



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Holy Eucharist

Rite I - 8:00 am

Trinity Sunday
May 31, 2026

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

Welcome to St. George's!

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

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

New to St. George's?

Thank you for joining us today!

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

Visit StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/connect or scan the QR code and we'll be in touch.



You can also fill out the Newcomer Card in your pew and drop it in the offering plate. Our rector (senior pastor), Rev. Joe Hensley, would welcome the chance to meet you, either after the worship service or via email: joe.hensley@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

Thank You for Your Generous Gifts!

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

This month your gifts have helped:

- Nurture faith and community among college students and young adults through The House FXBG, a shared ministry of St. George's, Trinity Episcopal, and Christ Lutheran Churches.
- Sustain our ministries of pastoral care by clergy and lay persons, offering spiritual and emotional support as a sign of God's grace.

You can make a financial gift:

- **In-person:** place gift in collection plate in the aisle.
- **Online - one-time or recurring:**

StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving. Or scan the QR code.

• **Text:** Send a text message with the dollar amount [e.g. \$50] to: 540.701.4133)

• **Automated bank withdrawal** (contact our parish finance manager, Kevin Carey, to arrange this)

• **Paypal:** www.paypal.com/paypalme/stgeorgesfxbg

• **Mail:** P.O. Box 7127, Fredericksburg, VA 22404



Walking Together

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Land and Labor Acknowledgment

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

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

Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

from the red Book of Common Prayer
(BCP)

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Summary of the Law

BCP 324

Christ Our Passover

BCP 46

The Word of God

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

BCP 176

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a *New Revised Standard Version*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights-- the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night-- and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over

the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

BCP 592

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 *New Revised Standard Version*

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 28:16-20 *NRSV* **People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Rosemary Beales

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

The Peace

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

People: And with thy spirit.

All are now invited to exchange a sign of peace.

Prayer for Peace

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Offertory and Announcements

Celebrant: As we prepare the altar to receive the offering of Christ in the sacrament, we make our offerings in gratitude for God's abundant grace. Please see the instructions later in the bulletin about participating in Communion or receiving a blessing. Know that you are most welcome. Thank you for sharing your gifts in commitment to God and to our ministry together. As we give thanks for God's abundant grace, "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!*

The Great Thanksgiving *Prayer I*

BCP 333

Sanctus + Benedictus

BCP 341

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

Invitation to Communion

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

All 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.

The Prayer After Communion

BCP 339

Blessing for Trinity Sunday

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Three in One, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

The congregation responds Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Announcements

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

Joint Youth Group End of Year Pizza Party - Today, 12 pm

All youth are invited to attend an end of the year youth group pizza party on Sunday, May 31st from 12:00-1:30pm at the CCC building (1213 Dandridge St.) Our church is in conversation to start a shared youth group between Trinity, St. George's and Christ Lutheran and this party will be an occasion to meet youth from the other churches. For more information, be in touch with Ethan at missioner@thehousefxbg.org.

Now Hiring

We are now hiring for a part time Mission and Outreach Coordinator. This position is 20 hours a week and will have coordinate outreach ministries including Community Dinner and The Table. See our website to learn more and apply.

Docents Needed

Docents needed for summer tours of St. George's. Anyone can be a docent! (Even kids, ages 12 and up.) Call BL Trahos at 804.513.9033 or email at bltrahos@gmail.com for more info.

Today's Altar Arrangement:

The altar arrangement is given in memory of Bob O'Neill and Jack with love Mary Jane, arranged by Flower Guild member Kathy Wirtala.

Shrine Mont Registration Now Open
Registration is now open for our 2026 Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont. We will travel to the mountains October 9-11. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Danielle Davis. You can find more information and the registration link by scanning the Q code.



Youth Summer Service Week - June 15-19, 2026

Youth Summer Service Days are coming up soon! All rising 6th - 12th graders are invited to join in the fun from June 15-19. We will meet each morning at 9 am at St. George's before going offsite for various service projects. Scan the QR Code to register.



Vacation Bible School Music Camp - July 20-24, 2026

VBS and Music Camp will be back again this summer! Join us 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.



St. George's Prayer List

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

Regarding the Prayer List:

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

Our leadership:

Sarah (newly installed Archbishop of Canterbury), Sean, Mark, Gayle, and Mark; for Joe, Rock and Ethan, our clergy; for those who are priests and pastors in our community; for our staff—Laurel, Jake, Kevin, Danielle, Barbara, Achim, Riley, Amy, Juliann, Stephanie and Lucy; and for our Vestry.

Those needing God's grace:

Rev. Aaron Dobyne, Paul Sungenis, Helen Soheili, Soheili Family, Emily Croner, Chris and Cynthia McRae, Jillian Pabalan, John Danello, Ellen Sharp, Makenna M

Those in convalescence:

Barry Krause, Rev. Carey Connors, Annie Redmond, Maureen Aylward, Ella (daughter of former parishioner Jill Brown)

Those expecting children:

Maren Cadwallender and Em Slezak

Those attending seminary:

Anne-Tillery Melson, John Hager

Those serving our country overseas:

Jeff Bryant, Travis Weber, Avery Endler

Those with ongoing concerns:

Arya Holmes, Dick Roth, Molly Myers, Claire Simpson, Paula Mullins, Logan Vaaler, Russ Carter, Ron Tebbutt, Janis Hales, Scott Fray, Makai Kingston Bernardi Brown, Elizabeth Martel, Frank Rowe, Barbara Atkins

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Holy Comforter, Vienna; Christ Church, Alexandria

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Our Partners: St. George's Episcopal

Preschool; Notre Dame Parish and School (Port-au-Prince, Haiti), Père Geffrard Ricot; The House college chaplaincy and young adult ministry; SAWs Virginia; Rev. Ōshin Jennings, No Barriers Zen Temple; Micah Ecumenical Ministries; Our Little Roses - Honduras

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 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. Dr. Rosemary Beales

Preacher:

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Lector:

Trip Wiggins

Greeter:

Peggy Verdine

Altar Guild:

Barbara Blose

Julie Lang

Jemma Judd

Flower Guild:

Kathy Wirtala

Coffee Hour:

Trip Wiggins

Barbara Blose

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

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