

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026

10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

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

Prelude

Variation on "O sons and daughters"
Lou Carol Fix, organ

Jeanne Demessieux

Hymn 388

O worship the King

Hanover

Celebrant
People

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

Gloria in excelsis *sung in unison*

Pew music, S-280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of † God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in

the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching.

We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world and ourselves, and greeting one another in his Name.

First Lesson

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67 *spoken in unison*

Deus misereatur

May God be merciful to us and bless us, *

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *

for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; *

may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, *

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

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

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

Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

The Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rector

The Nicene Creed *in unison*

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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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

For the church of Jesus Christ in every nation; and especially for those in our Anglican cycle of prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Peter's, Philadelphia; St. Mary's, Ardmore, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Daniel, our bishop; for Joel, our priest; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for the members of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, the Guild of St. Sebastian, and the Daughters of the King; and for all God's people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love, and especially for Andy Ryan, Charlene Echard, Randy Kulp, Isabella Smith, Glenn Boseman, Jude Adams, Bryn Thompson, Gail Barson, Penny Dougherty, Sheila Farnsworth, Rita Strassburg, Samuel Manthorpe, Nicholas, Susan Fischer DiCicco, Bruce Bachart, Tom Dorey, Janet Fischer, Helen Lightcap, Evan, Robert Fabio, Marty Marguilies, Cindy Valintinsen, Brian Paul, Kevin, Steve, John, Tina Roberts Lightcap, Eileen Gallagher Devine, Sue Hammoud, Sam Tucker, Al Venter, Bob Weder, Jackie Young, Sarah, Mark Pelchat, Wyatt and Janet MacGaffey, Roberta Clements, Carmella Lewis, and Richard and Cynthia Pound, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Janet Reddin, Morgan Dorey, Frank Hadden, Janet MacGaffey, and Franklin McGarvey, 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 this week, 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 the peace of Christ, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, 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

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

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 Organ Music Variation on “O sons and daughters” *Demessieux*

Please stand at the presentation of the gifts.

The Doxology *Old 100th* *Pew music*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Pew music, S-129

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*

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
Lamb of God

Pew music, S-154
Pew music, S-158

Invitation to Communion †

<i>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.</i>

Hymn 641

Lord Jesus, think on me

Southwell

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 met the risen Lord to carry on the work of the women at the tomb, telling of His resurrection and the world's salvation.

Blessing †

Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Postlude

Variation on "O sons and daughters"

Demessieux



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: *Eileen Snyder, Stephanie, Mary Rose, Lauren Exley, Daphne Beltramo, Fr. Steve Snider, Andreas Pas, David Bullock, Chris Coleman, Vic Velez, Megan Shields, Marie Weder, Caroline Welty, Philippa Painter Pay, Debra Weiss, Lita Orlay, Rasmus, Christine Boggi, Selma Slossburg, Renee Saraiva, Leslie Taylor, Mary Liberi, the Dennis and Lewis family, Theresa, the Blatstein family, Lee West, Betty O'Connor, Catherine Hunyadi, Walter Haenn, and Marcia Bloom*

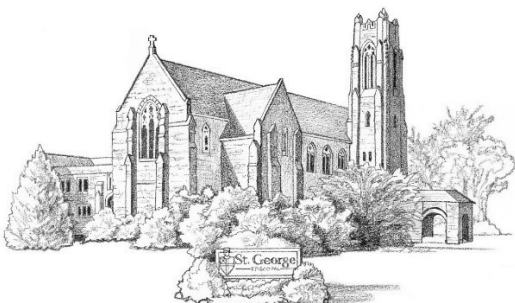


Acts of the Apostles:

Faith, History, Heroism



Sundays at 9 a.m. in Jerusalem Hall



Learn about St. George's 90+ years of history!

Visit us for one of our next series of upcoming tours of the church. Tour dates and times are:

Saturday, September 19 at 2 p.m.

Saturday, October 24 at 10 a.m.

Save the date!

St. George's Day

Sunday, September 13



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**BBQ
LUNCH
FOLLOWS**

Sunday
School and
Nursery care
resume

Music Homecoming and Crusader's Camp Reunion!

St. George's Day Celebrations will be filled with joyous and uplifting music. We will have a reunion of our 2026 Crusader's Music Camp and sing much of the special music we learned during the June Camp. All of the music is devoted to the Holy Eucharist and will include compositions set to the words of St. Thomas Aquinas. The Adult Choir will also offer the moving Bogorodistye Dievo by Rachmaninoff.

Adult Choir Rehearsal Resumes September 10th at 7:30PM

*All Choirs and Crusader Campers rehearse Sunday September 13th at **9:00AM** for the 10:00AM Service
St. Francis Choir resumes rehearsals Sunday September 20th at 11:15AM following the 10:00AM Service*

We have an even more exciting year planned for 2026/2027 consider joining are choir. We always have room for more friends from every generation! Salvation & Strength! ~ Nick Mynyk

Visiting St. George's today? ***Welcome!***

If this is your first time at St. George's, please know that we are so glad you have joined us. We hope your faith has been strengthened by your time here.

Join us for communion

All baptized Christians, of any denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you prefer not to receive, come forward and cross your arms over your chest, and Fr. Joel will offer you a blessing.

Join us for coffee hour

Immediately following the service there is a time of fellowship and refreshment in the parish hall. You can access it through the doors on the right side at the front of the church.

Join us in our parish activities

If you write your email address on one of the information slips located in the pew racks, and hand it to the priest, an ambassador, or drop it in the offering plate, we will add you to our weekly electronic newsletter, the "E-tale." It's the best way to stay up to date on what's happening at St. George's. The E-tale is also posted on our Facebook page.

Join us as a baptized Christian

Holy Baptism transforms a person's relationship to Christ and his Church, forever. If you would like to discuss baptism, for yourself or for a child, please speak to Fr. Joel or reach out to him at rector@stgeorgeschurch.org.

Join us as a St. Georgian

If you'd like to know more about St. George's or the Episcopal Church, or if you feel called to join this parish in its life of worship, fellowship, and service, please speak to Fr. Joel or reach out to him at rector@stgeorgeschurch.org. We would be a better church with you as a parishioner.

MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available each Sunday during the 10 a.m. service, September to June, for our youngest members and visitors. The nursery is located in The Children's Ark and staffed by certified childcare providers.

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. Old Testament and New Testament stories alike come alive as students discuss, question, and wonder aloud at God's ongoing relationship with his creation.

GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE

Godly Play returns September 13.

New schedule coming soon!

ST. FRANCIS CHOIR

Sing with the spirit and with understanding! A youth choir at St. George's for ages 5-17, the St. Francis Youth Choir is an RSCM-affiliated choir using the Voice for Life curriculum and is open to students ages 5-17. The youth also learn instruments, form the Youth Orchestra, and play with the professional Academy of St. George's Chamber Orchestra.

THE GUILD OF SAINT SEBASTIAN

The Guild of Saint Sebastian is intended for children and youth who are involved in athletics, the arts, or other extra-curricular activities. The mission of the guild is to inspire youth to achieve excellence to the glory of God and for them to benefit from the prayerful support of the congregation. Look for the blue Guild of Saint Sebastian prayer cards in Jerusalem Hall and the Parish Hall.

THE CORPS OF ACOLYTES

The primary task of an acolyte is to help the congregation worship through assistance at the altar, in order to ensure an orderly and edifying celebration of the sacraments. This is a profound and holy responsibility and one of the most significant contributions that can be made to the life of the parish. Youth can be admitted to the Corps of Acolytes at any time, with levels of responsibility appropriate to age and experience.



SAVE THE DATE & SIGN UP TODAY!

What: Diocesan Youth Wild Adventure

An evening of nature walks, music, food, worship, and fellowship!

Where: Valley Forge National Historical Park at Washington Memorial Chapel,
2000 Valley Forge Park Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

When: August 30 | 4:00–6:30 PM

Youth will enjoy -

Live music

Wilderness walks and the creation of nature mandalas

BBQ dinner

Outdoor worship under the open sky

Here is the [link](#) to sign up!



If you have questions, contact: Meredith Wiggins, Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, mwiggins@philadelphiacathedral.org, 626-487-5929.

ST. GEORGE'S PIZZA IN THE KITCHEN SOCIAL

August 21, 2026; 6 PM



Are you new or returning to St. George's? Or, have you been with us for a while, but looking for a way to connect with other St Georgians in a casual setting. If so, please join us in the dining hall for a casual pizza dinner:

- Children are welcome and encouraged to attend
- Pizza, beverages, and snacks will be provided
- RSVP to Clare or Sam (clare@clareblock.com, sssoldan@gmail.com)

Looking forward to catching up with you!

Best,

Clare Block and Sam Soldan

Community Announcements

Thank you, Lou Carol Fix, for leading worship for us this Sunday.

Outreach: Collection bins for **The Ardmore Food Pantry** are in the Sulgrave entryway and outside the parish office. We are collecting full-size personal items, baking & packaged goods, and any brand of pet food. A list of needs can be found in the E-Tale and by the collection bins.

The St. James School/Welcome Table collection of cleaning products (Clorox wipes, Windex, liquid or powder cleaners) can be placed in the large red bucket outside the parish office. Thank you!

Lankenau Medical Center Food Pantry needs paper grocery bags (plastic and reuseable will also be accepted) please drop off outside of the parish office. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATES:

August 21, 6 p.m.: St. George's Pizza in the Kitchen Social

August 22 and September 5, 8-10 a.m.: Shortbread Gardeners

August 30, 4-6:30 p.m.: Diocesan Youth Wild Adventure (see E-Tale for info)

September 10, 7:30 p.m.: Choir practice resumes

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September 13, 10 a.m.: St. George's Day:

Blessing of the Backpacks, return of Godly Play Sunday School and Nursery,
BBQ lunch and activities (*volunteers needed*)

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September 16, 7 p.m.: Outreach Meeting

September 19, 2 p.m.: Church Tour

September 20, 11:30 a.m.: St. Francis Choir practice resumes

October 3, 8-10 a.m.: Shortbread Gardeners

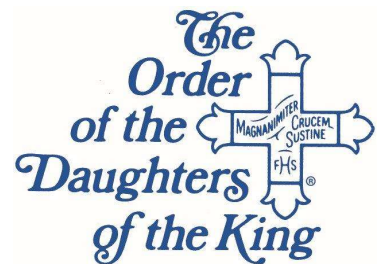
October 3, 9 a.m.: Men's Breakfast

October 10, 8 a.m.: Good Works

October 16, 7 p.m.: St. George's Team Trivia Night

November 11, 12 p.m.: Sages Luncheon

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an international women's order that focuses on prayer, service, and evangelism with the mission toward the extension of Christ's kingdom. Members include women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Roman Catholic churches. **A chapter is forming at St. George's.** For more information about the Order at St. George's, please contact Karen Kennedy-Hall at 352-445-3075 or klkhall13@gmail.com.



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

Lectors: Marlee Bullock, Gary Bullock

Intercessor: Andy Coonradt

Chalice Bearers: Aurelia Strickland,
Roland Noreika

Ambassadors: Paul Joslin, Janet Reddin,
Cathy Hetznecker

Altar Guild: Steve Drabkowski, Roland
Noreika

Tellers: Kirsten Curry, Susan LaBrake

Coffee Hour: Miranda Freberg

Sunday School & Nursery: Returns
September 13

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Nicholas Mynyk, *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.