

St. David's
Episcopal Church
— EST. 1715 —

October 11, 2026

9:15 a.m. Livestream and Choir
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prior to the service we invite you into a time of silence and prayer so that we might all that center our hearts on God. Our worship is primarily drawn from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns are from The Hymnal 1982 or Wonder Love and Praise (WLP) unless otherwise noted.

VOLUNTARY

Festive Rondo

Michael Helman

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Sandra Eithun

Handbell Choirs

HYMN 7

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION All stand as able.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

GLORIA S-236

Glory to You

John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you! _____

high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST READING—EXODUS 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 106:1-6,19-23 *Read in unison.*

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
 and visit me with your saving help;
 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
 and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
 that I may glory with your inheritance.
 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
 we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
 and worshiped a molten image;
 20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
 for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
 21 They forgot God their Savior, *
 who had done great things in Egypt,
 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
 and fearful things at the Red Sea.
 23 So he would have destroyed them,
 had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
 to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

THE SECOND READING—PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Children grades 5 and under are invited to follow the St. David's Cross to the back of the Church.*



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -
 2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and



tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift
 keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joice! a - gain I say, re -



joyce! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joice! a -



gain I say, re - joice!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Gopsal*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. John Wilson (1905-1992).
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All remain standing as able for the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL—MATTHEW 22:1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *All stand as able*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *The people's response are in bold.*

Gathered as God's people, let us bring our needs and thanksgivings before the Lord.

Gracious God, help the church be a place that where there is doubt, we may bring faith, where there is despair, we may bring hope, where there are shadows, we may bring light, where there is sadness, we may bring joy. We pray especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; our clergy: Rick, Thomas, Tanya, Nancy, and Anne Alexis, and for those in formation for Holy Orders: Ali, Elliot, John, and Jonesy.

We call upon you, O God, for you will answer us. **Incline your ear to us and hear our words.**

Gracious God, help all in authority to govern with justice, compassion, and mercy and make our nation be a place where there is discourse and not discord. We pray especially for Donald, our President, Josh, our Governor and all elected and appointed officials.

We call upon you, O God, for you will answer us. **Incline your ear to us and hear our words.**

Gracious God, we pray for the welfare of the world that all may be treated with kindness and all are kept safe, and that we care for the environment. When we fail, Christ, grant that we may try again to bring healing and comfort.

We call upon you, O God, for you will answer us. **Incline your ear to us and hear our words.**

Gracious God, we pray for the concerns of this community and the concerns of the greater Delaware Valley and our world. We pray for those serving in the military, especially those in harm's way, and for those on our parish prayer list: *Eileen, Jamie, Barbara, Glenn, Dorothy, Barbara, Connie, Vasilika, John, Megan, Nikki, Cyndi, Rodney, Katheen, Mike, Ann Elise, Brian, Kim, Roseann, Louise, Duke, Colleen, Manning Family, Sulvetta Family, Constantino, TJ, Daisy Hope, Mary, Cindy, John, Melissa, Nicole, Caroline, Luke, Martha, Cheri, John, Mary Elizabeth, Frank, Tori, Nina, Emily, Joe, Caryn, Austin, Meredith, Nell, Margo, Jane, Tommy, Maggie, DeeDee, Lucy, Drew, Susie, Christie, Caitlyn, Carolyn, Nicholas, Melisa, Rohan.*

We call upon you, O God, for you will answer us. **Christ, grant that we understand and care about the needs of others.**

Gracious God, we pray that we are your way of love for all those who suffer or are in any kind of trouble. We know that you are steadfast in love and abounding in mercy.

We call upon you, O God, for you will answer us. **Help us accept your love and mercy.**

Gracious God, we pray for all those who have entered the realm of eternal life, and those in whose memory altar flowers were given this week. We pray that we may provide comfort for all in grief.

We call upon you, O God, for you will answer us. **Christ, make us a channel of your peace.**

Celebrant: We gather these prayers together, knowing God's presence is within us, which allows us to be channels of faith, hope, and love. With you, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, bring us to a new day and a new kingdom. We pray this all in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE All stand as able.

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS Please refer to the insert in your bulletin.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

If you would like to make a financial contribution to the ministry and mission of St. David's, you may either place a gift in the offering plate as it comes around or you may use the QR code found in the pew card to make an offering online. We are grateful for your generosity.

ANTHEM

Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Anon.

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.

Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand.

*Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.*

*And the peace of God which passeth all understanding
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.*

Adult Choir

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
 *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
 Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.;
 harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

LM

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER A *All stand as able.*

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Altar, the Presider proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

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._____

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

Then the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you

in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM S-155

Alleluia, Christ Our Passover

Gerald R. Near

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

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.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The Celebrant faces the people and says:

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.

The Communion

All God's people are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion here. Please come forward at the invitation of the ushers, and either kneel or stand at the Altar Rail. You may either dip the bread into the cup of Wine, or drink directly from the cup. If you need gluten-free Bread, please let the priest know. If you come forward and cross your arms over your chest, the priest will offer you a blessing in lieu of Communion.

THE MUSIC AT COMMUNION

SOLO

The Call
Landry Allen, soloist

Ralph Vaughan Williams

ANTHEM

I Sat Down Under His Shadow

Edward Bairstow

*I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love,
Adult Choir*

The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the hymns.

HYMN LEVAS* 72

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Anon., American Folk Song

1. I am weak but thou art strong;
2. Through this world of toil and snares,
3. When my feeble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee,

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
3. Time for me will be no more; Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, Dai - ly walk - ing close to

D.C. for Refrain

1. long As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
2. shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
3. o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

**Lift Every Voice and Sing II an African American Hymnal*

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

When Eucharistic Visitors are present, this prayer is said by the Congregation.

THE SENDING PRAYER FOR OUR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: Most Gracious God, we send forth your servants bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom they go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share in the Body and Blood of Christ. Amen.**

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send

us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 557 (vss, 1-4, 7)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Vineyard Haven

1 Re - jice, ye pure in heart! Re - jice, give thanks, and
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye
 * 7 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - jice, give thanks, and
 1 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the
 2 earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true
 3 loud; while an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like
 4 go, from youth to age, by night and day, in
 7 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the
 Refrain
 1 cross of Christ your King.
 2 rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 3 wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 4 glad - ness and in woe. Ho - san - na, ho -
 7 cross of Christ your King.
 san - na! Re - jice, give thanks, and sing.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

Music: Vineyard Haven, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)

SM with Refrain

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THE SENDING

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Clergy Go in peace to know Christ and make Christ known.

All respond **Thanks be to God!**

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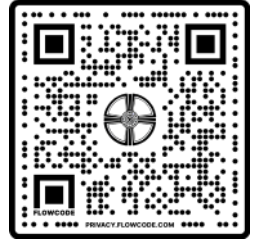
Variations on "St. George"

F. Cunningham Woods

SUNDAY NEWS: OCTOBER 11, 2026

Thank you for joining us today!

If you'd like to learn more about St. David's, please fill out a newcomer card in your pew or sign up for our weekly eNews at stdavidschurch.org/eNews or use the QR code at left.



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For a full listing of events, registrations, and outreach opportunities, read our weekly eNews or visit stdavidschurch.org/events/.

HAPPENING TODAY!

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: Childcare (3 Mo.–Age 5) | Nursery (Lower Level)
10:30 a.m.: Adult and Youth Forum: St. James School | Allen Hall
10:30 a.m.: Godly Play and StoryMakers | Classrooms (Lower level)
10:30 a.m.: Lectionary Bible Study | Quiet Room
11:15 a.m.: Senior Choristers | Choir Room
11:30 a.m.: Gospel Chat | Library
8:00 p.m.: AA Meeting | Harrison Room

COMING EVENTS

Stewardship 101: What is a pledge?

A pledge is an estimate made by a person or a household of their annual giving for the coming year. A pledge is a commitment by that person or household to strive towards meeting that estimated amount. A pledge is also your declaration of membership to this parish, and its mission and ministry in this place, together with your fellow parishioners.

In this season, we invite you and your household to prayerfully consider how you can support St. David's ministries through a pledge for next year. A pledge is an estimate of your giving for the coming year that represents your commitment to working with God to build the Body of Christ in this place. Thank you for stepping up to work together as One Body. **Make your pledge today (or by November 1) at <http://stdavidschurch.org/pledge/>.**

Gospel Chat returns today | Second Sundays | 11:30 a.m. | Library

What if Sunday mornings could go a little deeper? Gospel Chat Bible Study is your invitation to do just that. Rooted in the conviction that Scripture comes alive in community, we gather to read, wrestle with, and be transformed by God's Word. At Gospel Chat Bible Study, we will open Scripture together, ask real questions, and discover how God's Word speaks to each of us right where we are.

End of Life Planning Event | Saturday, October 17 | 2-3:30 p.m.

Adults of all ages are encouraged to attend this program, presented by the Pastoral Care Commission, discussing end-of-life planning. It's never too early to begin thinking through the process with some distance and a clear head. It will be a real gift to your next of kin down the line. At this gathering, you'll learn more about preparing documents for your next of kin, working with a funeral director, planning a funeral, finding grief

support, and remembering your church in your will. Our scheduled speakers include Rodger McKinney of Chadwick and McKinney Funeral Home and Wally Stuard of Stuard Funeral Home, the Rev. Thomas Szczerba, Domenica Rafferty from Pastoral Care, Reid Blynn of our Vestry and Property Commission, and Jamie Arnold of St. David's 1715 Society. Please register in Realm or at stdavidchurch.org/events by Sunday, October 11.

All Parish Family Campout | Saturday, October 17 | 4 p.m. to 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18

Join us at St. David's for an evening of food, fun, fellowship, and camping. We'll gather in the Fairgrounds starting at 4 p.m. Can't stay overnight? Just let us know you'll only be hanging out for the evening. Please register in Realm or at stdavidchurch.org/fellowship.

An Evening with Becca Stevens, An Evening with Becca Stevens, Founder & President of Thistle Farms and the Center for Contemplative Justice | Tuesday, Oct. 20 - Two Events!

5 p.m.: Women's (age 16+) Fellowship Healing Oil-Making Workshop (*limited spaces*)

6 p.m.: "The Courage to Love" reception and talk for all (aged 16+)

PLEASE REGISTER by October 15 in Realm and at stdavidchurch.org/fellowship.

Becca Stevens is a nonprofit leader, entrepreneur, priest, survivor, and founder and President of Thistle Farms. She has founded 13 nonprofits and justice enterprises, mentored another 70, and has raised over \$90 million to support them. Becca has authored 12 books and has served as chaplain at St. Augustine's Chapel on Vanderbilt's campus for almost 30 years. Becca has been featured on PBS NewsHour, The Today Show, CNN, ABC World News, named a CNN Hero, and White House Champion of Change, and holds seven honorary doctorates. Drawn from 30 years of leadership in mission-driven work, Becca leads important conversations across the country with an inspiring message that love is the strongest force for change in the world.

Trunk or Treat | Sunday, October 25 | 3-5 p.m.

Trunk or Treat is a fun, safe, and wonderful way for our church and school community to come together and celebrate the season! We'll have a Mad Scientist, spooky games, arts & crafts, and plenty of delicious, healthy, and scary snacks! Families will park their cars in the designated area, decorate their trunks, and children will go from trunk to trunk collecting treats in a fun, festive, and safe environment. We're also collecting new or gently-used shoes for Soles 4 Souls. If you plan to decorate a trunk or donate food, use the SignUp Genius link in the eNews or at stdavidchurch.org/fellowship.

Save the Date: Sunday, November 1 | All Saints' Day Activities

Graveyard Extension Blessing – immediately following 9:15/9:30 worship

All Saints' and Dia de los Muertos Celebration – Intergenerational Forum at 10:30 a.m.

All Saints' Evensong – 5 p.m. in the Chapel and Livestreamed

Thanksgiving Blessing Bags — Deadline November 8

It's time to begin our annual Thanksgiving bag collection to provide meals to our neighbors in need. Bags may be picked up in the Narthex lobby. Each bag comes with a shopping list and an envelope to return money to use towards turkey purchases. You may also make that financial gift by using the QR code printed on the list. Each bag represents a family who expects a meal, so please be sure to return your bag no later than Sunday, November 8! Filled bags may be placed in the bin in the Chapel Narthex next to the Quiet Room. Please get everything on the list, and only the items on the list.

Pilgrimage to Benedictine Britain July 12-20, 2027: are you interested?

We're exploring the potential for a "Pilgrimage to Benedictine Britain," with stops in England and Wales, on the heels of the Choir's trip to Scotland next July. We're gauging interest in attending. Use the link in your eNews or contact Elliot VanHoy or the Rev. Rick Morley to declare your interest and we'll follow up with more details.

Sunday morning Christian Formation for all ages

Please register for 2026-2027 Family Ministries at stdavidschurch.org/2026CYregistration.

Godly Play (age 4–grade 1) | Sundays at 10:30 a.m. | Chapel Lower Level classroom

Storymakers NYC (grades 2-5) | Sundays at 10:30 a.m. | Chapel Lower Level classroom

Youth and Adult Forum (grade 6-adult) | Sundays at 10:30 a.m. | Allen Hall

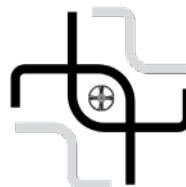
Today: St. James School. Join us as St. James visits to say thank you, share stories of hope and transformation, and provide exciting updates about the growing ministry of the Community of St. James. During worship, Adult and Youth Forum, and coffee hour, you'll hear how your partnership is making a difference in North Philadelphia through their four mission pillars. Also on sale: St. James' honey and graduate woodworking projects.

Next Sunday's Forum: The Big Story of the Bible part 1 of 2. Join Rick and Elliot for a daring two-week journey through the entire Bible. We'll look at how we understand the many stories and what they mean for us today. "In only two weeks? That can't be done!" Come watch us prove that it can!

ON THE CROSS CONNECTIONS PODCAST

New episodes are live now!

Our hosts, the Rev. Rick Morley, Natalee Hill, and Elliot VanHoy, have a whole new season of conversations lined up for you! We've had a week off and are coming back asking about whether science and faith are at odds. Find Cross Connections wherever you get podcasts or on our website at stdavidschurch.org/crossconnections.



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EVENT PLANNING

Planning an event at St. David's? Submit an event idea request through the NEW Event Request and Planning Form. We strongly suggest 60 days' notice. For help getting the word out, complete the Communications Request Form, a suggested 45+ days out. Afterwards, to show the success of your event, send in some photos or videos through our Photo Submission Form. We'll keep them for possible use on social media, future communications, Annual Reports, and more! Find all three forms under the "Calendar" tab on our website homepage.

SERVE YOUR NEIGHBOR THROUGH OUTREACH

If you're excited about doing good works through St. David's and our outreach partners but aren't sure where you might fit, please contact the Rev. Tanya Regli at tregli@stdavidschurch.org or 610.688.7947x218 and she'll help you find just the right ministry for your gifts. Learn about all our ministries at stdavidschurch.org/outreach.

Donate to our Feeding Ministry Fund at stdavidschurch.org/outreach/feeding/.

Chester Eastside, Inc. (CEI) Cooking and Meal serving

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in St. David's kitchen to cook hot casseroles and then join us on 2nd and 4th Fridays (meet at 9:30 a.m.) at Chester Eastside to serve lunch. Please visit stdavidschurch.org/outreach for details and to sign up.

Episcopal Community Services (ECS) Cooking and Meal serving

ECS envisions a Philadelphia where every person thrives. We partner with communities to break barriers and drive lasting transformation from the ground up. To find volunteer opportunities visit <https://www.ecsphilly.org/get-involved/> and scroll down to the form.

Family Promise: Supporting families experiencing homelessness on the Main Line and MontCo—Sign up online or talk to Jennifer Newhall! (Next host week: November 15-22.)

Volunteer Training: Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m.

We invite you to learn more about Family Promise and how you can be part of this meaningful ministry by attending our Family Promise Volunteer Training.

Project Ensonga Kit Assembly

We gather to make (sew/assemble) sustainable menstrual kits, designed by Days for Girls International, for students around the world to keep them in school. (Next: Oct. 12, 20, 21)

St. Gabriel's Lunch and Clothing Ministry | Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Chester Food Cupboard | Thursdays, 12 noon–2 p.m. *toiletries esp. needed!*

The Welcome Table of the Community of St. James | Saturdays, 8-11 a.m.

Creating opportunities for neighbors through food access, workforce development, adult education, legal services, and community engagement. Join the team every Saturday morning to organize and distribute food and clothing. Additional opportunities and sign ups are available at <https://stjamesphila.org/welcome-table>.

Gift Shop & Art Gallery | stdavidschurch.org/giftsandart | 484.580.8486

Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sun. 10:30-11:30 a.m. | CLOSED: Sat.

NOW OPEN: "The Painting Circle" October 5–November 13.

The Painting Circle is a small group of five painters (Terry Boyle, Mary Colket, Barbara Dooley, Muffie McFadden, Sabine Rehm) which meets weekly at St. David's. Each of them brings their own unique style and preferred medium, including oil, watercolor, acrylic, and alcohol inks. They hope their paintings bring you as much joy as they have had in painting them.

Collection Drives: We hold regular collection drives throughout the year:

Summer—School Supplies

Fall—Thanksgiving Blessing Bags

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany—Children's presents, World Gifts, winter clothing, gift cards

Lent—Toiletries

Easter—Non-perishable food

Today's Worship Leadership

Celebrant— The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud

Preacher — The Rev. Rick Morley

Music Ministry

Director of Music—Dr. Elaine Sonnenberg Whitelock

Associate Director of Music—Isaac Lee

Lay Assistants—Tom Watkins, Mac McCausland, Sharon Downs,
Solveig Stetson, Reid Blynn

Altar Guild—Gretchen Kiernan, Karen Louise Fay, Cyndi Hyatt,
Sharon McFadden, Donna Shumaker.

Flowers—Betty Turner

Verger—Chick Young

Acolytes—Brynn Myers, Caroline Myers

Eucharistic Visitors—Ned Miller

Memorials

Flowers are given in memory of

George Walker, David Walker, Anita Boulden Walker, Sandra Walker,
Leslie Walker Carroll, C. Thomas Carroll, Linda Shafer Coulson,
Robert J. Siebert



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