THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

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ARDMORE, PA



THY KINGDOM COME

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 29, 2026

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 and to prepare ourselves for his final advent.

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 for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant and People together say

The Collect for Purity
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

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

The Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching about his Son's return for the final judgment. We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world and ourselves, and greeting one another in his Name.

First Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your

presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *in unison*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
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 1:3-9

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every

kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.' Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

Sermon The Rector

The Nicene Creed
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.

As we wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us offer our prayers to God the Father.

For the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory, let us pray to the Lord. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place; for those in our Anglican cycle of prayer: The Archbishop of Canterbury; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: Church of St. Asaph, Bala Cynwyd; St. Peter's in the Great Valley, Malvern; and St. George-St. Barnabas, Philadelphia, let us pray to the Lord. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

For our parish community of St. George's, for the members of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, the Guild of St. Sebastian, and the Daughters of the King, 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. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

For the leaders of the nations and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love; and especially for those suffering in the Middle East, for the Neels family, Stanton Slossburg, Lyla Aurora, Jack Reuben, Charlotte Reuben, the DiMaggio family, Sharon Strom, Cyndy Holland, Christopher Drake, Elmerinda Sessa, Kathleen, Eleanor, Cecilia, Allen Puy, Alexis Bullock, Corey, Nathan, Morris Strickland, Angie Vernick, Derek Jones, Maureen Ruiz del Arbol, Andy Ryan, Andreas Pas, Charlene Echard, Randy Kulp, Glenn Boseman, Jude Adams, Bryn Thompson, Penny Dougherty, Sheila Farnsworth, Nicholas, Marty Marguilies, John, Tina Roberts Lightcap, Bob Weder, Wyatt and Janet MacGaffey, Roberta Clements, Carmella Lewis, and Richard and Cynthia Pound, let us pray to the Lord. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Kirsten Curry, Donna DiPaulo, and Tisha Walcoff, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, let us pray to the Lord. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

For those who † have gone before us under the sign of faith, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. George, our patron, and with 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. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant
Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. 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

Offertory sentence

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Until he comes again in glory, our Lord Jesus comes to us in his sacrificial banquet.

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 thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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
Please kneel. The celebrant and people together say,

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.
Congregation **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: *Gail Barson, Rita Strassburg, Samuel Manthorpe, Susan Fischer DiCicco, Bruce Bachart, Helen Lightcap, Evan, Robert Fabio, Cindy Valintinsen, Brian Paul, Kevin, Steve, Eileen Gallagher Devine, Sue Hammoud, Sam*

Tucker, Jackie Young, Eileen Snyder, Stephanie, Mary Rose, Lauren Exley, Daphne Beltramo, David Bullock, Chris Coleman, Vic Velez, Megan Shields, Marie Weder, Philippa Painter Pay, Debra Weiss, Lita Orlay, Rasmus, Christine Boggi, Selma Slossburg, Renee Saraiva, Leslie Taylor, Mary Liberi, the Dennis and Lewis family, "Theresa, Jason, and Jake," the Blatstein family, Lee West, Betty O'Connor, Catherine Hunyadi, Walter Haenn, and Marcia Bloom.

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

If this is your first time at St. George's, we are glad you're here and hope your faith has been strengthened. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**. If you prefer not to receive, come forward with your arms crossed for a blessing. After the service, join us for **coffee hour** in the parish hall through the doors at the front right of the church. To stay connected, leave your email on an information slip to receive our **weekly E-tale newsletter**, also posted on Facebook. If you'd like to learn more about St. George's or feel called to join our parish life, **speak to Fr. Joel** or email rector@stgeorgeschurch.org. We would be a better church with you here.

Remember someone special this Christmas

Look for floral dedication forms and envelopes and Christmas giving envelopes on the tables at the entrances. Dedications can also be made online at www.stgeorgeschurch.org/giving.

Names of those being remembered or celebrated will be listed in the Christmas Eve leaflets.





Community Announcements

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 blankets and comforters (size Twin, Double, and Queen) can be placed outside the parish office. Thank you!

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

SAVE THE DATES:

December 2, 7 p.m.: Vestry meeting
December 5, 8 a.m.: Shortbread Gardeners
December 5, 5 p.m.: Parish Christmas Gathering
December 12, 8 a.m.: Shortbread Gardeners
December 13, 10 a.m.: Holy Communion with Lessons & Carols
December 13, 11:45 a.m.: Sacred Text: The Wisdom of the Bible
December 20, 10 a.m.: Christmas Pageant
December 24, 4:30 and 10 p.m.: Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
December 25, 10 a.m.: The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day
January 8, 6 p.m.: Twelfth Night Celebration (Epiphany Eve)
January 17, 4 p.m.: Chorister Festival Evensong

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Read the E-Tale each Wednesday for up-to-date event announcements!



Please sign up by November 22nd. Baskets to be displayed at the church by the 29th. We will sell tickets after each service that day and then again the evening of our event on December 5th.
Email me with questions: dicicco.nina@gmail.com



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Thanks to those who are helping today:

Lector: Spencer Flohr

Intercessor: Liz Havens

Server: Jim Burns

Chalice Bearer: Cheryl Ames

Ambassador: Frank Hadden

Altar Set-up: Joan Cesare, Frank Hadden

Altar Guild: Jim Burns, Janice Capoferri, Joan Cesare, Frank Hadden

Tellers: Steve Krouse, David Farnsworth

Coffee Hour: Brigitte Neil

Nicholas Mynyk, *Organist/Choirmaster*

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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.