



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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# Holy Eucharist

## Rite I - 8:00 am

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 6, 2026

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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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# Welcome to St. George's!

View Our Complete Weekly  
Worship Schedule on our Website:  
[StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/worship](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/worship)

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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 worshipers for when to stand or sit, and please only do what is comfortable for you. We'd love to get to know you and help get you connected with our parish ministries, formation, and fellowship groups.



Visit [StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/connect](http://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. We welcome the chance to meet you!

**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:

- Offer to college students a welcoming community and space to explore faith through The House FXBG ministry, led by Fr. Ethan, that we share with Trinity Episcopal and Christ Lutheran that has now expanded to include the ecumenical Campus Christian Center.
- Encourage growth in Christian faith and discipleship through our formation and education offerings to adults, youth, and children.

## You can make a financial gift:

- **In-person:** place gift in collection plate in the aisle or when passed by the ushers
- **Online - one-time or recurring:** [StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/giving](http://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](http://www.paypal.com/paypalme/stgeorgesfxbg)
- **Mail:** P.O. Box 7127, Fredericksburg, VA 22404



**Families with children:** Children are welcome in worship! Parents may nurse or feed infants anywhere in the church. Free childcare services are offered during the 10 am service in our nursery (in the office hallway, see an usher/greeter for directions). A "Soft Space" is available at the front of the church for children and families to stretch out, move around or sit more comfortably. See an usher for a Children's Bulletin. We are glad you are here.

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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 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 acknowledgement.

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

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from the red Book of Common Prayer  
(BCP)

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

Celebrant: Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**

**BCP 323**

**Summary of the Law**

**BCP 324**

**Kyrie**

**BCP 324**

**The Word of God**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day*

**BCP 181**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our hearts; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou does not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Exodus 12:1-14** *New Revised Standard Version*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the

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morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 149**

**BCP 807**

### **Romans 13:8-14** *New Revised Standard Version*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 18:15-20** *NRSV*

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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## The Homily

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

## The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

## The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

## Collect for Labor Day

BCP 261

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Confession

BCP 330

*A special "peace" candle is lit and this prayer is offered*

**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.**

## The Peace

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

**People: And with thy spirit.**

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

## Offertory and Announcements

*As we prepare 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. See instructions in the front of this bulletin about ways to make your monetary offering. Thank you for sharing your gifts in commitment to God and to our ministry together!*

## The Great Thanksgiving Prayer I

BCP 333

## Sanctus + Benedictus

BCP 341

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

## The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

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### 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

### The Blessing

#### The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord

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

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## Formation for All Ages at 9 am:

View staff directory on our website:  
[StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/staff](http://StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/staff)  
Or call the church office: 540.373.4133

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One way we explore our spirituality is through learning - be it presentations, reading, or even talking with one another during coffee hour.

### Nursery

Child care is available for little ones ages 0 - 4 years old during the 9 am formation hour and the 10 am worship service. Please see an usher for directions to the nursery.

### Children

- **Grades PreK - 2: 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. Located in the Library behind Sydnor Hall.

### Youth

*An inclusive, welcoming community*

- **Grades 6 - 8: The Dragon's Den** - Join us for some interesting conversation of topics related to our faith, with art as our main reflection tool. Located on the Youth Floor.
- **Grades 9 - 12: Youth Formation** - Youth-led discussions on how Scripture, theology, worship, popular culture, and personal experience all intersect in our high school years. Located in Faulkner Hall.
- **Youth Group:** For grades 6-12, meets twice a month from 12 pm - 1:30 pm at the Campus Christian Center (1213 Dandridge St) Lunch is provided. The next meeting is today, Sept 6.

### Adults:

*Coffee and Fellowship in Sydnor Hall*

- **Adult Forum: Life in Christ Series**  
In conjunction with our preaching series, we will be exploring what it means to live as disciples of Jesus. The series will go from August 23 through October 4 and will be led by our Rector, Joe Hensley. Each session will include opportunities for small and large group conversation about joys and challenges of life in Christ as well as a presentation on the theme of each week and reflection on relevant Scriptures. Today's Theme: "Loving God and our Neighbors."

### Questions about formation offerings?

General inquiries:  
Church Office - 540.373.4133  
[office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

Children: PreK - 5th grade  
Stephanie Dolezal  
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Adults  
Rev. Joe Hensley  
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## Announcements

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

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### Life in Christ Preaching Series Continues

As we return to the program year, it is a good time to return to a basic question: "What does it mean to live as a disciple of Jesus?" Each week in our morning services, we will examine some qualities of "life in Christ" based on the appointed scriptures in the Lectionary.

- Aug 23: Seeking Freedom Together
- Aug 30: Listening to God's call.
- Sept 6: Loving God and our Neighbors.
- Sept 13: Forgiving abundantly.
- Sept 20: Practicing Generosity.
- Sept 27: Changing our Minds and Hearts.
- Oct 4: Living our Best Life.

The adult forum at 9 am will offer a deeper dive into these themes as well.

### Newcomers Lunch – September 13

The Vestry of St. George's is happy to host a Newcomer's Luncheon in Sydnor Hall on September 13, at 11:45 am following the 10 am service. We welcome anyone new or returning to St. George's within the past year to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship. Staff and vestry will be there to introduce themselves and their roles. We will also have time to answer any questions you may have about our parish. We are excited to share this time with newcomers and look forward to building connections! Please RSVP to [vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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### Today's Altar Arrangement:

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of R. Cameron Thompson & Bev Thompson by Bob and Pam Thompson, arranged by Flower Guild members Jane Hunsucker and Ann Tebbutt.

### Youth Group Meeting – Today

Our joint youth group will be meeting today from 12 – 1:30 pm at the Campus Christian Center (1213 Dandridge Street). Lunch is provided. All youth in grades 6 -12 are invited to attend. Reminder that we will be joined by youth from Christ Lutheran and Trinity Episcopal.

### Children's Choir and Chimes

We are excited to usher in our 2026-2027 choir season at St. George's! Our first rehearsal will be on Sept. 13 at 3 pm in the choir room. Children's choir and chimes will rehearse from 3 - 4:30 pm on Sunday afternoons. Email Juliann Jones ([juliann.jones@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:juliann.jones@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)) to sign up.

### Office Notes

Our office is closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. If you have a pastoral emergency and need to speak with clergy, please call or text: 540.361.8573.

### Concert Series – September 20

Join us for a free concert on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 3:00 pm, featuring acclaimed jazz musicians Peter and Will Anderson performing on clarinet and saxophone, and guitarist Adam Moezinia. The concert is free with donations accepted at the door.

### Sign up for Coffee Hour

We are in need of coffee hour hosts! Please see the sign up form posted in Sydnor Hall and consider hosting a Sunday!

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# 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](mailto:StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/signup)

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## 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](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net). Names remain on the list for 1 month. All new additions listed in italics.

## Our leadership:

Sarah, Sean, Mark, Gayle, and Mark (Bishops); for Joe, Paige, Frank 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, Emma, Meredith, Sojo, Juliann, Stephanie, Lucy, Nana and Tricia; 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, Lisa Bogardus, Hurley Bogardus, Jennifer Haines, Fisher Family, Kathy Dozois (mother of Christine McElhinney), Gabi Kelly, Linda Dolph, Shane Kanatous, Julie Bergeria, Peggy McGirr, Bridgitte Castillo and family, Deborah and Chris, Miriam DeArce (mother of Tom Kanatous), *Eleonore Spears, Haven Hair*

## Those in convalescence:

Barry Krause, Rev. Carey Connors, Annie Redmond, Ella (daughter of former parishioner Jill Brown), Bob Sarkisian, Ann Tebbutt, *Julia Delancy*

## Those expecting children:

Bernadette Aylward

## Those recently born:

*August Wayne Cadwallender (grand-child of Nick and Jeanette Cadwallender)*

## Those who have died:

Foncee Maym Coker (sister of John Coker), Ralph Tuffy Hicks, *Joyce Sneed (mother of Joyce Steele), Lola Delbridge (mother of Catherine Hicks)*

## 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, Barbara Atkins

## In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

## In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church in the Province of the West Indies

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

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# Vestry

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

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To reach the Vestry, please email: [vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:vestry@stgeorgesepiscopal.net). To reach an individual vestry member, please contact the church office at [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto: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*

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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.  
The Rev. K. Paige Trivett, Deacon

## Preacher:

The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

## Lector:

Jessica Atkinson

## Greeter:

Linda Baribeau

## Altar Guild:

Lee Anne Hecker  
Ann Tebbutt  
Kathy Lober  
Sharon Null

## Flower Guild:

Jane Hunsucker  
Ann Tebbutt

## Coffee Hour:

Trip Wiggins  
Barbara Blose

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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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