



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

The Great Vigil of Easter

8:00 pm
April 4, 2026

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

April 4, 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

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.

The Great Vigil of Easter April 4, 2026

from the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and *Enriching Our Worship*, supplemental liturgical materials approved by the Episcopal Church.

A Note on This Bulletin

The Easter Vigil is a physical and spiritual journey, from the kindling of fire outside the church to the proclamation of the Resurrection, from the font of Baptism to the altar of Holy Communion. In order to help focus our attention on the stories being told, the bulletin often uses simple headings instead of full text. We encourage full participation through listening, speaking, singing, and simply beholding in wonder.

Greeting and Welcome

The congregation gathers on the church steps.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The new fire, symbolizing renewal and new birth, is kindled. The Paschal Candle is then lit from the fire. The people follow the Candle into the church as their own candles are lit and echo the cantor who chants the following at three points.

When lighting candles, keep the lit candle upright and tilt the unlit candle so as not to drip wax.

Cantor: The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

The people remain standing. The person appointed, standing near the Candle, sings the Exsultet (BCP 286), an ancient chant of praise inspired by the Paschal light.

Cantor: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Cantor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Cantor continues

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, the salvation of God's people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring us to the fullness of redemption.

The people are seated and remain seated through the readings and hymns until the reading of the Gospel. Candles may be kept lit. The Reflections between the readings offer context and introduction.

First Reading: A story of Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 **The Flood**

Hymn 688 (vs 1): "A mighty fortress is our God" *Ein Feste Berg*

Reflection

Second Reading: Exodus 14:10 - 15:1 **Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea**

Hymn 199 (vs 1): "Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain" *St Kevin*

Reflection

Third Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11 **Salvation Offered Freely to All**

Hymn 679: "Surely it is God who saves me" *Thomas Merton*

Reflection

Fourth Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 **The Valley of Dry Bones**

Hymn 508: "Breathe on Me Breath of God" *Nova Vita*

Romans 6:3-11

Hymn 673: "The first ones ever"

Ballad

The first ones ev-er, oh, ev-er to know of the
ri - sing of Je-sus, his glo - ry to be, were
Ma - ry, Jo - an-na, and Mag - da - lene, and bless-ed are
they are they_ who see. Oh, bless - ed are
they,_ who see the Lord, oh, bless-ed are they_ who
see._____ They were Ma - ry, Jo - an-na, and Mag - da -
lene, and bless-ed are they, are they_ who see.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to Matthew (28:1-10)
please stand

People: Glory to you, O Christ

The Gospel is read

Deacon: The Gospel of our Savior

People: Praise to you, O Christ

Proclamation of Easter

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The lights in the Nave come up. The candles at the Altar are lit from the Paschal Candle. The people extinguish their candles.

Gloria in excelsis: S278

William Mathias

Bells and chimes are struck.

Glory 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.

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The celebrant continues

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Holy Baptism

BCP 301

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Christopher Miller

Matthew David Smith

Theodore Ruben Smith

Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

Stand as able

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP 305

Thanksgiving over the water

BCP 306

The Baptism

BCP 307

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Prayers of the People

During the prayers, the clergy will sprinkle ("asperge") the congregation with holy water from the font as a reminder of their own baptisms.

In the light of your resurrection, O Christ, all darkness falls away. In the light of your resurrection, O Christ, the ails of the world are overcome. In the light of your resurrection, O Christ, we bless you for our hope.

For the gift of the Spirit

blessed be Christ.

For the whole Christian Church

blessed be Christ.

For all those who serve God

blessed be Christ.

For the means of grace

blessed be Christ.

For the hope of glory

blessed be Christ.

For the love of the lonely

blessed be Christ.

For the feeding of the hungry

blessed be Christ

For the triumphs of the Gospel

blessed be Christ.

For the lives of the saints

blessed be Christ.

In joy and in sorrow

blessed be Christ.

In life and in death

blessed be Christ.

Now and to the end of the ages:

blessed be Christ.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 ourselves to give thanks to God, please see the instructions later in the bulletin for receiving Holy Communion or receiving a blessing.

The Resurrection of Christ reminds us of God's abundant gift of grace, and we share our offerings in joyful commitment to God and to our ministry together.

"Yours, O God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours...and you are exalted as head over all." (1 Chronicles 29:11) *Please place offerings in the collection plate as it is passed or send them electronically, by mail, or by automated bank withdrawal. See details on the inside cover of this bulletin about the Easter Offering and for an easy to use QR code. Thank you!*

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 (vs 2-3): "Tis the spring of souls today"

St Kevin

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

BCP 361

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.*The Celebrant proceeds*

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

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 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 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."

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 in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours Almighty God, now and forever. **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 Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. *and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All 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 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.

Hymn 324: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Picardy

Music During Communion

Instrumental Music

"Jesus, the Lord, Is Risen"

Taizé

Je-sus, the Lord, is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Je-sus, the Lord, is ris-en to - day! Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Je-sus, the Lord, is ris - en! Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Je-sus, the Lord, is ris-en to - day! Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia." The notation includes quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests, with a repeat sign at the end of the second staff.

The Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

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 Christ's 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; 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.**

Dismissal Hymn 207: "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Easter Hymn

The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People: Thanks be to God! 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:

Rose and John Alston

by Michele and Michael Alston

Curtis and Virginia Backus; Herbert and Sue Miller

by Curtis and Barbara Backus

Bruce Bahr and Charles V. B. Cushman, Jr.

by Joanne Bahr Cushman

Martha and Tom Embry

by Sarah and Marty Bass

Bernadette (Bunny) Rodak

by Rosemary Beales

The Rev. Dr. Phebe McPherson

by Rosemary Beales

Deacon Jerry Beschta

by Joyce Beschta

Lois Walker

by Kathleen Bonck

Jimbee Branscome

by Ginnie Branscome

Stan (Stash) and Jean Jarosz (Ginger Rose)

by Sheryl and Dave Bryant

Loved ones departed

by Jeanette and Nick Cadwallender

Francis Carter, Sr.

by Francis Carter, Jr.

Our parents: Berkley Jane Cooper Pyle, Chester Vernon Pyle, Frances Fay DeGaris Bullock, Robert Oliver Bullock

by Pamela Jewett-Bullock and Charles Bullock

Grace

by Kitty

James Davis and Maryellen Hensler

by Brian and Danielle Davis

Jim Durham, Cliff Goulette

by David and Lisa Durham

John and Rose Alston

by Epsilon Rho Boule Foundation

Jake and Geri Fitzpatrick
by Danielle Noel Gibeson

Patrick Brown
by the Gleason Family

Betty Golembiewski
by Aron Golembiewski

Rick Redmond
by Mary Goonan (wife), Sean Redmond (son), Nancy Redmond (mother)

Loved ones
by Lewis and Susan Graves

Clara Faulk
by Katie and Bill Green

My Family
by Laura Lee Hall

Wayne Harman
by Lucy Harman

Loved ones
by Lucy Harman

Reggie Harrison
by Susan Harrison

Frank Hartman
by Salli Hartman

Barbara Pratt Willis
by Alison Heartwell

Lynn Beacco Herzig
by Sons of Lynn

Michael Hodgkin
by Cinderella (Cindy) Hodgkin

Charles Hurlock
by Pat Hurlock

Marie Stanley Geishert
by Dick and Marilyn Juergens

Aidan and Paul Kelly
by Nancy and Anthony Kelly

Harald Loch and Walter and Daureen Perdue
by Achim and Laurel E. Loch

Barbara and Jim McDonald, Susan Hartranft
by Jane McDonald

Ivan and Jeanette Karsten, Mianna Karsten
by Aaron Karsten and Melissa Mooney

James Ashby III
by Louise, Jim, Turner and Conor with love

Elizabeth Jacoby
by Kevin O'Bannon

Edmund Pelletier, Virginia Pelletier, Medford Reese, Betty Reese
by Sonya Pelletier

My husband, James H. Pierce, and my parents, Wesley and Wilma Schaible
by Karen Pierce

Loved ones, especially Diane Suter Powell
by Ralph Powell

Kenneth W. Goodrich and Lydia A. Strader
by Kandyleigh Provencher

Joe, Rick and Sean Rodgers
by Ron Rodgers

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

rock.higgins@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Young Adults: age 18 - 45

Rev. Ethan Lowery

missioner@thehousefxbg.org

Adults

Rev. Joe Hensley

joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

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.

Vestry

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

To reach the Vestry, please email: vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net. To reach an individual vestry member, please contact the church office at office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net or 540.373.4133.

Kit Burns, 2027

Senior Warden

Wendy Cannon, 2027

Junior Warden

Robert Powers, 2027

Buildings and Grounds Warden

Katie Green, 2026

Gabi Kelly, 2026

Rogers Lawson, 2026

Jennifer Vaughan, 2026

Linda Wickersham, 2027

Caleb Cherry, 2028

Joseph Lyttle, 2028

Kathy Maxfield, 2028

Elvin Rivera-Orellano 2028

Peggy Mathias

Treasurer

Laurel Loch

Register

Serving Today

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. Dr. Rosemary Beales
The Rev. Deacon Joyce Beschta
The Rev. T. Ethan Lowery
The Rev. Frank Uwaezuoke

Liturgical Coordinator:

Clergy

Readers:

The Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales
The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.
The Rev. Deacon Joyce Beschta
Michael Alston
Jessica Atkinson
Katie Green
Matt Judd

Prayers:

Katie Green

Acolytes:

Nora Kuykendall
Neal Kuykendall
Callie Gleason
Patrick Gleason
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:
Ethel Hellman
Ann Tebbutt

Ushers:

Jason Kunkler
Mac Smith
John Castles

Greeters:

Cindy Helton
Jan Waltonen

Altar Guild:

Jemma Judd

Vigil Fire Starters:

Clergy

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

St. George's Episcopal Church

905 Princess Anne Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 7127
Fredericksburg, VA 22404
540.373.4133 (office)
Pastoral Emergencies:
540.361.8573 (call or text)
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net
