

The Weekly Messenger

TODAY at St. George's ...

DISCERNMENT YEAR UPDATE

The next opportunity to join Cal for a visit at St. Francis' is **Sunday, March 15** at **10:30am**. Visit stgeorgesdayton.org/Springboro/ to learn more.

EDUCATION FOR ALL—10am

Full programming for all ages at 10am.

Upcoming and Ongoing ...

ELEVATOR UPGRADES IN-PROGRESS

The elevator capital campaign project began Monday, February 2 and is anticipated to be back in-service on March 3. During these 4 weeks, the elevator will not be available for use, adversely impacting those in our parish with mobility challenges. We ask that all able-bodied parishioners **park in the lower level north lot for the project duration**, leaving the upper south lot available to those who need it most. Thank you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – February 25–April 1

On Wednesdays at 12 Noon during Lent, we will offer Stations of the Cross, a 20-minute devotional which imprints Christ's passion on our hearts. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch and stay for fellowship afterwards.

CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM TRIP – March 8

On **Sunday, March 8** we'll enjoy a Dottie Yeck-funded trip to the Cincinnati Art Museum. Youth & Children's Families have priority registration. After February 24, if space is available, we will open it to the wider parish. Lunch will be available and a **bus ride!** Departs around 1pm / returns to St. George's by around 6pm. Email the Rev. Dr. Cal Lane associate@stgeorgeohio.org with any questions.



ST. GEORGE'S
Episcopal Church
Dayton, Ohio

The Second Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist
9:00am March 1, 2026

Prelude Passacaglia in D minor by D. Buxtehude

Tolling of the Bell & Welcome

Opening Hymn Take My Hand, Precious Lord *Standing, sung by all*

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie

Celebrant Lord have mercy upon us.
People **Christ have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant Lord have mercy upon us.

Confession

BCP p. 41, Said by all
Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to the promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.



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Absolution

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Lesson Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 *Seated*

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
 from where is my help to come?
 2 My help comes from the Lord,
 the maker of heaven and earth.
 3 He will not let your foot be moved
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;
 5 The Lord himself watches over you;
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
 nor the moon by night.
 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
 it is he who shall keep you safe.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane, Associate Rector
 Preacher The Rev. Benjamin Phillips, Rector
 Organist Dr. David Crean, Director of Music
 Praise Team Charles Kennedy, Jeff Haas, Holly Litfin,
 Catherine Phillips
 Verger Rob Johnson
 Lay Ministers Richard Carr, Rob Johnson, Beth Hard, Joe Schenk
 Acolytes Bea, Ryan
 Ushers Kathy Simpson, Nancy Wilda, Marilyn Judd

FOR PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers for Regions	Afghanistan, Congo, China, Haiti, Iran, Nigeria, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen. For the war in Ukraine. For ongoing and unfolding peace for Israel and Gaza.
Prayers for Healing & Comfort	Helen Brandt, Barbara Burton, Ellie Chase, Mel Chase, Chelsea & Charlotte, Liz Cline, Ian Cook, Pat Davis, Deb, Amanda DeRosa, Bronwyn Duteil, Emma, Susan Eshbaugh, Evan, Teresa Floore, Frank, Greg Gaines, Ellen Gentner, Stephanie Glazener, Lauralyn Graham, Greta, Patti Guerriero, Sally Haycock, Julia Huestis, Sheila Hughes, James, Jean, Jeanne, Ashleigh Kanya, Harold & Connie Massie, Jane McGee-Rafal, Becky Mederious, Becky Miller, Britt Miller, Cyndi Miller, Bev Montgomery, Pam, Sara Rigsbee, Sam, Kim Schinder, Wendy Scholl, Myrtle Shaffer, Alyssa Shockley, Brittney Shockley, James Sims, Debbie Sitler-Payton, Susan Snead, Mary Snyder, Joan Sweeney, Elayna Thornewill, Shane Thornewill, Lori Washington Tomblin, Steve Turner
Birthdays	Jeffrey Bierly, Shannon Geyer, Sharon Oldham, Jorge Arzola, Timothy Clemmer, Charlotte Huffman, Layla Montalvo, Owen Volkmer, Jacob Auer, Thelma Best, Arianna Feathers, Ibisa Festus-Abibo, Jennifer Bierly, Katie Hill
Anniversaries	Marcia & Bob Treadway



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gregory William Jollay by Julie Jollay & Erin Jollay

- If you prefer to intinct (dip) your wafer instead of drinking from the chalice, lay ministers with small intinction cups will be available on both sides. The larger chalices are only for drinking.
- If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please pass the lay ministers and return directly to your pew.

Communion Music Yet Not I But Through Christ in My by CityAlight

Prayer after Communion *Kneeling, said by all*
Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank you for feeding us in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and therefore assuring us of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Solemn Prayer of Blessing

Closing Hymn #473 Lift high the cross *Standing, sung by all*

Dismissal

Minister says a dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Rhosymedre by R. Vaughan Williams

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8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

Gradual Hymn #636 vv. 1-3 How Firm a Foundation *Standing, sung by all*

Gospel John 3:1-17

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon The Rev. Benjamin Phillips

Seated

The Nicene Creed

Standing, BCP p.358

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

Standing

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. We pray for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission.

We pray for our Nation and all in authority.

We pray for the welfare of the world, and those regions troubled by violence or unrest, especially those we name at this time...

The People may add their own petitions, see list on p. 7

We pray for the needs and concerns of our local community.

We pray for all who are in need of healing or comfort, especially those we name at this time...

The People may add their own petitions, see list on p. 7

We give thanks especially for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries and other thanksgivings we name at this time...

The People may add their own thanksgivings, see list on p. 7

We remember those who have died in the faith.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offering *You may give your offering in the plates passed by the ushers or give online stgeorgesdayton.org or mail offerings, 5520 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45429-2204.*

Offertory Music

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues with Preface... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S125 Sanctus (Proulx)

Sung by all

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosannah in the highest, hosannah in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosannah in the highest.

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

At the conclusion, the people join, Amen.

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

Prayer of Humble Access

Said by all

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Directions for receiving Communion

- All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive; if you have not been baptized, you are welcome to cross your arms for a blessing.
- Gluten-free wafers are available, please indicate your need when receiving.