
Ministry at St. David's



Our Vision:

*To know Christ and make Christ known
in a Covenant Community
where no one stands alone
and lives are transformed.*



Welcome!

At St. David's Episcopal Church and School, we worship joyfully. We celebrate families and individuals through a community where we learn and grow together. We engage in outreach at home and abroad. We encourage lifelong learning. Together, we accomplish things we cannot do alone. You are invited to join our Covenant Community and discover what it means to transform lives through Christ.

This booklet contains information about the ministries at St. David's. There are many opportunities to explore, volunteer and serve. Come. Be a disciple with us.

Please visit our website www.sdlife.org or contact the church office at 703-729-0570 for more information.

Blessings,

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*"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness
and the world's deep hunger meet." - Frederick Buechner"*

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Joyful Worship

In the seven day cycle of Sabbath Keeping, Sunday is the day on which the whole Covenant Community comes together in joyful worship. We pray together. We offer our gifts to God, We share communion, the sacred meal that binds hearts to one another in the heart of God. Worship teams lead us into this experience where we find life's deeper meaning. A number of worship teams provide leadership in each of our worship services. We welcome your participation.

Services

Saturdays@6 is a contemplative service that embraces traditional worship with innovative prayer. This evening service offers unplugged music amidst candle light while listening to readings from Scripture, a reflection, and time to engage in prayer. Families and children will feel comfortable in this come as you are, communal worship time while offering a unique way for adults to experience ad worship amidst the holy.

9:00 Service celebrates the power of God at work in the life of children. Energy, movement and laughter describe 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 the children behave like little adults, it invites children to express their faith as children.

We project the words of the prayers and the songs on a screen to allows 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/homily is delivered after the service has concluded. Childcare is provided.

11am Service with Choir and Organ rests on the deep foundation of the Anglican tradition. It is an 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



Collect for the Mission of the Church

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer pg. 257

Reach Mission Trip (aka Reach Work Camps and Reach Ministries) is a week-long mission of service to low-income communities. Working with local agencies and/or local churches, the mission trip seeks to make an impact on homeowners, communities, students and adults who attend. It is a life-changing experience as campers participate in activities that build community and self-esteem, encourages spiritual growth, and enables them to understand their role in combating poverty.

Contact: reach@sdlife.org

Restoring Eden Vegetable Garden provides fresh vegetables for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Loudoun county who are hungry. Volunteers are needed for planting days, watering, weeding, garden upkeep and delivering vegetables

Contact: restoringeden@sdlife.org

International Outreach

Bromley Mission : The Bromley Mission School, established in rural Liberia, in 1905, was left in ruins after 14 years of civil war. The school is rebuilding and currently serves and educates 200 boys and girls in Liberia.

Contact: elharmon2@yahoo.com

be to God." This service emanates reverence and joy, with guided reflection in song, readings and sermon, that proclaims the joy of Good News. This service also allows for moments of quiet prayer. Those who appreciate rich traditional worship experiences will want to explore this service.

Messy Church is church and explores a biblical theme through hands on creative experiences for all ages. We gather in a relaxed atmosphere and reconnect with each other. Messy Church is intergenerational. Activities are for all ages and the participants explore the theme of the bible story. A short time of story, song, prayer and Eucharist follows the activity. The worship experience culminates in a meal together. Messy Church meets quarterly.

Contact: messychurch@sdlife.org

Before the Service

Altar Guild "sets the table" for the Eucharist meal for Sunday, holiday and funeral services. This ministry also maintains and changes the altar linens. Teams rotate on a weekly basis.

Contact: altarguild@sdlife.org

Children's Worship Station provides children of St. David's with quiet materials to use during worship service. Worship Bulletins are provided which teach basic Scripture knowledge in puzzles, word searches, seek-and-finds, dot-to-dots and many more Bible-based activities. In addition to the bulletins, there is a Children's Book Borrowing Box containing a variety of books and bibles which children can use during service.

Flower Guild is responsible for preparing and overseeing altar floral arrangements, decorations for special celebrations and other important events throughout the year. God creates the flowers- "the lilies of the field clothed in splendor"; all we do is arrange them. Training is provided for a time commitment of once a month.

Contact: flowers@sdlife.org

During the Service

During the worship service there are many ways to volunteer and serve at Saturdays@6, holidays and Sunday services at 9am and 11am.

Acolytes and Crucifers are an integral part of the liturgy by leading the procession into the sanctuary, carrying the cross and candles and placing them on the altar. The crucifer

also serves at the altar when the table is being set. If you can carry the torch or cross you can serve in the ministry.

Contact: servers@sdlife.org

Chalichists engage with reverence in the serving the holy cup during the services. Training is required.

Contact: servers@sdlife.org

Music/Choirs

The 9:00am 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. Adults appreciate the musical arrangements while music remains accessible for children. The band rehearses on Sunday mornings immediately before the 9:00am service.

Contact: band@sdlife.org

The 11:00am adult choir sings each Sunday and at other special services throughout the church year, such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Tenebrae and Easter. Occasionally, the choir prepares and participates in other special services. Rehearsals are held in the church on Thursday evenings, and on Sunday mornings prior to the service. The choir leads the congregation in singing the Psalm and the service music, as well as hymns. No audition is necessary.

Contact: music@sdlife.org

Children's Music Program is open to children 4 and up. The program uses liturgy and music of the Episcopal tradition, as well as contemporary and gospel styles. Through music, we hope to deepen their growing faith, and teach them the importance of using their gifts to glorify God. All children are invited to sing-no audition is necessary.

Cherub Choir is for children four years old through first grade. Weekly rehearsals.

Wonders of Worship (WOW) Choir is for children in second through fifth grades. Weekly rehearsals.

Seraphim Choir is for children in sixth through twelfth grade. Weekly rehearsals.

Cambiare Choir Selected singers from the Seraphim choir sing periodically

Engaging Outreach

Jesus said, "For I am hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me...in as much as you did this to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matthew 25: 35-40

Domestic Outreach

Backpack Buddies provides food for the weekend for children in need at local elementary schools. All food is donated by parishioners and volunteers pack and deliver the bags every week.

Contact: backpackcoalition@sdlife.org

Good Shepherd Alliance provides emergency and transitional housing and outreach services for the homeless and those in need. St. David's participates in GSA's annual Walk for Shelter every September, provides Thanksgiving meals and Christmas gifts to clients, provides food and fellowship at a Campfire Night, collects items used by Cold Weather Shelter and provides other assistance as requested by GSA. St. David's supply drives and meals and provides volunteers as requested.

Contact: domesticoutreach@sdlife.org

Grace to Go is a partnership with St. James' Episcopal Church and Deli South in Leesburg to provide about 180 packaged meals per month to the hungry. The food is cooked and packaged one Sunday/month from 1:30-3:30pm. St. David's serves one Sunday a month.

Contact: gracetogo@sdlife.org

Loudoun Hunger Relief provides non-perishable foods for those in need in Loudoun County. On the last Sunday of every month volunteers hand out blue bags after services and parishioners return the bags of non-perishable food items the following Sunday. Volunteers pick up the food collected at St. David's and deliver it to Loudoun Hunger Relief during the first week of each month.

Contact: domesticoutreach@sdlife.org

K-Wild Enrichment

K-Wild's mission is to allow children the opportunity to learn about all of God's creations as they Wonder, Investigate, Learn and Discover the world around them while developing a love and respect for the great outdoors.

Regardless of the weather, children are engaged in the outdoor environment learning, exploring and playing. This type of "classroom without walls" allows children the freedom to navigate their world and embrace that learning can take place anywhere.

Class times

- ◆ Tuesday & Thursday Mornings: 10:30 am - 12:45 pm

This class is designed to extend the school day or the number of days per week for Our 4 year olds and Pre-K students. It is open to the children who turn 4 by September 30 of the current school year.

Contact: psdirectors@sdlife.org
psfrontdesk@sdlife.org



What the parents are say-

ing.....
"We cannot say enough good things about St. David's Preschool! All three of our children had an outstanding preschool experience! From the moment you enter the preschool, you are part of a community that feels more like your extended family. The staff genuinely cares for every child and celebrates the unique gifts that each child brings to the classroom. We have made lifelong friendships at St. Davids and have recommended it to everyone we know in search of an exceptional start to their child's educational journey.... It is a place that nurtures the development of every child academically, socially, and emotionally. St. David's Preschool is a very special place!"

- Lisa D., Preschool Parent

with the Praise Band and shadow senior band members.

Contact: youthchoir@sdlife.org

Christmas Pageant is a unique expression of the retelling of the nativity story incorporating music, carols, and fun characters. Children bring their talents of singing, acting, directing and scene design to produce a professional quality show. An easy rehearsal schedule makes this all possible with an all-inclusive philosophy - as many children as possible have speaking or musical roles

Contact: youthchoir@sdlife.org.

Festival Chiors take place each year during Advent Lent to prepare for the special musical programs for Christmas and Easter. The idea is to give opportunity to those who might want to sing, but their schedules simply can't accommodate weekly rehearsals. Eight weeks ahead of the Christmas and Easter music, rehearsals begin. To recognize the time commitment and still learn the music with the adult choir, music selections for the Festival Choir are rehearsed the first 30 minutes of weekly choir rehearsal and then those solely in the Festival Choir are free to leave.

Contact: music@sdlife.org

Handbell Choir is open to anyone from 6th grade through adult. There is no audition and rehearsals currently are on Thursday evenings. As more interest develops, more ensembles will be formed with different rehearsal days and times. Come join this ministry and learn to play these wonderful bells.

Contact: music@sdlife.org

Readers give clear, articulate voice to God's word and prayers of the people during worship. Lessons from the Old and New Testament are read at Saturdays@6, 9am and 11am services. At the 11am service the Prayers of the People are read from the lectern. At the 9am service the Prayers of the People are read from the screen by the congregation as the spirit leads you.

Contact: servers@sdlife.org

Seashells are part of the 9am service and a tangible way to understanding forgiveness. Responsibilities include arriving to service at 8:45am to set up the buckets and seashells, and assist the children at the altar during the homily and clean up the shells.

Contact: servers@sdlife.org

Sound/Technical Team Sound volunteers are trained to use their technology skills to provide audio, visual and supplemental technical services worthy of the worship of Jesus Christ. These skills ensure that everyone sees, hears and connects to worship. The sound team rotates coverage for Saturdays@6, the 9am and the 11am services on Sunday.

Contact: soundteam@sdlife.org

Ushers/Greeters help all who come to St. David's feel welcomed. They distribute the worship programs, direct members to seats or childcare and ensure the smooth flow of movement during the offertory and communion.

Contact: servers@sdlife.org

Vergers assist and help maintain the flow of service on Sunday mornings. Think of vergers as the service manager. They make sure that the readers and servers are present. In addition they are responsible for the timely and orderly presentation of all parts of the service watching throughout to support the clergy and congregation. Training is provided. A team of vergers rotates on a weekly basis.

Contact: vergers@sdlife.org

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV) LEVs serve communion to parishioners who are ill or otherwise unable to attend church services. On average, LEVs are scheduled to deliver communion once a month. This is a wonderful way to share the risen life of Jesus Christ with many who need it on a short term basis and with those who require long term care.

Contact: LEVS@sdlife.org

Celebrating Community

Together we create a church where no one stands alone. We risk getting to know one another in deep and authentic ways. And in learning how to love those who might have very different opinions than our own, we grow in love for Jesus. We are passionate about showing and sharing God's love through relationships built in community and in our ministries.

Boy's Group is an opportunity for boys ,dads and mentors to come together to meet and grow in their relationship with one another and with Jesus. Bible lessons, activities and outings are part of this ministry.

Contact: familyministry@sdlife.org



St. David's is a play-based preschool that follows NAEYC developmentally-appropriate practices. A unique outdoor enrichment program on our beautiful wooded grounds is offered.

The school is committed to provide a school of excellence where your child and family can grow and learn during the preschool years. Our program offers classes for children from 3 to 5 years of age. All children who attend St. David's must be toilet trained.

◆ 3 year old Classes

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Mornings: 8:45am - 11:45am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Afternoons: 12:45pm - 3:45pm

Tuesday, Thursday Mornings: 8:45am - 11:45am

Children must have turned three by September 30th of the current school year.

Three year old children attend two or three days per week.

◆ 4 year old Classes

Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mornings: 8:45am - 11:45am

Monday - Thursday Mornings: 8:45am - 11:45am

Monday - Thursday Afternoons: 12:45pm - 3:45pm

Children must have turned four by September 30th of the current school year.

Four year old children attend three or four days per week.

◆ Pre-K Classes

Monday - Friday Afternoons: 12:45pm - 3:45pm

Children must have turned five by September 30th of the current school year.

This class is designed to meet the needs of children who are eligible to attend kindergarten, but choose an additional preschool year. Five year old children attend five days per week



Brotherhood of St. Andrew (BOSA) is a 135-year-old Episcopal ministry of men. The purpose of this ministry is to bring men and youth to Jesus Christ. The men in this ministry follow the disciplines of prayer, study and service. Sharing these disciplines creates a sense of purpose in men's lives, bonds them together and provides opportunities for men to share their faith journey questions and to learn from each other how to follow Christ and bring others into his kingdom. Our chapter meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9am for breakfast, prayer and study of the Gospel and are involved in sponsorship of many of our parish's and community's events.

Contact: BOSA@sdlife.org

Daughters of the King (DOK) are women and girls (junior daughters) from the ages of seven who desire a closer walk with the Lord. The DOK is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of prayer, service and evangelism. Meetings are monthly.

Contact: DOK@sdlife.org

Dining Connection are groups of 6-8 adults—couples and singles who meet for fellowship and to share a meal. The groups meet 3-4 times in a six month period, rotating homes and hosts. There are also groups for adults who wish to bring their children.

Contact: diningconnections@sdlife.org

Family Ministry provides the intersection between kids, parents, and church.

There are opportunities for families to come together for fellowship, fun, family-centered faith experiences and ministry together.

- Boy's Group
- Girl's Group
- Family Fellowship
- Holy Hikes
- Summer Park Series

Contact: familyministry@sdlife.org

Green Team /St David's Creation Care Task Force mission is to raise awareness of our responsibility to have reverence for the earth as God's own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to God's honor and glory. We encourage St. David's and all church members to do their part in the practice of recycling, reusing, and renewing where ever they can. St. David's Green Team is also a member of the Sustainable Diocesan Creation Care Task Force, whose mission is to grow the

church, form the faithful and change the world by integrating sustainable practices.

Contact: greenteam@sdlife.org

Girls Group

Girls and their mothers

Inviting friends

Reaching their potential

Loving each other

Serving one another and God.

Girls Group provides an invitation to the girls and their families to participate fully in worship at St. David's and what it means to be in community with Jesus, with each other, and with all members of St. David's. Once a month the girls take part in fellowship activities. This ministry also actively engages the girls in outreach opportunities to serve others.

Contact: girlsgroup@sdlife.org

Hospitality provides a welcoming setting before and after the 9:00am & 11:00am services. Hospitality provides parishioners and visitors an opportunity for conversation and fellowship. This Ministry is also offers assistance for funerals and special events at St. David's. Ministry members serve one Sunday a month at one service and assist with the hosting of food offerings to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries.

Contact: hospitality@sdlife.org

Prayer Quilt Ministry provides a tangible reminder of prayers that the recipient can see, touch and wrap themselves up in. So often we hear of someone in our Covenant Community who is suffering in body, mind or spirit and we offer them prayers. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is offered for someone in need of comfort or healing- someone who has asked the members of our community to pray for them. The quilt is then given to that person. Sewing experience is helpful but not necessary.

Contact: prayerquilt@sdlife.org

Prayer Tree consists of teams of parishioners committed to a ministry of prayer. Prayer warriors are assigned to a prayer team and each team receives prayer requests via email.

Contact: prayer@sdlife.org

support and nurture friendships of substance. Relationships are formed that offer support, spiritual growth, and a safe space to learn to love one another as we learn to be loved by Jesus.

Contact: smallgroups@sdlife.org

Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. David's is a fun form of children's religious education and outreach held one week each summer. Each day at VBS starts with an opening assembly where the children see a video or short drama based on the message of the day. Campers spend the morning rotating through interactive stations before gathering together again at the end of the camp day for a closing assembly and pick-up. Youth and adult volunteers lead the rotation groups and facilitate organized station activities each day, including:

Bible Study

Music

Crafts and/or Science

Recreation/Games

Snacks

Camp hours are typically 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (Monday through Friday)

Contact: vbs@sdlife.org

Women's Bible Study/Women in the Word is a Bible Study held through out the year at St. David's. We join together to study God's Word through various published bible studies. We join together to learn more about Jesus, His kingdom, His ministry, and what those things mean to us in our daily life and work.

Time: Monday Mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Calendar: Fall Bible Study / Spring Bible Study / Summer Book Study

Contact: womenintheword@sdlife.org

Preschool

"where a child's work is play"

Christian Education

30 Good Minutes is for all ages that explores the gospel stories and/or themes of the Bible. Classes take place for 30 minutes after the 9am service, before the 11am service from 10:10 am—10:40am several times a year. They are broken up into age-appropriate classes all teaching the same theme. Families can share what they've learned with each other. Everyone has the opportunity to take part as a participant or a teacher volunteer. Each 30 Good Minutes session continues for four to six weeks. Contact: education@sdlife.org

Adult Homily goes one step deeper exploring the lessons that are read during the 9am service. This takes place each week in the adult education room at 10:10am. These are recorded and can be found on our website www.sdlife.org. Contact: rector@sdlife.org

Children's Chapel takes place during the 11am services for ages 4 through 3rd grade. Children begin in service with their parents then together with the chapel team they gather around the baptismal font when the gospel is read. After the gospel the children process out with to the children's chapel area in the adult education room. Children's Chapel is a sacred and special place designed children to have a space to go where they can pray, learn about church, and the liturgical year, set their altar and feel God's presence. They are encouraged to pray and openly talk about Jesus. They explore the gospel lesson along with elements of our rich Episcopal traditions in a hands on way. The children re-enter the sanctuary at the peace. Contact: education@sdlife.org

Scout Programs are taught via the P.R.A.Y. program introduce children to Bible themes in an interactive way. That is offered periodically throughout the program year. Children do not need to be a scout in order to participate!

God & Me is designed for 1st through 3rd grade

God & Family is designed for 4th and 5th grade

God & Church is de-

God & Life is designed

Contact: education@sdlife.org

Small Groups, also called Shep-weekly opportunity to share faith



signed for 6th through 8th grade
for 9th through 12th grade

herd groups or Covenant groups, offer a together in an environment of mutual

Restoring Eden Garden is located outside the narthex double doors. The mission of the Restoring Eden Garden is to provide safe outdoor handicapped accessible contemplative space/worship and/or activity area. The patio and gardens enable us to expand our Sunday school program for adults, children and youth. In addition St. David's preschool utilizes the garden space with their preschool/KWILD and camp creation curriculum. Easter Sunrise services also takes place in the garden. Green thumbs help plan and maintain the gardens. Contact: restoringeden@sdlife.org

Seniors Ministry meets monthly with a luncheon and speaker. Various activities are planned throughout the year by the group. Contact: OWLS@sdlife.org

Special Events

Advent Festival is a time to learn, share and step into a Holy Advent. The Advent Festival takes place the 1st Sunday of Advent immediately following a combined worship service. The community shares a meal, creates a family Advent Wreath and crafts, and performs an outreach activity for our brothers and sisters in need. Contact: festival@sdlife.org

Blessing of the Animals is held annually in October in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Parishioners are invited to bring their animals to be blessed and donations are accepted for a local animal shelter. Contact: domesticoutreach@sdlife.org

Pentecost Festival takes place in the spring on Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost, which is recognized in the Book of Common Prayer as a feast day, celebrates the birthday of the church and the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave about the return of the Holy Spirit. This day is celebrated in community. Volunteers plan and support this yearly event. Contact: festival@sdlife.org

Welcome and Incorporation

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

Welcome Team is the "face" of St. David's. For people visiting our church for the first time, the Welcome Team makes sure every person feels welcome. The Team recognizes visitors during the service and hands out a welcome bag with information about our

church including a homemade loaf of bread. Team members greet visitors at the Welcome Desk in the narthex, extending the “right hand of fellowship” as if to say “we’re so glad you are here”. The Welcome Leader reaches out to visitors by phone – write letters thanking them for visiting us – and organizes a Newcomer Orientation Luncheon every other month. The Welcome team works closely with the CONNECT Team so that there is a seamless transition from being a newcomer to becoming an engaged member.

Contact: welcome@sdlife.org

CONNECT Team helps both new people and long-time members of St. David’s become aware of what our church offers. The team helps parishioners become committed through time and talent, with encouragement to connect with those aspects of our covenant community that appeal to them. New friendships, are formed and a “go to” person is available for questions and to serve as a conduit to a clear and spirit-led path to a deeper relationship with God and the covenant community of St. David’s.

Contact: connect@sdlife.org

Women’s Ministry meets to practice finding Sabbath in our busy lives together in community, to pause to breathe in and exhale. We respect the dignity and worth of each woman and her place on her spiritual journey. We explore our faith through simple worship and discussion. We build our relationships with one another through fellowship. We meet bi-monthly for events and all are welcome.

Contact: womensministry@sdlife.org

Youth Ministry points out the sacred in the midst of the chaos of adolescence and walking faithfully with young people as they transition from child to young adult. It is a bridging ministry of education, connection, formation, and transformation that responds to the spiritual needs of teens about building trusting relationships. Young people are supported on their journeys from childhood to adulthood, recognizing their gifts for ministry, their questions and their desire to make a difference in the world. This ministry includes Bible study sessions, youth group meetings, and special events.

Middle School and High School Youth Group meets every Sunday from 4:30
6:30 pm.

Middle School and High School youth Bible Study meets every Sunday
between services. The gospel lesson is discussed in a unique way, making it
real and relevant in the lives of teenagers.

Contact: youth@sdlife.org

Lifelong Learning

Lifelong learning includes the following components that are woven throughout the life time and curriculum of Christian education of all ages at St. David’s Episcopal Church.

Christian Formation

Baptism is the gift of new life. We welcome you and your decision to baptize your child, or to be baptized yourself! Baptism is a sacrament. Baptism reminds us of our deep connection to God the one who has known us always; it is a moment for our covenant community to come together to rejoice, to recommit to the promises made for us and to pledge our support for this newest Christian. Baptism takes place on the second Sunday of each month except during Advent and Lent.

Contact: baptism@sdlife.org

Communion It goes by several names: Holy Communion, the Eucharist (which literally means "thanksgiving"), mass. But whatever it’s called, this is the family meal for Christians and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All are welcome to receive the bread and wine, and be in communion with God and each other. Offered (though not a prerequisite) are Communion classes in the fall, spring and summer for young ones ages 5 and up to learn more about Eucharist.

Contact: communion@sdlife.org

Confirmation is a sacramental rite in which the candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop". Youth 8th grade and up are invited to explore this through prayer and discernment. The Prayer Book rite for Confirmation includes forms for Reception and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. Adults who wish to explore this participate in a series of classes as well. The bishop comes once every 18 months to St. David’s for confirmation, reception and reaffirmation.

Contact: wpackard@sdlife.org