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Come Share Your Gifts With Us!



WORSHIP TOGETHER

- Acolytes** The acolyte ministry (St. David's Guild) provides an opportunity for young people to model ideal Christian behavior while actively serving the Lord on a regular basis. Participation begins with 5th graders and continues through their senior year. Young people volunteer, are selected and are invited to join the Acolyte ministry. Acolytes begin carrying torches and grow into more demanding roles.
- Altar Guild** The altar guild sets the table for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. In addition, they remove all linens and vessels after the service and are responsible for their care.
- Children's Service Readers for 9 a.m. Family Service** .. The youth readers read the lessons and prayers at the 9am service. The readers need affluent reading skills.
- Flower Guild**..... Flowers are a sign of the resurrection and add beauty to the sanctuary. Parishioners have the opportunity to contribute them as memorials or as thanksgiving offerings. Members of the Flower Guild serve on a rotating basis to arrange the flowers in the church.
- Integration and Invitation** A program developed for welcoming newcomers. It is a year long process that keeps a newcomer informed and connected to the Parish until they make a decision to join or continue their journey to find a Church home. Connections Café is conducted twice yearly for new members which includes a tour of the campus, as well as the sharing of information on how we manage pastoral care and how we communicate.
- Lay Liturgical Ministers** (Lectors, Intercessors, Eucharistic Ministers) The members of this ministry participate in the liturgical services of the Church by reading the appointed lessons and psalms, leading the Prayers of the People, and administering the chalice during the Holy Eucharist.
- Music: Adult Choir** St. David's Choir is a group of mixed adult singers. Singing in this Choir requires enthusiasm for choral singing and basic music reading skills. The choir sings for the weekly 11:15am Sunday mass (from September through May) as well as for several other services throughout the year such as Christmas Eve and Easter Vigil. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Sunday morning warm ups begin at 10:15am in the Gallery.
- Music: Basement Band**..... You can enjoy high quality praise music with our Basement Band (meets weekly and includes musicians of all ages). This group plays both traditional and contemporary Christian instrumental and choral music for different services throughout the church year.
- Music: Children's Choirs** This ministry integrates sacred music participation and education to provide worship leadership experience to the children of the Parish. All children learn about music and hear the stories of the Bible through songs, games and activities.

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- Ushers** The usher teams greet and welcome members and visitors, distribute service bulletins and assist in the seating of our worshippers while being attentive to those who are in wheelchairs or other mobile units. During Holy Communion, they assist with traffic to and from the altar rail.
- Vergers** The Vergers lead processions during services, assist with Communion and are available to the Clergy should anything be needed during the service. The Vergers are appointed by the Rector.
- Wedding Guild** This guild assists the wedding parties for weddings at St. David's. They are present at the rehearsal and wedding ceremonies.
- Welcome Ministry** (Greeters) Saying "hello" to parishioners and Newcomers may seem like a small thing, but if you were a person walking through the doors of St. David's and you were feeling discouraged or alone, that Welcoming smile could be a sign that a loving community exists within the walls of our parish. A Welcome Ministry volunteer commits to greeting at one Church service a month.
- Worship Digital Ministry** Lay led ministry that supports all audio/visual needs of the Parish.
- Worship Pew Crew** This ministry keeps the pews neat and clean while making sure that all information in the pew racks is stocked well for services.

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- Adult Inquirer's Class** The Inquirer's class is for those preparing to be confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church.
- Brotherhood of St. Andrew** A ministry for the spread of Christ's kingdom among men and boys in the Episcopal and Anglican communion.
- Common Purpose** With God's help, Common Purpose works towards building a Beloved Community at St. David's. Specifically, we commit to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to loving our neighbors as ourselves, to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. Through conversation, education, and advocacy, we strive for reconciliation as we live out our baptismal covenant.
- Covenant Groups** Covenant Groups are small groups with the opportunity to live out their faith in community. A Covenant Group is a small group comprised of either all women, all men, or mixed groups of men and women. The group of 6-10 people meets 2 times a month at a date and time agreed upon by the group. Respectful Listening Guidelines are used to ensure a safe and non-threatening environment for sharing and deep conversation.

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- Daughters of the King** The Order of the Daughters of the King was founded by the Episcopal Church in 1885 to be an extension of Christ's kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. Daughters of the King, in a lifetime vow, pledge to undertake a spiritual discipline that incorporates a Rule of Life through the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.
- Education for Ministry** EfM is an adult, Christian, distance learning education program of the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. The four year program is a dynamic blend of Bible study, church history, theology, worship, prayer and theological reflection.
- Men's Bible Study** (Saturday) A lay-led Men's Bible Study that meets every Saturday at the Church at 8:30am in Grace Hall.
- Men's Bible Study** (@IHOP) A lay-led Bible Study that meets at 6:30am. every Tuesday at Int'l House of Pancakes on Alpharetta Highway in Roswell.
- Men's Club** The men in this ministry gather monthly for fellowship and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. During the year they coordinate the Pancake supper, sponsor the Men's retreat, the Parish picnic and the weekly Sunday breakfasts.
- Outdoors Ministry** If you enjoy the outdoors, this ministry includes a range of different activities. Look for a sign up sheet on a table across from the mailboxes.
- Rector's Forum**..... In this forum the Rector gathers with parishioners to discuss varied topics. The forum meets at 10:15am to 11am on Sundays in Jeffords Fellowship Hall.
- Retreats: Women's/Men's** .. The women's and men's retreats promote and support the spiritual growth of the men and women of St. David's while encouraging community. The retreats strive to equip the participants with practical spiritual tools that they may take back home and implement in their daily lives.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study** This Bible Study offers a weekly in depth chapter by chapter study of various books of the Bible using a curriculum with homework questions and applications. It includes regular study of scripture and prayer. This study is held in Jeffords Fellowship Hall from 9:30am to 11:30 am on Thursdays.
- Seniors: 59 & Holding** Seniors Ministry. This group meets once a month for lunch and a special program. Various activities are scheduled throughout the year in addition to monthly meetings.
- Sunday Morning Classes**..... (Special) These classes could be study of the Bible as well as a book study that typically continues for 5 or 6 weeks.
- Women of Wonder** This ministry delivers the altar flowers to homes of fellow parishioners to show our care and concern.

SERVE TOGETHER

Neighbors

- African Mission Team** With guidance from the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, St. David's teamed with Solar Light for Africa to provide solar energy solution for Msalato Theological College in Dodoma, Africa.
- Honduras Mission Team** The purpose of this ministry is to serve God by building relationships, physical structures, and being the church in Honduras. This is accomplished through a longstanding and loving partnership with the Lamb Institute based in Flor del Camp, Honduras. Mission trips are planned twice yearly.

Church

- Blessed Helpers** Volunteers assist with set up for Parish events.
- Blood Drive** This ministry schedules several blood drives annually at the Church.
- Cleaning Helpers** Volunteers assist with different cleaning tasks on the Church campus.
- Counting Guild** The counting guild is comprised of parish volunteers who count the collections and other monies received weekly.
- Drake House** The Drake House provides short-term crisis housing, education and empowerment programs for homeless mothers and their children in North Fulton County designed to assist the family in working toward self-sufficiency.
- Episcopal Relief and Development Fund** Episcopal Relief and Development is an international relief and development agency and a compassionate response to human suffering on behalf of the Episcopal Church. It has been operating since 1940.
- Green Guild/Adopt Adopt a Road** The green guild meets to assist the Parish in becoming more environmentally responsible. The guild adopted a road that they are responsible for gathering trash.
- Habitat for Humanity** St. David's participates in Habitat for Humanity builds at different times throughout the year. Parishioners are asked to give of their time and talents to assist in building townhomes and houses for those who otherwise would not be able to afford housing.
- North Fulton Community Charities** North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC) is a local charity that provides financial assistance, food and clothing to those in need. St. David's provides financial assistance as well as volunteers to serve in the food pantry and thrift shop. We also participate in several other programs during the year, such as Warm Coat Drive, School Supplies drive, and Frozen Turkey donations.

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NFCC (cont'd).....**Holiday Families:** St. David's provides toys and other items to families in need at Christmas time. The families are referred to us by North Fulton Community Charities and parishioners sign up for a specific item that is delivered to the NFCC distribution center in the first week of December.

NFCC (cont'd).....**Food Collection:** St. David's collects food for the North Fulton Community Charities food pantry throughout the year. Parishioners are asked to bring food donations so they can be delivered to NFCC for those in our community who need assistance.

Office AssistanceVolunteers assist with answering the phone and other office tasks.

Path to ShineThis is a ministry from our Diocese that inspires under-served children to achieve hope-filled dreams. Participants meet here at St. David's weekly, on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, most children are referred from nearby Mimosa Elementary School. Volunteers provide tutoring and companionship.

Recycling.....St. David's is committed to becoming more environmentally responsible. At present, we recycle white paper, and bulletins. In addition, we recycle cooking grease, plastic bottles, cans, and cardboard. We also use biodegradable to go containers, coffee cups and coffee stirrers.

Scouts.....The purpose of Boy Scouting is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. St. David's has sponsored Troop 430 for many years, with many scouts attaining the Eagle Scout award.

Six Mercies Ministry.....This is a lay-based ministry that helps those who come to St. David's asking for assistance. Volunteers are in the Church library on Monday and Friday from 1pm to 3pm to greet and interview those who come for assistance.

St. Francis Guild.....Started in 2010, the St. Francis Guild provides a hot lunch to day-laborers in Roswell waiting for work. It is a soup kitchen on wheels as the volunteer team cooks in our Jeffords Hall kitchen and takes the meal to areas where men are waiting for work. Years ago we had four teams and provided a meal our days of the week, currently we only have a Thursday team. We can always use new volunteers.

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Grief MinistryThe Grief Ministry assists parishioners deal with a death of a loved one.

Healing Prayer MinistryConfidential, individual Healing Prayer is available every Sunday during Holy Eucharist in St. Bridget's Chapel. The prayer team will be in the Chapel waiting to welcome you and to join with you in prayer.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- Eucharistic Visitations** This ministry is led by lay people who deliver Eucharist to those who are not able to come to Church.
- Flower Ambassadors** This ministry delivers the altar flowers to homes of fellow parishioners to show our care and concern.
- Intercessory Prayer**..... The prayer chain prays daily for those in need and those who are rejoicing, as well as for those on the St. David's prayer list in the Sunday service bulletin. The prayer chain is under the auspices of St. David's Daughters of the King, Grace Chapter.
- Breakfast Teams** The breakfast teams are part of the Men's Club. The men gather to cook breakfast for the congregation beginning at 8:00am until 9:30am.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry** Members of this ministry meet for prayer and to knit or crochet prayer shawls for persons experiencing illness, grief or other challenging life events. Shawls are provided to the Clergy or a Stephen Minister for distribution.
- St. Clare's Guild**..... This ministry sends greeting cards to parishioners for a variety of reasons.
- St. Joseph of Arimathea** (Funeral Guild) The Guild of St. Joseph of Arimathea assists clergy with planning and implementing funerals.
- Stephen Ministry** The lay people of this ministry provide one on one Christian care to hurting people including Those who are bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, divorced, unemployed, in financial crisis, or others facing a crisis or challenge.

Children, Youth and Family Ministries

- Children's Ministries**..... St. David's welcomes children in the loving name of Jesus! Children belong at St. David's! We are committed to the care of each child, we celebrate their need for play, friend making, and individual expression through art, movement, and special activities. St. David's Children's Ministry is a place to grow in faith with others as we tell the stories of Jesus and the Bible, experience God's enduring love for each of us, and share that love in service to others. Thanks to a nurturing community of dedicated, creative adults and Youth, Children's Ministry supports and encourages each child through a variety of dynamic parish programs.
- Children: Nursery Care** St. David's Nursery serves children infants to 3-years-old during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship services, and during the 10:15 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. Sunday school hour.

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Children: Family Service Children’s Chapel during the 9:00 a.m. Family Service! Children 4 years-5th grade are invited each Sunday for their own Bible story, prayers, and special activities led by Judy Hine, Director of Children's Ministry.

Children: Sunday School..... Sunday school for children ages 4 years to 5th grade meets 10:15-11:00 a.m. During good weather, we will gather outdoors on the playground; in cold or inclement weather we will gather in various classrooms on the campus.

Preschool St. David’s Preschool has been serving the Roswell/Alpharetta communities for over 50 years. Classes are offered from Turning Two through PreK Fours. The mission of our preschool is to provide a joyful and enriching learning experience that will develop a love for learning and a sense of security that will last a lifetime. Instructors base class lessons on developmental principles and offer opportunities to form basic concepts and readiness skills through the use of many varied hands on, concrete learning experiences. Focus is on play, exploration, and creative activities which promote skills in problem solving, thinking and reasoning, language and socialization. Much emphasis is placed on a child’s physical development, small and large motor skills, as these critically affect all other areas of developmental learning.

Vacation Bible School Vacation Bible School is held during the summer for a one-week time period. Each annual VBS has a theme and is a time for shared fellowship, fun and worship.

Youth Ministries Youth Groups (6th through 12th Graders). St. David’s Staff and Parish are committed to creating and maintaining a youth program that young people can be excited about. If you are looking to invest your time in a place that desires to see you mature in faith, then this is where you belong! We meet from 10:15-11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and we have EYC on Sunday afternoons.



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