

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John 1.14)

Dear Friends in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I look forward to celebrating the Feast of the Incarnation of Christ with you and your loved ones this weekend. Many people have worked diligently to prepare for our festival Eucharistic liturgies. The weather is calling for very cold temperatures, but inside the sanctuary it will be warm with the love of God embodied in Christ Jesus.

Below are the times for each liturgy:

Christmas Eve: 4 pm (Livestream) and 7:30 pm

Christmas Morning: 10 am (Livestream)

Links to the bulletins for each of these services will be sent out in the regular Friday eSpear. I look forward to worshipping with you and your loved ones!

Below are some more important news items and dates for you to save for the month of January.

May God bless you and all those whom you love. May this Christmas fill your hearts and minds with the Light of Christ during this holy season and beyond.

Peace,
Ram+

Transitions and Thank you's

I want to take this opportunity to share with you that our longtime sexton, **Dave May**, will be retiring at the end of December. Dave has ably served at St. George for many years (almost 10) and he will most definitely be missed. We will celebrate his time with a reception in January so that as many of us as possible may be able to attend to offer thanks to Dave and to wish him well in his retirement.

We will make an announcement after Christmas with information on Dave's successor.

I also want you to join me in thanking **Alyssa and James Rogers** for their years of service in assisting with the leadership of our music ministry. From vocal leadership to directing the choir to providing instrumental expertise to Vestry service, Alyssa and James have shared their musical and leadership gifts with St. George in so many ways. They step back from musical leadership in order to focus more time with their young, growing family and their extended family. Join me in offering thanks for their ministry.

Christmas Offering and 2023 Estimate of Giving

As I think about the roller coaster that has been 2020 to 2022, I have to admit that God has been generous in blessing our St. George Community, my family and me personally. We gather this Christmas to offer praise and worship to the God whose nature is to give abundantly, evidenced in the giving of his only Son to be born into this world. Thus, as you take some time this Christmas to consider God's blessing in your own life, I would invite you to join me in making an end-of-the Year financial gift to St. George Church through our Christmas Offering.

Christmas Offering

Christmas Offering Envelopes will be in the pews beginning Christmas Eve and through the 12 Days of Christmas.

Additionally, I would invite all who consider themselves members of St. George Church to join me and many others in submitting an [Estimate of Giving for 2023](#). This will help us all to look forward to a truly wonderful 2023 filled with joy and wonder and love. Be a part of what God is doing at and through St. George.

Save the Date: January 2023

- Ministry reports due for the Parish Annual Report by Friday, December 30th.
- Kerry Wallace Memorial Service, Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 6 pm
- Barbara Simon Memorial Service, Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 11 am
- Reception Ministry Commissioning, Sunday, January 15, 2023
- Kids For Christ Sundaes on Sunday, January 22, 2022
- Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 29, 2023 following 10 am worship service.