



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Holy Eucharist

Rite I - 8:00 am

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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 worshiping 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 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 or scan 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



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.



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.

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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 182

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Exodus 17:1-7 New Revised Standard Version

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Philippians 2:1-13 *New Revised Standard Version*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21:23-32 *NRSV*

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. K. Paige Trivett
Owen Hensley

The Nicene Creed**BCP 326****The Prayers of the People****BCP 328****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****Lamb of God, 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

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord

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

Formation for All Ages at 9 am:

View staff directory on our website:
StGeorgesEpiscopal.net/staff
Or call the church office: 540.373.4133

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**
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

- **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.

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: "Changing our Minds and Hearts."

Questions about formation offerings?

General inquiries:
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office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net

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Stephanie Dolezal
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Youth and Young Adults:
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Rev. Ethan Lowery
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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

Children and Youth Service Today

Join us today during the 10 am service, for a special children and youth led worship. During the service children and youth will play active roles as greeters, ushers, readers and preachers. Our Children's Choir will also be leading the service in song. All children and youth are welcome to participate.

Hispanic Heritage Month Observance

Hispanic and Latina/o/x Heritage Month is September 15-October 15. As we celebrate the variety of cultural heritages at St. George's, we will include some Spanish language prayers and hymns in our Sunday worship over the next few weeks. On October 4, we will have a potluck coffee hour featuring foods and stories that some of our members will bring from their cultures.

Coffee Hour Sign-Up Sheet in Sydnor Hall

We are in need of coffee hour hosts! Please see the sign up form posted in Sydnor Hall and consider hosting a Sunday! Keep in mind, hosting coffee hour can be as simple as brewing the coffee and setting out the cookies and snacks we have on hand in Sydnor Kitchen.

Baptism Deadline - Today

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, please let us know by today, September 27. We have two upcoming occasions for Holy Baptism: All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1 and the commemoration of the Baptism of Jesus on January 10. Anyone interested in exploring baptism for themselves or for a child should contact the church office (office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net).

Campus Ministry St. Francis Pet Blessing + Open House - October 4

You're invited to attend a St. Francis Pet Blessing + Open House with our UMW campus ministries (The House + The CCC in partnership) on Sunday, October 4th from 2-4 pm. Stop by The House at 820 College Ave and bring a pet, a picture of a pet, or a stuffed animal to be blessed by one of our pastors. You can also come by without a pet, and just hang out! It's a great opportunity to see one of our campus ministry buildings and meet our students and student leaders! There's plenty of parking on College Ave, as well as in the Trinity lot across the street. We will have snacks, drinks, and fellowship for humans! With questions, or if you'd like to bring something to share, please be in touch with Fr. Ethan (missioner@thehousefxbg.org)

Today's Altar Arrangement:

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Frank Fines, and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Withers, Sr. given by Mr. and Mrs. William C. Withers, Jr., arranged by Flower Guild member Gail Braxton.

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, 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, Jason, Patricia Jensen (mother of Julie Lang), Jim Lewis

Those in convalescence:

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

Those recently married:

Alex Girvan and Katie Craig (9/12/2026)

Those recently born:

August Wayne Cadwallender, *Patrick McGirr Dolson (son of Bernadette Aylward)*

Those who have died:

Ralph Tuffy Hicks, Joyce Sneed (mother of Joyce Steele), Lola Delbridge (mother of Catherine Hicks), Earlye Barron, Helene Benson

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 Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, The Rt. Rev. Mark Boulakas and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of Bangladesh

Our Partners: St. George's Episcopal Pre-school; 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. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.
The Rev. K. Paige Trivett

Preacher:

The Rev. K. Paige Trivett
Owen Hensley

Lector:

Michael Alston

Greeter:

Michelle Prout Alston

Altar Guild:

Joanna Catron
Ann Tebbutt
Kathy Lober
Sharon Null

Flower Guild:

Gail Braxton

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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