

# March 2, 2025

Last Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II - Eucharistic Prayer B

Welcome to
St. David's Episcopal Church

#### WELCOME VISITOR!

Welcome to St. David's! We are so glad that you have joined us today.

Is this your first time at St. David's or any Episcopal church? Our services change somewhat from week to week and from season to season, but in general this is what you can expect on a typical Sunday.

- We acknowledge our sins and ask for forgiveness, out loud and together. This is followed by an assurance that all our sins are indeed forgiven through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We look to Holy Scripture for guidance and usually hear four Bible passages; one from the Old Testament, one from the Book of Psalms, one from the New Testament, and one from the Gospels. Members of the congregation generally read all except the Gospel, which is read by the Priest, and the sermon is normally based on one of the Scripture passages.
- We declare our faith, publicly, speaking the words of either the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed.
- We do a lot of praying, out loud and together. Many of the prayers, drawn from the Book of Common Prayer, are led by members of the congregation rather than clergy.
- Most Sundays we receive Holy Communion as a tangible reminder that Christ died for all and all are welcome to receive communion at St. David's.

Episcopalians are comfortable with a wide variety of physical expressions of devotion during worship. You may see people bowing, making the sign of the cross, kneeling or standing; none of these gestures are expected of visitors. It's a personal choice.

In general, we sit to listen and learn, we stand to praise God in song and to affirm our faith, and we kneel or sit (or stand!) to pray. Again, it's a personal choice. You should feel free to participate in whatever way is comfortable for you.

You will find three important books at each pew: a black Holy Bible, a blue hymnal, and a red Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. You are invited to spend a little time in reading or reflection. Aside from the Sermon, all of the service, compiled from these three sources, is contained in this leaflet. All you need to do is follow along and join in.

Confused and need a buddy? Any of us will be happy to help you find your way.

There are Connect Cards in front of you; please feel free to use them to communicate if you like, or linger after service so we can greet you personally.

Again, we are glad to have you with us today and hope to see you back at St. David's soon.

# The Word of God

# Hymn in Procession Praise, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN (Lauda anima) Hymnal 410

- I) Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
  Alleluia, alleluia!
  Praise the everlasting King.
- 2) Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in this faithfulness.
- 3) Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
  Alleluia, alleluia!
  Widely yet his mercy flows.
- 4) Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
  Alleluia, alleluia!
  Praise with us the God of grace.

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

**BCP 355** 

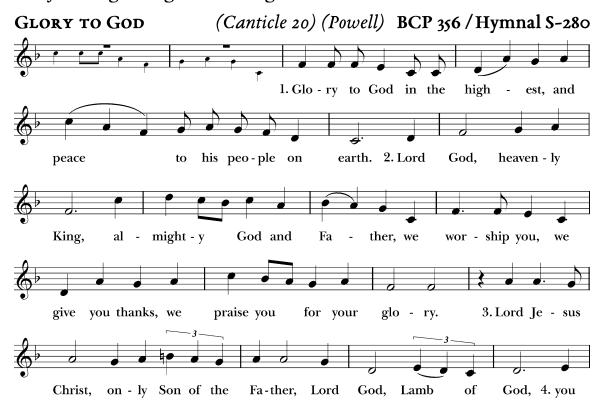
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

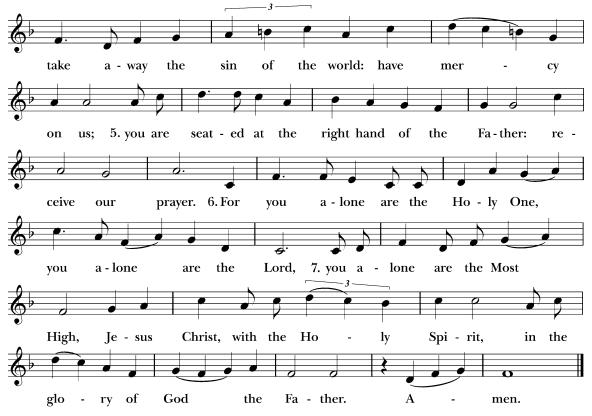
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Celebrant may say:

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*.

# The following is sung, all standing:





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# The Collect of the Day

**BCP 357** 

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# The Lessons

#### Old Testament:

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

<sup>9</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai.

As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

<sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

<sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face;

<sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out;

and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

went in to speak with him.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter: Psalm 99/BCP 728

'The LORD is King; let the people tremble; \* he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion; \*

he is high above all peoples.

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*

he is the Holy One.

4"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

'Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; \*

he is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \* they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

<sup>7</sup>He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

<sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \*

for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

#### **New Testament:**

2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

12Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness,

<sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

<sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened.

Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.

<sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds;

<sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

<sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

<sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

<sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides;

we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word;

but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual Hymn,

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT (Houston) Hymnal 490

1) I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

#### [Refrain]

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2) I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

#### Refrain

3) I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 9:28-343a

Please stand.

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>28</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

<sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

<sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

<sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

33Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus,

"Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"

—not knowing what he said.

<sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

<sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.

<sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted,

"Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him.

4°I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

<sup>41</sup>Jesus answered,

"You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."

<sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

<sup>43a</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Roy Hills

The Nicene Creed

**BCP 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, Form I

BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the clergy and people, especially; Stephen, Archbishop of York; Sean, our presiding bishop; Ruth, our bishop; and Roy, our priest; let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our president; Henry, our governor; Rob, our town manager; and David, our mayor, and for all in authority; let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For all who live in the upper Pee Dee region, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering;

especially those in the area of the Los Angeles fires, the western North Carolina storms, and in Gaza and Ukraine;

for St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Florence; The Anglican Church of Burundi; the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church and St. David's Episcopal Church;

for the staff and families of St. David's Episcopal School & Daycare; and those for whom prayers have been requested,

Please see the Prayer List Insert.

let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. David and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

#### To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

# Confession of Sin BCP 359

#### The Celebrant says:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1: 8, 9

#### The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

# Minister and People:

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 the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### **Announcements**

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# The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says:

BCP 376

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

# Offertory Hymn

#### OH LET THE SON OF GOD ENFOLD YOU





# **DOXOLOGY** ( $Old\ roo^{TH}$ )

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

# The Great Thanksgiving

*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.

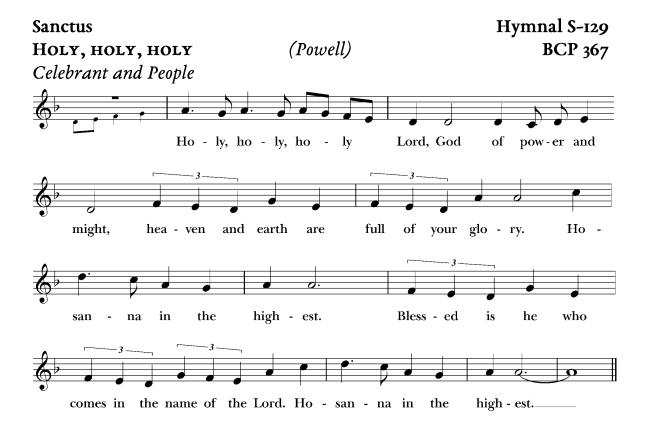
#### Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

**BCP 367** 

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



#### Words of Institution

**BCP 368** 

The People stand or kneel.

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 St. David and 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**.

# The Lord's Prayer

**BCP 363** 

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, forever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

**BCP 364** 

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Celebrant says:

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.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

You may decline the bread and/or the wine by crossing your arms over your chest when offered to you at the altar. You may also choose to remain seated in your pew.

If you require a gluten-free wafer or if you find it difficult to get to the altar and would like to receive communion at your seat, please let an usher know.

The Elements of Bread and Wine are distributed.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

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Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, blesses the people.

# Recessional Hymn LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING (Sicilian)

Hymnal 344

- I) Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:

  O refresh us, O refresh us traveling through this wilderness.
- 2) Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound: may the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound: ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found;
- 3) so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away, fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.

#### **Dismissal**

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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#### **Announcements:**

#### Two events on Shrove Tuesday:

◆ Shrove Tuesday, also called Pancake Day, is a Christian holiday celebrated the day before Ash Wednesday, marking the last day before the Lenten season of fasting. Shrove Tuesday is traditionally a time for feasting and indulgence, with the most common practice being the eating of pancakes, as it's considered the last chance to use up rich ingredients like eggs and sugar before the period of abstinence begins. The name "Shrove" comes from the practice of "shriving" (confessing sins) to a priest before Lent starts.

St. David's School is sponsoring Family Pancake Dinners To-Go for school families and parishioners from 4:30-6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 4. Preordered family pancakes, bacon and sausage meals will be available for drive-through "to go" only. Pre-order your meal by 5pm Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, by calling the church office at 843-253-5295, or the school office at 843-253-5296. Any shut-ins wishing to order a home delivery meal, please contact Sally Powell at 843-921-3631. Meals are free, however, donations will be accepted to assist with school scholarships.

Or.....

Parish members and friends are also invited to attend a fun-filled Parish Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday Celebration at the Powell's home, 411 Third Street, beginning at 6:30 PM! Come enjoy your Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and a couple of New Orleans-inspired dishes, and celebrate New Orleans style!

Please join us March 4th and let's celebrate Shrove Tuesday together!

#### ASH WEDNESDAY OPTIONS:

◆ Proper liturgy for **Ash Wednesday** at 12 **noon** in the Chapel and the imposition of ashes. The Rev. Dr. Roy Hills officiant.

#### Or.....

- ◆ A Drive-by imposition of ashes offered from 1-3 PM on Ash Wednesday at the corner of Huger and Market Streets. You can remain in your car; prayers will be offered and the sacrament imposed upon your forehead.
- ◆ Mark your calendar for **Sunday**, **April** 13 (Palm Sunday), when **Bishop Ruth** will again visit St. David's Episcopal Church.
- ◆ St. David's Episcopal Church is a distribution point for the Chesterfield County *FoodShare* program. Get more information at their Facebook page, FoodShare-Chesterfield, or email foodsharecchc@gmail.com. Our upcoming delivery dates are:

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Order by 5:00pm Mon, Mar 28....pick up on Thurs., May 1 (12:15-3:00)
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#### Welcome!

First established in Cheraw in 1768, St. David's Episcopal Church is a welcoming and inclusive



congregation that seeks to love and serve both God and our neighbor.

We offer vibrant liturgy based on the Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church, and we believe in a loving, liberating, and lifegiving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Our motto is: All are Welcome - No Exceptions. We mean this. None of us are without sin, none are perfect. But all are welcome here.

We also have a Daycare / Preschool which welcomes children from six weeks through four years of age. To learn more, contact the Director, Jimmy Carol Avent; her number is below.

And don't forget about our Church Chat time, 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Library room. It's a casual and friendly discussion of Bible passages, usually starting with one of the day's Scripture readings.

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, we invite you to worship with us at 10:30 AM each Sunday for a time of Christian fellowship.

# St. David's Episcopal Church Vestry

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