



*Saint* ✝ *David's*  
*Episcopal Church*  
*Roswell, Georgia*

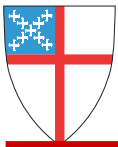
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## **Worship Support**

### **Vergers**

The Vergers lead processions during services, assist with Communion and are available to the Clergy should anything be needed during the service. The Vergers are appointed by the Rector.

### **Acolytes**

The acolyte ministry (St. David's Guild) provides an opportunity for young people to model ideal Christian behavior while actively serving the Lord on a regular basis. Participation begins with 6<sup>th</sup> graders and continues through their senior year. Young people volunteer, are selected and are invited to join the Acolyte ministry. Acolytes begin carrying torches and grow into more demanding roles.

### **Altar Guild**

The altar guild sets the table for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. In addition, they remove all linens and vessels after the service and are responsible for their care.

### **Children's Service Readers for 9am Family Service**

The youth readers read the lessons and prayers at the 9am service. The readers need affluent reading skills.

### **Flower Guild**

Flowers are a sign of the resurrection and add beauty to the sanctuary. Parishioners have the opportunity to contribute them as memorials or as thanksgiving offerings. Members of the Flower Guild serve on a rotating basis to arrange the flowers in the church

### **Lay Liturgical Ministers (lectors, intercessors and Eucharistic ministers)**

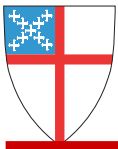
The members of this ministry participate in the liturgical services of the parish by reading the appointed lessons and psalms, leading the Prayers of the People, and administering the chalice during the Holy Eucharist.

### **Ushers**

The usher teams greet and welcome members and visitors, distribute service bulletins and assist in the seating of our worshippers while being attentive to those who are in wheelchairs or other mobile units. During Holy Communion, they assist with traffic to and from the altar rail.

### **Baptismal Banners**

Every child who is baptized at St. David's receives a handcrafted banner with their name. The banners are crafted by a ministry comprised of dedicated parishioners.



## **Worship Support (Continued)**

### **Choir-Adult**

St. David's Choir is a group of mixed adult singers. Singing in this Choir requires enthusiasm for choral singing and basic music reading skills. The choir sings for the weekly 11:15am Sunday mass (from September through May) as well as for several other services throughout the year such as Christmas Eve and Easter Vigil. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights 7:00pm to 9:30pm in the Choir Rehearsal Room and Choir Loft. Sunday morning warm ups begin at 10:15am in the Gallery.

### **Basement Band**

You can enjoy high quality praise music with our Basement Band (meets weekly and includes musicians of all ages). This group plays both traditional and contemporary Christian instrumental and choral music for different services throughout the church year.

### **Choir-Handbells**

The Bell Choir consists of adults and students from ninth grade up. The rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 9:00am and the group rings for the 9:00am and 11:15am services at different times from October through May. A general knowledge of music is helpful, but we will teach you how to ring.

### **Choir-Children**

This ministry integrates sacred music participation and education to provide worship leadership experience to the children of the Parish. All children learn about music and hear the stories of the Bible through songs, games and activities.

## **Pastoral Care**

### **Healing Prayer Ministry**

Confidential, individual Healing Prayer is available every Sunday during Holy Eucharist in St. Bridget's Chapel. The prayer team will be in the Chapel waiting to welcome you and to join with you in prayer.

### **Caring/Meal Train**

The Caring ministry prepares and delivers food to those in the Parish who are in need due to many different circumstances.

### **Caregivers Support Group**

This group helps parishioners who are caring for family or friends in the way of support and knowledge of resources.

### **Grief Ministry**

The Grief Ministry assists parishioners deal with a death of a loved one.

### **Prayer Chain**

The prayer chain prays daily for those in need and those who are rejoicing, as well as for those on the St. David's prayer list in the Sunday service bulletin. The prayer chain is under the auspices of

St. David's Daughters of the King, Grace Chapter.

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## **Caring and Support**

### **Hispanic Ministry**

St. David's holds a service on Sundays for those in the Hispanic community which is conducted in Spanish.

### **Media Ministry**

Lay led ministry that supports all audio/visual needs of the Parish.

### **Pew Crew**

This ministry keeps the pews neat and clean while making sure that all information in the pew racks is stocked well for services.

### **Welcome Ministry**

Saying "hello" to parishioners and newcomers may seem like a small thing, but if you were a person walking through the doors of St. David's and you were feeling discouraged or alone, that welcoming smile could be a sign that a loving community exists within the walls of our parish. A Welcome Ministry volunteer commits to greeting at one church service one Sunday a month.

### **Covenant Groups**

Covenant Groups are small groups with the opportunity to live out their faith in community. A Covenant Group is a small group comprised of either all women, all men, or mixed groups of men and women. The group of 6-10 people meets 2 times a month at a date and time agreed upon by the group. Respectful Listening Guidelines are used to ensure a safe and non-threatening environment for sharing and deep conversation.

### **Doves**

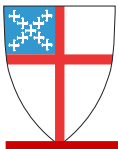
A ministry that reaches out to those not able to come to Church by regular visitation.

### **Eucharistic Visitations**

This ministry is led by lay people who deliver Eucharist to those who are not able to come to Church.

### **Flower Ambassadors**

This ministry delivers the altar flowers to homes of fellow parishioners to show our care and concern.



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## Green Guild/Adopt A Road

The green guild meets to assist the Parish in becoming more environmentally responsible. The guild adopted a road that they are responsible for gathering trash.

## Caring and Support (Continued)

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members of this ministry meet for prayer and to knit or crochet prayer shawls for persons experiencing illness, grief or other challenging life events. Shawls are provided to the Clergy or a Stephen Minister for distribution.

### Wedding Guild

This guild assists the wedding parties for weddings at St. David's. They are present at the rehearsal and wedding ceremonies.

### Guild of St. Joseph of Arimathaea

This ministry assists with funerals—contacting the family for details/information and being present to assist the family on the day of the funeral.

### St. Clare's Guild

This ministry sends greeting cards to parishioners for a variety of reasons.

### Stephen Ministry

The lay people of this ministry provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people, including those who are bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, divorced, unemployed, in financial crisis, or others who are facing crisis or life challenge. Stephen ministers go through a detailed training program before ministering to others.

### Health and Wellness

This ministry educates members of the Parish on all that is related to good health and wellness. They conduct CPR classes as well as other classes.

## Hope & Healing

### Blood Drive

This ministry schedules several blood drives annually at the Church.

## Newcomer Ministry

## Integration and Invitation

A program developed for welcoming newcomers. It is a year long process that keeps a newcomer informed and connected to the Parish until they make a decision to join or continue their journey to find a Church home. Connections Café is conducted twice yearly for new members which includes a tour of the campus, as well as the sharing of information on how we manage pastoral care and how we communicate.

## Fellowship

### Men's Club

The men in this ministry gather monthly for fellowship and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. During the year they coordinate the Pancake supper, sponsor the Men's retreat, the Parish picnic and the weekly Sunday breakfasts.

### Men's Breakfast Teams

The breakfast teams are part of the Men's Club. The men gather to cook breakfast for the congregation beginning at 8:00am until 9:30am.

### Women's and Men's Retreats

The women's and men's retreats promote and support the spiritual growth of the men and women of St. David's while encouraging community. The retreats strive to equip the participants with practical spiritual tools that they may take back home and implement in their daily lives.

### Foyers

Foyer Groups are small groups of 8-10 persons sharing simple meals and fellowship. The intention is to have fun and provide an opportunity to meet each other and/or to become better acquainted. Each group meets once a month for a simple meal and relaxed conversation in the homes of members. The meetings last two to two and one-half hours.

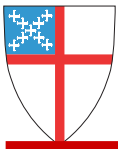
### "Tweeners"

If you are between 30 and 59ish (with a few years experience)...please join this group for a fellowship opportunity—usually a themed potluck supper in a parishioner's home.

### Young Adult Ministry

Are you in the age range of 18-30? Looking for a place to connect and grow closer to St. David's and your faith? The Young Adult Ministry is for YOU! The goal of this ministry is to create a network for those who feel they're in that "in-between" spot (e.g. "I'm too old for youth group, but I'm also too young for groups like "Tweeners"")

### 59 & Holding– Seniors Ministry



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## **Fellowship continued...**

### **Women of Wonder**

This ministry delivers the altar flowers to homes of fellow parishioners to show our care and concern.

### **Cup of Grace**

Coffee is offered after the 11:15am service on Sunday mornings in Grace Hall. This is a great opportunity to meet people if you are visiting or new to the Parish or you just enjoy fellowship.

### **Outdoors Ministry**

If you enjoy the outdoors, this ministry includes a range of different activities. Look for a sign up sheet on a table across from the mailboxes.

### **Scouts**

The purpose of Boy Scouting is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. St. David's has sponsored Troop 430 for many years, with many scouts attaining the Eagle Scout award.

## **Congregation Development**

### **Common Purpose**

With God's help, Common Purpose works towards building a Beloved Community at St. David's. Specifically, we commit to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to loving our neighbors as ourselves, to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. Through conversation, education, and advocacy, we strive for reconciliation as we live out our baptismal covenant.

## **Service and Evangelism**

### **Daughters of the King**

The Order of the Daughters of the King was founded by the Episcopal Church in 1885 to be an extension of Christ's kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. Daughters of the King, in a lifetime vow, pledge to undertake a spiritual discipline that incorporates a Rule of Life through the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.

## **Outreach**

### **African Mission Team**

With guidance from the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, St. David's teamed with Solar Light for Africa to provide solar energy solution for Msalato Theological College in Dodoma, Africa.

### **Honduras Mission Team**

The purpose of this ministry is to serve God by building relationships, physical structures, and being the church in Honduras. This is accomplished through a longstanding and loving partnership with the Lamb Institute based in Flor del Camp, Honduras. Mission trips are planned twice yearly.



## **Outreach (Continued)**

### **Drake House**

The Drake House provides short-term housing, education and empowerment programs for homeless mothers and their children in North Fulton County. The program is designed to assist the family in becoming self-sufficient.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

St. David's participates in Habitat for Humanity builds at different times throughout the year. Parishioners are asked to give of their time and talents to assist in building townhomes and houses for those who otherwise would not be able to afford housing.

### **Homestretch**

St. David's provides support to one family per year. Homestretch has a family support team (financial advisor, mentor, job coach) to help the adult clients.

### **North Fulton Community Charities**

North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC) is a local charity that provides financial assistance, food and clothing to those in need. St. David's provides financial assistance as well as volunteers to serve in the food pantry and thrift shop. We also participate in several other programs during the year, such as Warm Coat Drive, School Supplies drive, and Frozen Turkey donations..

#### **Holiday Families**

St. David's provides toys and other items to families in need at Christmas time. The families are referred to us by North Fulton Community Charities and parishioners sign up for a specific item that is delivered to the NFCC distribution center in the first week of December.

#### **Food Collection**

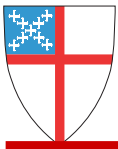
St. David's collects food for the North Fulton Community Charities food pantry throughout the year. Parishioners are asked to bring food donations so they can be delivered to NFCC for those in our community who need assistance.

### **Six Mercies Ministry**

This is a lay-based ministry that helps those who come to St. David's asking for assistance. Volunteers are in the Church library on Monday and Friday from 1pm to 3pm to greet and interview those who come for assistance.

### **Episcopal Relief and Development Fund**

Episcopal Relief and Development is an international relief and development agency and a compassionate response to human suffering on behalf of the Episcopal Church. It has been operating since 1940.



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## **Adult Christian Education**

### **The Rector's Forum**

In this forum the Rector gathers with parishioners to discuss varied topics. The forum meets at 10:15am to 11am on Sundays in Jeffords Fellowship Hall.

### **Family Ministry**

Family ministry topics are offered in various classes on Sunday morning and on Wednesday evenings.

### **The Adult Inquirer's Class**

The Inquirer's class is for those preparing to be confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church.

### **Special Sunday Morning Classes**

These classes could be study of the Bible as well as a book study that typically continues for 5 or 6 weeks.

### **Wednesday Explorations in Faith**

Women's Bible Study is offered in Grace Hall on Wednesday mornings at 11am until noon.

### **Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study**

This Bible Study offers a weekly in depth chapter by chapter study of various books of the Bible using a curriculum with homework questions and applications. It includes regular study of scripture and prayer. This study is held in Grace Hall from 9:30am to 11:00am on Thursdays.

### **Men's Bible Study**

A lay-led Men's Bible Study that meets every Saturday at the Church at 8:30am in Grace Hall.

### **Men's Bible Study at IHOP on Alpharetta Hwy.**

A lay-led Bible Study that meets at 6:30am. every Tuesday at Int'l House of Pancakes in Roswell.

### **Education for Ministry (EFM)**

EFM is an adult, Christian, distance learning education program of the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. The four year program is a dynamic blend of Bible study, church history, theology, worship, prayer and theological reflection.

### **Brotherhood of St. Andrew**

A ministry for the spread of Christ's kingdom among men and boys in the Episcopal and Anglican

## **Children's Ministries**

### **Christian Education (2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Sunday School is a happy, welcoming environment where children learn the stories of Jesus and the Bible through shared play, music, crafts, baking, games and other hands on experiences. Children's Sunday School, a constellation of 9 classes, is taught by a team of 30+ energetic, creative, and devoted teachers. Classes start in September and continues through mid-May.

### **EpiscoPALS (4th and 5th Graders)**

PALS meets right after Sunday School from 11:00am t 12:30pm on the playground. We run around together, make crafts, , have fun and eat pizza! Friendships made in PALS build a bridge of connection for children as they transition to Youth group activities in the 6th grade.

### **Infants and Toddlers**

St. David's nursery provides care for children ranging in age from birth to PreK. Our infant and toddler nurseries provide a safe, clean and nurturing environment for the children staffed by adult volunteers as well as youth volunteers. Our lead caregivers in the nursery are CPR certified. Two year old to Kindergarten have Sunday School classes.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School is held during the summer for a one-week time period. Each annual VBS has a theme and is a time for shared fellowship, fun and worship.

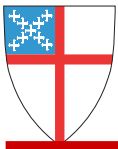
## **Youth Ministries**

### **Youth Groups (6th through 12th Graders)**

St. David's Staff and Parish are committed to creating and maintaining a youth program that young people can be excited about. If you are looking to invest your time in a place that desires to see you mature in faith, then this is where you belong! We meet from 10:15am to 11:00am on Sundays and we have EYC on Sunday afternoons.

## **Preschool**

St. David's Preschool is celebrating its 50th anniversary! Classes are offered from Turning Two through Young Fives. The mission of our preschool is to provide a joyful and enriching learning experience that will develop a love for learning and a sense of security that will last a lifetime. Instructors base class lessons on developmental principles and offer opportunities to form basic concepts and readiness skills through the use of many varied hands on, concrete learning experiences. Focus is on play, exploration, and creative activities which promote skills in problem solving, thinking and reasoning, language and socialization. Much emphasis is placed on a child's physical development, small and large motor skills, as these critically affect all other areas of developmental learning.



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## **Stewardship Support**

### **Counting Guild**

The counting guild is comprised of parish volunteers who count the collections and other monies received weekly.

### **Guild of St. Matthias (Endowment Fund)**

Members of the Guild of St. Matthias have looked beyond this life and made provisions for the continuing financial support of their Christian community. They have “planted a shade tree under which they know full well they will never sit.”

The St. David's Endowment Fund represents the desire of concerned Christians to continue their stewardship. Most active Christians have given regularly during their lifetimes, for the extension of His Kingdom. Those gifts represent their grateful response to God's goodness.

### **Recycling**

St. David's is committed to becoming more environmentally responsible. At present, we recycle white paper, and bulletins. In addition, we recycle cooking grease, plastic bottles, cans, and cardboard. We also use biodegradable to go containers, coffee cups and coffee stirrers.

### **Stewardship Ministry**

This ministry manages the year-round financial aspects of the parish.