THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-ARDMORE, PA



The Second Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, January 5, 2025 10:00 am, Rite II

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We ready ourselves to continue the celebration of the birth of God's Son.

Note: † Where this mark is seen, it is traditional to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude From heaven above I come to you Johann Pachelbel

Hymn 93 Angels from the realms of glory Regent Square

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity in unison

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 96

Angels we have heard on high, v. 1

Gloria

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture about our redemption to be accomplished by his Son. We respond with songs of hope and joy and greet one another in the Name of our King.

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:7-14

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it

in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-8 sung by choir

Quam dilecta!

Charles Hubert Hastings

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,

my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *

hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; *

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Reader A reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a

spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 84 Love came down at Christmas Gartan

The Gospel Luke 2:41-52

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rector

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the † life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel.

As we celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus to Israel, let us offer prayers to God who gathers his sons and daughters in a holy family.

For the birth of the timeless Son of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For Daniel, our bishop; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God; and especially for those in our Anglican cycle of prayer: The Church in Wales; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Paul's Chestnut Hill; St. Timothy's, Roxborough; Church of the Advent, Kennett Square; Ascension, Parkesburg; Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli; and in our companion diocese of Guatemala: St. James Episcopal Church at the Cathedral, Guatemala City, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our parish community of St. George's; for Joel, our priest; for the members of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament and the Guild of Saint Sebastian; for all of the children and youth of this parish; and for those in our parish cycle of prayer: Chris and Diane Butto, and Joan Cesare; that God will guide us with his wisdom, protect us with his strength, and provide for us from his bounty, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation: Aurelia Strickland, Liam Freberg, Grady Wickersham, Everett Patterson, Jordan Patterson, Trent Coonradt, Kara Cherwinski, and Xander Fingerut, and their families, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, and with special intention for Melinda, Bernadette Gaudio, Robert Gaudio, Megan Shields, Steve, Kennedy, Anne, David Bullock, Sharlene Levin, J. D. Grimsley, Debra Weiss, Hugh Walsh, Valerie Smith, Marie Weder, Vic Velez, Stephanie, Chris Coleman, the Pili family, Caroline Welty, Sue and Rich Kratzinger, Matthew Hetznecker, the Blatstein family, Gina Barson, Theresa, Jessica Jones, Richard Pound, Joe, Meg, Dan Little, Lyla Rose Dwyer, Pat Carrafa, Carrie, Karen Slossburg, Philippa Painter Pay, Alison, Howard, Jamie, Cynthia Pound, Mark Alston, and Elise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays, especially Drew Poulos, Joey Ricci, Linda Stout, and Tina Scarborough, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their anniversaries, that God may reveal himself to them more and more through each other in the sacrament of holy matrimony, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who † rest in Christ, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. George our patron, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ, as we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin in unison

BCP p. 360

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Please stand following the + absolution.

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

Offertory sentence

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Our risen Lord comes to us in His sacrificial banquet and we receive Him with grateful hearts.

Offertory Anthem

The Holly and the Ivy

Benjamin Britten, arr.

The holly and the ivy are trees that's both well known; of all the trees that grows in woods, the holly bears the crown. The rising of the sun, the running of the deer, the playing of the merry harp, sweet singing in the choir. The holly bears a blossom as white as any flower; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Saviour. The holly bears a colour as green as any tree; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to set poor sinners free. The holly bears a berry as red as any blood, Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good. The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ at Christmas day in the morn. The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all.

Please stand at the presentation of the gifts.

The Doxology Old 100th Pew music

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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 and Benedictus sung in unison

Pew music, S-125

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.

Please kneel as you are able.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** †

The Lord's Prayer in unison

Pew music, S-119

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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthems

Christ our Passover

Hymnal, S-155

Invitation to Communion

All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you desire a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Hymn 89

It came upon a midnight clear

Carol

The Postcommunion Prayer

Please kneel. Celebrant and People together say,

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his 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 Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

We go out into the world having received the Body and Blood of Christ.

As our time of worship has ended, our time of service begins.

Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 109 The first Nowell the angel did say The First Nowell

Postlude How brightly shines the morning star Pachelbel



Each weekday, at least one member of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament will pray with special intention for the Church and for the world, usually in the presence of the Holy Sacrament. The intercessions include those on our parish intercession list. In addition to those named in the Prayers of the People above, the Confraternity will also pray for:

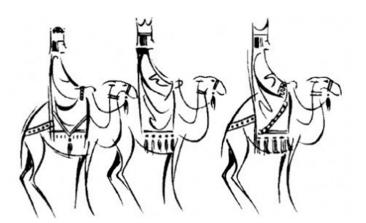
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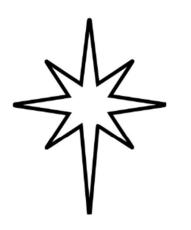
O'Connor, Catherine Hunyadi, Ann Calef, Rita Leedy, Walter Haenn, and Marcia Bloom

THIS WEEK! FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

6 P.M. – 8 P.M.

Twelfth Night Celebration for Epiphany







Long before Santa Claus or Christmas trees, Christians in medieval Europe celebrated the Nativity of Jesus Christ with twelve whole days of feasting and merriment, only concluding their celebrations on Epiphany Eve. This year, St. Georgians are set to celebrate their second annual Twelfth Night celebration with a brief service of Holy Eucharist followed by pizza (BYOB), a dessert potluck, and other celebratory activities still to be announced. Join us! No RSVP necessary.

GODLY PLAY SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our Godly Play Sunday School meets most Sundays at 10 a.m. from September to May. Godly Play is widely recognized as a premier Sunday School curriculum, where children learn about the love of God for them through the stories of the Holy Bible. Ask the Rector or one of the Sunday School teachers for more information ... or, better yet, ask one of the many Sunday School children who have learned so much from the program.

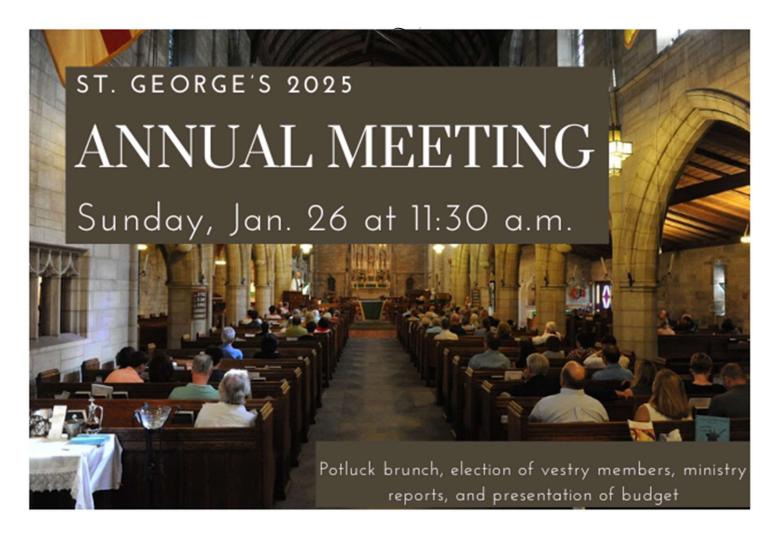
GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE FOR WINTER & SPRING 2025

Jan. 12: Jan. 19: Jan. 26: Feb. 2: Feb. 9: Feb. 16: Feb. 23: Mar. 2: Mar. 2: Mar. 16:	Epiphany/ Holy Baptism Adam & Eve The story of Abraham The story of Sarah Youth Sunday The story of Jacob The story of Joseph The story of Moses The story of Ruth The story of Samuel	Mar. 23: Mar. 30: Apr. 6: Apr. 13: May 4: May 11: May 18: May 25: Jun. 1:	The story of David The story of Daniel Jonah and the whale Jesus in Jerusalem The story of Job The story of St. Mary The story of Esther The Psalms The Mystery of Pentecost Youth Sunday
Mar. 16:	The story of Samuel	Jun. 8:	Youth Sunday



The Guild of Saint Sebastian, a membership guild for parishioners 18 years of age and younger, is intended for children and youth who are involved in athletics, the arts, or other extra-curricular activities. The purpose of the guild is to inspire these younger parishioners to achieve excellence to the glory of God, and for them to benefit from the prayerful support of the congregation by publicizing their accomplishments and including their important events in the Sunday prayers of the people. Members of the guild will receive a certificate of participation and gift at the end of the academic year. Please email me for more information or to apply. – Fr. Joel (rector@stgeorgeschurch.org)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

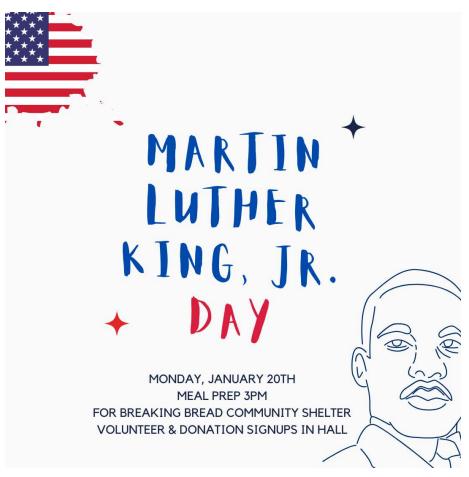




Wednesday Jan. 22, 2pm – 7pm St. George's Episcopal Church -Parish Hall

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Upcoming Outreach Project

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, January 20. The Outreach Committee is organizing a meal prep that afternoon at 3:00. We will be assembling turkey and cheese hoagies for the men and women living at the Breaking Bread Community Shelter in Upper Darby. The meal will be delivered to the shelter that evening. We are looking for donations as well as 5-7 persons willing to help with the assembly. Please see the sign-up poster in the Parish Hall.

Altar Flower & Sanctuary Candle Dedications



Flowers on St. George's Altar (8 a.m. service) are \$100 for two arrangements.



Flowers on the High Altar (10 a.m. service) are \$75 for one arrangement or \$150 for two arrangements.

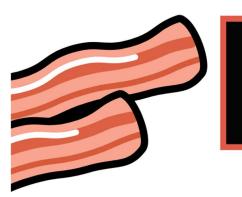
Contact Violette (parishoffice@stgeorgeschurch.org) to schedule a memorial. Sign-ups for recurring floral and candle dedications are welcome. Email a list of dates, desired altar, and dedications to the office. The Sunday closest to your date will be assigned each year. The office will bill you quarterly. Donations are \$7.00 per candle (\$10 if paid via Vanco). Contributions are tax-deductible. These are excellent ways to remember and honor those who have died, while also edifying our worship. Visit our website's Giving_page if you wish to pay online. Dedications for April 2025 to June 2025 are due by May 15.





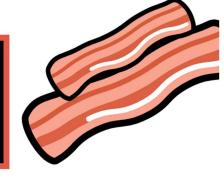


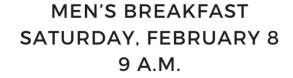
JESUS SAID TO THEM,



"COME AND EAT BREAKFAST."

John 21:12





Join us for an all-you-can-eat breakfast.

Contributions appreciated but not required.

Boys welcome, too.



Community Announcements

Music Notes: Today's anthem portrays different aspects of the Christmas/Easter story in plants of holly and ivy. Each verse features a different combination of paired voices, with the 4-part refrain sung between each verse.

The Ardmore Food Pantry: We are collecting cereal (hot or cold), peanut butter, fruit or applesauce cups, macaroni and cheese. Collection bins are in the Sulgrave entryway.

The St. James School/Welcome Table: For the next few months we will be collecting cleaning products for The St. James School's Welcome Table. Please bring in Clorox wipes, Windex, liquid or powder cleaners, and place them in the large red bucket in the hall outside the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity!

2025 Altar flower memorials. Donations and dedications for altar flowers and sanctuary candles are being taken. Contributions can be paid via check or online and are tax-deductible. These are excellent ways to remember and honor those who have died, or mark a significant occasion, while also edifying our St. George's worship. See the E-Tale for more information or contact the office.

SAVE THE DATES:

January 8, 7 p.m.: Vestry meeting
January 10, 6 p.m.: Epiphany pizza and dessert potluck
January 14, 7 p.m.: Outreach Committee meeting
January 26, 11:30 a.m.: Annual Meeting
January 22, 2 - 7 p.m.: Red Cross Blood Drive
February 1, 8 a.m.: Shortbread Gardeners

February 8, 9 a.m.: Men's Breakfast

Sunday School for children meets most Sunday mornings during the 10 a.m. service. Children leave church following the Collect of the Day and return for Communion.

Nursery: Nursery care is available each Sunday during the 10 a.m. service for our youngest members and visitors. The nursery is located in The Children's Ark and staffed by certified childcare providers. Please ask an ambassador to direct you.



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The Rev. Joel C. Daniels, PhD, Rector

Thanks to those who are helping today:

Acolytes: TBD Welcome Committee: TBD

Lectors: TBD Sunday School & Nursery: TBD

Intercessor: TBD ~:~

Ambassadors: TBD Jeremiah Mustered, Candidate for Holy Orders

Tellers: David Farnsworth and Paul Joslin

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Holy Eucharist, Rite I - 8:00 a.m. ~:~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

OUR MISSION

St. George's mission is to share together God's work in our lives through liturgy and sacrament, through joyous and caring fellowship, and through courageous and compassionate engagement with the world.