

St. George's-by-the-River
Rumson, New Jersey

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024

10:00am



The Rev. Jeffrey Roy, *Rector*
The Rev. Micah Cronin, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. Ophelia Laughlin, *Rector Emerita*
The Rev. Dr. James Jones, *Associate*
Ms. Nicole Houston, *Youth & Family Minister*
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Office Hours: 9:00 – 1:00, Monday - Friday

Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #48

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and
 2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
 birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
 hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
 way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
 rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
 Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
 end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
 to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
 liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from
 prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God Tri - une.
 thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
 grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
 Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

Opening Acclamation

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

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

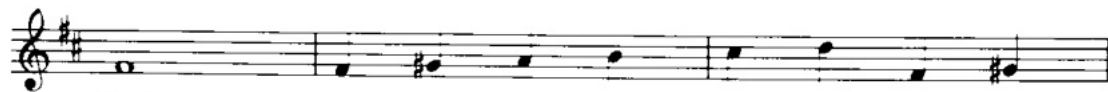
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

The Hymnal 1982 #424



1 For the fruit of all cre a tion, thanks be to
2 In the just re ward of la bor, God's will be
3 For the har - vests of the Spi rit, thanks be to



God. For his gifts to ev ery na tion,
done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,
God. For the good we all in her it,



thanks be to God. For the plow ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
God's will be done. In our world-wide task of car - ing
thanks be to God. For the won ders that as - tound us,



si - lent growth while we are sleep ing, fu - ture needs in
for the hun gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests
for the truths that still con - found us, most of all that



earth's safe keep ing, thanks be to God.
we are shar ing, God's will be done.
love has found us, thanks be to God.

Words: F. Pratt Green (b. 1903), alt.

Music: *East Aclam*, Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All children are invited to attend Church School. The children will gather at the front of the Nave, where the congregation will say the following prayer in unison.

All: Good and gracious God, we thank you for the gift of our children. They are the youngest of our seeds planted in the soil of your church. Open their eyes so they may see the love of their community. Open their ears to hear the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ. Open their hearts so they may feel your loving embrace. Amen.

The Word of God

First Reading: A reading from the Prophet Daniel (12:1-3)

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

1. Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
 I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
 my good above all other."
2. All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
 upon those who are noble among the people.
3. But those who run after other gods
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
4. Their libations of blood I will not offer,
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
5. O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
 it is you who uphold my lot.
6. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
8. I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
9. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
10. For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
11. You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (10:11-14, 19-25)

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Antem: By your word, O God

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*By your word, O God, your creation sprang forth
and we were given the breath of life.
By your word, eternal God, death is overcome,
Christ is risen from the tomb
And we are given a new life in the power of your Spirit.*

*May we boldly proclaim this good news
by the words of our mouths and the deeds of lives,
rejoicing always in your powerful presence,
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.*

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13:1-8)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Ophelia Laughlin

The Nicene Creed *All say together*

**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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant, that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Sean our presiding bishop, for Sally our bishop;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people especially for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake:
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

God, you are Lord of all creation, bringing order out of chaos and life out of death. We ask for your comfort and strength for all those impacted by natural disasters and that you help those in a position to give aid seek your will on behalf of those who suffer.
We pray in the name of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who through you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever and ever.

Give to all the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others...

For the sick: Normae, Annelies, John B., Charles, Eloise, Jeff, Meghan, Al, John, Michele, Cesar, Gabe, Siegfried, Rachel M., Doug, Juan, Kathryn, Emily, John, Ronald, Joel, Rebecca, Doug K.,

Linda, Georgia, Gabriel

For all those serving in our Armed Forces, especially: Jon, Tim, Nicole, Andrew, Joseph, Jamie, Matthew, Dan, Riley, Michael, Austin, Billy, James, Tristan and all others

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel as they are able.

Confession of Sin *All say together*

**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 Priest, stands and says:

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Priest says: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. (Psalm 50:14)

Offertory Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #598



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they
2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Meter: 87. 87. 877. Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt. Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

The Great Thanksgiving

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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 him thanks and praise.**

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:

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #S125 – R. Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel.

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;**

The Celebrant continues

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 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.**

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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.

The Priest invites the people to Communion

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.

Communion Anthem: The Chorister's Prayer

R. Martin

Sung by the choir's section leaders – Elizabeth Berger, Sarah Febonio, Aaron Lynch, and Lucas Heredia – in celebration of St. Cecilia, the patron saint of church musicians, whose feast day is this Friday, November 22nd.

*Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Post-communion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Hymn

Wonder, Love and Praise #721



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us—dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Voluntary in D

H. Willan

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The Week Ahead at St. George's

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| Today | 8:00 am | Rite I service of Holy Eucharist |
| | 9:00am | St. George's Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:00am | Rite II service of Holy Eucharist |
| | | Church School |
| Monday November 18 | | Associate Rector's Day Off |
| Tuesday November 19 | | Rector's Day Off |
| | 7:45am | Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday November 20 | 7:45am | Morning Prayer |
| | Noon | Service of Holy Eucharist with Healing |
| Thursday November 21 | 7:45am | Morning Prayer |
| Friday November 22 | 7:45am | Morning Prayer |
| Saturday November 23 | 5:00 pm | Come As You Are service |
| | 6:00pm | Youth Groups Friendsgiving |
| Sunday November 24 | 8:00 am | Rite I service of Holy Eucharist |
| | 9:00am | St. George's Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:00am | Rite II service of Holy Eucharist |
| | | Church School |

Here is the information to access all of our worship services online:

<https://www.stgeorgesrumson.org/live>

<https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesbytheRiver>

To dial in via mobile or land line: 732-375-1874.

Join us for Thanksgiving services: Wednesday November 27, 6:00pm and Thursday November 28, 9:00am.

Please remember the following in your **prayers** this week: Normae, Annelies, John B., Charles, Eloise, Jeff, Meghan, Al, John, Michele, Cesar, Gabe, Siegfried, Rachel M., Doug, Juan, Kathryn, Emily, John, Ronald, Joel, Rebecca, Doug K., Linda, Georgia, Gabriel
(Prayer request names will be retained for two months unless the office receives further updates).

Please remember in your prayers those serving in our **Armed Forces** Jon Erwin (son of Don & Anne Marie Erwin, Army), Tim Brady (brother-in-law of Brian & Susan Mauro, Marines), Nicole, Andrew, (daughter, son-in-law of Karen Hooten, Coast Guard); Jamie Laughinghouse (friend of Richard & Kathryn Singleton, Marines); Dan Fisher (brother-in-law of John & Ashley Cuffari, Army); Riley Plosica (daughter of Kathryn and Michael Plosica, Navy); Michael (friend of Jeff & Janine Roy), Austin Mellina (friend of Jeff & Janine Roy); Billy Schottman (nephew of Kathleen Kenney Amato, Army), James Greeley (son of Kris Greeley, Army); Lawrence Tristan Izzo (son of Lenny & Stacy Izzo, Army)

A Message from the Treasurer -

As we get back to our Fall routines, please don't forget your 2024 Stewardship Pledge to St. George's. If you have any questions about the balance of your 2024 pledge, please reach out to me at treasurer@stgeorgesumson.org and or 732-233-4701.

Thank you!. You can mail in your donations to: 7 Lincoln Avenue, Rumson, NJ 07760. You can also conveniently pay on-line by using the following link <https://www.stgeorgesumson.org/give/>

Youth and Family

Church School/Nursery Registration! If your child(ren) will be attending the Nursery or Church School this program year, please complete the registration form found here - <https://www.stgeorgesumson.org/church-school/>

Church School Teachers Needed! If you have a child attending Church School, please consider signing up for some dates to lead Church School classes! It takes a village, and we need you :-) Deep theological knowledge is not needed, and all lessons and materials will be provided to you prior to your scheduled teaching date!

Please sign up using the link below, and/or reach out to me if you have questions.

K-4th - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FADA928A0FD0-50936827-k4church#/>

5th-8th - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FADA928A0FD0-50987206-58church#/>

HELP WANTED: Parent Directors Needed for the Christmas Eve Pageant :-)

Soon planning will begin for our Christmas Eve service pageant and I am looking for a few parent volunteer directors. This requires a few Sunday (after church) practices with the cast members and direction of the final product during the family service on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in being a part of this fun St George's tradition, please let me know.

Confirmation Class of 2025!

If you have a child in 8th grade (or beyond but has not yet completed the program) who would like to participate in the Confirmation program in 2024/2025, please complete the Confirmation registration. Confirmation Registration Link - <https://www.stgeorgesumson.org/confirmation/>

Save the Date:

Jr. & Sr. High Friendsgiving Meal w/Micah and Nicole Saturday, 11/23/24

Planning is underway for our 3rd annual Friendsgiving Meal and details will be provided shortly!

Church School Day Off, Sunday 12/1

We will have a Church School Day off to enjoy our families for the long Thanksgiving weekend!



Please Help the Elves Reach Their 2024 Goal!

Canterbury Christmas December 7th & 8th

We are in Need of:

Holiday Decor Inside & Outside

Mantle & Table Decor

Specialty Items like woodworking gifts

A bottle of your favorite wine or spirits

Gift Cards

Underwriting Opportunities Still Available

(Any amount greatly appreciated)

Items can be dropped off in the Pine Room or call
for assistance

The Elves

Jill Gemmel (732-804-9044), Daren Hutchinson (732-241-7185),

Mary Ann LaSardo (609-395-4761)

Carole Rogers (732-533-9972) & Kathy Welch (216-272-7722)



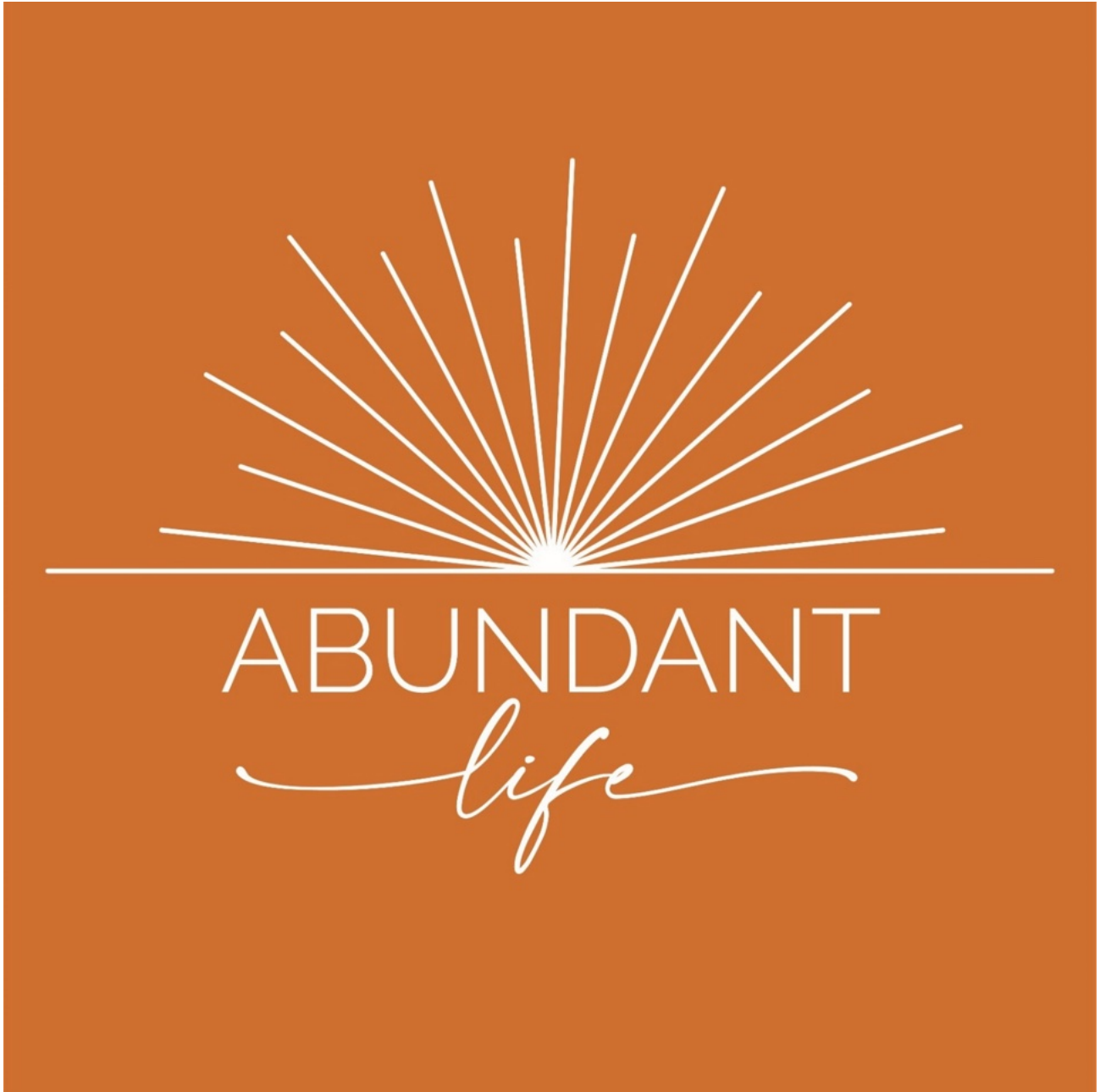
St Mark's Soup Kitchen

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Keansburg

Join us to make a hot lunch for Keansburg neighbors in need

Thursday, December 5 8:45-12n No cooking expertise needed!

Hands-on Ministries text or call ***Cindy Sagosz (732) 996-0841***



I hope by now, you all have received the initial stewardship campaign letter. If you have not, I have uploaded to our website. **[You can click here to read.](#)** Your support of St George's is vital to our continuing mission and ministry. We encourage you to prayerfully consider your financial pledge to St. George's, and you are invited to worship with us on December 1st when we will offer our pledges during the 10:00am service. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to either of the Stewardship Committee co-chairs, Chuck Jones, Paul Patton or Jeff.

Invite light and the true meaning of Christmas into your home
with an Advent Wreath!

It's FREE!



Who: Parishioners of all ages (children welcome!). Bring a friend!

What: Create and take home your own Advent Wreath, an arrangement of greenery and candles that symbolizes the spirit of the season. The wreath features one candle for each Sunday of Advent: three purple candles representing penitence and preparation, and one pink candle, lit on the third Sunday, symbolizing joy and hope. A fifth candle, the Christ candle, is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Where: Ralph Hall

When: After the 10:00 AM service on December 1, the first Sunday of Advent (Thanksgiving weekend)

Why: We all need a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas! An Advent Wreath also makes a beautiful centerpiece for your table or a lovely decoration for your mantle. Most importantly, making an Advent Wreath is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with fellow parishioners!

How: Simply place cut greens and candles into water-soaked foam inside an oasis. It's easy, fun, and no experience is necessary! Make one for your family—and maybe even one for a friend. Parishioners will be on hand to help—or can make one for you!

Cost: FREE!

Once you have your Advent Wreath at home, remember to keep the foam moist so the greenery remains fresh. As you light the candles each week, take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of the Christmas season.

Join us for

Morning Prayer Online

Morning Prayer from the Book of
Common Prayer
Tuesday-Friday, 7:45-8:05 at
stgeorgesrumson.org/morningprayer
Starts October 1.



Hey! You're invited
to Friendsgiving!



Saturday, November 23rd,
6-8 pm @ St. George's.
Turkey and gravy provided.
Bring a dish to share. Friends welcome!

RSVP here:



You're invited to an Advent Family Campout*

When: December 13th,
6pm-December 14th, 9
am..

Where: St. George's,
Ralph Hall

Who: St. George's
families + friends.

Youth must be
accompanied by
an adult.



Why: to raise
awareness for our
homeless neighbors this
holiday season. Cash
donations will be
collected for Covenant
House, an organization
which cares for
homeless youth.

**Pasta dinner and pancake breakfast will be provided. Bring a
sleeping bags and air mattresses. Register here:**

*indoor



The Rev. Ophelia Laughlin, Sermon Notes
Sermon based on Mark 13:1-8

1. Gladiators, lions and the destruction of the Temple: Imagine the horror
2. Similar horrors today including the fall of the Twin Towers
3. Jesus: " Do you see these great buildings? Not 1 stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."
4. Apocalyptic Scripture passages now seem relevant.
5. Jesus's motivation in announcing the coming destruction is 2 fold
6. First, to help prepare the people, "Do not be alarmed."
7. Secondly, to reassure them that it is the beginning and not the end, " This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."
8. Our God is the God of life, not death; creation, not destruction.
9. Nonetheless change of any kind is difficult and as a result many are anxious.
10. No wonder there is such polarization.
11. Followers of Jesus need not be afraid of change.
12. Our hope is in the God whose promises and power transcend worldly changes.
- 13 May our word and actions reflect our hope.
14. "When others hate, may you love.
When others curse, may you bless.
When others hurt, may you heal.
When others divide, may you unite.
When others rage, may you calm.
When others deny, may you affirm.
You are a servant of the light.
You need not be afraid of darkness.
God strengthen you to carry on with your work and faithfully live who you are in Christ: Love for stranger, love for enemy, love for neighbor. Amen.

Jr. High Youth Group

Fall Schedule



September 24
October 11
October 22
November 7
November 23
(Friendsgiving Dinner)
December 3
December 19

6:30-8:00 pm | Meet in Ralph Hall @ ST.
George's | all 5th-8th graders welcome!



Sept. 25
Oct. 9
Oct. 30
(Pumpkin carving)
Nov. 13
Nov. 23
(Friendsgiving)
Dec. 4
Dec. 18

6-8 pm | Meet in Ralph Hall @ St.
George's | All high school
students welcome