
Greeters and Ushers ✕ Greeters and ushers help all who come our parish feel welcomed. They distribute the worship programs, direct members to seats, child care, or Sunday School, and ensure the smooth flow of members during communion.

Vergers ✕ Vergers assist the clergy in the conduct of worship. They take care of the details that allow clergy to concentrate on preaching and administering the Sacraments.

MUSIC

9:00 am Service Worship Band ✕ Our 9:00 Worship Band creates exciting and engaging music that draws children and their families to worship. Children respond readily to rhythm and songs with simple and direct lyrics. Auditions are available upon request.

Children's Choir ✕ The Parish Children's Choir presents the offertory anthem at the 9:00 am Service. All children age four and older are invited to become a member by attending weekly rehearsals.

The children are instructed in liturgy and music of the Episcopal tradition, as well as contemporary styles. Through music, we hope to deepen their growing faith, and teach them the importance of using their gifts to glorify God. The Children's Choir occasionally performs outside of the church for special services and performances.

10:45 AM Service Adult Choir ✕ Our adult choir plays an important leadership role at the 10:45 service. It supports congregational singing and provide a musical context for prayer. All are invited to become a member by attending weekly rehearsals.

SERMONS

Most Sunday sermons are available online on our website.

For more information, please visit our Web site at www.sdlife.org, or call the Parish Office at 703-729-0570.



WORSHIP

AT ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



We are a covenant community where no one stands alone. Together we are learning to love one another as we learn to be loved by Jesus. Any time. Any place.



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We worship in response to divine grace. We believe that worship depends first and foremost on God's desire to be in relationship with us. We do not worship in order to gain God's favor. We already have it. We do not worship to invite God to be with us. God has already chosen to dwell in our midst. We do not worship to see God's power at work. God's power is at work among us whether we see it or not.

When we worship with each other, we reach out to our neighbor in recognition that each person shares the full dignity of what God created us to be, children created in the image of God. Worship is our "thank you."

SERVICES

We offer two distinctly different Sunday morning worship services to meet the diverse needs of our congregation.

9:00 am Service

This service celebrates the power of God at work in the life of children. Energy, movement and laughter illustrate this experience best. Those who seek reverential silence will be surprised by the mood of this liturgy. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord," describes it best. A congregation full of children excels at this commandment.

Worship encourages family life when the whole family feels truly involved. It supports parents in the spiritual formation of their children. Rather than demanding that the children behave like little adults, it invites children to express their faith as children.

At this service, while we follow the basic tenets of the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, we project the words of the prayers and the songs onto a screen to allow parents to hold children rather than paper. The music is accessible without being "childish." It touches child-like hearts while expressing adult faith. Children join the priest on the steps of the altar platform for the homily.

Children learn to pray in an environment that holds their attention and engages their imagination.

To meet the needs of adults, an adult sermon is delivered after the service has concluded. During that sermon, children participate in supervised play activities.

10:45 am Service

This service stands squarely on the deep foundation of the Anglican tradition. It is a seamless act of prayer from the opening acclamation, "Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!" to the final congregational response at the end of the service, "Thanks be to God."

This service honors reverence and joy. Guided reflection in song, readings and sermon, proclaims the joy of the Good News. This service also allows for moments of quiet prayer. Musical leadership comes from organ and choir frequently accompanied by our brass ensemble. Additional instrumentation provides extraordinary lift on special days.

Visitors will be greeted by a parishioner and handed a service bulletin with our weekly newsletter. The service bulletin leads the visitor through the liturgy, referencing page numbers in the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal, which may be found in the book rack on the back of the pew.

CHILD CARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare

While children are welcome at both services, free childcare for infants and toddlers, provided by paid staff members, is available during both Sunday services.

Sunday School

Many families in our parish want to serve the needs of their children, yet also appreciate the familiar style of Episcopalian worship. For those families we offer a volunteer-led Sunday School Program during the 10:45 am service.

Children learn lessons from the Bible through songs, stories, games and crafts tailored to their abilities, then return to the church for communion. Each week the teachers use the curriculum to make the message relevant to our children's daily lives. Take home sheets enable parents to continue working on this message throughout the week.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

At our church, Sunday is the day on which the whole covenant community comes together in worship. A number of worship teams, often including children as well as adults, lead us into this experience where we find life's deeper meaning. We welcome your participation. Training is provided.

Acolytes ✘ This ministry gives our youth (rising 4th graders and above) the opportunity to be an integral part of our liturgy by leading the procession into the sanctuary, carrying the cross and candles and placing them on the altar. The crucifer also serves the celebrant (presiding priest) at the Eucharist.

Altar Guild ✘ The Altar Guild is responsible for "setting the table" for our Eucharist meal. They also maintain and change the liturgical linens.

Flower Guild ✘ The Flower Guild is responsible for providing floral arrangements for services and decorations for special seasons.

Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers ✘ Lay readers give clear, articulate voice to God's word and the people's prayers during worship. Chalice bearers help serve communion during our services.

Technical Team ✘ The technical team ensures that all that is sung or said can be heard by the congregation. They run the bells, microphones, computer presentations, tapes/cd's and church lighting. No special technical skills are required.
