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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY BAPTISM AND  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

AUGUST 20, 2023  
10:00AM

*Welcome to St. George's Episcopal Church* on this special day when we gather to worship God and rejoice at the baptism of these new members into God's household.

"God is love" (1 John 4:16). God loves every man, woman, and child unconditionally and forever. At baptism, God's love for us is not changed — our relationship with him is. Baptism is the way that we are united with the life, death, and Resurrection of Christ "so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Through the power of the Holy Spirit who seals us as his own at baptism, we are adopted by God as his children, we are engrafted into the living spiritual organism that is his Church, and we are empowered to share God's royal status and his ongoing work to redeem the world.

Furthermore, at our baptism, we are not only united with Christ; we are also united with one another through Christ. "We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another" (Romans 12:5). Having been adopted through baptism into a family of God's saints that is bigger than we can ever imagine, we are heirs of an experience of life that Jesus described as the kingdom of God, in which we continually grow in an awareness of the love of God that starts today and lasts forever. Our baptism into the life of Jesus Christ gives us the power to love God and to love one another the way God loves us.

Following the ancient practice of the Apostles and the early church, we baptize infants as well as adults. The gift of salvation and of new life in Christ is a free gift, preceding and making possible our response to it. "We love God because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). In the same way that we were born into earthly life as a gift, so too we are born anew by God into heavenly life as a gift. The spiritual promises that are made on behalf of infants by their parents and godparents at baptism are affirmed when those children mature and are ready to participate in the Rite of Confirmation.

Because of our baptism, even when we feel lonely, we know that we are never alone because we trust in the indwelling presence of God. Because of our baptism, even when we feel sad, we know that we can place our hope in God whom we can trust to bring all things to serve his purpose. Because of our baptism, even when we feel weary, we know that we can trust in the power of God's Spirit who will always restore and renew us and will never leave us. All of these gifts, and so many more, are made possible through the gift that God makes of us himself to us and to all who receive him at baptism.

*The people's responses are in bold.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Andante Cantabile* from *Symphony No. 4*

*Charles-Marie Widor*

## THE WORD OF GOD

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*Please stand, as you are able.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*LOBE DEN HERREN*

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

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p.299*

There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*BCP, p. 232*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
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 READING

*Genesis 45:1-15*

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

The response is sung first by the choir, then by all as indicated.

Oh, how good and plea - sant it  
is, when breth - ren live to - ge - ther in u - ni - ty!

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

**Response**

Please stand, as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN • 533 How wondrous and great thy works

LYONS

*Children ages 6 through 11 process to Johnson Hall for Kids Chapel, returning at the Peace.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> 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." <sup>23</sup> 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." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup> He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Colin Ambrose

## HOLY BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP, p. 301

*Please stand, as you are able, for the procession to the baptistry.*

**Celebrant** The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their parents and godparents, as follows:*

*Parents & Godparents* I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*When all have been presented, the celebrant asks the parents and godparents:*

**Celebrant** Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents & Godparents* I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant** Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents & Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Then the celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents:*

**Question** Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Answer** I renounce them.

**Question** Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer** I renounce them.

**Question** Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer** I renounce them.

**Question** Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Answer** I do.

**Question** Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Answer** I do.

**Question** Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Answer** I do.

*After all have been presented, the celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:*

**Celebrant** Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People** **We will.**

**Celebrant** Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP, p. 304

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Father?

**People** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**Celebrant** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People** **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**  
*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**  
*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**  
*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**  
*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*BCP, p. 305*

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*BCP, p. 306*

*The celebrant blesses the water, first saying:*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*BCP, p. 307*

*Celebrant* I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

*The godparents are presented with a candle and the celebrant says:*

Receive the light of Christ. Bear it faithfully in the world.

*After all have been baptized, the celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## THE CALL

*Alexander Brent Smith*

*Please see Hymn 487 for text.*

## THE PEACE

*BCP, p. 360*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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*Please be seated.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*O sacred feast*

*Healey Willan*

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received,  
The memory of his passion is renewed in us,  
Our souls are filled with grace,  
And the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us.  
Alleluia.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**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.

*Here a Proper Preface is said as appointed.*

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:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*(Hymnal S129) Powell*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high- est.

*Please kneel or remain standing, as you are able.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. George all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

BCP, p. 364

*Christ our Passover*

(Hymnal S154) Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep \_\_\_\_\_ the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*NOTES ON RECEIVING COMMUNION* All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If desired, you may intinct (dip) your wafer at the altar rail or have the LEM intinct it for you. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.

**After receiving communion, those who desire it may visit a Healing Prayer Minister in the front right corner of the Nave for healing prayer — for yourself or others.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

*C. Hubert H. Parry*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard  
Beside the Syrian sea  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm!

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*BCP, p. 365*

Let us pray.

**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 BLESSING

*BCP, p. 366*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in G major, BWV 541*

J.S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

*Clergy* The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, celebrant; the Rev. Colin Ambrose, preacher; and the Rev. Olufunmilayo Odidi

*Verger* Bob Van Cleave

*Acolytes* Josephine Hinds, Ginny McIntyre, and Mac Callen

*Lector* Porter Meadors

*Oblation Bearers* The Playfair Family: Carrie, Edward, Lyon, and Izzie

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Ella Redkevitch, Jason Callen, Dave Harms, and Jeff Sullivan

*Greeters* Mia & John Abernathy and Heather Looney

The flowers in the Nave are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Sienna Emily Hasle and in loving memory of her great grandmothers, Margaret Emily Marshall Shivas and Emily Nancy Cheroski Kean, for whom she is named.

The aumbry candle in the Nave is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bruce I. Crabtree, Jr. by Lucy, Caroline, George, Nanthan, Grace, and David Johnson.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*In your prayers this week, please pray for the following:*

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Church of England.

In the Episcopal Church, we pray for Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry.

In the Diocese of Tennessee, we pray for our Bishop, John Bauerschmidt, and Trinity Episcopal Church in Winchester..

In our community, we pray for Edgehill United Methodist Church.

In our parish, we pray for our outreach partner agencies, those being baptized this morning, and our Organ Intern, Abe.

We pray for those who are ill, especially Dick Baker, Reba Barker, Sandy Berry, Teresa Cartwright, Anna Kate Craig, Lizzie Kappleman, Susan Narramore, Acra Samuels, Trish Thomas, and Trilby Williams.

We pray for those faithfully departed, especially Lillias Viehmann.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Special Offering for Maui Fire Relief** The recent fires in Maui led to devastating loss of life and property all over the island, but especially the town of Lahaina. The Bishop of the Diocese of Hawaii reports that the diocese is coordinating immediate relief efforts through their “care-van ministry,” A Cup of Cold Water. Volunteers in place with this long-established ministry are making daily runs around the island to distribute critical supplies to people in need. St. George’s is taking up a special collection for this ministry as they respond to the immediate and ongoing needs of people affected by the fires. To contribute, please make checks payable to St. George’s with the memo “Maui Fire Relief,” or visit [stgeorgesnashville.org](http://stgeorgesnashville.org) and give through the link on our homepage. Thank you for giving generously.

**Learn about Crisis Response Team** Are you willing to help fellow Nashvillians when a crisis occurs? Join us this morning at 9:00am in Hampton Hall to hear from lay leaders of this growing new ministry. They’ll share about the vision for St. George’s Crisis Response Team and how you can get involved in this rewarding ministry.

**Episcopal School of Nashville** Head of School Dr. James Jordan visits St. George’s this morning to share about Nashville’s independent Episcopal school for students in pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. Come learn about St. George’s relationship with the school and the exciting ways church members can get involved in our partnership. Join us at 9:00am in Johnson Hall.

**Lemonade & Cookies** Thanks to today’s Lemonade & Cookies hosts: Jennifer Hinds, Erin Worman, Janie Allgood, Heather Looney, Katherine Merrill, Alice Essary, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Townsend, Dede Palmer, Wes & Martha Chapman, and Bonnie Todd. Join us for a fun time of churchwide fellowship in the Gathering Space this morning at 11:00am.

**New Check-In Demo on Sunday Mornings** Parents with children visiting the nursery/childcare area are now able to voluntarily use a demo of our new check-in procedure. After a few weeks of testing, the check-in procedure will be required for any child visiting nursery, childcare, or a first-floor Sunday school classroom. Volunteers will be stationed to help you. Thanks for helping us implement this new procedure to continue keeping our children safe at St. George’s. Questions? Please reach out to Stephanie Gillmor, Vestry and Safety Committee member at 615-477-8773 or [sgillmor@me.com](mailto:sgillmor@me.com).

**Fall Worship Schedule** Mark your calendars for the return of the fall worship schedule at St. George’s.

Beginning on Sunday, August 27, worship times will be at 7:30am (Nave), 8:45am (Nave), 9:00am The Table (Legacy Hall), 11:00am (Nave), and 5:00pm (Chapel).

**Junior Leaders for Kids Chapel** Kids Chapel creates space on Sundays for our elementary students to grow in their understanding of our worship services, with age-appropriate music and teachings each week. Students in 5th and 6th grades have the opportunity to serve as leaders for Kids Chapel on Sunday morning. For details, contact Julie Gibbons at [julie.gibbons@stgeorgesnashville.org](mailto:julie.gibbons@stgeorgesnashville.org) or 615-385-2150 x 267.

**Farmers Market** St. George’s Farmers Market brings the community together. Visit the market at the church every Thursday through August 31 from 3:30-6:00pm to shop for a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, and more. In addition to supporting local growers and makers, a portion of the proceeds are donated to organizations responding to food insecurity in our city. Watch your email, and follow [@stgeorgesfarmersmarket](https://www.instagram.com/stgeorgesfarmersmarket) on Facebook and Instagram for weekly updates.

**St. Dunstan’s Choir** Students in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to join St. Dunstan’s Choir, where they will learn the fundamentals of singing and reading music, as well as sing during select Sunday services and special events. Visit [stgeorgesnashville.org/music](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/music) for additional information and to register.

**Mom’s Bible Study** Wednesdays, beginning September 6, at 9:00am in Akers Hall (upstairs). Led by the Rev. Sarah Puryear, this group is a great way to deepen your understanding of God’s Word and get connected with other women in a similar season of life. This fall, we are studying *Women of the Gospels* to see how their example of life and ministry can encourage us today. Our time together will include fellowship, conversation, and prayers. Join us when you can, invite a friend, and don’t be afraid to arrive late or leave early. Childcare is available by advanced reservation. Register online at [stgeorgesnashville.org/adults](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/adults).

**St. George’s 101** Those interested in learning more about belonging at St. George’s are invited to attend this dinner on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00pm in the Bradford Gallery. We’ll share how the church will support you and how you can become a part of our community. Contact Martha Rodes, Director of Lay Ministry Engagement, at 615-385-2150 x 249 to learn more, or visit [stgeorgesnashville.org/welcome](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/welcome) for details and online registration.

**Youth Group Resumes September 6** Youth Group is an opportunity for our students to gather each week for games, fellowship, and grade-specific small groups to learn about Jesus. This semester we will learn about Colossians. Starting September 6, all 7th-12th graders are invited to join us Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm in Akers Hall (upstairs).

**Seniors Helping Others** This group offers volunteer opportunities during the year which serve St. George's ministries and organizations outside the church. New projects are available regularly, and new people are always welcome. Our next gathering is on Thursday, September 7, from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the Church Library, where we will write encouraging notes to St. George's Youth.

**In Excelsis presents Damin Spritzer** We open the *In Excelsis* Concert Series with an organ concert on Friday, September 8, at 7:00pm with the passionate and refined playing of renowned organist Dr. Damin Spritzer, Area Chair and Associate Professor of Organ at the University of Oklahoma. She will remain at St. George's to accompany the Choir and Choristers of St. George's in Choral Evensong on Sunday, September 10, at 5:00pm.

**Volunteer with Church in the Yard** This outdoor meal and worship service at Church of the Holy Trinity downtown is sponsored by St. George's on the second weekend of every month. We need volunteers to prepare food on Saturday, September 9, and others to serve a meal on Sunday, September 10. Learn more and sign up online at [stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach).

**Sunday School Begins September 10** Our Sunday morning formation offerings for all ages are created to be approachable, theologically rich, and formative in you and your family's life with God. New classes start Sunday, September 10, at 10:05am. Newcomers are welcome at any time. Visit [stgeorgesnashville.org/ministries](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/ministries) for more details.

**4-5-6 Club** Special events for our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders to grow in fellowship and share in fun together. Students are invited to join us on Sunday, September 10, from 11:00am to 12:30pm in Akers Hall (upstairs) for a fellowship hang.

**Essentials Small Groups** It's time to sign up for our next Essentials Bible study! These 10-week small group experiences are designed to draw you into one of the essential elements of our Christian faith—moving through the Bible in community with fellow Christians. This fall we will immerse ourselves in the letters of 1st and

2nd Peter, which give us a glimpse into the concerns and hopes of one of Jesus' closest friends. New groups launch the week of September 11. Visit [stgeorgesnashville.org/essentials](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/essentials) for details and to sign up.

**Journey of Hope** Anyone who has experienced a deep loss of any kind is invited to participate in our day or evening series. This 6-week series is led by a licensed professional counselor who specializes in grief and trauma. Under the care of a professional, you will learn about tools to process your grief in a safe and loving Christian environment. There are two class options: Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm starting September 13, or Thursday mornings at 9:00am starting September 14. Please contact Robin Puryear at [robin.puryear@stgeorgesnashville.org](mailto:robin.puryear@stgeorgesnashville.org) or 615-385-2150 x 247 to learn more or to join a class.

**Young Adult Kick-Off** Calling all adults in your 20s or 30s! Join us on Thursday, September 14, at 6:30pm in Hampton Hall for an exciting event to kick off the new semester. We'll reconnect after summer, as well as share some updates and exciting ways to participate in the life of the church this season. Sips and snacks provided.

**3rd Annual Pickin' Party** Save the date on Saturday, September 16 and join us out back under the stars for this fun fellowship event with the whole church. This year, we'll gather for a good ol' fashioned square dance. More details coming soon.

**Men's Fellowship Dinner** All men of the church are invited to this casual dinner with guest speaker, R.A. Dickey, a former MLB pitcher. A native Nashvillian, he graduated from MBA and played baseball for the University of Tennessee. He is heavily involved with Honoring the Father Ministries, a Christian non-profit which provides food, medical supplies, and sports ministries to people throughout Latin America. Please register online for the \$12 dinner by Wednesday, September 13.



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# Fall Worship Schedule

**7:30 AM** Traditional Eucharist (Nave)

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**8:45 AM** Traditional Eucharist (Nave)

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**9:00 AM** The Table (Legacy Hall)

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**10:05 AM** Sunday School

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**11:00 AM** Traditional Eucharist (Nave)

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**5:00 PM** Evening Prayer with Eucharist (Chapel)

Beginning Sunday  
August 27th



**PARENT, YOUTH  
& CHILDREN**

**ORIENTATION**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27  
10:05am in Legacy Hall**

- **Learn about opportunities for Parents and Children & Youth age 0-18**
- **Review 2023-24 Calendar**
- **Meet Volunteers & Staff**
- **Share Coffee & Donuts**

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The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, Rector  
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## SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30am & 10:00am | Holy Eucharist  
10:00am | The Table  
5:00pm | Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist

## WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL)

7:00am Monday - Saturday | Daily Worship  
10:00am Wednesday | Healing Prayer



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