



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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**Celtic Evensong**  
with  
**Holy Communion**

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5, 2026 at 5:30 pm**

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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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April 5, 2026

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

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## 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](https://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!*

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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 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](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 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.

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# Easter Sunday

## April 5, 2026

from the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), *Enriching Our Worship*, and forms of prayer from around the world.

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*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! We welcome you to this service, whether you have been here often or if this is your first time. Please use this bulletin as your guide to participate. Please note the announcements about ways to connect and upcoming events. May this time of worship and prayer be a blessing to you.*

**Prelude:** The Green Woods of Truigha  
The Skylark

*Irish Aire*  
F. O'Neill

*One minute of silence follows the prelude. Please rise or rise in spirit at the ringing of the bell.*

### **Opening Poem:**

"For all who have never seen the Easter light"  
Let us hold high a single candle,  
a beacon of invitation.  
Remember, the light came not for those in dawn  
but shadow.  
We have walked this way before, but for others  
it is a detour uncertain.  
How many have no idea of what it is we do  
or why? Can we count them? Before I step  
into the warmth, I will recall the cold,  
for I once knew how precious

Stephen Charleston

**Opening Hymn 178:** "Alleluia, Alleluia"

*Alleluia no.1*

## Gather in God's Name

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen

**People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### **A Prayer for the Evening**

Officiant: Christ is alive

**All: Let the whole earth sing**

Officiant: The cross stands empty to the sky

**All: Let streets and homes with praises ring**

Officiant: Christ's love in death shall never die.

**All: Alleluia!**

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Officiant: Almighty God, who through your 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 Christ's resurrection, may be raised by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

### The Reading from the Gospel

**Matthew 28:1-10**

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."

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is observed after the reading*

### Meditation

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

*Two minutes of silence will follow.*

**Music for Meditation:** The Setting of the Sun

Hartnett

## Pray for the World and the Church

### Prayers of the People<sup>1</sup>

Officiant: Christ is risen indeed, O God. We join together in prayer and praise in this joyful season.

Leader 1: We tell out the Good News with joyful voice! Bless the whole Church throughout the world.

Leader 2: We pray especially for our Diocese, St. George's, and Notre Dame Parish and School in Port au Prince.

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

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Leader 1: You have opened heaven's gate! Inspire all ministers who witness to your glory on earth.

Leader 2: We pray especially for our lay and clergy leaders and for those newly baptized into our ministry in Christ.

Leader 1: 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.

Leader 2: We pray especially for the ministries of our community that walk with our neighbors in need.

Leader 1: Death's long shadows have departed! Bring peace to places ravaged by violence.

Leader 2: We pray especially for Iran, Lebanon, the Holy Land, Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan, Congo, and to this land. Bring peace to the fear and anger in our own hearts.

Leader 1: We are risen to a holier state! Help us to live out the grace we have been given.

Leader 2: Hear the prayers we bring with us today, silently or aloud:

*The people offer their prayers silently or aloud.*

Leader 1: 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.

Leader 2: We pray especially for those close to us whom we love but see no longer.

Officiant: 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.**

*If you like, please come forward during the music and light a candle as an embodied symbol of your prayer. The clergy is available to pray with you, or to take special prayer requests during this time.*

**Instrumental Music:**

The Sligo

*Traditional Reel*

The Dear Little Island

*Cronin*

"Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Taizé

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

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*in unison*

Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven, the hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Officiant: Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the world was changed forever: Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. **Amen.**

## Exchange the Peace

Christ, the Good Shepherd, binds us with a bond of love that cannot be broken. My sisters and brothers, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*All are now invited to exchange a sign of peace.*

## Prepare the Table

As we prepare to make Eucharist, the holy feast of thanksgiving and grace, we present ourselves and our gifts to God and remember that Jesus said, "Abide in my love...I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."

*It is a joy to gather together this evening, and we especially welcome anyone who is visiting or here for the first time. Please see more information in the bulletin notes and feel free to introduce yourself after the service. There are also printed instructions about receiving communion or a blessing. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. As the table is prepared, we invite you to consider a gift in support of our ministry within and beyond our congregation. Make your offering online (<http://bit.ly/stggive>), in the alms basin provided in the aisle, or by mail to the church. Please note the announcements at the rear of this bulletin. For the latest updates and messages of encouragement, check our website ([StGeorgesEpiscopal.net](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net)) and subscribe to our email newsletter (<http://bit.ly/stgenews>).*

**Offertory Music:** The Foggy Dew

F. O'Neill

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## A Celtic Service Communion Prayer<sup>2</sup> *Please stand.*

Celebrant: Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed.**

Celebrant: Lift your hearts to heaven

**People: Where Christ in glory reigns.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

**People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your Word. to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you.

**You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.**

You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin has ended.

**A new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.**

You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

**Sanctus:** WLP 858

*Land of Rest*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, the highest.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

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."

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<sup>2</sup> Following the Order for Eucharist BCP p. 400 with prayers from A New Zealand Prayerbook from the Anglican Church of New Zealand/Aotearoa

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After supper he 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."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

**People: Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son.

**People: And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.**

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

**Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.**

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.**

Celebrant: As Jesus taught his disciples, 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.**

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# Break the Bread

Fraction Anthem: WLP 877

Mark Sedio

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread. The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia is the com-mun-ion of the bo - dy of Christ. The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread. One bo-dy are we, al-le-lu - ia, though ma - ny, we share one bread. The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread." The score includes parts for "CANTOR OR CHOIR" and "ALL".

CANTOR OR CHOIR  
The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.

ALL  
The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.

CANTOR OR CHOIR  
The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia is the com-

ALL  
mun-ion of the bo - dy of Christ. The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord

CANTOR OR CHOIR  
Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread. One bo-dy are we, al-le-

ALL  
lu - ia, though ma - ny, we share one bread. The dis -

ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.

Celebrant: This is the table, not simply of the church, but of Christ our savior. It is made ready for those who love Christ and those who want to love more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you. It is God's will that those who wish should meet the love of Christ here.

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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). If you prefer to kneel, kneel at the far end of the communion rail, and one of the ministers will come to you.
- 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.

**Music during Communion:** Mòr, nighean a' ghiobarlain

*Scottish Melody*

**Prayer After Communion** *Please stand.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Savior Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.**

## Go into the World

### 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 204:** "Now the Green Blade Riseth"

*Noel nouvelet*

### The Dismissal

*Clare of Assisi*

Officiant: "Alleluia, alleluia, let us go forth sharing the Good News that we are an Easter people, risen to new life, for death is conquered and we are free.

**All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude:** Garry Owen

F. O'Neill

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# Gratitude Offerings

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

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*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:**

Rose and John Alston

by Michele and Michael Alston

Curtis and Virginia Backus; Herbert and Sue Miller

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by Marcia Brooks Upshaw

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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

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by Joyce Beschta

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by Kit Burns

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by Susan Harrison

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by Ann Holt

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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

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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

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by MJ Bradley

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by Monecia and Tom Shelton

Ann Tebbutt

by Kathryn R. Willis

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# Worship, Fellowship, and Formation/Education

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:missioner@thehousefxbg.org).

## 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

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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.

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# Mark Your Calendars

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For the latest news and events, sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, **The St. Georgian:**  
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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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# Connecting in Community

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

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## 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).

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## 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](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

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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).

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**Clergy:**

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

**Preacher:**

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

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David C. Primmer

**Chalice:**

Jack Farrington

**Candle Setup:**

Sharon Null

**Reader:**

Marilyn Farrington

**Greeter:**

Sharon Null

**Altar Guild:**

Jemma Judd

Ethel Hellman

Marilyn Farrington

**Flowers for Easter:**

The St. George's Flower Guild

**Musicians:**

Mike Grinnan, guitar

Achim Loch, piano

Maggie O'Neal, voice

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**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](mailto:vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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