

# THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-  
ARDMORE, PA



## **The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Sunday, February 16, 2025

8:00 a.m., Rite I

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Coming together from our week in the world, we ready ourselves to worship God.*

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

*Celebrant* † Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Collect for Purity** *in unison*

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

### **Summary of the Law**

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### **Kyrie**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **Gloria in excelsis** *in unison*

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of † God the Father. Amen.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us

the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching about the revelation of his Son, Jesus.*

### **First Lesson**

Jeremiah 17:5-10

*Reader*            A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse--  
who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 1** *in unison*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*Reader* A reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*         **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rector

## The Nicene Creed

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*All stand and together say*

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.*

With a sure and certain faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers for all our sisters and brothers, in the Church and the world.

For Daniel our bishop; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and for all who minister in Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all the people of God, and especially for those in our Anglican cycle of prayer: The Church of England; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: Diocese of East Carolina; Diocese of East Tennessee; the Resolutions Committee; Trinity, Buckingham; St. John's Church, Compass; and St. Mary's, Philadelphia; 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; 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 those preparing for pilgrimage: Grace Rafferty, James Fingerut, Ryan Block, Morgan Dorey, and Brody Dorey, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, our families, and those we love; and especially for Eric Taylor, Lisa, Grace Powell, Andreas Pas, Fr. Steve Snider, Roberta Clements, the Grimsley family, Melinda, Bernadette Gaudio, Robert Gaudio, Megan Shields, Steve, Kennedy, David Bullock, Sharlene Levin, 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, Theresa, Jessica Jones, Richard Pound, Joe, Meg, Dan Little, Lyla Rose Dwyer, Pat Carrafa, Carrie, Karen Slossburg, Philippa Painter Pay, Howard, Jamie, Cynthia Pound, Mark Alston, and Tina; let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays, especially Summer Rose Drabkowski, John Bullock, Bryn Smythe, Cynthia Pound, and Shirley Jones, 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 † have gone before us under the sign of faith, 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*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin** *in unison*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand following the † absolution.*

### **The Peace**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                **And with thy spirit.**

### **Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors**

*Please be seated.*

### **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.*

*Please stand at the presentation of the gifts.*

*Celebrant*            All things come of thee, O Lord.  
*People*                **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

## Eucharistic Prayer II

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

### **Sanctus and Benedictus** *in unison*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

† Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Please kneel as the Celebrant continues.*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." †

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." †

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body



and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be † filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.** †

### **The Lord's Prayer** *in unison*

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.**

### **Agnus Dei** *in unison*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

### **Prayer of Humble Access** *in unison*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

### **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.*

## The Postcommunion Prayer *in unison*

*Please kneel.*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## † Blessing

### Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



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:

*Elise, Rita Strassburg, Lita Orlay, Neal Kearny, Shirley Jones, Elaine Tambon, Rasmus, Christine Boggi, Stephanie Tanner, Kukki, the Aurora family, Melissa Rhodes, Karen Garcia, Selma Slossburg, Renee Saraiva, Jessie, Leslie Taylor, Mary Liberi, Frank Dennis, the Lewis family, Lee West, Megan Pinkham, Betty O'Connor, Catherine Hunyadi, Ann Calef, Rita Leedy, Walter Haenn, and Marcia Bloom*

Calling St. George's more  
"experienced" parishioners...

ST GEORGE'S  
*Sages Luncheon*

Wednesday, February 26  
12:00 p.m.



Join us for a weekly gathering of knitters at St. George's on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm. If you would like to learn to knit, improve your knitting skills, or work on a project in the company of other knitters, this is the group for you. We encourage any man, woman, boy, or girl (age 10 and up), interested in learning to knit to join us. St. George's is blessed to have our very own expert knitter, Suzanne Clune, who will be available for instruction, guidance, and encouragement. Our first meeting will take place Sunday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Jerusalem Hall. Please bring your own supplies. Any questions, contact Catherine Stuart, [cmgstuart@gmail.com](mailto:cmgstuart@gmail.com).



# LADIES GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

7 PM PARISH HALL

CARD GAMES  
BOARD GAMES

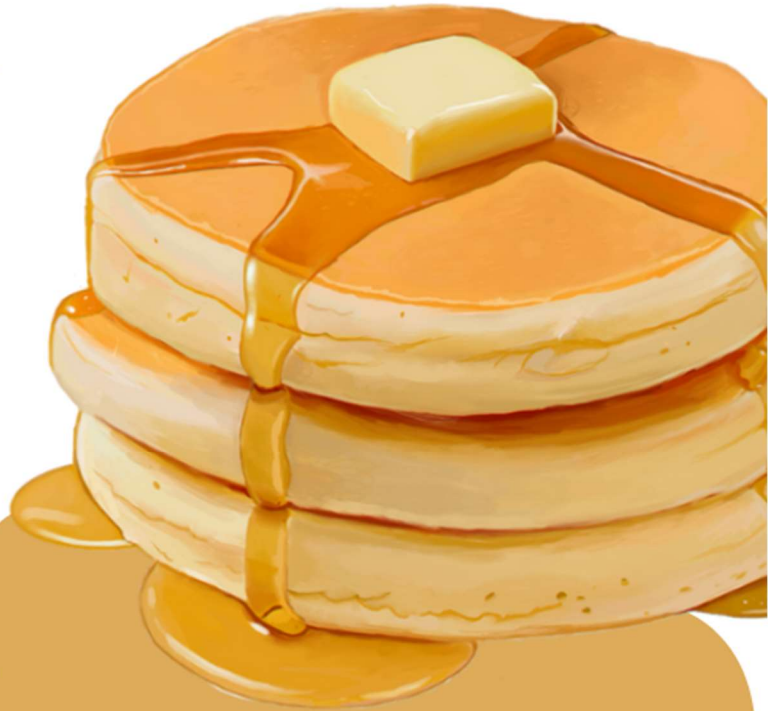
BRING A GAME TO PLAY ALONG WITH DRINKS  
AND SNACKS TO SHARE. IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN OR  
NEED A RIDE EMAIL [EMMBUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:EMMBUB@GMAIL.COM)

HOSTED BY THE ST. GEORGE'S YOUTH

# SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

MARCH 4  
6 PM

DONATIONS BENEFIT THE ST. GEORGE'S YOUTH PILGRIMAGE



*"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent..." Book of Common Prayer, p. 265.*

Ash Wednesday services, marking the beginning of the season of Lent, will be held on Wednesday, March 5 at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.

"Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."

## 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.

### GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE FOR WINTER & SPRING 2025

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



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](mailto:rector@stgeorgeschurch.org))

## Community Announcements

**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:

February 16, 7 p.m.: Knitting Group, Jerusalem Hall

February 21, 7 p.m.: Ladies Game Night (details in E-tale)

February 26, 12 p.m.: Sages Luncheon (RSVP to office by 2/16)

March 1, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.: Shortbread Gardeners

March 4, 5:30 p.m.: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

March 5, 12 p.m. & 7p.m.: Ash Wednesday Services

March 7, 6 p.m.: Floral & Decorating Committee Gathering

March 8, 8 a.m.: Good Works

March 12, 7 p.m.: Vestry Meeting

April 2, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Red Cross Blood Drive

April 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Pony Rides & Petting Zoo



**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.





**THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF SAINT GEORGE**

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The Rev. Joel C. Daniels, PhD, *Rector*

**Thanks to those who are helping today:**

**Lector:** Gretchen Magnani

**Intercessor:** Joan Cesare

**Server:** Suzanne Clune

**Chalice Bearer:** Cheryl Ames

**Ambassador:** Chris Butto

**Altar Set-up:** Joan Cesare

**Altar Guild:** Jim Burns, Janice Capoferri,  
Joan Cesare

**Tellers:** Kirsten Curry, Cathy Hetznecker

**Coffee Hour:** Brigitte Neil

Lou Carol Fix, *Organist/Choirmaster*  
Violette DeSantis, *Parish Administrator*  
Mark Alston, *Sexton*

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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.**