



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Holy Eucharist

10:00 am

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026

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

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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 worshipping online or in person, we are glad you are here.

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.

Families with Children

Nursery is available during the 10 am service on Sundays. Our nursery room is in the office hallway, one level below the main church. Ask an usher for directions.

Office Hours

Please note our office is closed April 6 - 7. If you have a pastoral emergency and need to speak with clergy, please call or text 540.361.8573.

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.

Note that cash or offerings designated "Good Friday Offering" will be given to the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Loose and offerings designated "Easter Offering" will be divided between the Micah Ministries Jeremiah Community housing initiative and Notre Dame School in Port au Prince, Haiti.



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)

You can also mail a check to the church office:

P.O. Box 7127

Fredericksburg, VA 22404 *Thank you!*

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 Sunday 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 Patowomeck and Rappahannock Tribes who still live here. Please see our website for the full text of our 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.

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

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. 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.

Prelude: Spring Song

Mongo Santamaria

Opening Hymn 179 (St. 1,4,5,6): "Welcome , happy morning!"

Fortunatus

Welcome, happy morning! Age to age shall say:

Hell today is vanquished, Heav'n is won today!

Lo! the dead is living, God forevermore!

Him, their true Creator, All His works adore!

Refrain: Welcome, happy morning! Age to age shall say.

**Maker and Redeemer, Life and health of all,
Thou from heaven beholding Human nature's fall,
Of the Father's Godhead True and only Son,
Mankind to deliver, Manhood didst put on. *Refrain***

**Thou, of life the author, Death didst undergo,
Tread the path of darkness, Saving strength to show;
Come, then true and faithful, Now fulfill thy word;
'Tis thine own third morning; rise, O buried Lord! *Refrain***

**Loose the souls long prisoned, Bound with Satan's chain;
All that now is fallen Raise to life again;
Show thy face in brightness, Bid the nations see;
Bring again our daylight: Day returns with Thee! *Refrain***

The following is repeated three times.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Welcome

The Celebrant continues with the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise: S278

William Mathias

Glorify to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen

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 219

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 10:34-43 *New Revised Standard Version*

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and face the aisle. The Psalm is said antiphonally¹ (alternating sides of the church) by whole verse beginning on the left (Eagle lectern) side.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; ***
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, ***
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory ***
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! ***
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, ***
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, ***
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; ***
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; ***
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me ***
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected ***
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD'S doing, ***
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; ***
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Colossians 3:1-4 *New Revised Standard Version*

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

1 This method reminds us of the monastic roots of psalm recitation, allows us to listen as well as speak in prayer, and gives us another opportunity to look for the face of Christ in one another.

Sequence Hymn 210: "The day of resurrection!"
The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Ellacombe

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright,
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm
and plain his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 28:1-10 NRSV
People: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

² 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.

Prayer for Peace *A special "peace" candle is lit and this prayer is offered*
Almighty God, ruler of the hosts of heaven, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and peace, bring relief and healing to those suffering the wounds of war, help us all to pray for enemies and to repent of violence, through the might of the Prince of Peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Christ is risen indeed, O God. We join together in prayer and praise in this joyful season, saying Hear us, risen Christ: Alleluia, hear our prayer.³

We tell out the Good News with joyful voice! Bless the whole Church throughout the world, especially our Diocese and St. George's Church.

Hear us, risen Christ:

Alleluia, hear our prayer.

You have opened heaven's gate! Inspire all ministers who witness to your glory on earth, especially our lay and clergy leaders.

Hear us, risen Christ:

Alleluia, hear our prayer.

Jesus burst his three days' prison! Help us proclaim release to all in captivity, freedom to all oppressed, food for those who hunger, and safety to those who fear.

Hear us, risen Christ:

Alleluia, hear our prayer.

Death's long shadows have departed! Bring peace to places ravaged by war and violence, especially to Iran, Lebanon, Ukraine, Haiti, the Holy Land, and to this land, and bring peace to the fear and anger in our own hearts.

Hear us, risen Christ:

Alleluia, hear our prayer.

We are risen to a holier state! Help us to live out the grace we have been given, and hear the prayers we bring with us today, silently or aloud:

The people offer their prayers silently or aloud.

Hear us, risen Christ:

Alleluia, hear our prayer.

Death is conquered and we are free! Let your will for all who have died be fulfilled, and may we rise with them in glory.

Hear us, risen Christ:

Alleluia, hear our prayer.

³ These prayers are inspired by lines from the classic Easter hymn, "He is risen" (Hymnal 180).

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Celebrant: Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys. Accept the prayers of your people and breathe new life into us as we seek to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession is omitted as we celebrate Christ's triumph over sin and death in the Easter Resurrection.

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 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, 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, "Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1). *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: "Now the green blade riseth" *French Carol*, arr. Simon Lindley

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.

Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;

Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,

Thinking that never he would wake again,

Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain.

He that for three days in the grave had lain.

Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,

Thy touch can call us back to life again,

Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Presentation Hymn 199 (St. 2,3): "Tis the spring of souls today"
'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from his light,
to whom we give laud and praise undying.

St. Kevin

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy

The Celebrant proceeds using a Proper Preface

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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: S128

William Mathias

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.

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 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

Fraction Anthem: S155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gerald Near

Invitation to Communion⁴

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 are welcome to participate in Communion, either by receiving the Sacrament or receiving a blessing. Communion is the sacramental body and blood of Jesus Christ received in bread and wine blessed by the Holy Spirit.

- *Proceed forward toward the communion ministers 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.

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 Ligh 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!"**

⁴ The communion rails are removed during the Easter season as a sign of Christ's victory which has opened for us the way of freedom and peace.

Music During Communion

Instrumental Music

"Come and fill"

Taize

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone O Lord are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!**

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

BCP Expansive Language Version

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Blessing for Easter

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do the will of God through the power of your Holy Spirit; and the blessing of the one, holy and undivided Trinity, the author of creation, the bearer of salvation, and the advocate of life, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn 207: "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Easter Hymn

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia, let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Toccata ex F, BuxWV 156

Dieterich Buxtehude

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 Loving Memory of:

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by Michele and Michael Alston

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by Rosemary Beales

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Carole Cohen and Leon Rose
by Ron Coen and JoAnne Rose

Dick's Parents: Elmer C. Roth and Eleanor L. Roth
by Dick and Bryn Roth

Bryn's parents: Lt. Col. John Irving and Mary Lou Irving
by Dick and Bryn Roth

Dr. John Willhide
by Debbie Sandstrom

Dr. Roy Sandstrom
by Debbie Sandstrom

My parents, Stosh and Ginger Rose (Stan and Jean Jarosz)
by Sheryl, Dave and the Stroud Bryant 7

John and Elfrida Snyder and Marion and F. Spencer Tebbutt
by Ann and Ron Tebbutt

Ray, Emily and Mary Waterfield
by Helen Foiles Taylor

The life of Frank and Mary Brooks
by Marcia Brooks Upshaw

Steven Dodd and Joseph Ulrich
by Patricia and Kevin Wiedel

Rev. Allan R. Wentt and Annette Williams
by Kimberley and John Williams

In Thanksgiving for:

My family
by Anonymous

For all our grandchildren-Margaret and Virginia Bass and Henry Cleland
by Sarah and Marty Bass

My wonderful family
by Anne Beals

The generosity of the St. George's family
by Anne Beals

Dave and Kristen Schlee, Don and Bonny Verner and Karen Pierce
by Joyce Beschta

The gift of family
by Pamela Booth

My children and grandchildren
by Ginnie Branscome

The birth of our grandson, Harrison Crook Braxton
by Harrison and Gail Braxton

Blessings received
by Pamela Jewett-Bullock and Charles Bullock

Our children and grandchildren
by Peter and Barbara Bumsted

Truett Riley Burns
by Kit Burns

Compassionate people everywhere
by Kitty

The Rev. Joe Hensley's Becoming Disciples series
by Ron Coen and JoAnne Rose

Danielle Noel Gibeson
by Danielle Noel Gibeson

Loved ones
by Lewis and Susan Graves

Our Children and Grandchildren
by Jane and Newton Guerin

The life of Reggie Harrison
by Susan Harrison

Our Children, Bill and Karen and Monecia and Tom
by Bill and Cindy Helton

The "Open to all in Love Campaign"
by Ann Holt

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr and staff, Perry Vance, Lydia Byrd
by Pat Hurlock

Grey and Sally Karsten
by Aaron Karsten and Melissa Mooney

Life
by Gabriela Kelly

Our Family
by Vicki and Jim Lewis

Kate McDonald
by Jane McDonald

St. George's Staff
by Jan and Tom Meredith

Charlie and Charlotte Fletcher
by Constance Fletcher Smith

Andrew, Kate, Teddy and Hugo Foiles
by Helen Foiles Taylor-MyMy

Vicki and Jim Lewis

by Helen Foiles Taylor

For my "greats", Austin, Abigail, Corbin and Greer

by Susan Tyler

The birth of our granddaughter and the 11th birthday of our grandson

by Karin and Jim Weber

The House Kids

by Linda Wickersham

Diane Young and Wendy Cannon

by Linda Wickersham

St. George's Clergy and Staff

by Kathy Wirtala

Our beautiful grandchildren

by Chuck and Janet Ziegler

In Honor of:

Nick and Jeanette Cadwallender

by Anne Beals

Marilyn and Jack Farrington

by MJ Bradley

Martha and Dennis Brown

by MJ Bradley

The Flower Guild

by Jeanette and Nick Cadwallender

All the Armed Forces

by Kitty

Connie Durham, Donna Dertinger

by David and Lisa Durham

Erin Butler Myers

by Danielle Noel Gibeson

Peggy Brown, Mike and Janet Gleason

by The Gleason Family

Brian Sullivan

by Aron Golembiewski

St. George's clergy and staff

by Peggy Mathias and Peter Rasmussen

Our clergy, Joe+ and Rock+

by Jan and Tom Meredith

Pam and Charles Bullock for their work in organizing the cold weather shelter
for St. George's

by Mary Jane O'Neill

Bill and Cindy Helton

by Monecia and Tom Shelton

Ann Tebbutt

by Kathryn R. Willis

Worship, Fellowship, and Formation/Education

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

Sunday Schedule

Sundays:

- **8 am:** Traditional, Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- **9 am:** Formation/Education for All Ages
- **10 am:** Welcoming, multi-generational Holy Eucharist. This service is also livestreamed via YouTube Live.
- **11-ish am:** Coffee Hour Fellowship
- **5:30 pm:** Holy Eucharist with Celtic Evensong, with Celtic ensemble

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.

Formation for All Ages Resumes Apr 12 Children

- 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. Meets in the Library.

Youth *An inclusive, welcoming community*

- Youth in grades 6-12 gather on the Youth Floor for conversation and explorations of faith related topics
- Youth Group: Meets first and third Sundays 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

Adults gather in Sydnor Hall for forum presentations on a variety of faith topics by diverse presenters.

Young Adults (18 - 45)

Our Campus and 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@thehousefxbg.org.

Questions about formation offerings?

General inquiries:

Church Office - 540.373.4133
office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Children: age 3 - 5th grade

Stephanie Dolezal

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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Interested in Baptism? We welcome anyone seeking life in Christ for themselves or a child through baptism. Please contact our Rector or Interim Associate Rector to begin the conversation.

Mark Your Calendars

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

Special Thanks to Our Flower Guild

The beautiful flowers you see are thanks to the loving artistry and ministry of our flower guild. We hope you enjoy these blooms as a living symbol of resurrection.

Easter Egg Hunt Returns!

Our beloved Annual Easter Egg Hunt is back Easter Sunday at 9:15 am. A big thank you to all of our volunteers who helped stuff and hide the eggs. 1-3 years search in Sydnor Courtyard, 4-7 years search Renwick Courtyard, and 8-11 years search in Market Square.

April 19 Concert - The Peacemakers

Our Concert Series concludes Sunday, April 19 at 3 pm with The Peacemakers. The Peacemakers are a musical duo featuring Jackie (guitar and vocals) and Eddie (guitar, violin, and vocals). Together they share their renditions of world music and modern folk tunes with both covers and original songs. The concert is free with donations accepted at the door.

Shrine Mont Sunday - April 26

Join us at the Adult Forum on Sunday, April 26 at 9 am as we unveil the theme for this year's Parish Weekend Oct. 10-12 at Shrine Mont! Registrations open that day. Any questions, please contact Danielle Davis (danielle@stgeorgesepiscopal.net.)

Outdoor Worship and Parish Picnic

We will hold our 10 am service and parish picnic on May 31 outside, weather permitting, at Hurkamp Park. More information to come.

Youth Summer Service Week -

Save the Date: June 15-19, 2026

Youth Summer Service Days are back this year! Save the dates for June 15-19. We will meet each morning at 9 am at St. George's before going offsite for various service projects. All rising middle and high school students are welcome to participate. Scan the QR Code to register.



Vacation Bible School Music Camp -

Save the Date: July 20-24, 2026

VBS and Music Camp will be back again this summer! Save the dates of July 20-24 for what will be a splendid week of fun, fellowship, crafts, and music! Any children, rising K-6, are welcome to join us. Scan the QR code to register.



Join a Small Group

Want to connect with other St. Georgians? Our new small group cohort is starting soon. Scan the QR code to sign up! Contact Deacon Joyce Beschta with questions: 828.388.1199, joyce-beschta@gmail.com.



St. George's Celebrates the Faulkners

Join us May 3, 2-4 p.m., to celebrate the legacy of the Rev. Tom and Mary Faulkner who served St. George's for 30+ years. Speakers include Anne Faulkner Ridgeway and the Rev. Charles Sydnor. Includes a reception in newly restored Faulkner Hall, part of our Open to All in Love project.

Connecting in Community

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

Connect with Us



We'd love to get to know you, hear your story, and help get you connected with our parish ministries, formation, and fellowship groups.

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. Or, stop by the Newcomer Cart in the narthex (by the church entrance).

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

Open to All in Love Capital Campaign Update

Our Open to All in Love Capital Construction Project addresses four core areas: Maintenance, Endowment, Accessibility, and Columbarium. So far, we have received pledges totaling just over \$3M towards the \$5M anticipated total project cost.

In Summer of 2025, we began the first phase of our Open to All in Love Construction Project. This portion, now complete, included building an interior accessibility ramp connecting Sydnor Hall with the church offices, transforming the office hallways (once of which becoming ADA compliant), and addressing structural repairs needed in Faulkner Hall. In the process, Faulkner Hall, the Nursery, and Elsie Lewis Meeting Room all received a refresh with new flooring and paint.

Phase II of the project includes building an ADA ramp in the graveyard so all can access the church with dignity, constructing a columbarium, adding a handrail along the graveyard path to the church office, and addressing significant water infiltration on the interior and exterior of the building. Currently, we are finalizing the contract for with our contractor, Daniel & Co., with an estimated beginning date for construction in early summer.

St. George's Open to All in Love Capital Campaign emerged from the dreams of parishioners – like you – to make sure our facilities are truly welcoming and accessible to all both today and for generations to come. Thank you to all who have given and have made a financial pledge.



Scan the QR code to learn more about the project and for information on how to make a financial gift to support it. If you have any additional questions, please contact the church office: 540.373.4133 office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net.

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
The Rev. Deacon Joyce Beschta
The Rev. Frank Uwaezuoke

Preacher:

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

Liturgical Coordinator:

James Maxfield

Lectors:

Joyce Steele
Kathy Maxfield

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce Steele
Kit Burns
James Maxfield
Joseph Lyttle
Jennifer Vaughan
David C. Primmer
Liz Talbot
Tom Kanatous

Lay Eucharistic Visitor:

Mike and Michele Alston

Livestream Tech:

Jake DeNap

Contact Our Vestry:

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

Greeters:

Jay Gordon
Teresa Gordon

Acolytes:

Anna Maxfield
Caroline Di Lauro
Dana Cherry
Marina Di Lauro

Ushers:

Mark Steele
Earl Baughman
David Durham
Julie Simpson
Mary Jane O'Neill
Dori Eglevsky

Altar Guild:

Jemma Judd
Ethel Hellman
Marilyn Farrington

Flowers for Easter:

The St. George's Flower Guild

Coffee Hour:

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