

November 20, 2020



Your weekly news & updates

"It is evident unto all men, diligently reading Holy Scripture and ancient Authors, that from the Apostles' time there have been these Orders of Ministers in Christ's Church,--Bishops, Priests, and Deacons."
(p. 529, 1928 *Book of Common Prayer*)

By the Grace of God, **Jesse Barkalow** will be ordained to this sacred order of priests on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Join us either in person or [online](#) to bear witness to this important event.

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Just a reminder that Sunday, November 22nd, is the LAST CALL for Mercy's Gate Thanksgiving Basket food and gift card donations. Scott Miller will be delivering items after the 10:00 a.m. service. Please see below for details.

Worship Services

Sunday Morning Home ~ Affinity ~ In-Church

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion & Sermon
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion & Sermon (broadcast)

[Download Service Leaflet Here](#)

Important Schedule Change

Beginning on the **First Sunday of Advent, November 29th**, St. George's will be returning to our traditional three-service schedule:

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Communion

Advent Evening Prayer

Join us in-person or online for **Advent Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays:**

December 2nd
December 9th
December 16th
December 23rd

Community Outreach



Events of 2020 have caused many of us to re-evaluate what's important—shining a light on what is essential and what is simply habit. Acknowledging our blessings during the Thanksgiving season is a tradition that remains critical and grounding.

We imagine you would agree. And that you'd be excited about helping others celebrate the holiday when they can't afford the meal to share with family and friends. Our goal is to provide 600 families with a holiday meal. That said, Thanksgiving Meal Baskets for Neighbors can't happen without your help!

Ways To Get Involved

Give Food Items

Collect items from the list, and bring them to St. George's (OR Mercy's Gate directly). We will collect items during the week (office hours are M-F 9-5) or **on THIS Sunday November 22nd** with Scott Miller delivering these items to Mercy's Gate on the afternoon of the 22nd. *Please understand that we do NOT have unlimited storage capacity and NO means to store turkeys and thus gift cards are preferred.* See link below for a complete basket ingredient list.

Financial Donations

If shopping for and delivering food is not the best option for you, donations get us to the same end! \$40 covers basket ingredients for a family of 4. See link below to make a direct donation to Mercy's Gate.

Volunteer

The best part of the Thanksgiving Meal Basket Program is all the hands-on ways you can be involved! Pack baskets, unload turkeys, help Neighbors' when they come to pick them up. With several days and times to choose from, you can participate however works best for you. See the link below for details.

Quick Links

[Basket Ingredient List](#)

[Give Online](#)

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)



The Strong Women Podcast is hosting a Facebook live conversation about the importance of Advent and resources and ideas on **Monday, November 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** You will need to join the Facebook group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/567802873885320/>

Contact [Sarah Stonestreet](#) if you have any questions.

Youth Group

We had the great opportunity this past week to hear from Dr. Paris about 1 Peter 3. He gave us some context for the text and also helped to point out there many of the things that Peter says in his letter should prompt us to ask more questions, to dig deeper, and to pursue God more. How awesome is it that God is not afraid of our questions? When we find things that we do not fully understand in the scriptures, we can bring those questions to people of faith whom we trust, such as our parents, priest, or others from the church whom we know to be wise. But we can also bring those questions to God and ask Him to illuminate His word for us, to give us a spirit of discernment and understanding. In Christ, we have access to all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, and as we receive Christ, we also receive all treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:2-3). This week, I am praying for you all the very same prayer that Paul prayed for the Ephesians:

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power, toward us who believe..." (Eph. 1:17-19)

Because we feel like there may still be some things to discuss from 1 Peter 3, but we also need to take a

look at 1 Peter 4, the schedule of our Zoom meeting will be a bit different this week. We will have a short overview of 1 Peter 4 at the beginning of the meeting, and then break up right away into our small groups, where we will have time to go over any questions from chapter 3 as well as get into chapter 4. We will then spend the last 10 minutes together as a whole group to share what we discussed or learned.

So, this week, please read 1 Peter, chapter 4. As you read, and afterward, consider these questions:

- Peter tells us to arm ourselves with the same way of thinking that Christ had toward suffering. How do we do that, and how does that way of thinking guard us?
- Verses 7-11 tell us how we should be living as followers of Christ, expectantly awaiting His return. What are the things that will be evidence of living as we have been called? Do you live in this way? What can you be doing in your life to live as Peter instructs us?
- Peter tells us to rejoice when we share in Christ's sufferings. This is one of the mysteries of our Christian faith. How can we rejoice in our suffering?
- Is the grace of God powerful enough to bring beauty from our ashes?

These verses from Paul's and James's letters may also be encouraging to us as we consider these things:

"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom. 5:3-5)

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." (James 1:2-4)

We look forward to seeing you all at 7:30 on Sunday! We hope you all know that we are praying for you and are on your side! See you all on Sunday! :)

Jesse and Christine, David and Lindsey

Women's Bible Study Autumn Semester: The Screwtape Letters

November 24th

Letter 11: Laughter

In addition to reading Letter Eleven, please also read the following scripture passage(s) as a supplement to our discussion (questions have been distributed via email):

- Proverbs 29:8-9
- Psalm 1:1
- Romans 15:13
- Psalm 28:7
- Psalm 19:14

As always, feel free to contact Karla Probert (StGeorgeRectorAssistant@comcast.net | 719-440-6048) if you have any questions.

In Celebration

Happy Anniversary

Karen & Stephen Loy

Happy Birthday

Jack Gloriod, Nancy McLeod

Altar Flowers

In gratitude for God's Grace, the Altar Flowers are given to commemorate our 36 years of matrimony on November 24, by Rob and Jane Leverington.

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