

ST. ✚ DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A large, colorful stained glass window is the central background element. It features a central figure of Jesus Christ with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe, with his right hand raised in a gesture of blessing. To his left, another figure is partially visible. The window is set within a semi-circular arch and is surrounded by a golden, sunburst-like pattern. The overall color palette is dominated by warm tones of orange, red, and yellow, with cooler blues and purples at the bottom.

EASTER 2025

The Holy Eucharist
Rite II

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:15 a.m.

May 18, 2025

Texts for the service are contained in this bulletin and are drawn from the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) or blue Hymnal, both found in your pew.

Please stand, if able, at the opening chimes.

Please pray together in unison.

Welcome to St. David's! We are so happy you're with us this morning! If you'd like to learn more about getting involved at St. David's, please fill out the online visitor card using this QR code. You can also complete the visitor's card found in the pew rack and turn it in to an Usher or place it in the box on the Welcome Desk. Thank you for being here and for your offering of praise and thanksgiving.



Nursery: Children of all ages are invited to participate in our worship services at St. David's. Nursery care is also available for infants to 4-year-olds from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Word Of God

Prelude

"Benedictus"

Max Reger

Processional Hymn | Hymnal 420

"When in our music God is glorified"

Engelberg

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

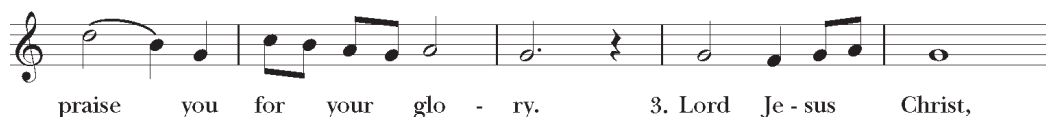
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 in excelsis

Hymnal S-278



ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson | Acts 11:1-18

The apostles, and the believers who were in Judea, heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Psalm 148 | BCP page 805

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson | Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn | Hymnal 473

"Lift high the cross"

Crucifer

The Gospel | John 13:31-35

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon | The Rev. Remington Slone

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People | Form IV, BCP page 388

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Welcoming of New Members

Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. David's.

Please be seated.

Please stand, if able.

*Please stand, or kneel,
as able.*

*Please pray for Frances,
Linda, Rich, Connie,
Doris, Martha, Isabel,
Carole, Joyce, Patty,
Jonathan, Kim, Karen,
Aron, Mary, Anthony,
Madi, and Henry.*

*Pray for those who have
died, especially Jean.*

We welcome them to join us as we seek to love as Christ loves and to help others do the same.

We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

The new members of the community are presented.

Presenter I present N.N. to be welcomed as members of this parish.

Presider Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. David's?

New Member I do.

Presider Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

New Member I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People:

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought these persons to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"O God, Beyond All Praising"

Text: Michael Parry;

"Thaxted" by Gustav Holst, arr. Richard Proulx
St. David's Adult Choir

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today.
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
But hidden from all nature th'eternal seed is sown--
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
For Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
And we through him are given the final victory!
Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

Presentation Hymn | Hymnal 397

"Now thank we all our God"

Nun danket alle Gott

Please stand, if able.

*After the Peace, please
be seated.*

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use this QR code:*



Please stand, if able.

The Great Thanksgiving | Prayer B, BCP page 367

The Celebrant says

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:

Sanctus | Hymnal S-130

“Holy, holy, holy, Lord”

Franz Peter Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please stand or kneel,
as able.*

Then the Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

**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 David and 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,

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem | Hymnal S-164

"Jesus, Lamb of God"

Richard Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation

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 Distribution

Communion Anthem

"Music Never Dies"

Alfred Fedak
St. David's Choir

*In the waking, in the growing, in the making, in the knowing,
in the living, in the giving, music never dies.*

*In the sighing and the feeling, in the crying and the healing,
in the playing, in the praying, music never dies.*

*Please pray together in
unison.*

*We welcome you to receive
communion at the altar.
An usher will guide you
forward at the appropriate
time. If you prefer a gluten
free wafer, please let the
minister know. If you
would like to come forward,
but not receive communion,
please cross your arms over
your chest in the form of an
"X" and the minister will
offer a prayer of blessing.*

*Please notify an usher if
you or a family member
desire that the Sacrament
be brought to you in the
pew rather than at the
altar rail.*

When present, Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to bring the Bread and Wine of Communion from the Altar to those who for illness or some other reason could not join us for the service today. Please contact the pastoral care office for more information: chip@stdavidchurch.org.

Please kneel, if able, and pray together in unison.

Please stand, if able.

*In our humming and our singing, in our drumming and our bringing
all our learning and our yearning, music never dies.*

*In our voices and our choices, in our gladness and our sadness,
in the phrasing of our praising, music never dies.*

*In our starting and our ending, in our parting and our sending,
in peace and love unending, music never dies.*

The Sending of Eucharist Visitors

Celebrant We send you forth bearing these gifts, that those to whom you 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 one Bread, one Cup.**

The Postcommunion Prayer | BCP page 366

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.

Closing Prayer

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn | Hymnal 525

"The Church's one foundation"

Aurelia

Easter Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Voluntary

"Toccata" (Symphonie V)

Charles Marie-Widor

*All are invited to join us for a reception after the 11:15 a.m. service in Jeffords Hall
to celebrate Sue Mitchell-Wallace and her devoted service to St. David's
on the occasion of her retirement.*

*Today is Newcomer's Sunday. Join us in welcoming: Sheila Johnson; Brenda and Jon Golden; Henry Schwab; Mary Ryan; Katie Baldwin, Ethan and Eleanor Yeung; Mary Whiteman;
Alejandro Lopez; and Janice Daniels.*

We are so glad that you have become part of our St. David's family!

Prayer List for Week of May 18

Please Pray for:

Frances Merton; Linda McMahon; Rich Wilbur; Connie; Doris Thorn; Martha Naunas; Isabel Saavedra; Carole Perkerson; Joyce Nipper; Patty Peña; Jonathan Woodlief; Kim Freeman; Karen Marshall; Aron; Mary Regina Wojnicki; Anthony Smith; Madi Nunley; and Henry Tosi.

Please pray for those who have died, especially Jean Conroy (Gigi).

We offer prayers of Thanksgiving for those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Marian David; Toni Flory; Cathy Granade; Lacy Grovjohn; Barbara Walter; David Kloess; Leon Lee; Tom Marshall; Maggie Smith; Ana Zelaya; Kamy Noriega; Sue Wallace; Emmanuel Alvarez; Natalie Alvarez; Matthew Kloess; Jairo Lozano; Julia Sale; Rob Goldberg; Marlene Gurrola; Kathy Holman; Jacobo Ontañon; Emma Racine; Shawn Timberlake; Leslie Avel; John Farley; Billie Lamas; Shea Lausier; Pam Meijers; Bill Sleeper; Stan Thorn.

If your birthday, or the birthday of someone you know, is missing, please contact the office. We may be missing your birthday information.

Long Term Prayers Asked For: *(this list may only be printed once or twice a month but will be on the church website each week at www.stdavidchurch.org.)*

Leigh Thompson; Megan Crain; Sherrill; Nadine Pearce; Susan Kunkle; Emilio Juarez; Alan Demascus; Peter Tennis; Joan, Owen and Scott Taylor; Ken Harris; Charlene Hawk; Nikki; Ann; Connie Smith; Natalie Smith; Amy Eliza Springer; Ernestine Doane; Sylvia Hine; Sarah Marton; Julie Knop; Daniel; Anne Blomberg; James; Nancy Thomasson; Mike Grogan; Stu and Rick Gardner; Bill Regan; Jan Carlson; Niki Lachica; Dan Smith; Christine Williams; Christian; Barbara Mulcahy; the Avel Family; the Spann Family; Craig; Curtis; Elise Barden Davis; Erin Grismore; Lauren Caldwell; Marilyn Dougherty; Fay Key; Julia; Kim Venable; Tristen Jackson; Todd Mills; Shirley McBurney; Jessica LeClaire; John Rogers; Malone Williams; Linda Reisen-Reitkoph; Dave Farner; Andrew; Jackie Elam; Mike Lord; Michael; Patty Briguglio; Gabrielle Felder; Brian Heyer; and Sue Farner.

TODAY

at St. David's

Healing Ministry: Today, Healing Ministers will be available to pray with you in the small chapel (at the back of the nave) as soon as communion begins. Please leave right after you have had communion and wait outside the chapel if the door is closed. You may ask for Healing Prayers for yourself or someone else. Your session is confidential.

Coffee Station: Coffee is available after each service at two coffee stations in the mailbox hallway.

Parish Breakfast: 8:00-9:30 a.m., Grace Hall. All are welcome! Suggested donation \$5.

Rector's Forum: 10:15-11:00 a.m., Grace Parish Hall. Join the Rev. Remington Slone for a lively group conversation on Scripture and the practice of faith and love in our lives. All are welcome!

Children and Youth Summer Sunday Fun: 10:15-11:00 a.m.

- There is Nursery care for children infants to rising Pre-K, St. David's Nursery, (St. Anne's Room) located in the main church building.
- Children, rising Kindergarten to 5th grade, check in downstairs Jeffords Hall.

- Youth: Meet at the picnic table closest to the play ground for fun and fellowship.

Connections Café: 10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m., St. Gabriel Room. Visitors and Newcomers to St. David's are invited to Connections Café to grab breakfast, ask questions, learn more about St. David's.

Music Rehearsals:

- 7:45 a.m. - Basement Band rehearsal in the Jeffords Hall basement
- 10:15 a.m. - Adult Choir in the choir loft
- 6:00 p.m. - Basement Band vocal rehearsal in the Jeffords Hall basement

If you are interested in learning more about any of these groups, please contact St. David's music department at Music@stdavidchurch.org or Susie Clements at susie@stdavidchurch.org.

Retirement Reception for Sue Wallace: 12:30 p.m., Jeffords Hall.

Walking the Mourner's Path: 4:00-5:30 p.m., Jerusalem Room.

Men's Club Planning Dinner: 6:30-8:00 p.m. Jeffords Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK

at St. David's

Monday (19th).....Six Mercies – 1:00 p.m. St. David's Office. Contact Jan Georges, jtimothyjanet@bellsouth.net.

.....**Intro to Conversational Spanish** – 1:30 p.m., Jeffords Hall Hope Classroom, contact Tom Erdmanczyk, terdmanczyk@gmail.com.

.....**EfM** – 6:30 p.m., Bethany Room. Contact Steve Cunningham, Steve Cunningham, sac.rolltide@gmail.com.

.....**Men's Pub Night** – 7:00 p.m., Mac McGee's Irish Pub on Canton Street. Contact Jonathan Golden, jonathan@drinkcoffeedogood.com.

Tuesday (20th).....Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study – 6:30 a.m., virtual. Contact Ron Felder, ron.felder@gmail.com.

.....**Pickleball** – 6:30-8:30 p.m., Jeffords Hall. Contact Mike Dougherty, m.dougherty02@gmail.com.

Wednesday (21st)....Yoga – 10:30 a.m., Front Half of Jeffords Hall. Contact Mary Veal, mdelucciaveal@comcast.net.

Thursday (22nd).....St. Francis Burrito Ministry – 8:00 a.m., Jeffords Hall Kitchen. Contact Tom Ader, thomas.ader@yahoo.com.

.....**Intro to Conversational Spanish** – 1:30 p.m., Jeffords Hall Hope Classroom, contact Tom Erdmanczyk, terdmanczyk@gmail.com.

GROW

with us at St. David's

CONGRATULATIONS Jen Walker! 2025 Education

for Ministry (EfM) Graduate: Jen earned her diploma by completing the four-year EfM program developed and administered by the University of the South's School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee. Please give her your personal congratulations if and when you see her!

Class Openings: St. David's has proudly sponsored an Education for Ministry (EfM) program for the past 37 years and is one of the longest-running EfM programs in the Atlanta Diocese. The class is currently led by Steve and Betty Cunningham, who have a combined tenure of 25 years as certified EfM mentors at St. David's. EfM is a four-year

program sponsored by the School of Theology of the University of the South at Sewanee for adults who desire to take a deep dive into scripture, church history, and practical theology in a small-group study and discussion setting. The next EfM class at St. David's will begin in September of this year and continue through mid-May of 2026. There are currently four openings for first-year students. Anyone interested in learning more about EfM and enrolling in the class should email Steve, mailto:sac.rolltide@gmail.com. Valuable information about EfM can also be accessed at the national website, <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>.

As we walk together in love and deepen our faith, we are continually reminded of the importance of serving others—living in alignment with the teachings of Jesus. We warmly invite you to explore the many ways you can make a difference through service, both within St. David's Church and throughout our wider community. Below are several current volunteer opportunities. To view a full list and detailed descriptions of all service options, please go to www.stdavidchurch.org for a complete list and full description of service opportunities.

NFCC May Food Collection: Baking Mixes! Brownie mix, cake mix, pancake mix. These are the favorites! The NFCC Pantry also has gluten free and sugar free sections, so if that appeals to you, the Pantry would love to have those as well. Just adding something to your regular run to the grocery store is a very easy way to help. Thank you, St. David's, for Being a Better Neighbor to our Roswell community.

"Somebody Pray for Me," St. David's Healing

Ministry: Are you or someone you know suffering from an illness; grieving over the loss of a loved one; or facing adversity? Are you carrying your burden alone? Please share your illness, sorrow, or adversity with St. David's Healing Ministers. On the third Sunday of every month, Healing Ministers are available to pray with you in the small chapel at the back of the nave after you have received communion. Please wait outside the chapel if the door is closed. The prayers are private and strictly confidential. Our Healing Ministers will continue to pray for you on a daily basis. It only takes a few minutes and it is likely you will be finished before the service has ended.

Flower Ambassadors: The flower ambassadors are in need of more flower vases. If you have any to spare, please drop them off at the Welcome Desk, labeled for the Flower Ambassadors. Also, thanks so much to Leslie Andrews for her many contributions in chairing this committee. Welcome to Margaret Brooks who will be carrying on as the new chair. Questions? Contact Margaret Brooks, margarembrooks2@gmail.com.

Adopt-a-Road Clean Up: Saturday, May 31, 9:30-11:30 a.m. We are looking for many hands who can spare a few hours helping clean up Old Roswell Road from Warsaw Road to Holcomb Bridge Road. Reflective vests and trash bags are provided. Please wear protective footwear, garden/work gloves, and bring a refillable water bottle. Please contact Nell Fernandez, nellf5647@hotmail.com, if you can help.

Summer Choir Opportunities: Each Sunday morning this summer from May 25th through August 17th, you are cordially invited to sing in our summer choir. Come to the choir gallery at 10:15 a.m. and rehearse a "Summer-lite" anthem. No robes needed; no processional; just a special time to meet together and share music and the joy of singing. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Sue Wallace, music@stdavidchurch.org.

Honduras Mission Trip Opportunity: We are hoping to organize another mission trip to the Lamb Institute in Honduras December 26, 2025-January 2, 2026. If you are interested in learning more, or possibly going, please go to www.stdavidchurch.org and complete the interest form in the Blog at the bottom of the page. Thanks!

Reception for Sue Wallace: May 18, 12:30 p.m.

(immediately following the 11:15 service), Jeffords Fellowship Hall. After more than 11 years of service as the Organist and Choirmaster at St. David's, our beloved Sue Mitchell-Wallace has announced her retirement. Sue has been exemplary in every way as a minister in this parish. Not only has she composed, conducted, and performed with excellence, but she has also fostered a beautiful community in the several choirs of St. David's and has offered tender and compassionate leadership among those whom she has served.

Music Appreciation Sunday: May 18th. Not only are

we celebrating Sue Wallace and her retirement this day, but May 18th is also Music Appreciation Sunday! Music in worship is important to all of us. We have been blessed to have Sue Mitchell-Wallace as our Organist, Choir Director, and have thrived under her leadership. We are also thankful to have Susie Clements as our Basement Band Director, bringing additional musical styles and diversity to our worship services. Many, many volunteers work together and worship together to create a meaningful worship experience, reflecting the lessons of the day. Thank you to the Adult Choir, the Handbell Choir and the Basement Band, who have all contributed countless hours in rehearsals and services. Our adult choir alone puts in over 140 volunteer hours in a year, with 3 hours of rehearsal every week, plus services.

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette said it best in her article "Why We Sing": "Singing (music) is a language that God has given us to express our deepest longings, greatest joys, and most profound trust in the One who created us and loves us unconditionally. We sing because music is a gift from God. Like all gifts from God, it is one that God calls us to use with gratitude. MUSIC BECOMES OUR THANKFUL PRAYER. All the music sung and played in worship is a gift from God."

Connections Café: Sunday, May 18, 10:15-11:00

a.m., St. Gabriel Room. Visitors and Newcomers to St. David's are invited to Connections Café to grab breakfast, ask questions, learn more about St. David's, and have a quick tour of our buildings! If you are unable to attend, the next Connections Café will be held on Sunday, June 29. If you have questions, you may email Rebecca Cline, rebecca@stdavidchurch.org.

Men's Club Planning Dinner: Sunday, May 18, 6:30-

8:00 p.m. Jeffords Fellowship Hall. Men of St. David's, please join us for the winter Men's Club planning/dinner meeting. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m., and meeting at 7:30 p.m. We will enjoy social time and discuss our upcoming events for 2025, including planning for the parish picnic on June 8. Our dinner menu is TBD. We will have soft drinks but if you like, please BYOB. Cost will be \$10/person. If you would like to attend, please send me an email at ron.felder@gmail.com or text me at 281-684-7583.

Youth, High School Senior Sendoff: Sunday, May 25.

Graduating seniors will be recognized during the 9:00 a.m. service at St. David's. It will be a special time for the whole parish to honor and bless them as they step into this next chapter. That evening, seniors and their parents are invited to a Celebration Dinner at Father Remington's home from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

Pentecost Picnic and Potluck: 12:00-1:30 p.m.,

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, Jeffords Hall. Join us for St. David's annual Pentecost Picnic and Potluck! The Men's Club will be grilling hamburgers, hotdogs, and chicken breasts, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. If you plan to sit outside, you may want to bring a lawn chair. Sides may be dropped off at the Jeffords Hall kitchen starting at 8:00 a.m. that morning. And remember to wear RED to celebrate Pentecost!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025:

"Magnified! Discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things!"
REGISTER TODAY! June 16-20, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For children 3 years (potty trained) to 5th grade.

Join us for 5 days of fun and fellowship, games, crafts, and serving others! We are also looking for **2-3 adult volunteers to serve as Event Coordinators** to collaborate, imagine, plan, and oversee St. David's awesome VBS. Reach out to Judy Hine, Director of Children's Ministries: judy@stdavidchurch.org with any questions. To register use this QR code or go to www.stdavidchurch.org.





A poster for VBS 2025 titled "MAGNIFIED!". The background is a vibrant green with a sunburst effect in the top left. The word "VBS" is in large green letters, with a magnifying glass focusing on the "B". The year "2025" is in white on a green horizontal bar. Below "VBS", the word "MAGNIFIED!" is written in large white letters on a green leaf. A ladybug is on the leaf, and a butterfly is nearby. The text "PSALM 34:3" is written in small white letters below "MAGNIFIED!". At the bottom, the text "Discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things." is written in a white script font. A black banner at the bottom contains the dates "June 16-20" and the time "9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m." in white sans-serif font. On the right side, there is a QR code, a green starburst with the text "REGISTER TODAY", and a list of activities: "fun", "games", "music", "crafts", and "fellowship" in green circles. At the bottom right, there is a pink lotus flower and a green lily pad. Text at the bottom right says "Questions? Contact Judy Hine, Director of Children's Ministries, judy@stdavidchurch.org."

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Robbie Stadter, Jr. Warden

Term Expires 2026

Bo Avel
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