Vestry members Brian Davis, Brooke Di Lauro, Pete Kelly, and Peggy Verdine, arranged by Flower Guild member Kathy Wirtala

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

Mardi Gras Celebration – Tuesday, February 17, 6-8 pm, Sydnor Hall

Laissez les bons temps rouler! Join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday celebration with a twist: due to kitchen repairs, we're hosting a Parish Potluck! Bring your



favorite New Orleans dish or specialty to share. St. George's provides drinks, King Cakes, cookies, and live jazz! Open to all, no contributions required.

Attendance capped at 125—sign up with the QR code today!

Ash Wednesday Services - February 18

The Ash Wednesday liturgy includes Scriptures and a sermon highlighting our need to return to God, as well as an invitation to Lent and the option of receiving ashes marked upon the forehead as a sign of penitence and mortality.

- **7:00 am:** Ash Wednesday liturgy (no Holy Eucharist)
- **12 pm:** Ash Wednesday liturgy and Holy Eucharist (also on YouTube)
- **4:30 pm:** Ash Wednesday for children and their families (all welcome)
- **7:00 pm:** Ash Wednesday liturgy and Holy Eucharist

Coldest Night of the Year - February 28

Join us Saturday, February 28, 2026 for the Annual *Coldest Night of the Year Walk* in downtown Fredericksburg to raise awareness and funds to support the services Micah Ministries provides our unhoused local neighbors. Scan the QR code to sign up!



St. George's Prayer List

For the most up-to-date list of
prayers and thanksgivings, sign up
to receive our email prayer list:
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/signup

Regarding the Prayer List:

We strive to extend the power of the congregation's prayer to those who feel they would benefit from its embrace. Please submit prayer requests in writing to office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net. Names remain on the list for 1 month. All new additions listed in *italics*.

Our leadership:

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

Those needing God's grace:

Dennis and Cindy Sale, 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, *Beth K.*

Those in convalescence:

Joyce Snead, Gunnar Burns, Peter Bumsted, Ellen Sharp, Vicki Harrison, Ron Coen, *Barry Krause*

Those expecting children:

Paola and David Stever, Emma and Alberto Means; Captain Charles Lewis and Olivia Lewis, Chris and Jordan Hinkebein

Those recently born:

Marshall John O'Neal, son of Maggie and Ryan O'Neal

Those who have died:

James L. Kreider

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:

St. Paul's, Millers Tavern; Our Saviour, Charlottesville

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

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

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

Clergy:

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

Preacher:

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

Lector:

John Coker

Greeter:

Peggy Verdine

Altar Guild:

Jane Bailey
Anne Tebbutt
Kathy Lober
Marilyn Farrington

Flower Guild:

Kathy Wirtala

Coffee Hour:

Trip Wiggins
Barbara Blose

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

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