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Malone Gilliam pictured with wife Mary and daughters June, Elizabeth, Grace, and Anne

Dear St. George's Family

From the banks of the Albemarle Sound, across the North Carolina piedmont, traversing the Appalachian Mountains, Mary and I come to you in Music with our warmest greetings! We never suspected when we left Nashville over seven years ago that we might return to a church and congregation that mean so very much to us. We continue to be humbled and grateful for the many notes and messages of welcome from dear friends there!

We departed Nashville with our four daughters in various grades, our eldest a rising senior in high school to our youngest, a fourth grader. We return to you having just celebrated our daughter Grace's wedding in the North Carolina mountains and her upcoming move to Utah. Anne, after a year of college, has pursued a career in modeling, currently in Mexico City for another month. Our third daughter Elizabeth has settled in the Charleston area, spreading her wings and navigating life on her own. June is a rising junior at St. Mary's Episcopal School in Raleigh and will continue her education there.

Life for the Gilliam family looks quite different than it did seven years ago! Mary and I return as "empty nesters" of sorts. I suspect that your lives have also seen much transition and change, particularly through the pandemic and the challenges it brought to all of us. We look forward to catching up with you, learning about the changes you have experienced, and the dreams you have for the future.

Something that has not changed is our love for you. My natural desire to get to the heart of things also has not changed, and as I'm writing this I imagine you may have questions regarding my return and what it will be like. I want to acknowledge this and say these questions are normal and expected. Actually, I have questions like that too. If I can put your minds at ease, please know that Mary and I come to you with open hearts, looking to celebrate the tremendous qualities and traditions of your amazing church. As I mentioned earlier, we have all seen transitions in our lives and none of us are the same people we were seven years ago. Nor should we be. The Holy Spirit working within each one of us towards maturity in Christ Jesus always brings about change.

Mary and I could not be more enthusiastic about this next part of our journey. Joining with you at St. George's to "receive, live, and share the abundant life of Jesus Christ" energizes us for the joyful ministry ahead. We join you to celebrate the incredible gift of life in our Lord Jesus Christ. We hope to encourage you in your faith and trust of God's goodness and grace. We come to share our lives with you.

"So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us" (1 Thessalonians 2:8).

Peace,

J. Malone Gilliam 


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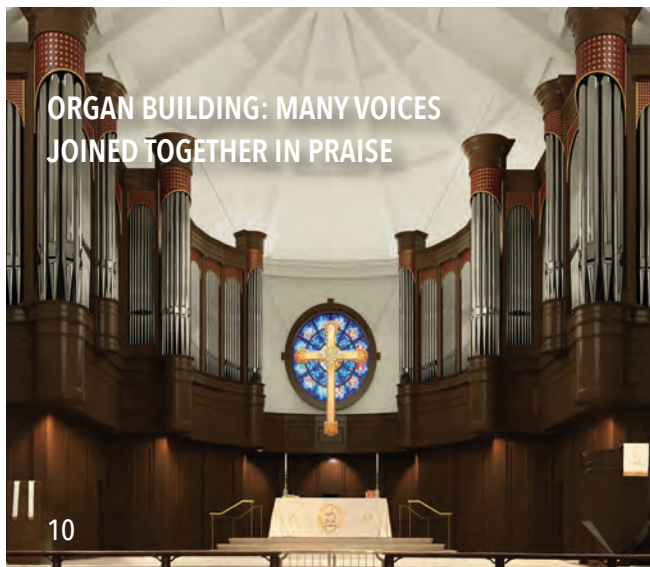
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Receiving gifts of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost at The Table

LAY MINISTRY:

Called to Serve God & Neighbor

by The Rev. Dr. Chris Jones

Every member of the body of Christ has a role to play. By God's design, that role is to engage in ministry.

While it might seem daunting to think about “engaging in ministry,” the plain truth is that God gives each person a particular set of gifts for service in the church. Laypeople and clergy alike respond by using their gifts to meet the needs of God's people and to give God glory. Clergy are responsible for the ministry of Word and sacrament—such as preaching and celebrating the Eucharist. But laypeople make up the majority of the church, and actually do most of the church's work.

What is lay ministry?

Simply put, lay ministry is anything a layperson can do for God and neighbor to build up the body of Christ. This includes caring for babies in the nursery, hosting a refugee family, leading an Essentials group, organizing outreach events, preparing meals for the hungry, serving on the vestry, and so on. All of these acts are ministry because they build up the church.

Which laypeople have a ministry?

All laypeople have a ministry in virtue of the covenant made in holy baptism. In baptism we become members of the church, and pledge to live a distinctly Christian life. Among other things, the baptized promise to serve Christ in all persons, proclaim the gospel in word and deed, and work for justice and peace (*The Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 304-306). This ministry is exercised in service of God and neighbor at home, in the community, and in the workplace.

Why does God call laypeople to ministry?

One way to answer this question is to understand the nature and mission of the church. The church is the body of Christ, the people of God in the world (1 Cor. 12:27). *The Book of Common Prayer* tells us the mission of the church is “to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ” (p. 855). Given this comprehensive mission, each Christian has a distinct and vital ministry. Since laypeople work in every conceivable field—from

accounting to zoo keeping—they can ensure that the good news of God in Christ is made known everywhere.

What does lay ministry look like in practice?

The short answer is that ministry is “different for each person.” God calls administrators, evangelists, pastoral caregivers, prayer ministers, teachers, and so on (see, for example, Eph. 4:11-12). So each person has the gifts needed to impact the life of the church in a unique way. Yet the church achieves its ultimate purpose when its many members use their unique talents to work together for the good of the body of Christ and the world.

What is the best way to for laypeople to get involved in ministry?

It is helpful to pray and talk with others as you begin to discern when, where, and how to best serve God and neighbor. You might volunteer in new ways to see where your gifts and passions align. We also encourage you to use St. George's new online gifts survey called Ministry Match, which offers concrete suggestions on how each person can meet the particular needs of this parish and community.

In conclusion, all people are called to ministry—lay and clergy alike—as ministry is a concrete response to the grace that we have received in Christ Jesus. The mission of the church is to bring all people to union with God, and this requires participation from everyone. Since God has a particular role for each layperson in the church, a key part of the Christian life is learning how one can proclaim the good news in word and deed by loving and serving God and neighbor in concrete ways. These acts of service may change over the years and throughout different seasons of our lives, but God is faithful and provides meaningful work for us to do in every season. We pray that each person in this church community will join us in discerning new ministry opportunities. Together, we will embrace this season as a parish committed to growing the church and showing love to one another through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. ✝

ESSENTIALS:

The Gospel of John gives us a window into the person of Jesus like no other book in the Bible. As the fourth gospel, it is almost as if the book functions as a safety-catch, shouting at the end of the fourfold sequence: "Jesus is Lord!" The message is abundantly clear. While John draws readers into the narrative with subtle language and poetic sensibility, the book is Scripture's doubling down on the full divinity of Jesus Christ. Jesus was before all things, John says, and he is the one "through whom all things were made" (John 1:3). So, if you read Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and recognized that Jesus might be the Messiah, John says in the opening sequence that he is, in fact, the anointed one and more. He is, as Paul will later write, the perfect image of the invisible God, the one in whom the fullness of God dwells (Col. 1:15 and 2:9). For this reason the Gospel of John is an "essential" read and an absolute delight for those who are willing to walk with its words slowly.



A CAPTIVATING LOOK

into the Goodness & Divinity of Jesus

by The Rev. Dr. David Barr

The distinctive qualities of John are not only in the famous prologue (John 1: 1-18). There are several unique stories that are found in John alone; like the reconciliation between Peter and Jesus that takes place over breakfast on a beach; or the wedding at Cana where Jesus turns water into wine. Some of our favorites are in this book. Indeed, some of the miracles are thought to be the primary organizing features of the larger part of the text—seven miracles that extend from John 2 to John 11. Yet another feature of the book is the way Jesus declares who he is in such powerful language, the so called “I am” sayings that carefully detail his identity—“I am” being the formal name of the God of Israel—and the poetic descriptions that declare his character—the bread of life, the light of the world, the good shepherd, and so on. When you read through John, it is impossible not to be drawn to the God-man’s glory and his character.

This fall at St. George’s our hope is that we all might be swept up into the goodness of Jesus Christ. Our Essentials Small Group material will focus on leading parishioners deeper into the Gospel of John and exploring how this profound book introduces us to the character of Jesus in new and fresh ways. The ancient church was absolutely enthralled by the Gospel of John, and for good reason. It unveils who our Lord is in a way that is timeless, startling, and captivating. In this next iteration of the Essentials Small Group series, we invite you to take a closer look at the Gospel of John; study it’s contours and message; and be drawn closer together as you are drawn closer to God. ✝



We are formed as Christians by exploring Scripture together with others. Our Essentials Small Groups continue this fall as we study the Gospel of John. Our hope is that we all might be swept up into the goodness of Jesus Christ as we explore how this profound book introduces us to the character of Jesus in new and fresh ways.

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. New groups launch the week of September 19, and we would love for you to participate.

Are you ready to join a group?

SIGN UP ONLINE:

stgeorgesnashville.org/essentials

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Youth serving at parish Pancake Supper



POURING INTO OUR YOUTH



The church is not simply a building we gather in; it is something we *are*. Collectively, we all make up the Body of Christ. This means that every one of us—from infants to seniors—has a vital and unique role to play in church ministry. As the Director of Youth Ministries, I have the special opportunity to watch our students discern their God-given gifts and talents and walk alongside them as they use their gifts in incredible ways.

We are all called to look and listen as we determine the skills God has given us, and then we must use our gifts to serve God and each other. This two-fold process is an indispensable part of being a Christian. As the apostle Paul reminded a young Timothy, the youth are not exempt from this call: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12).

One of our primary goals in youth ministry is to help our teens set an example for all believers as they live out their callings as ministers of the gospel. We create spaces for students to learn their identity and gifts alongside adult leaders who care for them, and we provide real-world opportunities to use



Summer Outing



Youth served as VBS leaders in July

POURING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY

by Daniel Huff, Director of Youth Ministries

those gifts. Put simply, we pour into our students, so they may in turn pour out to others. We pour life into our students through Bible studies at youth group or Sunday school. And they pour into this community by leading in worship as lectors, acolytes and choristers, by serving the underprivileged through monthly dinners with Room in the Inn, by setting up for events or taking pictures, and by leading younger students in small groups, at 4-5-6 Club events and Kids Chapel.

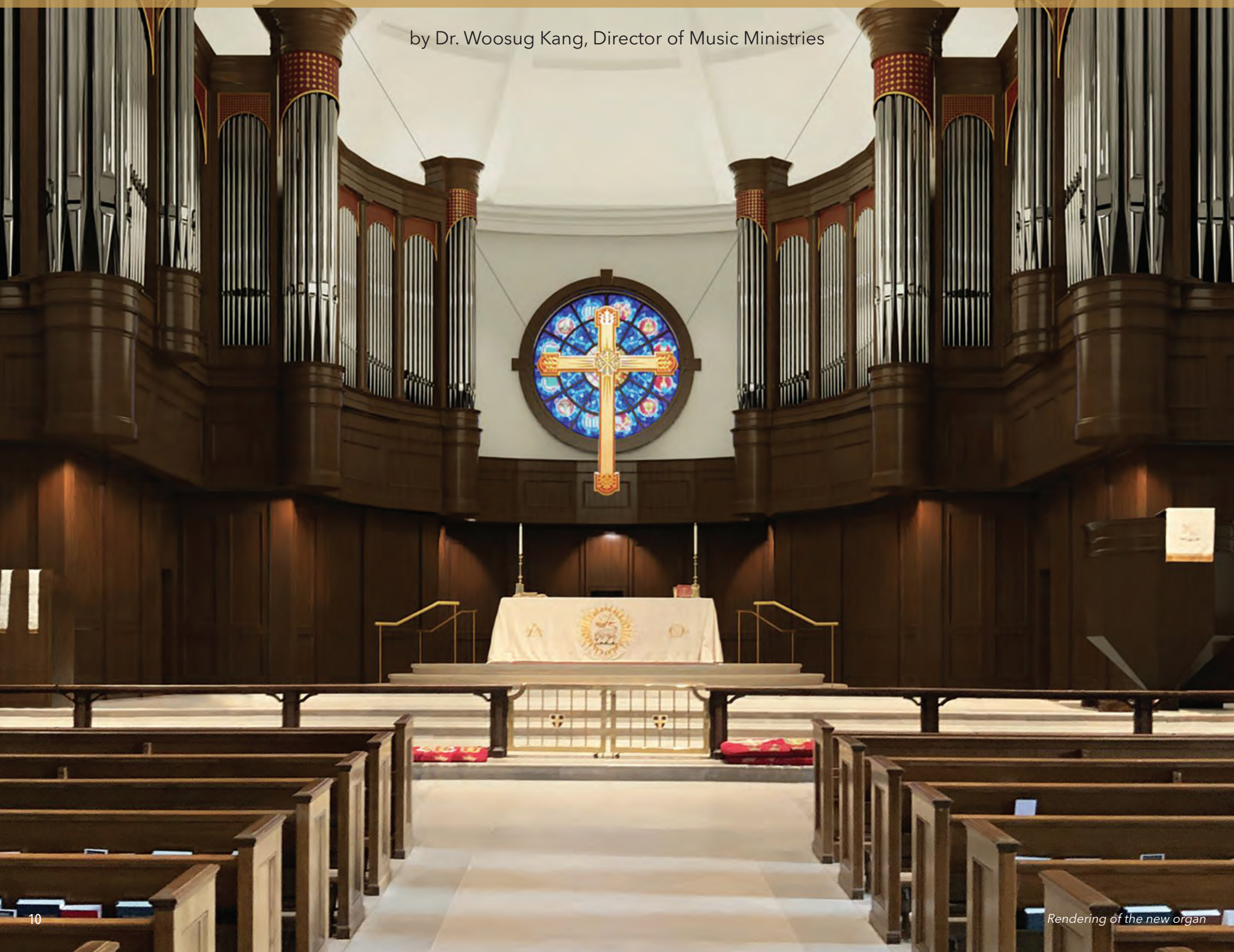
One new and exciting way we are building up ministry opportunities is through our new Student Leadership Team. This group of committed upperclassmen has opportunities to serve our younger students in a variety of ways, while being directly and intentionally disciplined by our staff and volunteers.

With so many ways to serve, our students all have the opportunity to engage in ministry work at St. George's. Our hope is that every teen knows that they have been given a unique purpose in the Kingdom of God, and that they find meaningful ways to use their gifts and passions for God's glory in the world. As we continue to pour into each student at St. George's, we pray you will be encouraged by their example of Christian ministry and service as they pour out their love to others. ✝

Organ Building:

MANY VOICES JOINED TOGETHER IN PRAISE

by Dr. Woosug Kang, Director of Music Ministries





A pipe organ breathes. As air moves throughout the instrument and passes through its many pipes, it provokes the image of the Holy Spirit moving as a breath. With this breath moving and shaping the notes, the pipe organ reveals itself to be more human-like and more church-like than any other instrument.

St. George's new pipe organ, Buzard Opus 48, is built into the overall architectural design of the Nave and will visually guide our eyes to the central architectural elements of our worship space: the altar, the cross, and the beautiful rose window. The organ will "embrace" the chancel as a part of this living, breathing church. Built with more than 3,000 pipes that are diverse in color, shape, size, and sound, the organ is a symbol of the abundant diversity of the people in this congregation and in the worldwide church. When working together in harmony, the pipes create a majestic and beautiful sound, reflecting the unity of God's holy church.

Every element of a pipe organ plays a significant and unique role, just as each person has a unique ministry in the body of Christ. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul writes, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many."

After being assembled this summer, the pipes will be lovingly voiced for months before the organ can be played for worship. This process requires a great deal of patience as each pipe is tenderly cut, manipulated, and adjusted to make its ideal sound—each individually beautiful and fitting perfectly into the greater whole. Fred Bahr, Tonal Director of Buzard Pipe Organ Builders, has shared a beautiful reflection of this work:

"Voicing is but the habit of disciplined listening. One who listens with the heart makes lovelier what is perceived by the ear. It has been my great privilege on many occasions to quietly observe the result of doing my work with this attitude of prayer. People who have never cared at all for organ music, or have no understanding of it whatsoever, will hear the sounds I have voiced and be inexplicably moved, even if only briefly, at the very core of their being. I believe in that brief moment; they might encounter the Eternal One and know how they are loved by their Creator."

We invite you to adopt a joyous attitude of prayer and thanksgiving with us during this long process of the installation and voicing of the organ. When we are finally able to raise our collective voices supported by the new organ, let it be a reminder for us of the unity we have in Christ—"one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:5-6). Together, we will celebrate the wonder of God's creation and the amazing gift we have of worshiping through music. ✝



ST. GEORGE'S MINISTRY MATCH

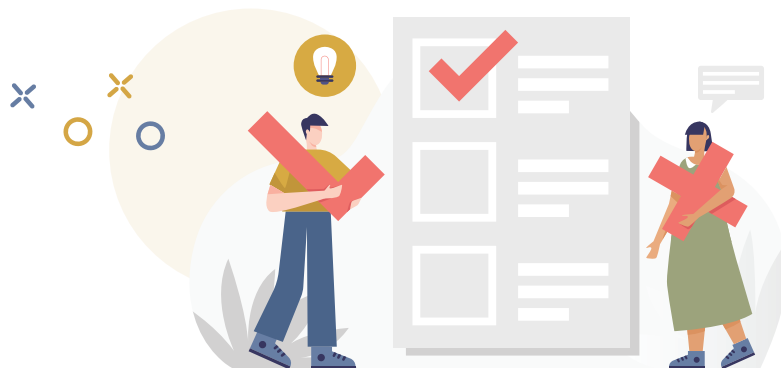


God invites us to share in ministry with Him. What an honor! At St. George's, we want to help you discover how best to use the gifts and talents God has given you.

This 3-minute survey is designed to help you identify new ways to serve in and throughout the church. Take the survey now to get started.

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1. TAKE THE SURVEY



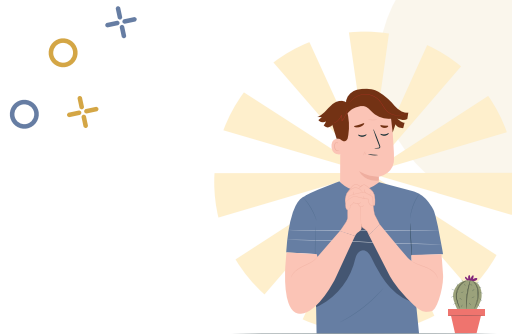
2. RECEIVE RESULTS



ITEMS TO NOTE

- When you take the survey, you are not making a commitment!
- The survey will suggest 10 ways you might get involved, but this is not an exhaustive list. We hope 2 or 3 of your results are particularly exciting to you. We also encourage you to browse the full list of volunteer opportunities at stgeorgesnashville.org/ministrymatch.
- After taking the survey, click the "Learn More" button on your results page or confirmation email. Each volunteer opportunity lists details about the volunteer job, a suggestion of the time commitment, and the ministry leader's contact information.

3. PRAY ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO USE YOUR GIFTS



4. CONTACT A LEADER AND START SERVING OTHERS



NEXT STEPS

You've taken the survey—what's next?

1. CONTACT A LEADER TO LEARN MORE

If your survey results included some exciting opportunities, contact the person listed on the volunteer sheet for a no-strings-attached conversation to learn more.

2. BROWSE OUR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are dozens of ways to volunteer at St. George's—some small, short-term commitments, and some larger, ongoing commitments. We encourage you to dive into the ministry areas on our website to find opportunities that excite you about serving in your church community: stgeorgesnashville.org/ministrymatch.

3. TALK WITH A STAFF MEMBER

If you're not sure where to start or if you have general questions, Martha Rodes, our Director of Lay Ministry Engagement, would love to help. Contact her at 615-385-2150 x 249 or martha.odes@stgeorgesnashville.org.

4. START SERVING

Begin serving in your new ministry and stay in touch about what God is doing in your midst.



Youth Confirmation in May 2022

Praise God

from whom all blessings flow

by Catherine Beemer, Director of Parish Giving

Over the past couple of years, we have been blessed—if not pleasantly surprised—by the growth and vibrancy of a parish that did more than survive during the pandemic. St. George's is thriving. We have welcomed more newcomers than ever before. Our average Sunday attendance is back to pre-pandemic levels. And outreach to our community has expanded to include multiple mission days and sharing our new spaces for the benefit of our neighbors.

All of this would not be possible without the commitment and generosity of our members. We are reminded every Sunday that all our worldly gifts and talents come from God: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."

There is currently a small but mighty group of parishioners who are members of our Cornerstone Society. You may have heard about it or may have seen the plaque near the Gathering Space identifying those members.

More than 70 years ago, when a group of faithful Episcopalians agreed to start a new church at the corner of Belle Meade Boulevard, they probably couldn't imagine how quickly they would outgrow the original church. Can you imagine us now fitting into Hampton Hall, the original Nave, to worship on a Sunday morning?

These were the trailblazers of St. George's: those with vision and courage to build a place of Christian community. Today, members of the Cornerstone Society are continuing that legacy. Members of the Cornerstone Society are those who have made provisions for St. George's in their long-term financial planning—planned gifts that will benefit the parish for generations to come.

Susan and Frank Hammer are among those who have made a lasting gift to St. George's. "In the process of updating our wills, we both agreed a bequest to St. George's would be wonderful, especially knowing it would go to [the St. George's] endowment," said Susan and Frank. "We greatly appreciate those St. George's members in the early 1950s who had the vision, wisdom, and determination to form a new congregation and construct a new parish. How far we have come in those 70+ years, and what an incredible legacy they have left all of us. While our legacy won't be a new congregation and parish, we will be contributors to the endowment fund, which contributes [to our parish] in perpetuity."

Mary and Doug McLaughlin likewise have made a planned gift to St. George's to help ensure that our community of faith remains strong. "We have been members of St. George's for 52 years," said Mary and Doug. "During this time St. George's has been the cornerstone and the centering place for our faith. We wanted our gift to help ensure that St. George's remains financially strong and a vibrant place for people to worship and to find strength in the Lord."

"Looking around St. George's on a Sunday morning or any given weekday, there is an abundance of activity. There is a strong sense of belonging and a desire to share the love of Christ with our community. The time is now to be thinking about what our parish will look like in 20 or 50 years. To maintain this community, and to serve our community, it will take the commitment of a large and mighty group."



Steeple construction in 1985



Cornerstone laying in 1948

"While people may think their [planned] gift by itself won't really make a difference, they need to understand that their gift, no matter the size, when combined with other gifts can, and does, make a difference," said Doug McLaughlin.

There are many ways to make a planned gift to St. George's. The most important place to begin is with a conversation with your loved ones about your wishes. Make those wishes clear in your will or estate plan.

"As a young single person living in my first house in east Nashville, I didn't have a lot of assets to share with the church," said one parishioner. "But what I did have was an IRA that needed a beneficiary. That turned out to be a great way to direct resources to the church. And that's when I proudly became a member of the Cornerstone Society."

Become a part of the movement to ensure that St. George's remains relevant and vibrant for the next generation of worshipers. Become a member of the Cornerstone Society today so that our children's children continue to receive, live and share the abundant life of Jesus Christ.

For more information about the Cornerstone Society or anything related to giving to St. George's, please contact Catherine Beemer, Director of Parish Giving, at 615-385-2150 or catherine.beemer@stgeorgesnashille.org. †



A PILLAR FOR ST. GEORGE'S FUTURE

by Frank Downey, Endowment Board Chair

The St. George's Episcopal Endowment Fund was created by forward-thinking members of the church in the 1990s. At the time, the main purpose of the fund was to be the long-term financial pillar for the future of St. George's. Today, the Endowment Fund serves the church in four broad categories:

1. EMERGENCY FUNDING

The Endowment Fund acts as an emergency account to back-stop the finances of the church in times of crisis. When the flood of 2010 inflicted devastating damage on the church facility, this fund was able to keep the church financially stable until the Living Waters Campaign was formed to provide the funds for rebuilding. Thankfully, St. George's has remained financially healthy during the pandemic, but the Endowment was available to use if there had been a need for emergency funding.

2. BUILDING ST. GEORGE'S FUTURE

The Endowment was one of the lead gifts in the Living Our Legacy Campaign committing \$1,000,000 for the renovation of the Nave, Kindergarten, and the building of Legacy Hall.

3. INVESTING IN MINISTRY

The Endowment Fund assists St. George's clergy in their moves to Nashville by serving as sole or second mortgage lender. This has been instrumental in helping St. George's compete for high-quality clergy by helping them secure housing in what has been a competitive market.

4. ANNUAL OPERATIONS

Finally, the fund is used for ongoing annual operations of the church. An annual gift from the fund approximates 3% of the fund's balance and has risen in recent years due to higher asset values, distributing \$140,000 in 2022. This critical income stream helps prevent a cash flow shortage during months when giving is low and allows St. George's to faithfully continue important ministry work, fulfilling our mission to receive, live, and share the abundant life of Jesus Christ.

a conversation with

Finding the place where our passions intersect with the needs of our church and community is key to making a meaningful difference in the lives of those around us. There are so many St. Georgians already deeply engaged in ministry work—we're excited to share a few of those stories with you here. In reading these testimonials, you'll find a deep love for volunteering in particular ministries throughout the church. But you'll also find community, brotherly love, gratitude, and the longing to help others thrive. If you feel a yearning to become more involved in St. George's this season, we hope these testimonials will be an encouragement to you.



BOB & TIBBY CHRISTENBERRY, ST. GEORGE'S CHOIR

Q. We have so many demands on our time and attention—why do you choose to make St. George's Choir a priority in your lives?

A. We receive far more than we give, frankly. Bob and I would be in church on Sunday anyway, so it is just the rehearsal that takes time. And the flip side of that is that in the choir, we have a community of caring that goes beyond the music itself (as wonderful as that is). Our rehearsals begin with prayer, and in our striving for musical excellence we are continually reminded that we are presenting this music to the glory of God, and to aid others to worship him. Woosug is very deliberate in choosing our anthems so that they fit with the scriptures in any given service; and he takes care to be sure we understand the theological meaning behind them. It is a joy and an honor to participate in leading worship through song.

ROBERT STEWART, ROGUES

Q. Why is it meaningful for you to participate in the ROGUES and SGEM?

A. My wife and I came to St. George's in 2020 from another parish where we had been actively involved for over 25 years. In the early pandemic environment, we were searching for a more robust approach to programming, and we were immediately attracted to St. George's. There were many factors including a most welcoming clergy, staff and church members, vibrant programming options—particularly St. George's Enterprise Ministry (SGEM) and the Retired Old Guys Unpaid Executive Services (ROGUES). I am excited to have become involved with both programs and seeing how they can work together to provide mentorship and business development resources to various social enterprises and organizations within our community.

Using my diverse entrepreneurial and business background to help and connect others brings me great joy. Although I sold my commercial cleaning business almost five years ago, I don't really identify as being "retired" except as a St. George's ROGUE (Retired Old Guy and Unpaid Executive). I am grateful for the opportunity to give back through the mentorship and service opportunities created with SGEM and ROGUES.



Pictured L-R: Frank Hammer, Richard Kew, Robert Stewart, and Ben Davidson

LAY LEADERS AT ST. GEORGE'S



Working at a damaged home in Waverly, TN in March

CHERYL BEASLEY, CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

Q. How and why did you choose to become more deeply involved in the Crisis Response Team?

A. In March, I joined the Crisis Response Team that went to help Waverley's flood victims—with little knowledge of the needs of the people who had been affected by the devastating flood. There was so much to be done, and though we gave our all that day; there was still so much more to be done!

It was hard work, and not very glamorous. But it was so rewarding, and we could see how important our work was to those victims, just by being there to give them hope and comfort in their loss.

I knew at the end of that day we could do more, and that I wanted to be a part of this ministry of Crisis Response with my fellow Christians at St. George's.

MARTIN LAMMERS, ESSENTIALS SMALL GROUPS LEADER

Q. What does it mean to you to contribute to the church life by serving as a leader for the Young Adults Essentials Group?

A. Being part of the Young Adults Essentials Group reminds me that church life isn't connected to a single morning. The community we are called to cultivate is one that is not confined to a time of day or season. As a young adult, I want to see myself reflected in the church. If facilitating an Essentials group means our demographic is more visible and thriving, then that's wholly worthy of the effort.



Young Adults Essentials Group at Nashville Soccer Club

NEWS & NOTES



from St. George's

① Art Show

Our spring exhibit, "It Was Evening, It Was Morning..." was a collaborative photography show featuring the work of Beth Trabue Gorham, Bill Franson, Price Harrison, and James DeMain, and it was designed specifically to draw the broader Nashville community to St. George's. The dynamic photography explored three themes derived from the Genesis account of creation: boundary, rhythm and rest.

② Our Little Roses

In June, and for the first time since 2019, St. George's sent a group of adults and youth volunteers to serve and strengthen relationships with the 65 children at Our Little Roses during a week-long mission trip. Our Little Roses (OLR) in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, is a home for girls who have come from overwhelming situations of poverty, abuse, and abandonment. Through nurturing love, Christ-centered community, education, healthcare, and housing, OLR improves the quality of life for these children and gives them opportunities to flourish. St. George's volunteers traditionally travel there twice each year and act as extended family to bring God's love, joy, and hope through group activities, fellowship, worship, and campus improvement projects.

③ Jones Paideia Sports Camp

In May, St. George's welcomed students from Jones Paideia Elementary Magnet School for a one-day sports camp in Legacy Hall. Students spent the day learning and playing through bodybuilding, pickleball, and frisbee with the support of several church volunteers. This was a fun end-of-year celebration and one of the first opportunities we've had to build relationships with students at Jones Paideia in the last few years. We look forward to working with them again this school year.

④ Support for Ukraine Family in Nashville

One of Lipscomb's 2022 graduates is a student from Ukraine whose family has been directly affected by the war. The student's father stayed in Ukraine while her mother and sister relocated to Nashville this spring. St. George's has agreed to provide monetary support for rent and living expenses for the Popova family for at least 6 months. It is the Popova family's ultimate hope to return to Ukraine and rebuild their lives there. Please join us in praying for them during this horrific time and for an end to the war. In addition to our direct support of this family, we are forming a committee to continue to seek meaningful ways to support and encourage those affected by the war. Interested individuals may contact Agatha Nolen, Director of Outreach, to learn more.

⑤ Serving Beyond Our Walls

To highlight our deepening engagement in outreach at St. George's, we spent Sundays in August celebrating the impact of these ministries. Church leaders shared about their ministry work with Room in the Inn, the Nashville Fellows Program, the Crisis Response Team, and St. George's Enterprise Ministry (SGEM). We pray these testimonials will inspire more church members to volunteer with our outreach partners, demonstrating God's love to our neighbors and each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

& UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY PARISH DINNER AND FORMATION

FIRST WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:45pm – Parish-wide dinner & fellowship in Hampton Hall
6:45pm – Optional formation for all ages

Adult Teaching Series: The Surprise of Christianity

September 7: A Theory of Everything
October 5: The Human Person
November 2: Time
December 7: Institutions

We'll gather every month around the table to share a meal and strengthen our bonds as a church family. Dinner will be served starting at 5:45pm. Following a brief prayer at 6:45pm, we'll disperse for optional formation including youth group, children's programming, nursery care, and an engaging adult teaching. Come just for dinner or stay for the whole program – either way we'll enjoy being together. Please make a reservation for the \$5 dinner and optional childcare at stgeorgesnashville.org.



ALL SAINTS CONCERT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, AT 7:00PM

St. George's Choir offers the poignant *a capella* setting of *Requiem* by Herbert Howells to remember and honor those we have lost. This performance features scripture readings and other choral works, including *They are at rest* by Edward Elgar and *Faire is the heaven* by William Harris.



MISSION DAYS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 & DECEMBER 10

St. George's sends volunteer teams to share in the work of ministry by serving our fellow Nashvillians in a half-day event. Teams learn about the needs in our community and engage in meaningful work together for the betterment of others. There are opportunities for individuals of all ages, and we encourage families to serve together!

Learn more & register at stgeorgesnashville.org/missionday.

ADVENT WREATH PARTY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, AT 5:00PM

Join us for a festive start to Advent! We will have all the trimmings for you to make your very own Advent wreath, followed by a fellowship dinner and a short family talk.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person to help cover the cost of dinner and your wreath. Please RSVP by Sunday, November 20 at stgeorgesnashville.org/adventparty.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH



PICKIN' PARTY

SEPTEMBER 10

5:30 - 8:30PM

LIVE MUSIC • FARMER JASON • FOOD TRUCKS

JOIN US OUT BACK UNDER THE STARS

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GIVE TO ST. GEORGE'S TODAY



REALM

Under the Giving tab you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations on any day of the month you choose. Realm walks you through each step and saves your information securely for future reference.



MOBILE

Text "George" to 73256 from your mobile phone or device. A link will be texted back to you to make your gift with a credit or debit card through a secure site.



ONLINE

Visit stgeorgesnashville.org/give and follow the "Give Here" link to be directed to an online giving form where you can make a donation.



BY MAIL

Checks can be mailed to:
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike
Nashville, TN 37205.

Please make checks payable to:
St. George's Episcopal Church



STOCK

Donate full shares of stock or mutual funds to fulfill your pledge or as a one-time gift.

For more information, contact Laura Zabaski
laura.zabaski@stgeorgesnashville.org

ST GEORGE'S FINANCIALS



TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR TO DATE THROUGH JUNE 2022

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PRIOR YEAR	VARIANCE
REVENUE					
Pledges	\$1,631,354	\$1,762,970	(\$131,616)	\$1,581,464	\$49,890
Unpledged Gifts	277,934	236,054	41,880	324,855	(46,921)
Other Income	159,299	160,500	(1,201)	224,545	(65,246)
TOTAL REVENUE	2,068,587	2,159,524	(90,937)	2,130,864	(62,277)
EXPENSES	2,138,883	2,240,915	(102,032)	1,971,456	167,427
NET CASH FLOW	(\$70,296)	(\$81,391)	\$11,095	\$159,408	(\$229,704)

INREACH

DO YOU NEED SHORT TERM HELP?

Call an Inreach Shepherd.

Our volunteers assist members of our church family with rides, tasks, running errands, or a few meals. Inreach "reaches in" to help smooth out temporary rough spots. It would be our joy to serve you. To request help, call the Inreach Shepherd of the month listed below. If you have other questions, please contact Jeanne Gore, Inreach Chairman, at 615-604-9856 (c), 615-371-9078 (h), or jengalan@comcast.net.

Upcoming SHEPHERDS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER

Melissa Parker 281-768-1492
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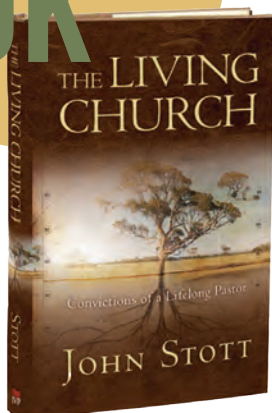
OCTOBER

Kim DeMoss 615-516-0056
neverlouise@gmail.com

NOVEMBER

Alice Essary 615-957-7156
amessary2@gmail.com

BOOK NOOK



TRANSITIONS FALL 2022

BAPTISMS

Russell Franklin Bailey,
son of Craig & Ruth Bailey

Hunter Rose Betts,
daughter of Spencer &
Francesca Betts

William Wilder Betts,
son of Spencer & Francesca Betts

Henry Russell Bonnell,
son of Christian & Taylor Bonnell

Henry Mandell Cypress,
son of Zac & Erin Cypress

James Emerson Daniels,
son of Dennis & Amy Daniels

Noah Neel Daugherty,
son of John & Sarah Daugherty

William Shannon Decker V,
son of Will & Emma Decker

Reed Rhymes Ellis,
daughter of Reed & Marita Ellis

Stewart James Hawley,
son of Hunter & Heather Hawley

Lachlan Caldwell Hazlehurst,
son of Mikell & Lindsay Hazlehurst

Gwendolyn James Jacobs,
daughter of Alex & Adrienne Jacobs

Katherine Scarlett Jacques,
daughter of Matthew &
Anna Jacques

Henry Wilhelm Kestermann,
son of Andy & Kathleen Kestermann

Thomas Watkins Land,
son of Wilson & Brooke Land

George Tate McNeilly,
son of Tate & Carolyn McNeilly

Hannah Elizabeth Roth,
daughter of Steve & Christine Roth

Emma Callaway Shell,
daughter of William & Callie Shell

Jacolyn Miller Shirk,
daughter of Owen &
Mary Rachel Shirk

Elizabeth Minor Shirk,
daughter of Owen &
Mary Rachel Shirk

Ann Clayton Sutherland,
daughter of Phillip & Keely
Sutherland

George Butler Weldon,
son of Conor & Caroline Weldon

Atticus Perl Williams,
son of Shawn & Annie Williams

DEATHS

Eleanor Louise Miller Akers

McAlister Webb Anderson

Charles Harold Brown

Lenore Fontaine Taylor Brown

Sam C. Cowan

Wallace H. Hall, Jr.

Marjorie Helen Maxwell

John Cheadle Mitchell

Anne Nichols Caldwell Parsons

Carolyn Oman Smith

BIRTHS

Henry Russell Bonnell,
son of Christian & Kristen Bonnell

Lilliana Yvonne Dailey,
daughter of Jake & Kathryn Dailey

Lucy Jane Dragnich,
daughter of Alex & Andi Dragnich

Avery George Fitzgerald,
daughter of Richard & Virginia
Fitzgerald

Charles Tildon Gregory,
son of Andrew & Vicky Gregory

Remington James Harvey,
daughter of Forrest & Ashley Harvey
Lachlan Caldwell Hazlehurst,
son of Mikell & Lindsay Hazlehurst

Estelle Virginia Kalb,
daughter of Zachary & Whitney Kalb

Gallagher Fairmoore Phillips,
daughter of Buster & Britti Phillips

Hannah Elizabeth Roth,
daughter of Steven & Christine Roth

Elizabeth Minor Shirk,
daughter of Owen &
Mary Rachel Shirk

Ruby Lawrence Waldo,
daughter of Mark & Alex Waldo

Miriam Buchanan Wilson,
daughter of Rob & Frances Wilson

NEW MEMBERS

Brian & Mary Cady Bolin

John & Mackenzie Crabtree

Ashley Cua

Allison Cunningham

Jake Dailey

Josh Doyle

Stella Fernandes

Virginia Fitzgerald

Andrew Fletcher

Lisa Foote

Caroline Ford

Ellen Fuson

Sofia & Callum Goryn

Ashley Harvey

Mark & Vicki Markham

Chris & Kathleen Petro

Bill & Bronte Prins

THE LIVING CHURCH: Convictions of a Lifelong Pastor

By John Stott

This book—one of the last written by influential pastor and Anglican theologian John Stott—is an accessible and enlightening overview of the nature of the church and its ministries. Stott opens by examining God's vision for the church, then continues through major themes of church life including worship, evangelism, lay and ordained ministries, fellowship, preaching and teaching, giving, and service. The

discussion is full of wisdom gained through careful study and caring service over a pastoral ministry of nearly seventy years. Every reader will find compelling, approachable stories full of Christian wisdom that are especially relevant as we engage with our own ministries this season.

-The Rev. Dr. Chris Jones

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:30am Holy Eucharist
8:45am Holy Eucharist * ♦ ♥
9:00am The Table ♦ ♥
10:00am Sunday School ♦
11:00am Holy Eucharist * ♦ ♥
5:00pm Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist

* *Livestreamed at stgeorgesnashville.org*

♦ *Nursery available (8 weeks – 2 years)*

♥ *Childcare available (3 – 5 years)*

SPECIAL SERVICES

Choral Evensong | Sundays, Sept. 11 and Oct. 9 at 5:00pm

Kindergarten Sunday | Sunday, Sept. 18 at The Table

Compline | Wednesdays, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, and Nov. 16 at 9:15pm

Blessing of the Animals | Sunday, Oct. 2 at 4:00pm

Senior Appreciation Sunday | Sunday, Oct. 9

Service of Remembrance | Sunday, Oct. 30 at 10:00am

Thanksgiving Day Service | Thursday, Nov. 24 at 10:00am

For the most up-to-date information on all our worship offerings please visit stgeorgesnashville.org



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