

What to Expect when visiting St. David's Anglican Church

Family Service (10:30am)

Visiting a new place can be daunting. When we go to a theater or other civic event there are norms. Our church is like that, too. We hope this will give you an idea of who we are and help you when choosing to visit the Church.

ALL Are Welcome

St. David's is a place where you'll find Africans dressed in their native garb and retired surfers wearing blue jeans and flowered shirts. About half of the church is made up of people from non-American countries. You will see ties, dresses, t-shirts, and jeans. We are a "come as you are" church.

Nursery, Children, and College Age

Nursery

We take pride in honoring, welcoming, and nurturing our children. Our staffed nursery is a welcoming environment with Christ-centered games and DVDs to keep the children active. *Nursery is available only at the 10:30 service.* Nursery-aged children (Infant - 3yrs.) may be dropped off before the service begins.

Children (ages 4 - 11) remain in the church for the first portion of the service and then follow the cross into their Sunday school rooms. They return at Communion to receive Eucharist with their families.

College Age (ages 18 and up) meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month after the service. In our gathering we learn about the Bible, study the Bible and numerous other issues pertinent to their age and experiences.

The Service

The family service combines the best of Orthodox tradition with vibrant contemporary music, prayers, and community.

Singing, Sharing, Proclaiming, and Praying

The service begins at 10:30 a.m. with two or three upbeat songs which transition into the hearing and teaching of the Scriptures appointed for the day.

The sermon (sharing) is for 30 minutes and is usually done by a member of the clergy. We proclaim our belief in unison using the Nicene Creed. This is followed by prayer time when we receive forgiveness for our sins and ask God's blessing and guidance on various concerns. After the confession and absolution of sins there is a welcoming of our guests, and a song wherein we present our offerings to the Lord.

Holy Communion

Communion happens each Sunday. When the time comes to receive the Eucharist, people file from the pews and make their way to the altar, where Bread and Wine are received. People receive Bread with one hand crossing the other and may choose to either sip the wine or intinct the bread into the chalice (Intinction: the action of dipping the bread in the wine at a Eucharist so that a communicant receives both together).

Communion is open to all Christians, regardless of denominational affiliation, as long as they have been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Those unable to receive Communion at the altar may signal an usher to have a Priest commune them at their pew.

During Communion the praise team leads the congregation in songs of intimate worship.

When all have received the Eucharist people are asked to stand and pray the post Eucharistic Prayer and are blessed and dismissed with a closing song. After the service people are invited to receive prayers for healing or anointing at the foot of the steps.

After the Service

We welcome everyone to join us after the service for refreshments and an opportunity to get to know one another better during our Fellowship time.

Discipleship and Enrichment Opportunities

Each Sunday we offer various opportunities to learn more about what it means to be a Christian and how to live this out in our daily lives. Groups include Discipleship 101 (Learning to Walk with Jesus in 13 steps), Christian book studies, and other enrichment classes. Our Senior Adults (SAGES) meet once a month on the 2nd Sunday of the month. On the 5th Sunday of those months with 5 Sundays, we show a Christian film and discuss it.