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**LEARNING HOW TO LOVE**

**75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**

*Lynn Ragland teaching at Vacation Bible School*

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## Letter from Malone and Colin

Dear Friends,

As we write to you, planning has been underway for quite some time to celebrate our 75th anniversary as St. George's Episcopal Church. Interwoven throughout our preparations exists the central question of the church in every age: *"Who do you say that I am?"* This is, of course, the question posed by Jesus to his disciples at Caesarea Philippi. Peter's answer is the word which we must speak, boldly and vitally, to each generation: *"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."*

Within these pages we explore what it means to "be the church" from a variety of perspectives and contexts. Churches must wrestle with this question or risk getting caught up in the latest organizational trends or other minutiae and forget the foundation of all things - Jesus Christ. When we lose focus of the fact that Jesus Christ is the open heart of God, the very love and life of God poured out to redeem humanity, the mighty hand and power of God stretched out to heal and save sinners, we have lost our way as a church.

In that spirit, we celebrate our life in Christ! As you will see, the life lived here at the corner of Harding and Belle Meade has had its share of mountaintops and valleys. Families and friends have gathered for many of the significant milestones in our lives: births, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, ordinations, and funerals.

Between those markers, adults and children have come together in the 'ordinary' time of our lives to find encouragement, strength, solace, absolution, fellowship, guidance, challenge, friendship, peace, and so many other aspects of what it means to be human. Our prayer is that in the seeming banality of everyday life, each of us has found the love and presence of a Savior.

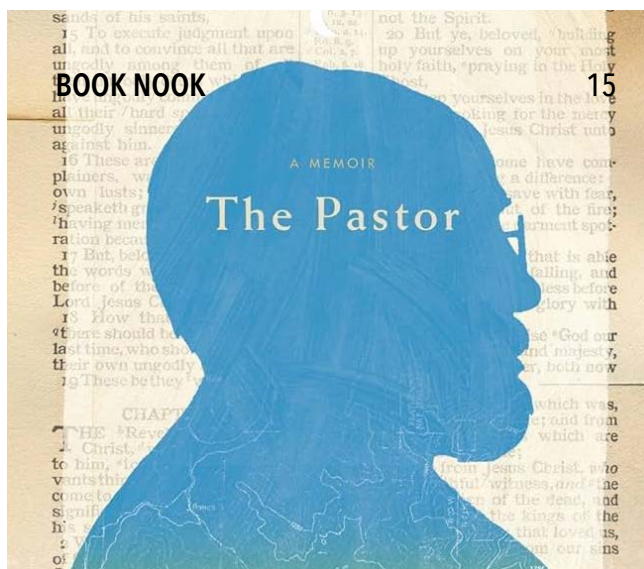
This fall we celebrate and honor the thousands who have worshipped at St. George's over the years. All those who have sacrificed and served, those who have pledged and prayed, those who have laughed and cried, and those who have inquired and inspired. We are also mindful of those people we never met and those we shared life with only briefly. We hope they encountered love here.

What is the church? We are a past, present, and future community heralding the "good news," the pivot point of all history. Together we travel as pilgrims along the Way, keeping before us the truth which transcends all space and time.

*"Who do you say that I am?" "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."*

J. Malone Gilliam, Rector

Colin Ambrose, Vice Rector & Chief of Staff



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## FINDING OURSELVES IN CHRIST

by the Rev. J. Malone Gilliam

**"I am out with lanterns, looking for myself"  
(Emily Dickinson).**

**W**hen poet Emily Dickinson wrote this line, she wasn't attempting to be cryptic or metaphorical. She penned this in humor as she searched for lost possessions during a move. But what a line this is!

Psychologists and philosophers tell us that people spend most of their lives seeking and establishing their identity – looking for themselves in occupations, familial roles, altruism, and a myriad of other places. Certainly, one place we search lies in religion or spirituality.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul reviews his earthly identity, "Circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless."

Paul will go toe-to-toe with anyone regarding earthly identity. If we are looking for accomplished individuals, a "Who's Who" in Israel, Paul is absolutely in the running. He immediately pulls the rug out from under all of it. "But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ."

It's apparent that as Paul was "out with lanterns looking for himself," he encountered someone that radically changed his perspective forever: Jesus Christ. This encounter with Jesus profoundly altered Paul's worldview and his understanding about himself. In his letters to various groups of believers or churches, he articulates that humanity has forgotten its identity. Our human identity is not found in our litany of earthly connections or achievements, but rather sourced in our maker.



**The mission of Jesus was not to create the Christian religion, but to reveal and redeem the image and likeness of God in humanity."**

One of Paul's favorite phrases within his writings describes this identity as being "in Christ." The expression "in Christ" has both a collective and an individual implication. It means that we are not only related to Jesus the Christ personally, but that we are also knit together with the messianic community he came to build: the church.

So then what is "the church?" Foundationally, the church is a people who have discovered, and continue to discover, that they are "in Christ." The church is a people who first and foremost, before anything else, before any other marker or distinction, identify as being "in Christ." This primacy of being "in Christ" stands out in something Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

The mission of Jesus was not to create the Christian religion, but to reveal and redeem the image and likeness of God in humanity. I cannot overstate the importance and significance of a faith community gathering together for worship, which we do frequently here at St. George's. A meaningful aspect of our identity as a church is our time together to worship, serve, and celebrate God, all of which flows from our identity of being "in Christ." In other words, our gathering doesn't create our identity as a church, our gathering is an outflowing or result of who we are "in Christ."

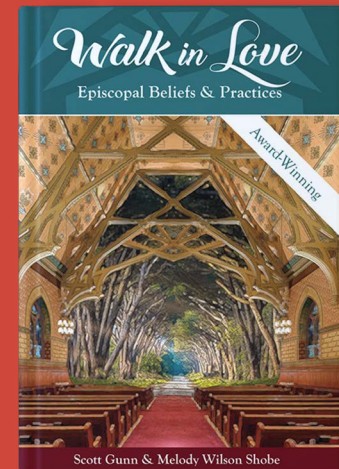
It then makes perfect sense that the primary mission of our clergy and staff centers upon proclaiming St. George's identity "in Christ." Everything else we might do regarding mission and service bubbles up from that understanding.

Finally, let me say a few words about how we have come to be "in Christ." John's gospel speaks several times about our origin in Christ coming from God – it was not our doing. "[We are the Children of God] born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God," and "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear its sound, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who has been born of the Spirit" (John 1, 3).

While there is much more that can be said about this, my point is that the person and work of Jesus Christ provide the potency in our identity, not us. The reach of his saving embrace extends well beyond our limited sight and knowledge. His grace encompasses us as we are "out with lanterns, looking for ourselves." You belong. I belong. We belong. We are in Christ. We are the church. ✝

## RECOMMENDED READING

***Walk in Love:***  
***Episcopal Beliefs & Practices***  
By Scott Gunn & Melody Wilson Shobe



*Walk in Love* is a fabulous go-to resource when you are scratching your head trying to answer questions about our Anglican/Episcopal identity. You can read it through or just find the section that addresses your particular interest. At the core, our identity shapes our liturgical worship and so many of our church norms. This easy-to-read book addresses many topics including the common question: "Why are children permitted to receive communion at a young age?" Or more pertinent to the question we are exploring in our Essentials groups this fall, "What is the church?"

Reading this book builds appreciation for the beauty of church, the Scriptures, and the historic prayers that have shaped Christians in the Anglican tradition. But it also allows up to deepen our faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. It draws the connection between what we do and say in church with our lived-out intent to participate in God's redeeming work.

– The Rev. Margery Kennelly



## LEARNING HOW TO LOVE

by the Rev. Colin Ambrose

In his book *The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality*, Ronald Rolheiser opens his chapter on “Sustaining Ourselves in the Spiritual Life” with a short line from St. Augustine: “Knowledge alone cannot save us.” When Augustine wrote this line, he was writing a commentary on his own life. At the age of twenty-five he converted to Christianity at an intellectual level. After years of experimenting with various philosophies and ways of life, he became intellectually convinced that Christianity was true. But he was not a willing convert with his whole self. It took nine years for a real conversion to occur – the conversion of his heart. You see, for those nine years, Augustine was unable to give his heart to God. He saw the truth of the gospel with his mind, but he could not bring his life into harmony with his intellectual faith. What he eventually learned, and what the above quote points to, is that real faith in God is ultimately a question of falling in love. Knowledge is necessary for this to happen, but it is not sufficient. Faith is falling in love with God and allowing this love to have its way in our lives.

We often assume that we know how to love. The truth is, learning how to love is one of the great achievements in life. Love is first learned in the nuclear family. From our earliest moments, we absorb the nuances of affection, care, and intimacy from our parents. Babies learn trust and security through consistent nurturing, forming foundational bonds that shape their understanding of love. These experiences imprint patterns of attachment that influence how individuals approach relationships throughout life. Whether through physical gestures, soothing words, or the provision of basic needs, familial love teaches us the essence of empathy



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**— Elizabeth O’Connor**

and connection. Sibling interactions refine these skills, fostering negotiation and conflict resolution. And then we further our skills through friendship. As we grow, friendships offer a space for exploring different facets of love outside of familial ties – loyalty, companionship, and understanding.

And yet, despite all the ways our family and friends teach us how to love, there is no greater teacher than the church. Jesus teaches and models for us what true love looks like. And in the church, we practice the way of Jesus with others who have committed to follow Jesus’ path. We practice forgiveness, we receive help from others, we sacrifice for the sake of the community – all acts of love. What’s more, as we enter into loving relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we discover at the same time that we are entering into loving relationship with God. In a mysterious way, learning to love the person next to us in the pew gives us a deeper capacity to love the God whom we cannot see. In this way the community of the church helps us to participate in the life of faith – falling in love with God and inviting God’s love to transform our lives.

Elizabeth O’Connor puts it this way:

“The vows that we make when we become members of the church of Jesus Christ are more than an oath to stick around with a particular group of people. I believe that they can be interpreted as a commitment to a total inner transformation. This transformation which takes place as we try to live out our lives with those who are also called to be on the same inward path is simply learning to live by love – learning to be persons in community with other persons. This is the most creative and difficult work to which any of us will ever be called. There is no higher achievement in all the world than to be a person in community, and this is the call of every Christian. We are to be builders of liberating communities that free love in us and free love in others.”

I share O’Connor’s quote at every newcomer gathering because I believe it captures what we are up to at St. George’s. For seventy-five years, St. George’s has been a witness to the Christian faith in Nashville. We have been sharing the apostolic faith through our preaching and teaching. We have been celebrating the great sacraments of God. But more importantly, we have been helping men and women learn how to love – to love one another and to love God in Christ. As O’Connor puts it, we have been a liberating community, freeing love in us and freeing love in others. May God continue to bless our ministries for the next 75 years as we seek to bring others into a loving relationship with God, allowing this love to have its way in each of our lives. ✝

**ESSENTIALS SMALL GROUPS**  
*New Groups Launch September 16*

**BEING THE  
CHURCH**



For many Christians, the church is simply a building that is used on Sundays. But according to Scripture and the broader Christian tradition, there is nothing else like it on earth. It is more than an association, a movement, a gathering, or even a nation. The New Testament teaches us that it – we – are mysteriously joined together with God through his Son, and that such a fact changes everything. In this iteration of our Essentials program, we will focus on biblical passages that reveal the true nature of the church, our life with one another, and, of course, our life with God in Christ. Come learn more about what it means to be part of something that both incorporates and transcends historic periods, countries, and ethnicities. Learn how you are part of something greater than we could ever imagine.

These 10-week small group experiences are designed to draw you into one of the essential elements of our Christian faith – moving through the Bible in community with fellow Christians. Our hope is that your knowledge of Scripture grows as you engage with the story of Jesus.

Join a group in-person or online by visiting [stgeorgesnashville.org/essentials](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/essentials) or by contacting Martha Rodes, Director of Lay Ministry Engagement: 615-385-2150 x249 or [martha.odes@stgeorgesnashville.org](mailto:martha.odes@stgeorgesnashville.org)

# EVENTS TO CELEBRATE

Visit [stgeorgesnashville.org/75years](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/75years) to learn more about all our anniversary events.



## GOD'S SACRED STORY: CELEBRATING THE 75-YEAR HISTORY OF ST. GEORGE'S

**BRADFORD GALLERY EXHIBIT  
OPENS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

In our 75th year, we celebrate two intertwining stories that run through the history of this parish and point to God's abiding faithfulness: the stories of bold innovation and faithful commitment. Although there is a natural tension between these two narratives, together they weave a rich and beautiful tapestry. We invite you to visit the Bradford Gallery this fall to reflect on the incredible things that God has done and is doing among the people of St. George's.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONCERT

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 6:00PM**

This fall St. George's celebrates 75 years of ministry together, which includes a longstanding tradition of sacred music concerts and community partnerships. To mark the occasion, the Choir and Choristers of St. George's will join forces with an orchestra to present movements from two beloved masterworks: Haydn's "Lord Nelson" Mass and Handel's *Messiah*. The performance of these two triumphant works celebrates not only our parish's growth since its founding, but also gives thanks for perseverance through bold initiatives and challenges. We invite you to continue the celebration at a reception after the concert.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY PREACHING SERIES & PARISH RECEPTION

Our robust 75th Anniversary Preaching Series features eight of our previous St. George's clergy, who are joining us to reflect on shared stories of our past and a vision for our future. The series began in June and continues through October.

Join us for a celebratory reception on Sunday, October 27 for fellowship and treats, featuring vintage recipes from St. George's very first reception committee cookbook. We will honor prior members of the committee who have invested so much in parish hospitality over the years. This reception also serves as a time to remember the saints who've gone before us in anticipation of All Saints Sunday on November 3.

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| <b>SEPT. 8</b>  | <b>THE REV. CHRISTOPHER BOWHAY</b>       |
| <b>SEPT. 22</b> | <b>THE REV. DR. W. ROBERT ABSTEIN II</b> |
| <b>OCT. 13</b>  | <b>THE REV. DR. R. LEIGH SPRUILL</b>     |
| <b>OCT. 27</b>  | <b>THE REV. J. MALONE GILLIAM</b>        |





ST. GEORGE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

# RHYTHM & ROOTS

FRI OCT 25



A CELEBRATORY  
EVENING OF  
STORY & SONG

6:00 PM

Anniversary Exhibit Viewing with  
Beer, Wine, and Food Stations

7:15 PM

Live Performance with  
Special Musical Guests

\$25 per person  
[stgeorgesnashville.org/75years](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/75years)



# NEWS & NOTES

from St. George's



Mission Day



Ordination of Funmi Odidi



Olympics at Our Little Roses



Logan Pollock



Young Adult Mission Trip



The Rev. Jason Terhune

## ① Mission Day

As is our custom, more than 70 church members gathered again last spring to roll up their sleeves and serve with partner organizations around the city. Notably, volunteers at St. Luke's packed 73 food boxes for delivery with a new pilot program and partnership between St. Luke's, Second Harvest, and Amazon. Volunteers at Siloam Health sorted and stocked all of our Lenten donations of medical supplies and over-the-counter-drugs for Siloam's clients. These Mission Days are a great opportunity to act with love and graciously serve others in our midst.

## ② Ordination of Funmi Odidi

With family, friends, and colleagues at her side, the Rev. Olufunmilayo Odidi was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Bauerschmidt at Church of the Advent on May 20. It has been a joy to walk with Funmi beginning with the Odidis' arrival at St. George's all the way through her discernment. We invite all of St. George's to pray with Funmi as she completes her posting with Church of the Advent and moves into a one-year pastoral fellowship with Ascension St. Thomas in Rutherford County. We can't wait to see how the Holy Spirit moves through her!

## ③ Olympics at Our Little Roses

Olímpicos! St. George's brought home the gold in June after another impactful trip to the Our Little Roses (OLR) home in Honduras. More than 40 parishioners and friends brought the Olympics to Honduras with fun games, activities, and lessons centered around the themes of compassion, faithfulness, respect, kindness, and patience. The time spent cultivating relationships with the girls of OLR continues to bear fruit for all who experience this rich ministry. Our STG youth were particularly enthusiastic and connections with the girls flourished over the course of our stay. God's love is gold at OLR!

## ④ Guatemala Mission Trip

Our 20s and 30s feel so called into mission work that they have organized a return trip to San Andrés Sajcabajá, Guatemala, a rural town about five hours from Guatemala City. From July 27 to August 4, these eight young adults volunteered at Hogar de Vida (Home of Life), a children's home and nutritional respite facility that serves local families. With the help of dedicated staff and volunteers, this organization provides much-needed resources for these at-risk children, providing a safe, nurturing place to learn about God's love for them in Christ.

## ⑤ Duke Divinity Internship Continues

For several years, we have partnered with Duke Divinity School for the purpose of raising up leaders for the church. Each summer, we welcome a graduate student to our parish, providing a spiritual home and opportunities to preach, teach, and lead in particular areas of ministry according to their gifts and interests. This summer we were pleased to welcome Logan Pollock as our 2024 Duke Divinity Intern. His internship allowed him to participate alongside the clergy in worship, study, and pastoral care. He also connected with many church members to record their memories, which you can view as part of our 75th Anniversary exhibit in the Bradford Gallery.

## ⑥ Welcome, the Rev. Jason Terhune

The Rev. Jason Terhune accepted the call to join our full-time clergy roster as Associate Rector here at St. George's. Jason previously served as Senior Director of Operations at Nashotah House, a place which has been formative in his life both as a student and as a leader. Having previously served in the Diocese of Tennessee, his move to Nashville will provide an opportunity to return to full-time parish ministry as well as be closer to his family in Memphis. We can't wait to see how his ministry unfolds at St. George's!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

**BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
AT 8:00AM**

Men of the church are invited for a casual breakfast together to share fellowship. We'll also hear an encouraging message from Malone Gilliam. Invite a friend or neighbor and register online for the \$10 event.

**COOKOUT ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10  
AT 6:00PM**

Gather around the grill! Men are invited to this casual cookout for a fun evening of fellowship. Join us for burgers and dogs with all the fixin's. Please register online for the \$10 dinner so we can plan for you!

[stgeorgesnashville.org/men](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/men)

## STEPHEN THARP, ORGAN RECITAL

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 7:30PM**

Stephen Tharp, hailed as "the consummate creative artist" (Michael Barone, *Pipedreams*), is recognized as one of the greatest concert organists of our age. Tharp's performance at St. George's will showcase his musical brilliance with our organ, Buzard Opus 48, demonstrating the instrument's full might and broad range of tonal colors. This event is co-sponsored by the Nashville chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A reception follows the recital.

## BREAD, BEAUTY, AND BELONGING

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 7:00PM  
HOSTED AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Brewer Eberly, Duke's McDonald Agape Fellow and a soulful and engaging public speaker for a program called "Bread, Beauty, and Belonging." While the majority of his work is caring for patients, his writing and research is rooted at the intersection of medicine, aesthetics, and Christian theology, with a particular eye toward medical trainee formation, the relationship between beauty and ethics, and the nourishment of weary clinicians. This offering is made available through our ongoing partnership with First Presbyterian Church and Duke Divinity School's Initiative of Theology, Medicine, and Culture. Please register for this free event at [stgeorgesnashville.org/healthcare](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/healthcare).

## MISSION DAY

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 8:30AM**

St. George's sends volunteer teams to share in the work of ministry by serving our fellow Nashvillians. Teams learn about the needs in our community and engage in meaningful work together. There are opportunities for individuals of all ages, and there are always special ways for families with children to serve together! Learn more and register at [stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach).



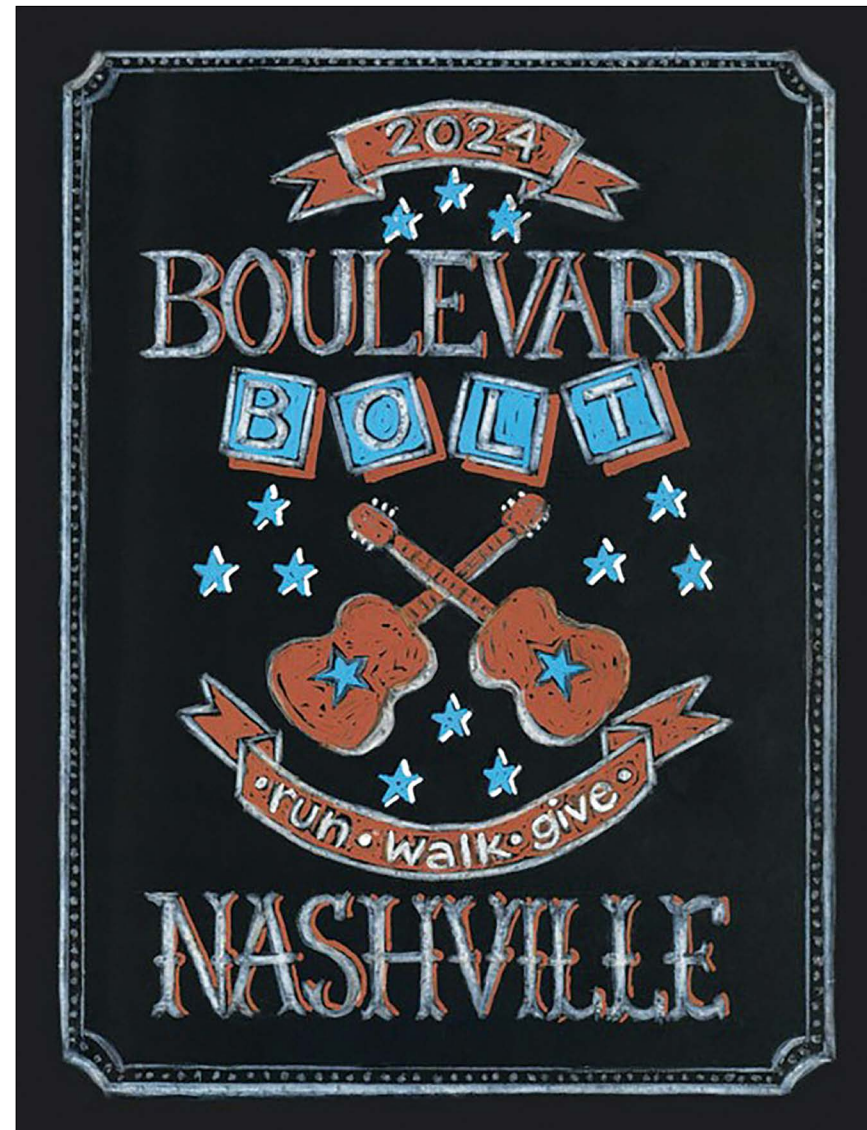
## ▶ VOCES8

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 7:00PM**

The 2023 Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble VOCES8 returns to Nashville after their thrilling standing-room only debut at St. George's in February 2020. They have collaborated in concert and in the recording studio with musicians including Paul Simon, Jacob Collier, Eric Whitacre, Christopher Tin, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and many others. We welcome them back for an *a capella* performance in the newly improved acoustic of the Nave, where their ethereal choral blend and versatile musical expression will be an experience to remember. Stay after the concert for a reception with the ensemble.

## ▶ ROOM IN THE INN

St. George's hosts up to 12 individuals each evening of our winter shelter, meeting the tangible needs of our guests – a hot meal, shower, clean bed, breakfast, a sack lunch, and the hospitality of two innkeepers. But most importantly, we provide Christian love and honor the human dignity of all who come through our doors. We serve men on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month of the season from November through March. Volunteers are needed to drive the bus, serve as innkeepers, provide dinner hospitality, and to prepare laundry and meals. Learn more and sign up at [stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach).



## ▶ BOULEVARD BOLT

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AT 8:00AM**

This 5-mile race is a 31-year collaboration between St. George's, Immanuel Baptist, and The Temple – all for the purpose of ending homelessness in Nashville. Volunteer, race, or donate to support this annual initiative on a day when we are especially thankful to God for our many blessings. Details at [stgeorgesnashville.org/bolt](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/bolt).

# SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



## REALM

Under the Giving tab you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations on any day of the month you choose. Realm walks you through each step and saves your information securely for future reference.



## MOBILE

Text "George" to 73256 from your mobile phone or device. A link will be texted back to you to make your gift with a credit or debit card through a secure site.



## ONLINE

Visit [stgeorgesnashville.org/givenow](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/givenow) and follow the "Give Online" link to make a donation online. Messaging rates may apply.



## BY MAIL

Checks made payable to St. George's Episcopal Church may be mailed to:  
4715 Harding Pike  
Nashville, TN 37205



## STOCK

Donate full shares of stock or mutual funds to fulfill your pledge or as a one-time gift.

For more information, contact Laura Zabaski  
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## ST GEORGE'S FINANCIALS



## TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR TO DATE THROUGH JULY 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PRIOR YEAR	VARIANCE
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Pledges	\$2,310,423	\$2,266,913	\$43,510	\$2,177,540	\$132,883
Unpledged Gifts	337,022	302,338	34,684	368,638	(31,615)
Other Income	182,069	185,250	(3,181)	182,030	39
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,829,515</b>	<b>2,754,501</b>	<b>75,014</b>	<b>2,728,208</b>	<b>101,307</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,865,378</b>	<b>2,940,138</b>	<b>(74,761)</b>	<b>2,647,996</b>	<b>217,382</b>
<b>NET CASH FLOW</b>	<b>(\$35,863)</b>	<b>(\$185,637)</b>	<b>\$149,775</b>	<b>\$80,213</b>	<b>\$116,075</b>

# TRANSITIONS

## BIRTHS

Walton Redford Ellis, son of Marita & Reed Ellis  
Lily Gannon, daughter of Whitney & Mike Gannon  
John Clifford Goh, son of Meng & Yang Goh  
Margaret McLain Mihelic, daughter of CC & TJ Mihelic  
Spears Connor Murray, son of Margaret & Whit Murray  
James Baiars Patton, son of Kelly & Evan Patton  
Margaret Lee Ritchie, daughter of Meg & John Ritchie  
MacLean Holder Robertson, son of Allison & Jack Robertson  
Maeve Wallace Weldon, daughter of Caroline & Conor Weldon

## BAPTISMS

John Patrick Brothers, son of Cassie & Matt Brothers  
Collins Grace Fitzgerald, daughter of Virginia & Richard Fitzgerald  
James Hays Davis Gallisdorfer, son of Mary & Scott Gallisdorfer  
Martha Evelyn Gallisdorfer, daughter of Mary & Scott Gallisdorfer  
Miller Ann Golden, daughter of Carlyle & Kevin Golden  
Marguerite Grier Grace, daughter of Catherine & Frederick Grace  
Brooks Conrad Haworth, son of Kylie & Harris Haworth  
Louisa Margot Henderson,  
daughter of Katie Davidson & Turner Henderson  
Wells Genevieve Hoogland, daughter of Jessica & McLain Hoogland  
Elizabeth Jane Irving, daughter of Lindsay & Brian Irving  
Matthew Berry Jacques, Jr., son of Anna & Matthew Jacques  
Audrey Catherine Lewis, daughter of Jenny & Michael Lewis  
Olivia Claire Lewis, daughter of Jenny & Michael Lewis  
Alexander Stewart Mason, son of Jacci & Beau Mason  
Amelia Rose Mason, daughter of Jacci & Beau Mason  
John Thomas McDaniel, son of Helen & Jack McDaniel  
Britt Barnum Murphy, daughter of Mamie & Carl Murphy  
Charlotte Edwards Pendleton, daughter of Lauren & Will Pendleton  
Duke Arthur Rambow, son of Libbi & Eric Rambow  
Tyler Sebastian Reedy, son of Alison & Tyler Reedy  
MacLean Holder Robertson, son of Allison & Jack Robertson  
Hensley Raines Shaw, daughter of Jackie & Wally Shaw  
Jane Mackenzie Sullivan, daughter of Erin & Ashton Sullivan  
Kathrine Janes Sullivan, daughter of Katie & Clay Sullivan  
Margaret Anderson Tynes, daughter of Sara & Blair Tynes

## NEW MEMBER FAMILIES

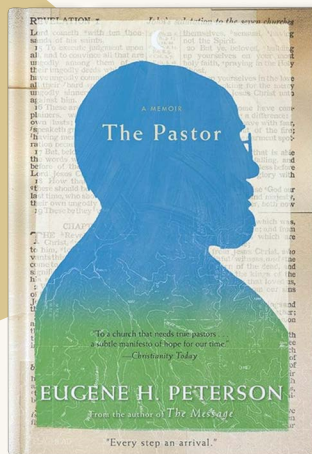
Sarah Barnard  
Ridge Barr  
Amelia Benskin  
Mary Helen Bess  
Joe Bonnarens  
Cassie Brothers  
Natalie & George Clements (Ruthie, George, Townes)  
Tibbie Cleveland  
Patricia D'Andrea  
Amy & Eric Deems  
Thornton Deleot II  
Mandy Dempsey  
Lisa Dordal  
Kendall Facer  
Martha & Billy Flanagan  
Lorrie & Jeff Forgey  
Phil Gaines  
Will Gannon  
Julie Gibbons  
Katie & Charlie Gibson  
George Graff  
Abby Granbery  
Janelle Grose  
Caitlin Hesse  
Emma Hollingsworth  
Luca Hood  
Carrie Hood & Jonathan Hirschfeld (Alex)  
Katie Janeway  
Helen Kempf  
Denton Kerrigan  
Sydney Leyenson  
Catherine & Scott Manchester  
Melissa Murray  
Walter Navid  
Miles Nixon  
Marian Oonk  
Hope & Miller Orr (Hazel)  
Kelly & Evan Patton (James)

Judy Pilcher  
Casey Polk  
William Polk  
Emelie & Phil Preis, Jr. (Marie, Loulou, Phil)  
Libbi Rambow  
Austin Rockwood  
Kate & Hart Rogers (Jack, Gus, Margo)  
David Rooney  
Beckham Rotch, Jr.  
Anne & Charles Schneider (Charles Henry)  
Jackie Shaw  
Emma Smith  
Laura & Peter Strianse  
Elizabeth & David Suggs (Gray & Blake)  
Megan Uchrin  
Brandon Vance  
William Virgin  
Sara Walker & Bob Swartz  
Bill Westman  
Charlotte Williamson  
Jill & Brian Zempel

## DEATHS

Ruth Lawson Cate  
Anne Ambrose Dodson  
Stephen Robert Exton  
Betty Reiney Henley  
Patricia Harris Jones  
Rosemary Anne Kew  
Hope McCrary Logan  
Robert Exum Minor  
Bertie Foster Shriver  
Janet Connelley Summers  
Suzanne Brinn Woolwine

## BOOK NOOK



### THE PASTOR

A Memoir by Eugene H. Peterson

One of my favorite books, *The Pastor*, helps us understand the pivotal role of community within the local church. It delves into the intricate dynamics of pastoral ministry, shedding light on the challenges and rewards faced by church leaders. By immersing oneself in Peterson's narrative and reflections, readers gain insight into the communal bonds that sustain and nourish communities of faith. This book fosters a deeper appreciation for the vital connections and shared journey of faith within the local church, making it an enriching resource for those seeking to deepen their understanding of church life and spiritual growth.

—The Rev. Colin Ambrose

# WORSHIP WITH US

## FALL SUNDAY SCHEDULE SPECIAL SERVICES

*Resumes Sunday, September 8*

7:30am Traditional

8:45am Traditional \*♦♥

9:00am The Table ♦♥

10:05am Sunday School ♦

11:00am Traditional ♦♥

5:00pm Evening Prayer

**Service of Remembrance**  
Sunday, October 6 at 10:15am

**Blessing of the Animals**  
Sunday, October 6 at 4:00pm

**Thanksgiving Day Service**  
Thursday, November 28 at 10:00am

**Choral Evensong**  
Sundays, September 15, October 13, and November 10 at 5:00pm

**Compline**  
Wednesdays, September 18, October 16, and November 20 at 9:15pm

\* *Livestreamed at [stgeorgesnashville.org](http://stgeorgesnashville.org)*

♦ *Nursery available (8 weeks – 2 years)*

♥ *Childcare available (3 – 5 years)*

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